

Six low-lying isomers of $C_{11}H_8$ are unidentified in the laboratory - A theoretical study[†]

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The potential energy surface of $C_{11}H_8$ has been theoretically examined using density functional theory and coupled-cluster methods. The current investigation reveals that 2aH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**2**), 7-ethynyl-1H-indene (**6**), 4-ethynyl-1H-indene (**7**), 6-ethynyl-1H-indene (**8**), 5-ethynyl-1H-indene (**9**), and 7bH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**10**) remain elusive to date in the laboratory. The puckered low-lying isomer **2** lies at 11 kJ mol⁻¹ below the experimentally known molecule, cyclobuta[de]naphthalene (**3**), at the fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ level of theory. **2** lies at 35 kJ mol⁻¹ above the thermodynamically most stable and experimentally known isomer, 1H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**1**), at the same level. It is identified that 1,2-H transfer from **1** yields 2H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**14**) and subsequent 1,2-H shift from **14** yields **2**. Appropriate transition states have been identified and intrinsic reaction coordinate calculations have been done at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. Recently, 1-ethynyl-1H-indene (**11**) has been detected using synchrotron based vacuum ultraviolet ionization mass spectrometry. 2-ethynyl-1H-indene (**4**) and 3-ethynyl-1H-indene (**5**) have been synthetically characterized in the past. While the derivatives of 7bH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**10**) have been isolated elsewhere, the parent compound remains unidentified to date in the laboratory. Although $C_{11}H_8$ is a key elemental composition in reactive intermediates chemistry and most of its isomers are having a non-zero dipole moment ($\mu \neq 0$), to the best of our knowledge, none of them have been characterized by rotational spectroscopy. Therefore, energetic and spectroscopic properties have been computed and the present investigation necessitates new synthetic studies on $C_{11}H_8$, in particular **2**, **6-10**, and also rotational spectroscopic studies on all low-lying isomers.

1 Introduction

$C_{11}H_8$ is a prototypical elemental composition for organic chemists as it encompasses a diverse set of structural isomers.¹⁻¹³ The most stable isomer, 1H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**1**; see figure 1) was isolated by different groups in the early 1970s.^{1,2} Wentrup and co-workers have synthesized **1** by flash vacuum pyrolysis of 1-(2-diazoethylidene)indene at 600 °C. Another experimentally well-known low-lying isomer for $C_{11}H_8$ is cyclobuta[de]naphthalene (**3**).^{5,6,11,12,14-16} For a long time, **3** has been considered as the global minimum isomer^{7,8} on the PES of $C_{11}H_8$ instead of **1**.^{1,9,11,12} Within 1H-indene system, 2-ethynyl-1H-indene (**4**)¹⁷ and 3-ethynyl-1H-indene (**5**)^{18,19} have been

synthetically characterized in the past but only recently, using a synchrotron based vacuum ultraviolet ionization mass spectrometry, 1-ethynyl-1H-indene (**11**; see Figure 1) has been detected by Kaiser and co-workers.²⁰ A bimolecular reaction between the 1-indenyl ($C_9H_7^\bullet$) radical and acetylene (C_2H_2) has been carried out at 1500 ± 10 K and 300 Torr pressure. This highly endothermic reaction produces **11** and hydrogen. It had been pointed out by Kaiser and co-workers²⁰ that none of the photoionization efficiency curves of the remaining 2- to 7-ethynyl-1H-indene isomers (**4-9**) are able to replicate the experimental data except **11**. Thus, it was concluded that **11** alone has been detected in their experiments.²⁰ Therefore, 7-ethynyl-1H-indene (**6**), 4-ethynyl-1H-indene (**7**), 5-ethynyl-1H-indene (**8**), and 6-ethynyl-1H-indene (**9**) should be considered as elusive molecules.

Attempts to synthesize the second most stable isomer, 2aH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**2**) or its derivatives, have not been successful to date.^{1,9} This indirectly indicates that mere thermodynamic stability is not the only governing factor in the successful identification of molecules in the laboratory.^{10,20-27} One of the main reasons we have studied isomerization pathways relevant

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to isomer **2** through other experimentally known molecules such as **1** and **3** is to assess the kinetic stability of **2**. While several derivatives of 7bH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**10**) have been isolated elsewhere,^{28–31} the parent molecule remains elusive, which outlines that it is the kinetic control that governs the formation of a particular molecule in the laboratory. Other low-lying neutral molecules of C₁₁H₈ that are synthetically characterized are as follows: 1H-cyclopropa[b]naphthalene (**12**; see Figure 2),^{32,33} 1H-cyclopropa[a]naphthalene (**13**),³⁴ penta-1,3-diyne-1-ylbenzene (**15**),^{35,36} 1-(buta-1,3-diyne-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene (**20**),^{37,38} 1-(buta-1,3-diyne-1-yl)-2-methylbenzene (**22**),^{39,40} 1-ethynyl-2-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (**28**; see Figure 3),^{41,42} 1,4-diethynyl-2-methylbenzene (**31**),⁴³ 1,3-diethynyl-5-methylbenzene (**33**),⁴⁴ 1,2-diethynyl-4-methylbenzene (**36**),⁴⁵ and 1,2-diethynyl-3-methylbenzene (**37**).⁴⁶

On the contrary, on the high-energy side, reactive intermediates such as 1-naphthylcarbene (**52**; see Figure 5) and 2-naphthylcarbene (**51**) have been trapped by matrix isolation within their triplet ground electronic state.^{4,8,11} Though attempts have been made to trap 1-azulenylcarbene (**56**) with styrenes by Saito and co-workers,⁴⁷ the first successful trapping was done by Sanders and co-workers in 2012.¹⁰ Through irradiation of 1-azulenyl diazomethane at low temperatures in argon matrices, **56** has been synthesized in its singlet ground electronic state.¹⁰ This metastable carbene undergoing quantum chemical tunneling even at lowest temperatures (3–10 K) and rearranging to 8-methylenebicyclo[5.3.0]deca-1,3,5,6,9-pentaene (**55**) has also been observed.¹⁰ Using falling solid flash vacuum pyrolysis, Wentrup and co-workers have studied the isomerizations of both azulenylcarbenes and naphthylcarbenes.^{11,13} Among the four regio-isomers (2-, 4-, 5-, and 6-azulenylcarbene) of **56**, three of them in their triplet ground electronic state (2-, 5-, and 6-azulenylcarbene) have also been trapped by Sanders and co-workers in 2016.¹² 4-Azulenylcarbene is yet to be synthetically characterized in the laboratory. Perhaps, for **56**, it was concluded that the singlet electronic state is stabilized by the high electron density at the 1-position of the azulenyl system along with a favorable C...H interaction between the carbene carbon and the neighboring H-atom at the seven-membered ring.¹²

Although enormous amount of experimental activity has been done in the past on C₁₁H₈, the current theoretical study delineates that the following isomers (apart from **2**, **6–10**) are remaining elusive, which all lie energetically below the experimentally known carbene molecule, **56**. They are, 2H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**14**, see Figure 2), 1-ethynyl-2H-indene (**16**), 6H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**17**), 4-ethynyl-2H-indene (**18**), 2H-cyclopenta[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2]benzene (**19**),⁴⁸ 5-ethynyl-2H-indene (**21**), 1-(buta-1,3-diyne-1-yl)-3-methylbenzene (**23**), 7H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**24**), 1-ethynyl-4-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (**25**), 7aH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**26**), 1-ethynyl-3-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (**27**; see Figure 3), 4H-cyclobuta[f]indene (**29**), 5H-cyclobuta[e]indene (**30**), 5H-cyclobuta[f]indene (**34**), 1,3-diethynyl-2-methylbenzene (**35**), 2-ethynyl-2H-indene (**38**), 5-ethynyl-5H-indene (**39**), 4-ethynyl-4H-indene (**40**), 1H-cyclopenta[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2]benzene (**41**; see Figure 4), 7aH-cyclobuta[a]indene (**42**), 2-ethynyl-

8-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene (**43**), 2-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)bicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene (**44**), 2-ethynyl-7-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene (**45**), and 2-ethynyl-5-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene (**46**). Isomers energetically lying above **56** are listed in the ESI†.

Overall, though the potential energy surface of C₁₁H₈ has been examined before by quantum chemical studies, most of the attention was given to either naphthylcarbenes^{6,7} or azulenylcarbenes^{10,12} or ethynyl-1H-indenes²⁰ or the derivatives of 7bH-cyclopenta[cd]indene.⁹ A comprehensive theoretical account on the low-lying isomers of C₁₁H₈ has been missing in the literature for quite sometime. Therefore, in this work, our major attention was given to the low-lying PES of C₁₁H₈. The present investigation further reveals that potential rearrangements have been playing a crucial role with multiple number of 1,2 H-shifts among **1**, **2** and **14**. Appropriate transition states have been identified and intrinsic reaction coordinate calculations have been done using density functional theory (DFT). While the entire PES has been explored with DFT, high-level coupled cluster calculations have been done only for the low-lying isomers. Furthermore, to the best of our knowledge, rotational spectra have not been reported for any isomer of C₁₁H₈ though they are polar with non-zero net dipole moments ($\mu \neq 0$). Hence, to aid experimental studies along this direction, rotational and centrifugal distortion constants have been calculated for the eleven low-lying isomers (**1–11**) of C₁₁H₈. It is also noted here that in the present work the PES of C₁₁H₈ has been explored based on prior experimental studies and our chemical intuition. More number of structural isomers are certainly possible than what has been reported here. In the future, the surface will be explored based on search algorithms.^{49–56} However, we leave this discussion with a caveat that no search algorithm to date guarantees all possible isomers for a given elemental composition.^{54,56,57}

2 Computational Details

Initially, geometry optimization and frequency calculations for all isomers of C₁₁H₈ considered in this work have been carried out using DFT at the B3LYP^{58,59}/6-311+G(d,p)^{60,61} level of theory. For the low-lying eleven isomers (**1–11**), ab initio calculations have also been done using coupled-cluster singles and doubles (CCSD),⁶² and CCSD with quasiperturbative triple excitations (CCSD(T))^{63,64} methods to incorporate higher-level treatment of electron-correlation effects. In all CCSD and CCSD(T) calculations, correlation-consistent polarized valence double zeta basis set of Dunning's (cc-pVQZ) has been used.⁶⁵ For C₁₁H₈, the latter basis set consists of 194 basis functions. The carbon 1s orbitals are frozen in all these calculations. The force constant matrix obtained at lower levels had subsequently been used at higher levels to facilitate geometry optimizations. For all stationary points obtained at the CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ level, harmonic vibrational frequencies were determined by analytic calculation of second derivatives.⁶⁶ Nuclear independent chemical shift (NICS) values^{67–69} for all ring isomers have been calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory at 1 Å above the plane of the rings. To assess the multi-reference character of C₁₁H₈ isomers, T₁ diagnostic values⁷⁰ have been calculated

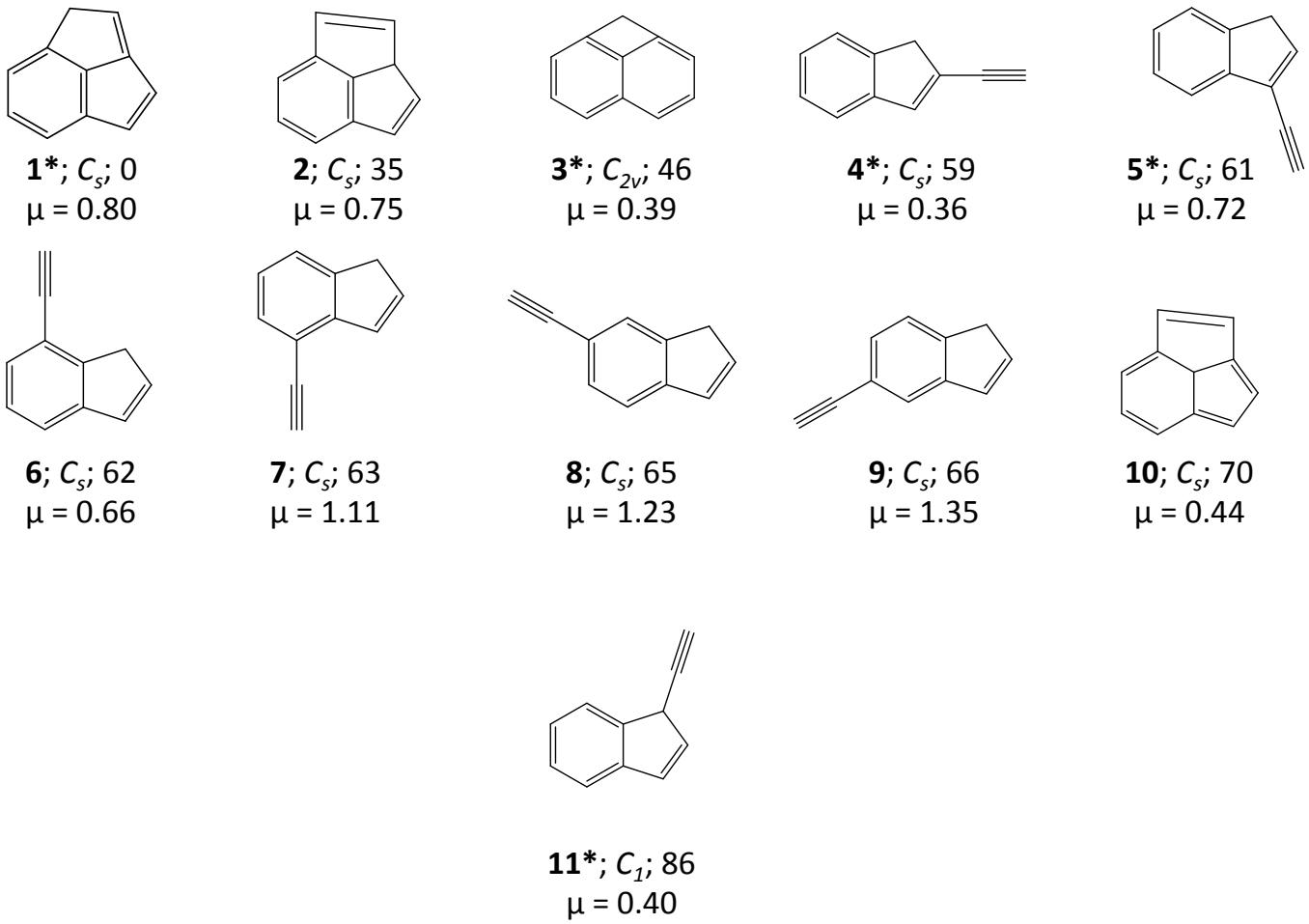


Fig. 1 Eleven low-lying isomers of $C_{11}H_8$. Relative energies (in kJ mol^{-1}) are calculated at the fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ level of theory. Absolute dipole moment values (in Debye) are calculated at the fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ level of theory. Experimentally detected isomers are marked with an asterisk symbol.

at the CCSD/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. All triplet electronic states are optimized at the UB3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. All ab initio calculations have been carried out using the CFOUR program package.⁷¹ All DFT calculations have been done using the Gaussian suite of program.⁷²

3 Results and Discussion

Eighty-one stationary points of $C_{11}H_8$ spanning from 0 to 517 kJ mol^{-1} have been theoretically studied here at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. The valence bond structures of sixty-three isomers (excluding transition states and higher-order saddle-point) are shown in Figures 1-5 along with zero-point vibrational energy (ZPVE) corrected relative energy (with respect to **1**), point group symmetry, and permanent dipole moment. Experimentally detected isomers are represented with an asterisk symbol. In Table 1, relative energies of eleven low-lying isomers calculated at both B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) and fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ levels are shown along with singlet-triplet energy gaps, NICS (1\AA) values, and T_1 diagnostic numbers. Rota-

tional constants, inertial axis dipole moment components, absolute dipole moments, and centrifugal distortion constants computed at the fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ level of theory for isomers **1**-**11** are shown in Table 2. For brevity, total energies, ZPVES, rotational constants, singlet-triplet energy gaps, NICS (1\AA) and T_1 diagnostic values calculated using DFT for all isomers, and final optimized Cartesian coordinates are given in the ESI†.

3.1 Energetics

Unequivocally, the global minimum geometry for $C_{11}H_8$ is the singlet ground electronic state of **1**.^{1,9,11,12} For quite some time, isomer **3** had been considered as the most stable geometry in the literature.^{7,8} Isomers **2** and **3** lie 35 and 46 kJ mol^{-1} , respectively, above **1** at the fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ level of theory (see Table 1). Though **2** lies 11 kJ mol^{-1} below **3**, this puckered aromatic molecule remains elusive to date.¹ Isomer **3** has been prepared from 1- and 2-naphthylcarbenes or its derivatives through ther-

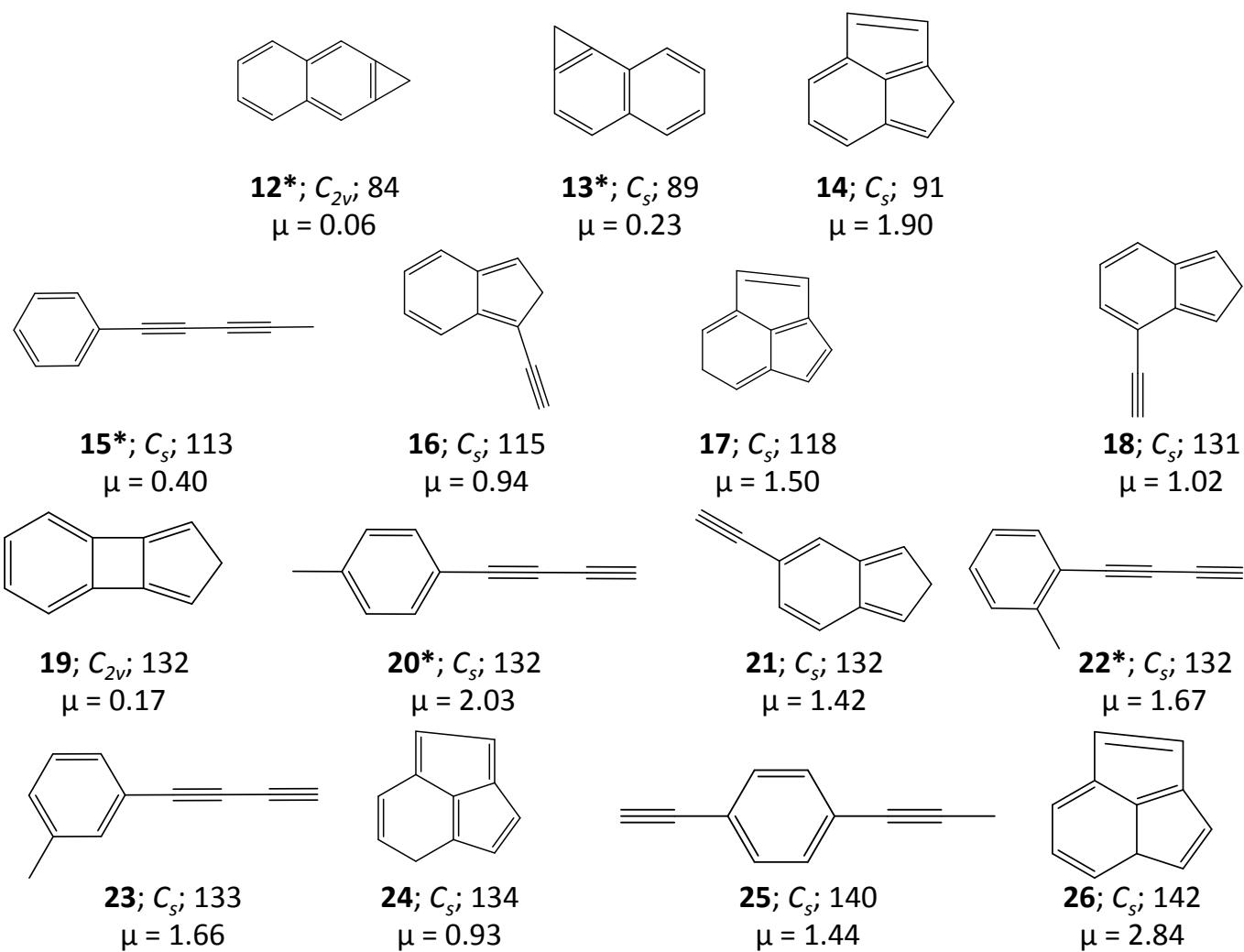


Fig. 2 Isomers 12–26 of $C_{11}H_8$. ZPVE-corrected relative energies (in kJ mol^{-1}) and absolute dipole moment values (in Debye) are calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. Experimentally detected isomers are marked with an asterisk symbol.

mal rearrangements.^{5,6} Wentrup and co-workers synthesized **3** from 1-azulenylcarbene using Falling Solid Flash Vacuum Pyrolysis (FS-FVP).¹¹ Another route to the syntheses of **3** and its derivatives have been achieved by vacuum thermolyses of [methoxy(trimethylsilyl)methyl]naphthalenes.^{14,15} Synthesis and characterization of isomer **1** have been documented elsewhere by several research groups.^{1–3,11,12,73} Isomers **4**¹⁷ and **5**^{18,19}, that energetically lie 59 and 61 kJ mol^{-1} above **1**, respectively, at the fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ level have also been synthetically characterized. Within 1H-indene system, isomers **6**, **7**, **8**, and **9** that lie 62, 63, 65, and 66 kJ mol^{-1} above **1**, respectively, at the former level remain elusive to date. Kaiser and coworkers had detected isomer **11** recently, which lies 86 kJ mol^{-1} above **1**, using a synchrotron based vacuum ultraviolet ionization mass spectrometry (see Figure 1). The photoionization efficiency curves of their experiment, using the reactants 1-indenyl ($C_9H_7^\bullet$) radical and acetylene (C_2H_2), unequivocally confirms that **11** alone has been detected.²⁰

Isomer **2**, **10**, **14**, **17**, **24** and **26** (see Figures 1–2) are pro-

totropic tautomers of 1H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**1**). The most stable hydrocarbon tautomer among them is **1**. While derivatives of 7bH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**10**) have been reported in the literature,^{28–31} for isomer **2** neither the parent molecule nor its derivatives have been characterized yet. Other tautomers of **1**, which remain elusive are: 2H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**14**, 91 kJ mol^{-1}), 6H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**17**, 118 kJ mol^{-1}), 7H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**24**, 134 kJ mol^{-1}), 7aH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**26**, 142 kJ mol^{-1}). All the tautomers contain a rigid tricyclic structure with one sp^3 carbon atom (tertiary or secondary). As active hydrogen atoms are present in all of them, it was suggested by theoretical calculations that the polycyanated derivatives of these prototropic tautomers can act as powerful Brønsted superacids.⁹

4 Rearrangement Schemes

In this work, we propose a low energy thermal rearrangement scheme (see Figure 6) for the formation of the most stable isomer **1** from the experimentally identified 1-azulenylcarbene (**56**, 252

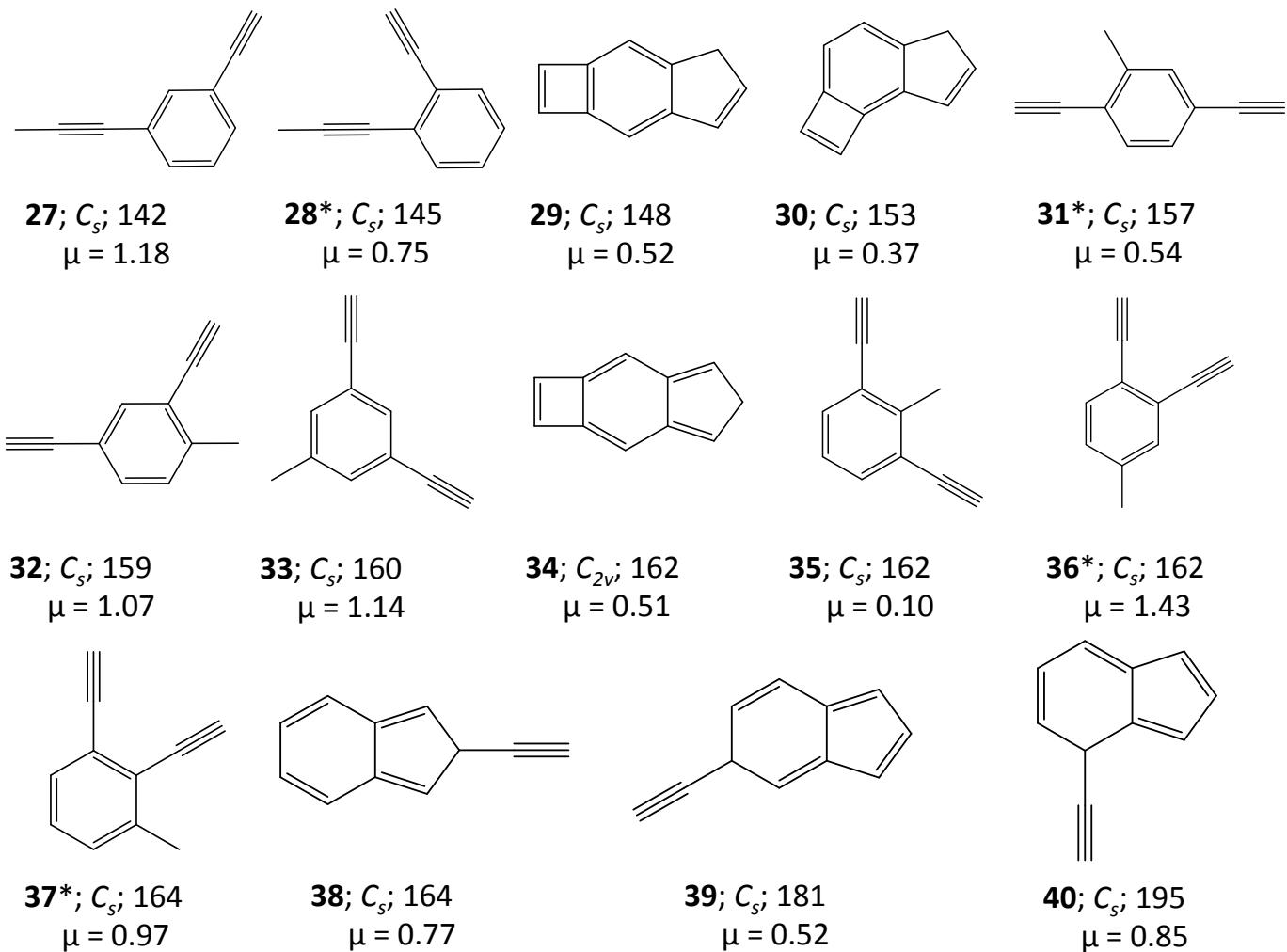


Fig. 3 Isomers 27-40 of $C_{11}H_8$. ZPVE-corrected relative energies (in kJ mol^{-1}) and absolute dipole moment values (in Debye) are calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. Experimentally detected isomers are marked with an asterisk symbol.

kJ mol^{-1}) based on thermodynamically favorable energy considerations. Depending upon the cyclization process of **56**, this rearrangement can proceed in two pathways as depicted in Figures 7 and 8 as Scheme-I and Scheme-II, respectively. We have identified the appropriate transition states and intermediates involved in the rearrangement process and the corresponding activation energies are shown in the form of relative potential energy diagram. All the transition states reported in this study have been identified after several trial calculations and verified through the Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate (IRC) calculations^{74,75} as implemented in Gaussian 16 software.⁷² The transition states connect the reactants to the products through the IRCs in the potential energy surface.

4.1 Scheme I

In this rearrangement Scheme I (see Figure 7), a hydrogen transfer rearrangement takes place from the 8th position of 1-azulenylcarbene (**56**) to form 8-methylene-bicyclo[5.3.0]deca-1,3,5,6,9-pentaene (**55**) which is 38 kJ mol^{-1} lower in energy

than **56**. This reaction goes through the transition state (**Tsa1**) with an activation energy (E_a) of 153 kJ mol^{-1} . **Tsa1** has one imaginary frequency (v_i) at $1606.31i \text{ cm}^{-1}$, which corresponds to the hydrogen transfer from the 8th position of **56** to form **55**. Following this, a ring closing reaction takes place to form 1H-cyclobuta[cd]azulene (**64**) which is 10 kJ mol^{-1} lower in energy compared to **55**. The E_a required to complete the ring closing rearrangement is relatively high (526 kJ mol^{-1} , through **Tsa2**, $v_i = 500.47i \text{ cm}^{-1}$) which is likely to be the reason that both **55** and **64** were not isolated in the FVP experiments performed by Wentrup and co-workers.¹¹ Our theoretical calculations at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory shows that **64** is about 166 kJ mol^{-1} higher in energy than that of **3**.

8-azulenylcarbene (**66**) is formed after ring opening reaction takes place from 1aH-cyclobuta[cd]azulene (**65**) following transfer of a hydrogen atom from **64**. The hydrogen transfer reaction goes through the transition state **Tsa3** ($E_a = 198 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 1103.51i \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and the ring opening reaction goes through the transition state **Tsa4** ($E_a = 87 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, v_i

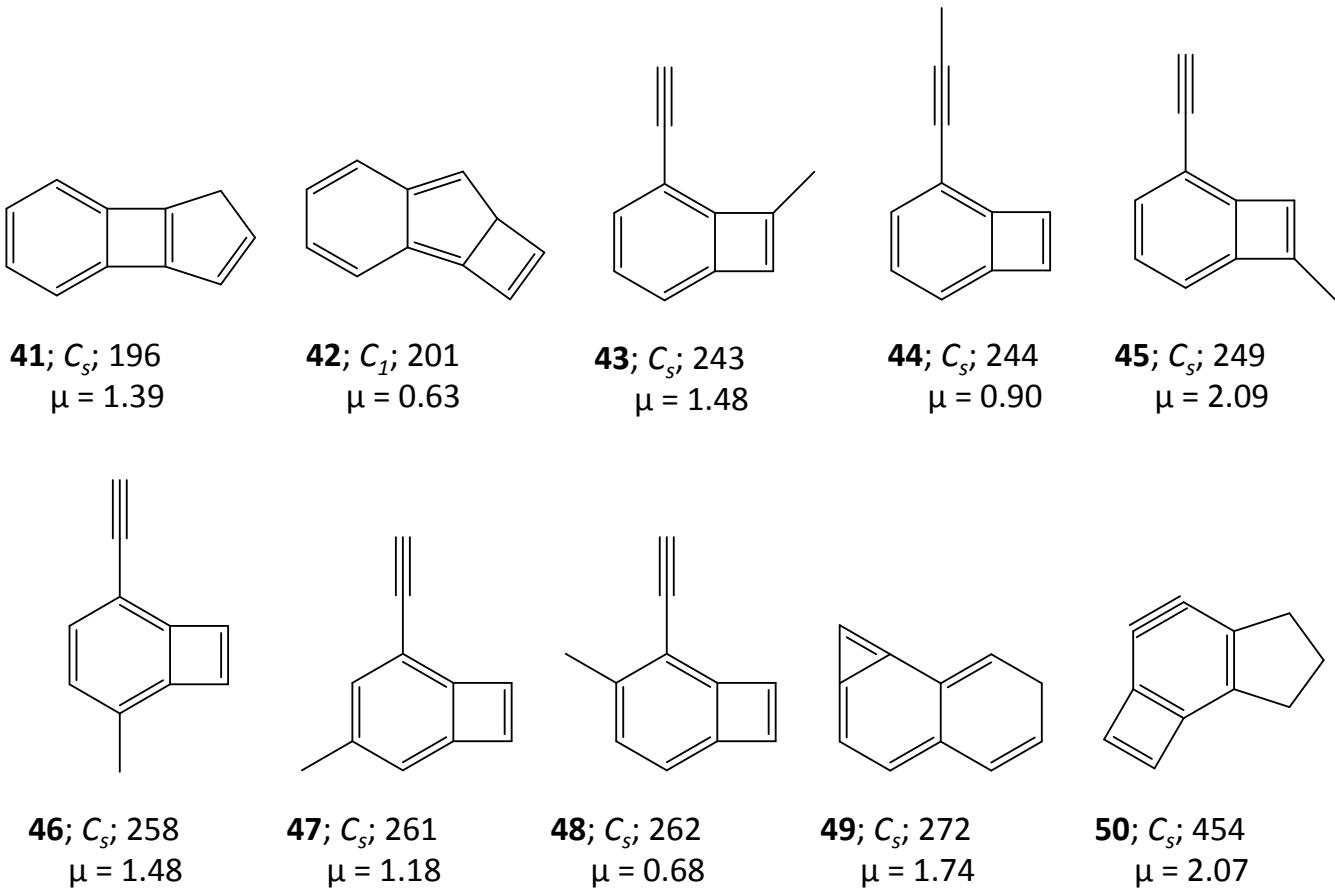


Fig. 4 Isomers 41-50 of $C_{11}H_8$. ZPVE-corrected relative energies (in kJ mol^{-1}) and absolute dipole moment values (in Debye) are calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. Experimentally detected isomers are marked with an asterisk symbol.

$= 284.91\text{i cm}^{-1}$). From **66**, the rearrangement can proceed through two possible pathways: (i) ring closing and hydrogen transfer reaction to form relatively more stable (89 kJ mol^{-1}) isomer 1H-cyclopropane[e]azulene (**68**) through transition state **Tsa6**, ($E_a = 185 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 255.85\text{i cm}^{-1}$) or, (ii) only ring closing reaction without any hydrogen transfer to form 1aH-cyclopropane[e]azulene (**67**) which requires relatively low activation energy (**Tsa5**, $E_a = 27 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 973.09\text{i cm}^{-1}$).

The ring expansion of **67** to form an eight-membered ring can give bicyclo[6.3.0]undeca-1,2,4,6,8,10-hexaene (**69**) which is 47 kJ mol^{-1} lower in energy than **67**. 224 kJ mol^{-1} activation energy is needed for this conversion through the transition state **Tsa7** ($v_i = 528.58\text{i cm}^{-1}$). Again, from **69** the rearrangement can proceed through two possible pathways: a ring closing reaction within the eight-membered ring which ultimately converts into three five-membered rings containing isomer 6aH-cyclopenta[a]pentalene (**70**) which would convert to 7H-cyclopenta[a]pentalene (**71**) through a hydrogen shifting reaction. **Tsa8** ($E_a = 340 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 653.48\text{i cm}^{-1}$) and

Tsa9 ($E_a = 327 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 1965.63\text{i cm}^{-1}$) have been identified as the transition states for these rearrangements, respectively. It is noted here that derivatives of **71** have been identified experimentally elsewhere.⁷⁶ Another ring closing reaction within the eight membered ring leads to the formation of 3bH-cyclopenta[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2]benzene (**72**) containing a six-membered, a four-membered and a five-membered fused ring system. **Tsa10** ($E_a = 332 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 619.98\text{i cm}^{-1}$) can act as the transition state for this ring closing reaction. Isomer **72** could possibly convert to a carbene isomer bicyclo[5.4.0]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaene-11-ylidene (**73**) which is 30 kJ mol^{-1} lower in energy. This can occur through a puckered transition state **Tsa11** ($E_a = 591 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 281.95\text{i cm}^{-1}$) via simultaneous ring opening and ring closing rearrangement. A hydrogen transfer rearrangement can take place to form bicyclo[5.4.0]undeca-1,2,4,6,8,10-hexaene (**76**) (which is 68 kJ mol^{-1} lower in energy than **73**) through **Tsa12** ($E_a = 206 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 1741.06\text{i cm}^{-1}$). The formation of the most stable isomer **1** from bicyclo[5.4.0]undeca-2,4,6,8,10,11-hexaene (**75**)

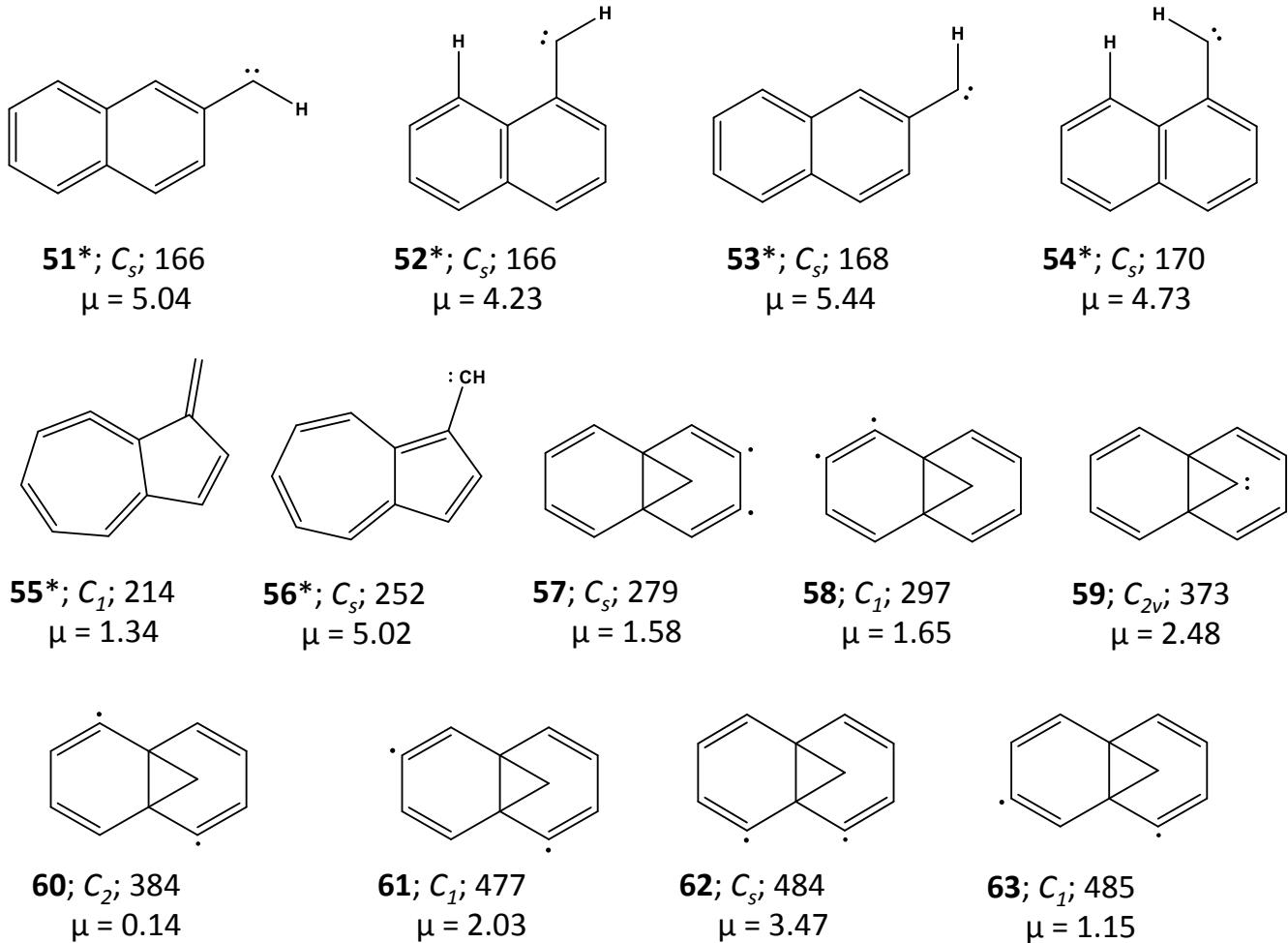


Fig. 5 Isomers 51–63 of $C_{11}H_8$. ZPVE-corrected relative energies (in kJ mol^{-1}) and absolute dipole moment values (in Debye) are calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. Experimentally detected isomers are marked with an asterisk symbol.

is discussed in detail in Scheme II.

4.2 Scheme II

Another low-energy pathway to reach isomer **1** of $C_{11}H_8$ from the experimentally known molecule **56** is shown in Scheme II (see Figure 8). While the thermal rearrangement scheme outlined here has briefly been discussed elsewhere,¹⁰ we have identified the appropriate transition states and reactive intermediates for each step and they are verified through IRC calculations.

A thermal ring closing reaction from experimentally identified 1-azulenylcarbene (**56**) can form 7aH-cyclopropa[a]azulene (**74**) through **Tsb1** ($E_a = 130 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 736.31\text{i cm}^{-1}$). Although **74** is 65 kJ mol^{-1} higher in energy than **56**, it rearranges quickly to bicyclo[5.4.0]undeca-1,2,4,6,8,10-hexaene (**76**) via **75**. Isomer **76** is 167 kJ mol^{-1} lower in energy compared to **74**. A ring expansion followed by hydrogen transfer reaction leads to the formation of **76** through **Tsb2** ($E_a = 48 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 496.53\text{i cm}^{-1}$) and **Tsb3** ($E_a = 48 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 1741.05\text{i cm}^{-1}$), respectively. **76** has a seven-membered allene like struc-

ture which is quite unstable and a ring contraction rearrangement takes place through **Tsb4** ($E_a = 27 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 217.64\text{i cm}^{-1}$) to form 1aH-cyclopropa[a]naphthalene (**77**) containing a fused six- and three-membered ring system. But, the puckered three membered ring of **77** leads to the ring opening rearrangement to form the experimentally detected carbene isomer (Z)-1-naphthylcarbene (**54**) via **Tsb5** ($E_a = 155 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 324.20\text{i cm}^{-1}$). A hydrogen transfer followed by a ring closing rearrangement could possibly take place to form the experimentally observed 1H-cyclobuta[de]naphthalene (**3**) through **Tsb6** ($E_a = 155 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 1698.44\text{i cm}^{-1}$) and **Tsb7** ($E_a = 23 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 336.88\text{i cm}^{-1}$), respectively.

4.3 1,2-H Shifting Rearrangement

In this section, we have studied the final step of the rearrangement scheme from **3** to **1** in detail, which would occur through two possible pathways dominated by 1,2-H shifting rearrange-

In first step, the conversion of **3** to 2,2a-dihydro-1H-

Table 1 Computed relative energies (in kJ mol^{-1}), singlet-triplet energy gaps (ΔE_{ST} ; in kJ mol^{-1}), NICS (1\AA) (in ppm) values, and T_1 diagnostic values of eleven low-lying isomers of C_{11}H_8 calculated at different levels

| isomer | Relative energies | | | | | B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------|
| | state | $\Delta E + \text{ZPVE}^a$ | $\Delta E + \text{ZPVE}^b$ | ΔE^c | ΔG^f | ΔE_{ST}^d | NICS (1\AA) | T_1^e |
| 1; C_s | \tilde{X}^1A' | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 181 | -14.90 | 0.011 |
| 2; C_s | \tilde{X}^1A' | 40 | 34 | 35 | 41 | 246 | -10.60 | 0.011 |
| 3; C_{2v} | \tilde{X}^1A_1 | 38 | 45 | 46 | 39 | 251 | -13.92 | 0.011 |
| 4; C_s | \tilde{X}^1A' | 35 | 55 | 59 | 31 | 204 | -14.59 | 0.012 |
| 5; C_s | \tilde{X}^1A' | 42 | 57 | 61 | 38 | 220 | -14.68 | 0.012 |
| 6; C_s | \tilde{X}^1A' | 44 | 59 | 62 | 40 | 253 | -14.11 | 0.011 |
| 7; C_s | \tilde{X}^1A' | 44 | 59 | 63 | 40 | 243 | -14.42 | 0.012 |
| 8; C_s | \tilde{X}^1A' | 44 | 61 | 65 | 41 | 232 | -13.44 | 0.012 |
| 9; C_s | \tilde{X}^1A' | 46 | 62 | 66 | 42 | 253 | -13.47 | 0.011 |
| 10; C_s | \tilde{X}^1A' | 60 | 66 | 70 | 61 | 259 | -15.15 | 0.012 |
| 11; C_1 | \tilde{X}^1A | 72 | 82 | 86 | 68 | 249 | -17.63 | 0.012 |

^a Calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. ^b Calculated at the fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ level of theory. ^c Calculated at the fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ level of theory. ^d Positive value indicates that singlet electronic state is more stable than the triplet. ^e Calculated at the CCSD/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. ^f Calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory at 298.15 K.

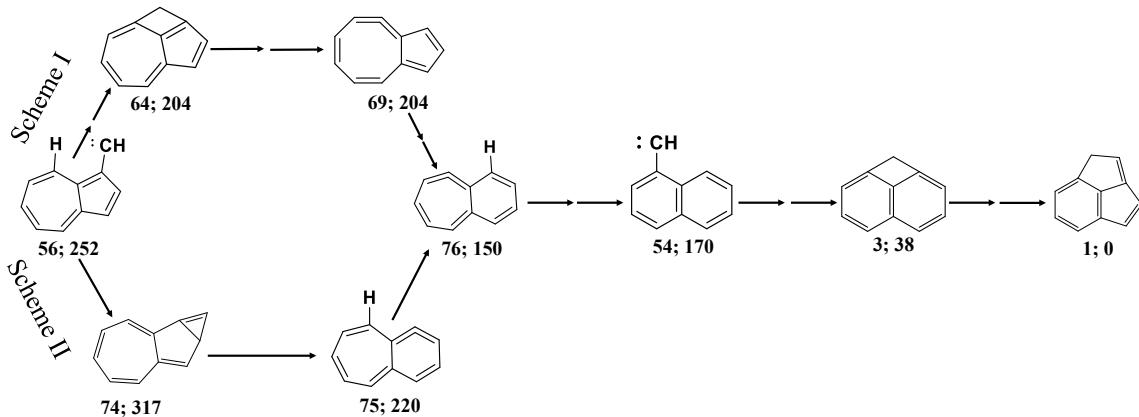


Fig. 6 Low energy thermal rearrangement schemes for the formation of **1** from **56**.

cyclopenta[cd]indenylidene (**79**) goes through **TS1**, where bond elongation and contraction takes place simultaneously (electrocyclization reaction). In this step, formation of relatively less stable five-membered ring takes place from more stable six-membered ring and therefore, this process goes through a high activation energy ($> 418 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$) barrier. As soon as **79** is formed, 1,2-H shifting rearrangement reaction proceeds to form the most stable isomer **1** in two different pathways: Path-a and Path-b as indicated in the rearrangement Scheme (see Figure 9). There are two different active hydrogens present in **79**, one hy-

drogen is present in secondary carbon atom and another one is in tertiary carbon atom, so 1,2-H shifting reaction takes place in two ways involving those two active hydrogen atoms. In Path-a, 1,2-H shifting reaction takes place from secondary carbon atom to form **2** with very low activation energy ($E_a = 24 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$) through **TS2** (336 kJ mol^{-1}). To form the most stable isomer (**1**), the reaction goes through a relatively high energy isomer (**14**; 91 kJ mol^{-1}). Conversion of **2** to **14** goes through another transition state (**TS3**, $E_a = 139 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $v_i = 1222.62 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) with an activation energy of 139 kJ mol^{-1} . This reaction also

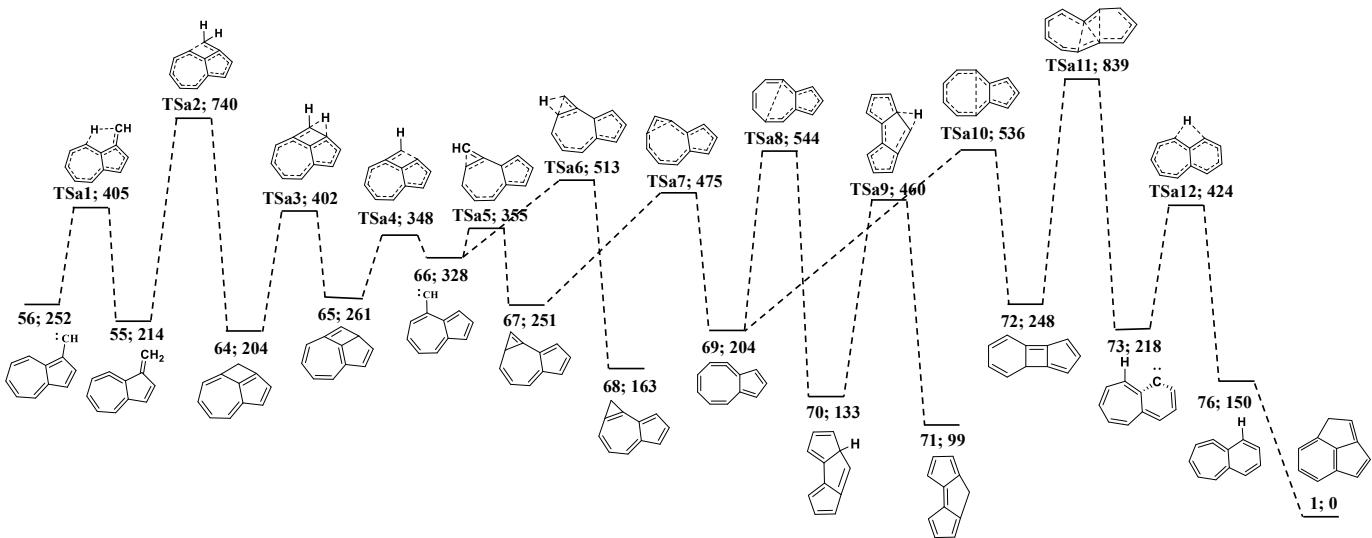


Fig. 7 Rearrangement scheme I for the formation of 1 from 56.

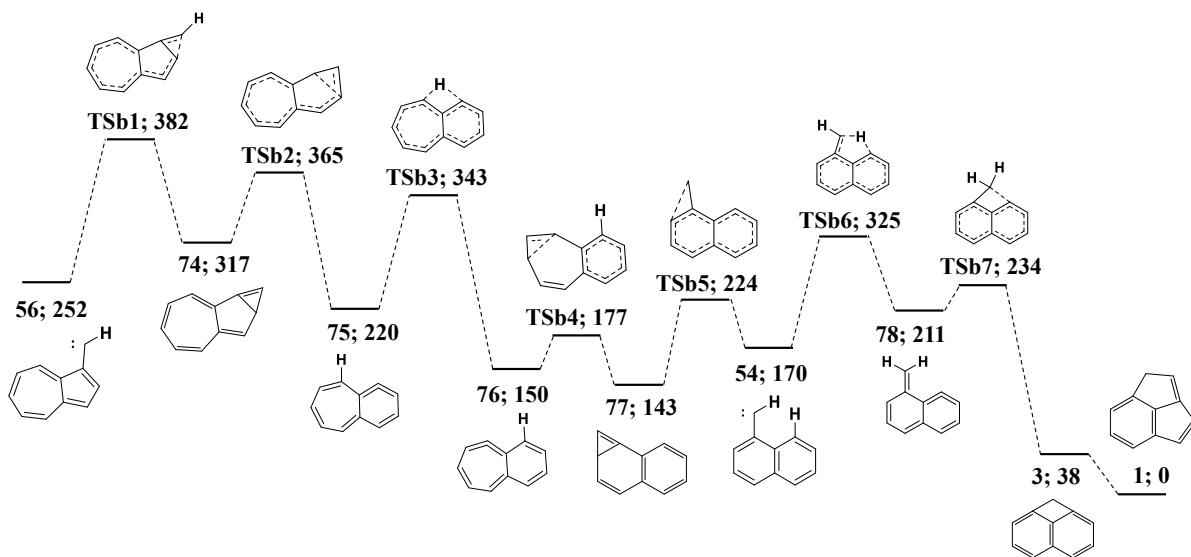


Fig. 8 Rearrangement scheme II for the formation of 1 from 56.

proceeds through 1,2-H shifting mechanism, where the H-shifting takes place from the tertiary carbon atom. Again, very low activation energy ($E_a = 68 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$) is required for the rearrangement of 14 to form the most stable isomer 1. H-shifting for this process takes place from the secondary carbon atom via transition state TS4 ($v_i = 1203.78\text{i cm}^{-1}$). To form the lowest energy iso-

mer 1 from 79, Path-a involves higher energy isomers 2 and 14 with three different transition states TS2, TS3, and TS4, whereas, Path-b proceeds through a single step conversion involving only one transition state (TS5, $v_i = 643.08\text{i cm}^{-1}$). As very low activation energy ($E_a \sim 4.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$) is required for Path-b, this pathway might clearly be much more faster than Path-a. Previ-

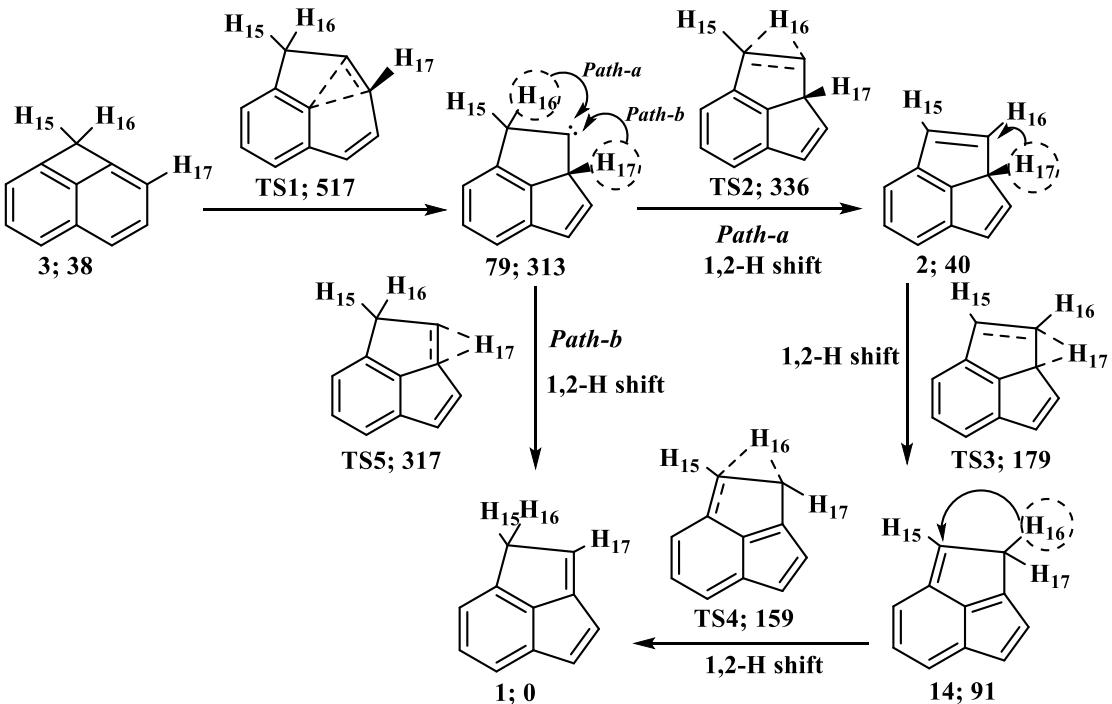


Fig. 9 1,2-H shifting rearrangement from 3 to 1.

ous studies on similar rearrangement suggest that Path-a might go through quantum mechanical tunneling mechanism.¹⁰ However, this process needs to be studied in detail and would be the attention of our future work.

4.4 Spectroscopic Parameters

Despite decades of experimental activity on $C_{11}H_8$, to the best of our knowledge, experimentally observed rotational constants (A_0 , B_0 , and C_0) are not available for any isomer. Theoretical rotational constants (A_e , B_e , and C_e) obtained from the optimized equilibrium geometries for isomers 1-11 calculated at the CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ level of theory are given in Table 2. Centrifugal distortion constants have also been calculated for these low-lying isomers to aid their experimental identification. Since experimental values are unavailable at the moment, percentage errors cannot be calculated. Nevertheless, prior experience of some of us in comparison of experimental results with theoretical spectroscopic parameters in C_nH_2 (here $n = 5$,^{77,78} 7,⁷⁹⁻⁸¹ and 9^{82,83}) and SiC_4H_2 ²⁴ isomers suggest that the percentage error for coupled-cluster values lie within 2-3 % of experimental accuracy. The later scenario has been proven for other systems as well elsewhere in the literature.^{84,85} Perhaps, by incorporating core-valence correlation, higher-order basis set effects, higher-order electron correlation effects, and corrections from the zero-point vibrational motion, one could improve the accuracy of spectroscopic parameters.^{86,87} However, it is noted here that for a system of this size, such an exercise is computationally highly demanding and not viable with our current resources. The

harmonic vibrational frequencies and infrared intensities calculated at the CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ level of theory for isomers 1-11 are given in the ESI†. This would be helpful to infrared spectroscopists in assigning the corresponding vibrational transitions of low-lying isomers. While we certainly do not underestimate the importance of anharmonic vibrational corrections, it would be a computationally demanding task for a system of this size as each molecule contains 51 vibrational degrees of freedom (3N-6; here N = 19; 11 carbons and 8 hydrogens). Therefore, we have not done anharmonic corrections in the present study.

4.5 Aromatic Characteristics

To evaluate the aromatic stability of $C_{11}H_8$ isomers, NICS values have been calculated at 1 Å above the plane of the ring at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. These calculations have been done using the optimized equilibrium geometries at the same level. All values obtained have been found to be negative indicating their aromatic nature (see Table 1). Among the low-lying isomers, the highest value (-17.63 ppm) has been obtained for isomer 11, which has been identified recently.²⁰ While some of the derivatives of 10 had been synthetically characterized in the laboratory,²⁸⁻³¹ which shows the second highest value (-15.15 ppm), the parent molecule remains elusive to date. Among the first eleven isomers, 1, 2, 3, and 10 can be considered as molecules with 10 π electrons inside the ring. The least value (-10.60 ppm) has been obtained for isomer 2, whose geometry is slightly puckered similar to 10. It is noted here that aromatic stability is a response property whereas energetic stability is a state

property.⁶⁷ Therefore, one cannot arrive to a conclusion about the synthetic viability of a particular molecule based on aromatic characteristics alone. Furthermore, to assess the multireference character of C₁₁H₈ isomers, T₁ diagnostic values recommended by Lee and co-workers⁷⁰ have been calculated at the CCSD/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. For all low-lying isomers, the T₁ diagnostic value is below 0.02 (see Table 1). Therefore, we have not done multireference CC calculations for these molecules.

5 Conclusions

In summary, the PES of C₁₁H₈ has been computationally characterized using DFT and CC methods. All the stationary points spanning from 0 to 523 kJ mol⁻¹ have been obtained initially at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. High-level electron correlation effects have been incorporated through CC methods for the low-lying eleven isomers at the CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ level of theory. Rotational and centrifugal distortion constants for isomers **1-11** are obtained at the latter level. While isomers **1** and **3** are experimentally characterized already, **2**, and **6-10** remain elusive in the laboratory though they lie on the low-energy side. It is noted here that rotational spectra are unavailable for all isomers of C₁₁H₈ including **1** and **3**. It is also found through this work that 1,2-H transfer from **1** yields **14** and subsequent 1,2-H shift from **14** yields **2**. Appropriate transition states have been identified and intrinsic reaction coordinate calculations have been carried out for this conversion at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. It is believed that the current theoretical investigation may motivate and assist experimentalists in identifying the unknown molecules, especially the ones, which lie on the low-energy side.

Conflicts of Interest

There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

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Table 2 Rotational constants (in MHz), inertial axis dipole moment components, absolute dipole moments (in Debye), and centrifugal distortion constants calculated at the CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ level of theory

| isomer | <i>A_e</i> | <i>B_e</i> | <i>C_e</i> | <i>μ_a</i> | <i>μ_b</i> | <i>μ_c</i> | <i> μ </i> | <i>D_J</i> | <i>D_K</i> | <i>D_{JK}</i> | <i>d₁</i> | <i>d₂</i> |
|--------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 1769.57 | 1461.74 | 804.58 | -0.55 | -0.59 | - | 0.80 | 0.2038 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.1839 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.1129 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.7895 × 10 ⁻⁵ | 0.2549 × 10 ⁻⁴ |
| 2 | 1824.23 | 1456.73 | 835.83 | -0.33 | -0.68 | - | 0.75 | 0.2578 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.3735 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.2194 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.7630 × 10 ⁻⁵ | 0.3432 × 10 ⁻⁴ |
| 3 | 2017.00 | 1272.57 | 784.26 | 0.39 | - | - | 0.39 | 0.1216 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.2428 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.4536 × 10 ⁻⁴ | -0.1904 × 10 ⁻⁵ | -0.5748 × 10 ⁻⁵ |
| 4 | 3694.04 | 660.54 | 562.35 | 0.20 | 0.30 | - | 0.36 | 0.4519 × 10 ⁻⁵ | 0.2066 × 10 ⁻³ | 0.1076 × 10 ⁻³ | -0.26242 × 10 ⁻⁶ | -0.2673 × 10 ⁻⁶ |
| 5 | 2072.00 | 938.27 | 648.47 | 0.23 | 0.68 | - | 0.72 | 0.4802 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.6580 × 10 ⁻³ | -0.2602 × 10 ⁻³ | -0.2061 × 10 ⁻⁴ | -0.1252 × 10 ⁻⁵ |
| 6 | 1678.24 | 1126.69 | 677.00 | -0.51 | 0.42 | - | 0.66 | 0.6304 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.2908 × 10 ⁻³ | -0.1676 × 10 ⁻³ | -0.3091 × 10 ⁻⁴ | -0.3150 × 10 ⁻⁵ |
| 7 | 1690.75 | 1113.22 | 674.12 | -1.11 | -0.06 | - | 1.11 | 0.5694 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.2863 × 10 ⁻³ | -0.1537 × 10 ⁻³ | -0.2784 × 10 ⁻⁴ | -0.2858 × 10 ⁻⁵ |
| 8 | 3178.42 | 711.30 | 583.38 | -1.19 | 0.32 | - | 1.23 | 0.7511 × 10 ⁻⁵ | 0.7395 × 10 ⁻³ | 0.1358 × 10 ⁻⁴ | -0.2104 × 10 ⁻⁵ | -0.3525 × 10 ⁻⁶ |
| 9 | 3196.34 | 709.11 | 582.50 | -1.32 | 0.29 | - | 1.35 | 0.7260 × 10 ⁻⁵ | 0.7305 × 10 ⁻³ | 0.1883 × 10 ⁻⁴ | -0.2004 × 10 ⁻⁴ | -0.3473 × 10 ⁻⁶ |
| 10 | 1828.24 | 1484.37 | 846.86 | -0.21 | 0.00 | -0.39 | 0.44 | 0.2488 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.4507 × 10 ⁻⁵ | 0.4844 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.7732 × 10 ⁻⁵ | 0.4882 × 10 ⁻⁴ |
| 11 | 2058.99 | 950.62 | 694.95 | -0.14 | -0.28 | 0.24 | 0.40 | 0.7128 × 10 ⁻⁴ | 0.7320 × 10 ⁻³ | -0.2259 × 10 ⁻³ | -0.1864 × 10 ⁻³ | -0.2987 × 10 ⁻⁵ |

^a Centrifugal distortion constants for isomers **1**, **2**, and **10** are from the A-reduced Hamiltonian, whereas for all other isomers they are from the S-reduced Hamiltonian, considering the fact that they are approaching close to the prolate limit.

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| S53 Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 8-azulenylcarbene (66) and 1aH-cyclopropa[e]azulene (67) (in Scheme I) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S74 |
| S54 Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1H-cyclopropa[e]azulne (68) and Bicyclo[6.3.0]undeca-1,2,4,6,8,10-hexaene (69) (in Scheme I) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S75 |
| S55 Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 6aH-cyclopenta[a]pentalene (70) 7H-cyclopenta[a]pentalene (71) (in Scheme I) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S76 |
| S56 Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 3bH-cyclopenta[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2]benzene (72) and Bicyclo[5.4.0]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaene-11-ylidene (73) (in Scheme-I) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S77 |
| S57 Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 7aH-cyclopropa[a]azulene (74) and Bicyclo[5.4.0]undeca-1,2,4,6,8,10-hexaene (75) (in Scheme II) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S78 |
| S58 Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1aH- | |

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| cyclopropa[a]naphthalene (76) and 2-methylene-bicyclo[4.4.0]deca-3,5,7,9,10-pentaene (77) (in Scheme II) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S79 |
| S59 Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 2,2a-dihydro-1Hcyclopenta[cd]indenylidene 79 (in 1,2 H Shifting Rearrangement) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S80 |
| S60 Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of TSa1 , TSa2 , TSa3 and TSa4 (in Scheme-I) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S81 |
| S61 Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of TSa5 , TSa6 , TSa7 and TSa8 (in Scheme-I) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S82 |
| S62 Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of TSa9 , TSa10 , TSa11 and TSa12 (in Scheme-I) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S83 |
| S63 Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of TSb1 , TSb2 , TSb3 and TSb4 (in Scheme-II) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S84 |
| S64 Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of TSb5 , TSb6 , TSb7 and TSb8 (in Scheme-II) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S85 |
| S65 Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of TS1 , TS2 , TS3 and TS4 (in 1,2-H shifting rearrangement) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory | S86 |
| S66 Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of TS5 (in 1,2-H shifting rearrangement) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory. | S87 |

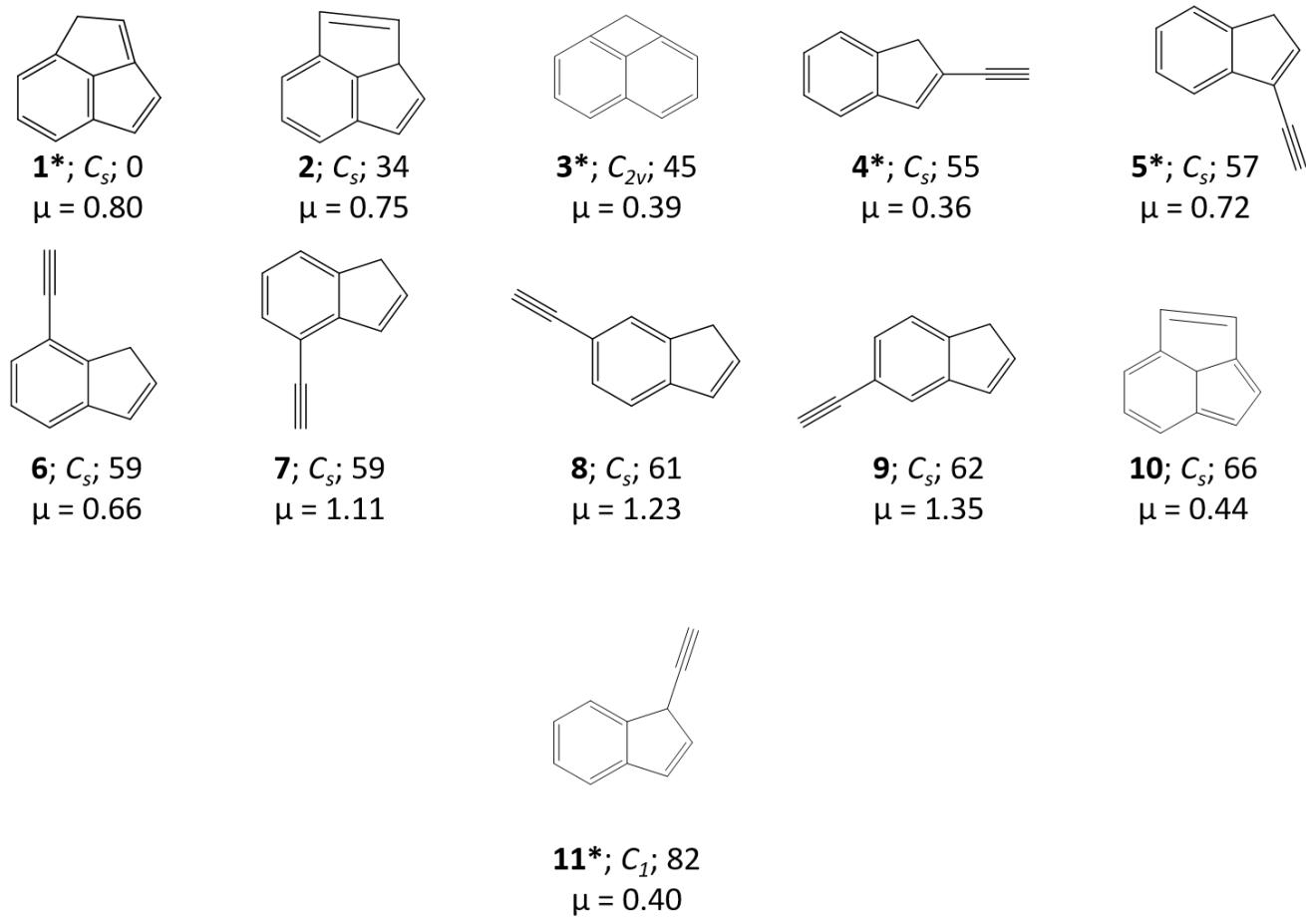


Figure S1: Isomers **1-11** of $C_{11}H_8$. ZPVE-corrected relative energies (in kJ mol^{-1}) and net dipole moments (in Debye) are obtained at the CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ level. Experimentally detected isomers are marked with asterisk symbol.

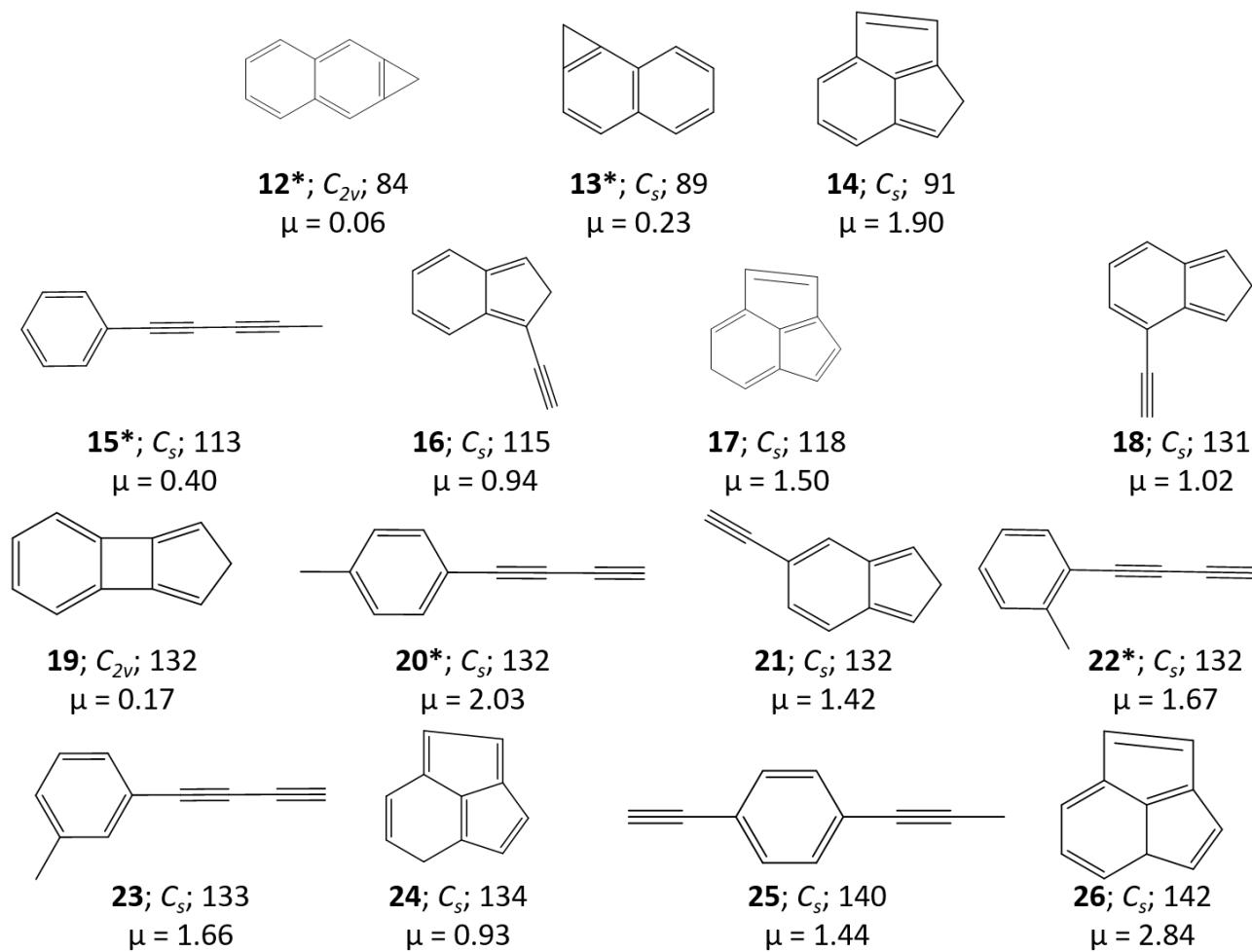


Figure S2: Isomers **12-26** of $C_{11}H_8$. ZPVE-corrected relative energies (in kJ mol^{-1}) and net dipole moments (in Debye) are obtained at the B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level. Experimentally detected isomers are marked with asterisk symbol.

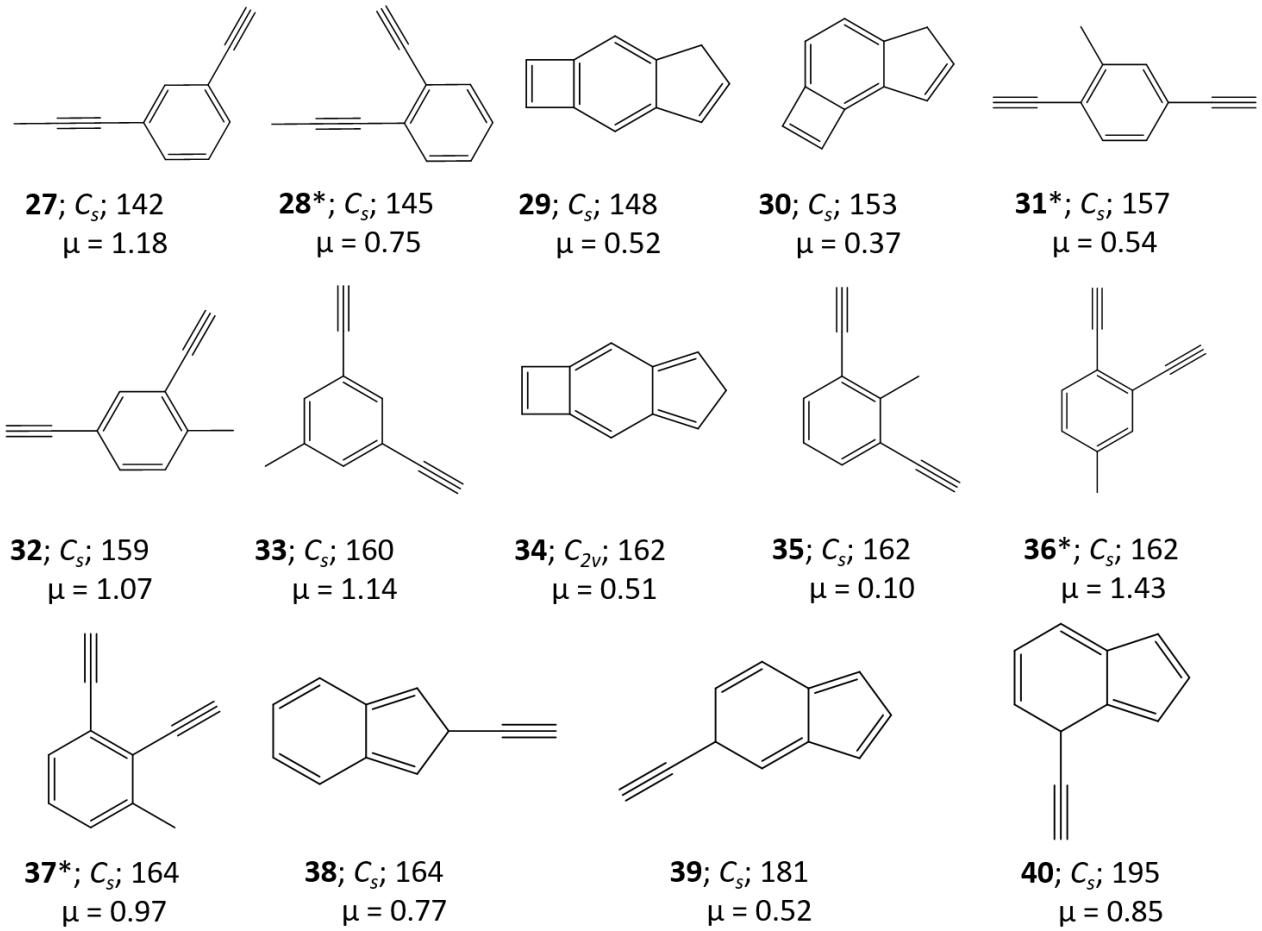


Figure S3: Isomers **27-40** of $C_{11}H_8$. ZPVE-corrected relative energies (in kJ mol^{-1}) and net dipole moments (in Debye) are obtained at the B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level. Experimentally detected isomers are marked with asterisk symbol.

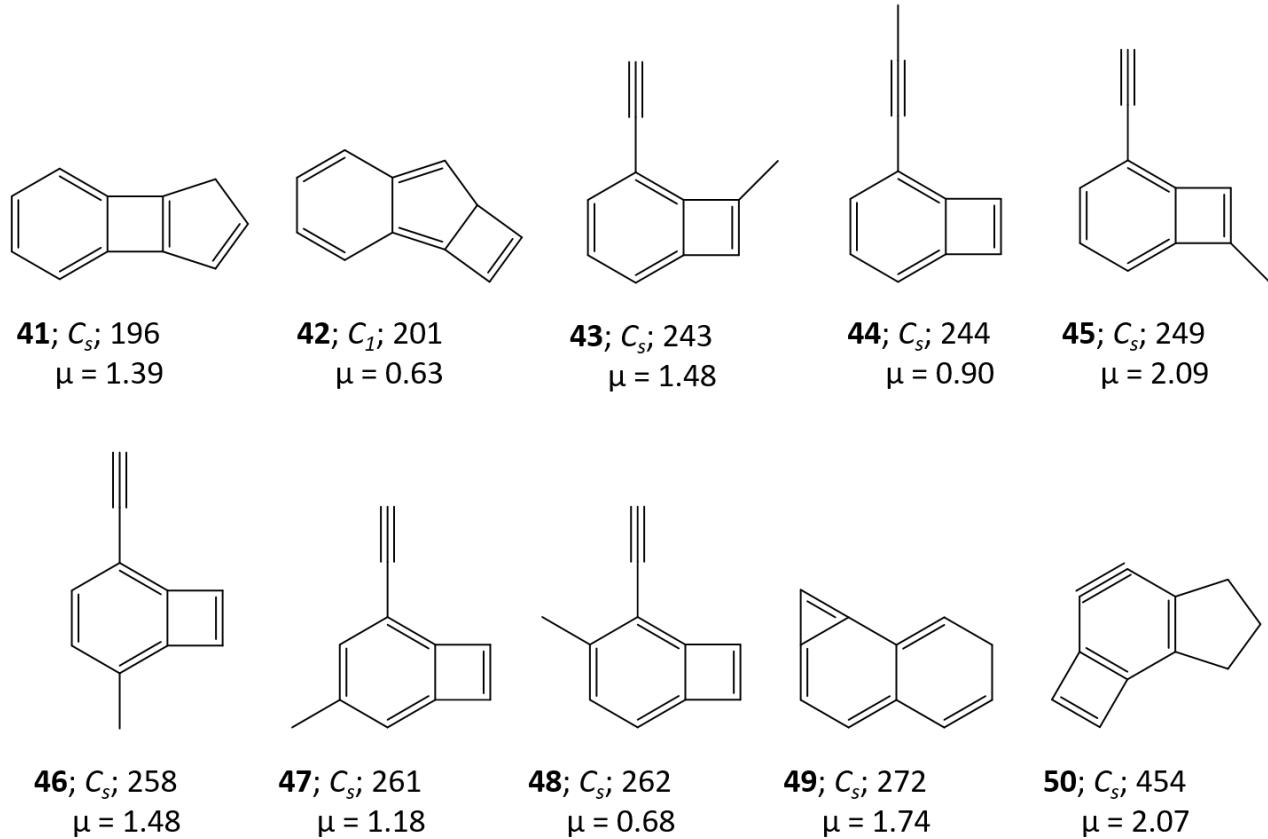


Figure S4: Isomers **41-50** of $C_{11}H_8$. ZPVE-corrected relative energies (in kJ mol^{-1}) and net dipole moments (in Debye) are obtained at the B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level. Experimentally detected isomers are marked with asterisk symbol.

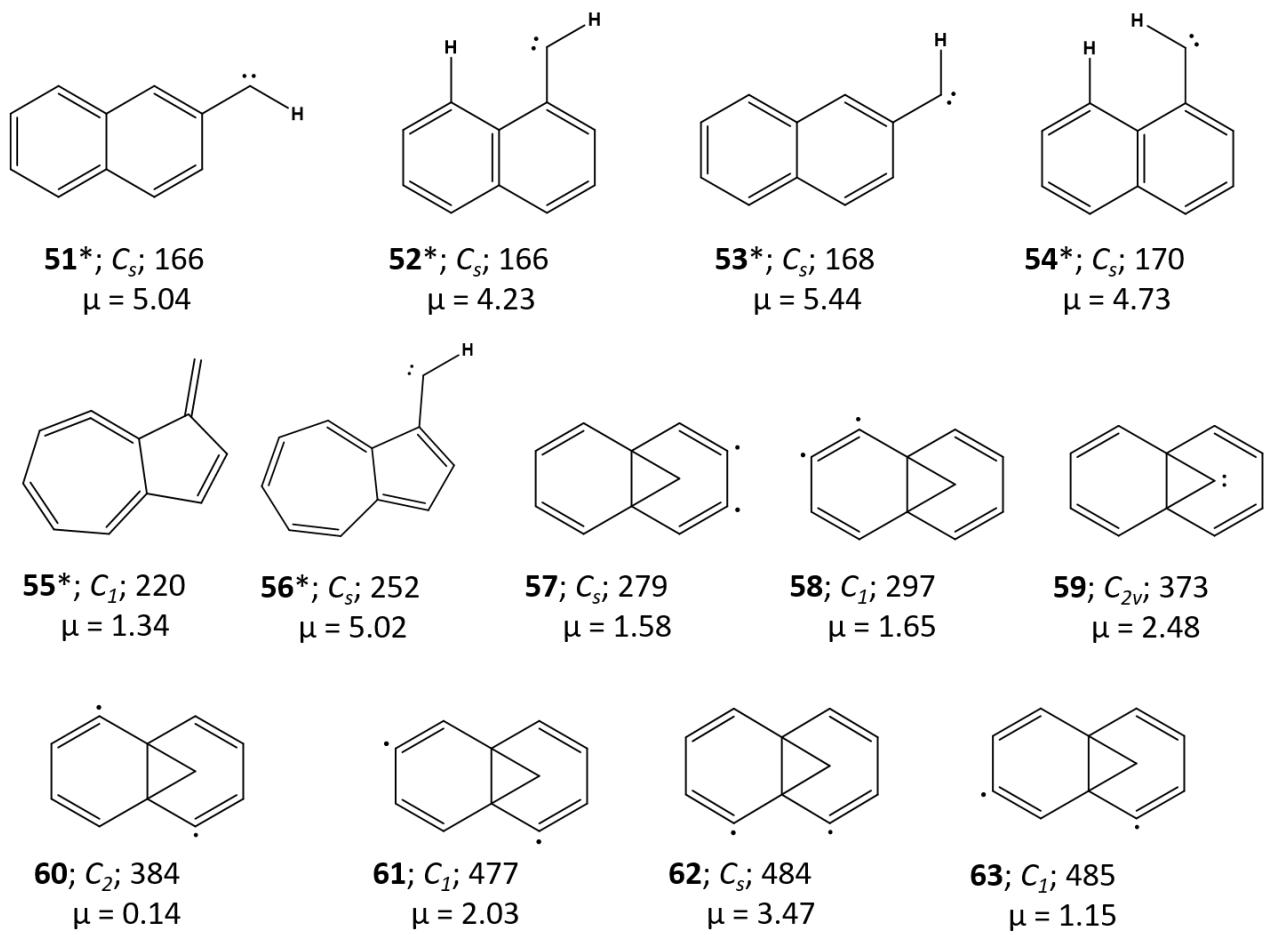


Figure S5: Isomers **51-63** of $C_{11}H_8$. ZPVE-corrected relative energies (in kJ mol^{-1}) and net dipole moments (in Debye) are obtained at the B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level. Experimentally detected isomers are marked with asterisk symbol.

Table S1: IUPAC or common names of C₁₁H₈ isomers of **1-39** in this work.

| Isomer | Point group | IUPAC name |
|-----------|-----------------------|---|
| 1 | <i>C_s</i> | 1H-cyclopenta[cd]indene |
| 2 | <i>C_s</i> | 2aH-cyclopenta[cd]indene |
| 3 | <i>C_{2v}</i> | 1H-cyclobuta[de]naphthalene |
| 4 | <i>C_s</i> | 2-ethynyl-1H-indene |
| 5 | <i>C_s</i> | 3-ethynyl-1H-indene |
| 6 | <i>C_s</i> | 7-ethynyl-1H-indene |
| 7 | <i>C_s</i> | 4-ethynyl-1H-indene |
| 8 | <i>C_s</i> | 6-ethynyl-1H-indene |
| 9 | <i>C_s</i> | 5-ethynyl-1H-indene |
| 10 | <i>C_s</i> | 7bH-cyclopenta[cd]indene |
| 11 | <i>C₁</i> | 1-ethynyl-1H-indene |
| 12 | <i>C_{2v}</i> | 1H-cyclopropa[b]naphthalene |
| 13 | <i>C_s</i> | 1H-cyclopropa[a]naphthalene |
| 14 | <i>C_s</i> | 2H-cyclopenta[cd]indene |
| 15 | <i>C_s</i> | penta-1,3-diyne-1-ylbenzene |
| 16 | <i>C_s</i> | 1-ethynyl-2H-indene |
| 17 | <i>C_s</i> | 6H-cyclopenta[cd]indene |
| 18 | <i>C_s</i> | 4-ethynyl-2H-indene |
| 19 | <i>C_{2v}</i> | 2H-cyclopenta[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2]benzene |
| 20 | <i>C_s</i> | 1-(buta-1,3-diyne-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene |
| 21 | <i>C_s</i> | 5-ethynyl-2H-indene |
| 22 | <i>C_s</i> | 1-(buta-1,3-diyne-1-yl)-2-methylbenzene |
| 23 | <i>C_s</i> | 1-(buta-1,3-diyne-1-yl)-3-methylbenzene |
| 24 | <i>C₁</i> | 7H-cyclopenta[cd]indene |
| 25 | <i>C_s</i> | 1-ethynyl-4-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene |
| 26 | <i>C_s</i> | 7aH-cyclopenta[cd]indene |
| 27 | <i>C_s</i> | 1-ethynyl-3-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene |
| 28 | <i>C_s</i> | 1-ethynyl-2-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene |
| 29 | <i>C_s</i> | 4H-cyclobuta[f]indene |
| 30 | <i>C_s</i> | 5H-cyclobuta[e]indene |
| 31 | <i>C_s</i> | 1,4-diethynyl-2-methylbenzene |
| 32 | <i>C_s</i> | 2,4-diethynyl-1-methylbenzene |
| 33 | <i>C_s</i> | 1,3-diethynyl-5-methylbenzene |
| 34 | <i>C_{2v}</i> | 5H-cyclobuta[f]indene |
| 35 | <i>C_s</i> | 1,3-diethynyl-2-methylbenzene |
| 36 | <i>C_s</i> | 1,2-diethynyl-4-methylbenzene |
| 37 | <i>C_s</i> | 1,2-diethynyl-3-methylbenzene |
| 38 | <i>C_s</i> | 2-ethynyl-2H-indene |
| 39 | <i>C₁</i> | 5-ethynyl-5H-indene |

Table S2: IUPAC or common names of C₁₁H₈ isomers of **40-78** in this work.

| Isomer | Point Group | IUPAC name |
|-----------|-----------------------|--|
| 40 | <i>C₁</i> | 4-ethynyl-4H-indene |
| 41 | <i>C_s</i> | 1H-cyclopenta[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2]benzene |
| 42 | <i>C₁</i> | 7aH-cyclobuta[a]indene |
| 43 | <i>C_s</i> | 2-ethynyl-8-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene |
| 44 | <i>C_s</i> | 2-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)bicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene |
| 45 | <i>C_s</i> | 2-ethynyl-7-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene |
| 46 | <i>C_s</i> | 2-ethynyl-5-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene |
| 47 | <i>C_s</i> | 2-ethynyl-4-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene |
| 48 | <i>C_s</i> | 2-ethynyl-3-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene |
| 49 | <i>C_s</i> | 6H-cyclopropa[a]naphthalene |
| 50 | <i>C₁</i> | 6,7-dihydro-5H-cyclobuta[e]indenyl-4-carbyne |
| 51 | <i>C_s</i> | (E)-2-naphthylcarbene |
| 52 | <i>C_s</i> | (E)-1-naphthylcarbene |
| 53 | <i>C_s</i> | (Z)-2-naphthylcarbene |
| 54 | <i>C_s</i> | (Z)-1-naphthylcarbene |
| 55 | <i>C₁</i> | 8-methylene-bicyclo[5.3.0]deca-1,3,5,6,9-pentaene |
| 56 | <i>C_s</i> | 1-Azulenylcarbene |
| 57 | <i>C_s</i> | bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,5,7,9-tetraen-3-yne |
| 58 | <i>C₁</i> | bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,3,5,9-tetraen-7-yne |
| 59 | <i>C_{2v}</i> | bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaen-11-ylidene |
| 60 | <i>C₂</i> | 2,7-didehydro-bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaene |
| 61 | <i>C₁</i> | 2,8-didehydro-bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaene |
| 62 | <i>C_s</i> | 2,10-didehydro-bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaene |
| 63 | <i>C₁</i> | 2,9-didehydro-bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaene |
| 64 | <i>C₁</i> | 1H-cyclobuta[cd]azulene |
| 65 | <i>C₁</i> | 1aH-cyclobuta[cd]azulene |
| 66 | <i>C₁</i> | 8-azulenylcarbene |
| 67 | <i>C₁</i> | 1aH-cyclopropa[e]azulene |
| 68 | <i>C₁</i> | 1H-cyclopropa[e]azulene |
| 69 | <i>C₁</i> | Bicyclo[6.3.0]undeca-1,2,4,6,8,10-hexaene |
| 70 | <i>C₁</i> | 6aH-cyclopenta[a]pentalene |
| 71 | <i>C_s</i> | 7H-cyclopenta[a]pentalene |
| 72 | <i>C₁</i> | 3bH-cyclopenta[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2]benzene |
| 73 | <i>C₁</i> | Bicyclo[5.4.0]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaene-11-ylidene |
| 74 | <i>C₁</i> | 7aH-cyclopropa[a]azulene |
| 75 | <i>C₁</i> | Bicyclo[5.4.0]undeca-2,4,6,8,10,11-hexaene |
| 76 | <i>C₁</i> | Bicyclo[5.4.0]undeca-1,2,4,6,8,10-hexaene |
| 77 | <i>C₁</i> | 1aH-cyclopropa[a]naphthalene |
| 78 | <i>C₁</i> | 2-methylene-bicyclo[4.4.0]deca-3,5,7,9,10-pentaene |
| 79 | <i>C₁</i> | 2,2a-dihydro-1Hcyclopenta[cd]indenylidene |

Table S3: Electronic energies (in a.u), relative energies (ΔE ; in kJ mol^{-1}), rotational constants (Ae , Be , and Ce ; in MHz), inertial axis dipole moment components (μ_a and μ_b ; in Debye), and absolute dipole moments ($|\mu|$; in Debye) of first **Eleven** low-lying isomers of C_{11}H_8 in their ground singlet electronic states calculated at the CCSD/cc-pVDZ level of theory.

| Isomer | E (a.u.) | ΔE (kJ mol $^{-1}$) | Ae (MHz) | Be (MHz) | Ce (MHz) | μ_a (Debye) | μ_b (Debye) | $ \mu $ (Debye) |
|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | -422.6676932 | 0 | 1780.18 | 1469.49 | 809.1 | -0.55 | -0.55 | 0.78 |
| 2 | -422.6551561 | 32 | 1832.48 | 1464.99 | 839.49 | -0.32 | -0.69 | 0.76 |
| 3 | -422.6499683 | 45 | 2030.12 | 1280.56 | 789.26 | 0.4 | ----- | 0.4 |
| 4 | -422.6455859 | 56 | 3719.58 | 663.65 | 565.18 | 0.19 | 0.3 | 0.36 |
| 5 | -422.6446007 | 58 | 2089.02 | 940.64 | 651.26 | 0.22 | 0.69 | 0.72 |
| 6 | -422.6439397 | 60 | 1689.75 | 1130.98 | 680.41 | -0.52 | 0.41 | 0.66 |
| 7 | -422.643646 | 61 | 1700.87 | 1118.53 | 677.67 | -1.1 | -0.05 | 1.1 |
| 8 | -422.6431217 | 62 | 3200.75 | 714.68 | 586.4 | -1.19 | 0.32 | 1.23 |
| 9 | -422.6428258 | 63 | 3216.09 | 712.67 | 585.55 | -1.32 | 0.29 | 1.35 |
| 10 | -422.6362527 | 79 | 1839.28 | 1495.18 | 851.93 | -0.23 | -0.37 | 0.44 |
| 11 | -422.6360117 | 80 | 2072.57 | 954.21 | 697.83 | -0.05 | -0.11 | 0.09 |

Table S4: Single Point Energy (SPE; in a.u), relative energies (ΔE ; in kJ mol^{-1}) of first **Eleven** low-lying isomers of C_{11}H_8 in their ground singlet electronic states calculated at the fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//fc-CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ level of theory.

| Isomer | SPE | ΔE (kJ mol^{-1}) |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | -423.13316490 | 0 |
| 2 | -423.11979210 | 35 |
| 3 | -423.11582430 | 46 |
| 4 | -423.11082460 | 59 |
| 5 | -423.10982850 | 61 |
| 6 | -423.10935049 | 63 |
| 7 | -423.10902503 | 63 |
| 8 | -423.10830283 | 65 |
| 9 | -423.10794298 | 66 |
| 10 | -423.10649930 | 70 |
| 11 | -423.10032200 | 86 |

Table S5: Computed energies of C₁₁H₈ isomers of **1-32** in their ground electronic states calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point group | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | ΔE (kJmol ⁻¹) | $\Delta E + ZPVE$ (kJ mol ⁻¹) |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | <i>C_s</i> | -424.0375772 | 0.151674 | -423.885903 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | <i>C_s</i> | -424.0222984 | 0.151621 | -423.870678 | 40 | 35 |
| 3 | <i>C_{2v}</i> | -424.0234022 | 0.15192 | -423.871482 | 37 | 38 |
| 4 | <i>C_s</i> | -424.0217755 | 0.149052 | -423.872724 | 41 | 40 |
| 5 | <i>C_s</i> | -424.0190519 | 0.148959 | -423.870093 | 49 | 42 |
| 6 | <i>C_s</i> | -424.0179758 | 0.14886 | -423.869116 | 51 | 44 |
| 7 | <i>C_s</i> | -424.0179818 | 0.148881 | -423.869101 | 52 | 44 |
| 8 | <i>C_s</i> | -424.0178194 | 0.148818 | -423.869002 | 52 | 44 |
| 9 | <i>C_s</i> | -424.0171975 | 0.148818 | -423.86838 | 54 | 46 |
| 10 | <i>C_s</i> | -424.0144219 | 0.151226 | -423.863196 | 61 | 60 |
| 11 | <i>C₁</i> | -424.0075011 | 0.149182 | -423.858319 | 79 | 72 |
| 12 | <i>C_{2v}</i> | -424.0047913 | 0.150774 | -423.854018 | 86 | 84 |
| 13 | <i>C_s</i> | -424.002932 | 0.150877 | -423.852055 | 91 | 89 |
| 14 | <i>C_s</i> | -424.0014978 | 0.150221 | -423.851276 | 95 | 91 |
| 15 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9906357 | 0.147585 | -423.843051 | 123 | 113 |
| 16 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9897916 | 0.147754 | -423.842038 | 125 | 115 |
| 17 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9911873 | 0.150095 | -423.841092 | 122 | 118 |
| 18 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9833963 | 0.147541 | -423.835855 | 142 | 131 |
| 19 | <i>C_{2v}</i> | -423.9862837 | 0.150476 | -423.835808 | 135 | 132 |
| 20 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9820254 | 0.146432 | -423.835593 | 146 | 132 |
| 21 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9828205 | 0.147368 | -423.835453 | 144 | 132 |
| 22 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9820799 | 0.146633 | -423.835447 | 146 | 132 |
| 23 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.981681 | 0.14645 | -423.835231 | 147 | 133 |
| 24 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.9846049 | 0.149794 | -423.834811 | 139 | 134 |
| 25 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.978754 | 0.146217 | -423.832537 | 154 | 140 |
| 26 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9825043 | 0.150499 | -423.832005 | 145 | 142 |
| 27 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.977884 | 0.146189 | -423.831695 | 157 | 142 |
| 28 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9767107 | 0.146101 | -423.83061 | 160 | 145 |
| 29 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.978669 | 0.149242 | -423.829427 | 155 | 148 |
| 30 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9773871 | 0.149621 | -423.827766 | 158 | 153 |
| 31 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9713885 | 0.145429 | -423.825959 | 174 | 157 |
| 32 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9707916 | 0.145477 | -423.825315 | 175 | 159 |

Table S6: Computed energies of C₁₁H₈ isomers of **33-63** in their ground electronic states calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point Group | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | ΔE (kJ mol ⁻¹) | $\Delta E + ZPVE$ (kJ mol ⁻¹) |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 33 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9702129 | 0.145268 | -423.824945 | 177 | 160 |
| 34 | <i>C_{2v}</i> | -423.9733269 | 0.149133 | -423.824194 | 169 | 162 |
| 35 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9695026 | 0.145384 | -423.824119 | 179 | 162 |
| 36 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9690752 | 0.145026 | -423.824049 | 180 | 162 |
| 37 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.968852 | 0.145317 | -423.823535 | 180 | 164 |
| 38 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9714043 | 0.147946 | -423.823458 | 174 | 164 |
| 39 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.9650429 | 0.148091 | -423.816952 | 190 | 181 |
| 40 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.9597983 | 0.147996 | -423.811803 | 204 | 195 |
| 41 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9606609 | 0.149501 | -423.81116 | 202 | 196 |
| 42 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.9589267 | 0.149454 | -423.809473 | 206 | 201 |
| 43 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9398756 | 0.146361 | -423.793515 | 256 | 243 |
| 44 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.939899 | 0.146847 | -423.793052 | 256 | 244 |
| 45 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9372062 | 0.146041 | -423.791165 | 264 | 249 |
| 46 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9335588 | 0.145979 | -423.78758 | 273 | 258 |
| 47 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9327106 | 0.14606 | -423.786651 | 275 | 261 |
| 48 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9324176 | 0.14616 | -423.786257 | 276 | 262 |
| 49 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9310783 | 0.148616 | -423.782462 | 280 | 272 |
| 50 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.8615557 | 0.148499 | -423.713056 | 462 | 454 |
| 51 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9716171 | 0.148859 | -423.822758 | 173 | 166 |
| 52 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9716262 | 0.148952 | -423.822674 | 173 | 166 |
| 53 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9706353 | 0.148747 | -423.821888 | 176 | 168 |
| 54 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9699361 | 0.148926 | -423.82101 | 178 | 170 |
| 55 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.9467347 | 0.148096 | -423.804357 | 214 | 238 |
| 56 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9385996 | 0.148666 | -423.789934 | 260 | 252 |
| 57 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9294775 | 0.150027 | -423.77945 | 284 | 279 |
| 58 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.9224745 | 0.149759 | -423.772716 | 302 | 297 |
| 59 | <i>C_{2v}</i> | -423.8897451 | 0.145946 | -423.743799 | 388 | 373 |
| 60 | <i>C₂</i> | -423.8887296 | 0.148977 | -423.739753 | 391 | 384 |
| 61 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.8508767 | 0.146612 | -423.704265 | 490 | 477 |
| 62 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.849082 | 0.147373 | -423.701709 | 495 | 484 |
| 63 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.848391 | 0.147375 | -423.701016 | 497 | 485 |
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Table S7: Singlet-Triplet energy gaps of C_{11}H_8 isomers of **1-18** calculated at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point Group | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | $\Delta E_{\text{T-S}}$ (kJ mol ⁻¹) |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| | | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | |
| 1 | C_s | -424.0375772 | 0.151674 | -423.885903 | -423.9641732 | 0.147234 | -423.816939 | 181 |
| 2 | C_s | -424.0222984 | 0.151621 | -423.870678 | -423.9214642 | 0.144418 | -423.777047 | 204 |
| 3 | C_{2v} | -424.0234022 | 0.15192 | -423.871482 | -423.9224321 | 0.146647 | -423.775785 | 251 |
| 4 | C_s | -424.0217755 | 0.149052 | -423.872724 | -423.9397501 | 0.144764 | -423.794987 | 246 |
| 5 | C_s | -424.0190519 | 0.148959 | -423.870093 | -423.9300112 | 0.143785 | -423.786226 | 220 |
| 6 | C_s | -424.0179758 | 0.14886 | -423.869116 | -423.9161867 | 0.143555 | -423.772632 | 253 |
| 7 | C_s | -424.0179818 | 0.148881 | -423.869101 | -423.9204973 | 0.143853 | -423.776645 | 243 |
| 8 | C_s | -424.0178194 | 0.148818 | -423.869002 | -423.9247264 | 0.144105 | -423.780621 | 232 |
| 9 | C_s | -424.0171975 | 0.148818 | -423.86838 | -423.9154455 | 0.143557 | -423.771888 | 253 |
| 10 | C_s | -424.0144219 | 0.151226 | -423.863196 | -423.914996 | 0.150581 | -423.764415 | 259 |
| 11 | C_I | -424.0075011 | 0.149182 | -423.858319 | -423.9077122 | 0.144105 | -423.763607 | 249 |
| 12 | C_{2v} | -424.0047913 | 0.150774 | -423.854018 | -423.902617 | 0.145082 | -423.757535 | 253 |
| 13 | C_S | -424.002932 | 0.150877 | -423.852055 | -423.9085282 | 0.145467 | -423.763062 | 234 |
| 14 | C_s | -424.0014978 | 0.150221 | -423.851276 | -423.9799623 | 0.148427 | -423.831536 | 52 |
| 15 | C_s | -423.9906357 | 0.147585 | -423.843051 | -423.8915066 | 0.142728 | -423.748779 | 248 |
| 16 | C_s | -423.9897916 | 0.147754 | -423.842038 | -423.9554977 | 0.14542 | -423.810078 | 84 |
| 17 | C_s | -423.9911873 | 0.150095 | -423.841092 | -423.9493943 | 0.146452 | -423.802942 | 100 |
| 18 | C_s | -423.9833963 | 0.147541 | -423.835855 | -423.9438441 | 0.144965 | -423.798879 | 97 |

Table S8: Singlet-Triplet energy gaps of C₁₁H₈ isomers of **19-36** calculated at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point Group | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | ΔE_{T-S} (kJ mol ⁻¹) |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---|
| | | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | |
| 19 | <i>C</i> _{2v} | -423.9862837 | 0.150476 | -423.835808 | -423.8628865 | 0.146646 | -423.71624 | 314 |
| 20 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.9820254 | 0.146432 | -423.835593 | -423.8835931 | 0.141078 | -423.742515 | 244 |
| 21 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.9828205 | 0.147368 | -423.835453 | -423.9424513 | 0.144857 | -423.797594 | 99 |
| 22 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.9820799 | 0.146633 | -423.835447 | -423.8838995 | 0.141482 | -423.742418 | 244 |
| 23 | <i>C</i> _I | -423.981681 | 0.14645 | -423.835231 | -423.883129 | 0.141381 | -423.741748 | 245 |
| 24 | <i>C</i> _I | -423.9846049 | 0.149794 | -423.834811 | -423.9631543 | 0.148441 | -423.814714 | 53 |
| 25 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.978754 | 0.146217 | -423.832537 | -423.8806603 | 0.141269 | -423.739391 | 245 |
| 26 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.9825043 | 0.150499 | -423.832005 | -423.9439138 | 0.147555 | -423.796359 | 94 |
| 27 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.977884 | 0.146189 | -423.831695 | -423.867667 | 0.139451 | -423.728216 | 272 |
| 28 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.9767107 | 0.146101 | -423.83061 | -423.8721791 | 0.140346 | -423.731833 | 259 |
| 29 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.978669 | 0.149242 | -423.829427 | -423.9401847 | 0.14707 | -423.793115 | 95 |
| 30 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.9773871 | 0.149621 | -423.827766 | -423.8721791 | 0.140346 | -423.731833 | 259 |
| 31 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.9713885 | 0.145429 | -423.825959 | -423.9355798 | 0.14695 | -423.78863 | 103 |
| 32 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.9707916 | 0.145477 | -423.825315 | -423.8617299 | 0.138954 | -423.722776 | 269 |
| 33 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.9702129 | 0.145268 | -423.824945 | -423.8594892 | 0.138249 | -423.72124 | 272 |
| 34 | <i>C</i> _{2v} | -423.9733269 | 0.149133 | -423.824194 | -423.8871198 | 0.147291 | -423.739829 | 222 |
| 35 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.9695026 | 0.145384 | -423.824119 | -423.8591456 | 0.13856 | -423.720586 | 272 |
| 36 | <i>C</i> _s | -423.9690752 | 0.145026 | -423.824049 | -423.8665777 | 0.139529 | -423.727048 | 255 |

Table S9: Singlet-Triplet energy gaps of C₁₁H₈ isomers of **37-54** calculated at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point Group | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | $\Delta E_{\text{T-S}}$ (kJ mol ⁻¹) |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| | | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | |
| 37 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.968852 | 0.145317 | -423.823535 | -423.864378 | 0.139484 | -423.724894 | 259 |
| 38 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9714043 | 0.147946 | -423.823458 | -423.9320166 | 0.145363 | -423.786653 | 97 |
| 39 | <i>C_I</i> | -423.9650429 | 0.148091 | -423.816952 | -423.9159473 | 0.144924 | -423.771024 | 121 |
| 40 | <i>C_I</i> | -423.9597983 | 0.147996 | -423.811803 | -423.9153324 | 0.144929 | -423.770403 | 109 |
| 41 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9606609 | 0.149501 | -423.81116 | -423.9235727 | 0.147572 | -423.776001 | 92 |
| 42 | <i>C_I</i> | -423.9589267 | 0.149454 | -423.809473 | -423.9299274 | 0.147233 | -423.782694 | 70 |
| 43 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9398756 | 0.146361 | -423.793515 | -423.8948276 | 0.143675 | -423.751152 | 111 |
| 44 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.939899 | 0.146847 | -423.793052 | -423.8974135 | 0.144353 | -423.75306 | 105 |
| 45 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9372062 | 0.146041 | -423.791165 | -423.8953746 | 0.143868 | -423.751507 | 104 |
| 46 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9335588 | 0.145979 | -423.78758 | -423.8905266 | 0.143314 | -423.747212 | 106 |
| 47 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9327106 | 0.14606 | -423.786651 | -423.8896813 | 0.1433 | -423.746381 | 106 |
| 48 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9324176 | 0.14616 | -423.786257 | -423.8900261 | 0.143486 | -423.74654 | 104 |
| 49 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9310783 | 0.148616 | -423.782462 | -423.8952216 | 0.144427 | -423.750795 | 83 |
| 50 | <i>C_I</i> | -423.8615557 | 0.148499 | -423.713056 | -423.8188956 | 0.147491 | -423.671405 | 109 |
| 51 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9716171 | 0.148859 | -423.822758 | -423.9793603 | 0.148072 | -423.831288 | -22 |
| 52 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9716262 | 0.148952 | -423.822674 | -423.9805198 | 0.148095 | -423.832425 | -26 |
| 53 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9706353 | 0.148747 | -423.821888 | -423.9793814 | 0.148142 | -423.831239 | -25 |
| 54 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9699361 | 0.148926 | -423.82101 | -423.9791855 | 0.148044 | -423.831142 | -27 |

Table S10: Singlet-Triplet Energy gaps of C_1H_8 isomers of **55-63** calculated at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point Group | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | $\Delta E_{\text{T-S}}$ (kJ mol ⁻¹) |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| | | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | |
| 55 | C_I | -423.9467347 | 0.148096 | -423.804357 | -423.9399362 | 0.146225 | -423.793711 | -28 |
| 56 | C_s | -423.9385996 | 0.148666 | -423.789934 | -423.9353531 | 0.146296 | -423.789057 | 2 |
| 57 | C_s | -423.9294775 | 0.150027 | -423.77945 | -423.8475051 | 0.144341 | -423.703164 | 200 |
| 58 | C_I | -423.9224745 | 0.149759 | -423.772716 | -423.8635652 | 0.148236 | -423.715329 | 151 |
| 59 | C_{2v} | -423.8897451 | 0.145946 | -423.743799 | -423.8880799 | 0.148215 | -423.739865 | 10 |
| 60 | C_2 | -423.8887296 | 0.148977 | -423.739753 | -423.8713361 | 0.147878 | -423.723459 | 43 |
| 61 | C_I | -423.8508767 | 0.146612 | -423.704265 | -423.8740306 | 0.147688 | -423.726342 | -58 |
| 62 | C_s | -423.849082 | 0.147373 | -423.701709 | -423.8747058 | 0.147712 | -423.726994 | -66 |
| 63 | C_I | -423.848391 | 0.147375 | -423.701016 | -423.8717258 | 0.147822 | -423.723904 | -60 |

Table S11: Dipole moments (in Debye) and rotational constants (in GHz) of C₁₁H₈ isomers of **1-32** in their ground electronic states calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point Group | $\Delta E + ZPVE$ (kJ mol ⁻¹) | μ (in Debye) | Rotational Constants (in GHz) | | |
|-----------|-------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | | | A_e | B_e | C_e |
| 1 | C_s | 0 | 1.01 | 1.80935 | 1.49057 | 0.8214 |
| 2 | C_s | 35 | 0.83 | 1.8567 | 1.48846 | 0.85184 |
| 3 | C_{2v} | 38 | 0.49 | 2.05879 | 1.30006 | 0.80091 |
| 4 | C_s | 40 | 0.54 | 3.77607 | 0.67602 | 0.57541 |
| 5 | C_s | 42 | 1.00 | 2.12888 | 0.95615 | 0.6625 |
| 6 | C_s | 44 | 0.80 | 1.72278 | 1.14641 | 0.69127 |
| 7 | C_s | 44 | 1.46 | 1.73162 | 1.13648 | 0.68906 |
| 8 | C_s | 44 | 1.55 | 3.25294 | 0.72745 | 0.59669 |
| 9 | C_s | 46 | 1.72 | 3.26608 | 0.72562 | 0.59589 |
| 10 | C_s | 60 | 0.52 | 1.86262 | 1.51744 | 0.86432 |
| 11 | C_I | 72 | 0.51 | 2.12181 | 0.96248 | 0.70393 |
| 12 | C_{2v} | 84 | 0.06 | 3.08552 | 0.89258 | 0.69549 |
| 13 | C_s | 89 | 0.23 | 2.46019 | 1.01211 | 0.72052 |
| 14 | C_s | 91 | 1.89 | 1.76928 | 1.51035 | 0.81888 |
| 15 | C_s | 113 | 0.4 | 5.49699 | 0.36288 | 0.34113 |
| 16 | C_s | 115 | 0.94 | 2.15961 | 0.94662 | 0.6608 |
| 17 | C_s | 118 | 1.50 | 1.76101 | 1.50621 | 0.81577 |
| 18 | C_s | 131 | 1.02 | 1.73445 | 1.12386 | 0.68482 |
| 19 | C_{2v} | 132 | 0.17 | 3.36921 | 0.82112 | 0.6629 |
| 20 | C_s | 132 | 2.03 | 5.53305 | 0.42554 | 0.39612 |
| 21 | C_s | 132 | 1.42 | 3.22995 | 0.72828 | 0.59645 |
| 22 | C_s | 132 | 1.67 | 2.79636 | 0.57094 | 0.47552 |
| 23 | C_I | 133 | 1.66 | 3.07228 | 0.48564 | 0.42045 |
| 24 | C_I | 134 | 0.93 | 1.81627 | 1.46831 | 0.81593 |
| 25 | C_s | 140 | 1.44 | 5.50292 | 0.45326 | 0.41986 |
| 26 | C_s | 142 | 2.84 | 1.79887 | 1.48159 | 0.81244 |
| 27 | C_s | 142 | 1.18 | 2.28421 | 0.57143 | 0.45839 |
| 28 | C_s | 145 | 0.75 | 1.71444 | 0.81665 | 0.55507 |
| 29 | C_s | 148 | 0.52 | 3.39444 | 0.84606 | 0.68009 |
| 30 | C_s | 153 | 0.37 | 2.46625 | 1.01931 | 0.72444 |
| 31 | C_s | 157 | 0.54 | 2.86791 | 0.67603 | 0.54892 |
| 32 | C_s | 159 | 1.07 | 2.09663 | 0.76841 | 0.56427 |

Table S12: Dipole moments (in Debye) and rotational constants (in GHz) of C₁₁H₈ isomers of **33-63** in their ground electronic states calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point Group | $\Delta E + ZPVE$ (kJ mol ⁻¹) | μ (in Debye) | Rotational Constants (in GHz) | | |
|-----------|-------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | | | A_e | B_e | C_e |
| 33 | C_s | 160 | 1.14 | 1.39261 | 0.90195 | 0.54928 |
| 34 | C_{2v} | 162 | 0.51 | 3.28097 | 0.86657 | 0.6884 |
| 35 | C_s | 162 | 0.1 | 1.98382 | 0.88648 | 0.61501 |
| 36 | C_s | 162 | 1.43 | 1.87422 | 0.86985 | 0.59631 |
| 37 | C_s | 164 | 0.97 | 1.49709 | 1.16356 | 0.65735 |
| 38 | C_s | 164 | 0.77 | 3.1439 | 0.7242 | 0.62523 |
| 39 | C_I | 181 | 0.52 | 2.75987 | 0.78399 | 0.64947 |
| 40 | C_I | 195 | 0.85 | 1.7499 | 1.11733 | 0.71465 |
| 41 | C_s | 196 | 1.39 | 3.41132 | 0.7995 | 0.65029 |
| 42 | C_I | 201 | 0.63 | 2.76454 | 0.97712 | 0.75948 |
| 43 | C_s | 243 | 1.48 | 1.33897 | 1.31408 | 0.66592 |
| 44 | C_s | 244 | 0.9 | 2.1916 | 0.72565 | 0.54701 |
| 45 | C_s | 249 | 2.09 | 1.95403 | 0.89128 | 0.61442 |
| 46 | C_s | 258 | 1.48 | 2.07419 | 0.92019 | 0.63993 |
| 47 | C_s | 261 | 1.18 | 1.45326 | 1.12792 | 0.63755 |
| 48 | C_s | 262 | 0.68 | 1.70604 | 1.13024 | 0.6827 |
| 49 | C_s | 272 | 1.74 | 2.48014 | 0.99991 | 0.71567 |
| 50 | C_I | 454 | 2.07 | 2.64117 | 0.97093 | 0.72384 |
| 51 | C_s | 166 | 5.04 | 2.83522 | 0.88065 | 0.67194 |
| 52 | C_s | 166 | 4.23 | 2.05468 | 1.13925 | 0.73289 |
| 53 | C_s | 168 | 5.44 | 2.832 | 0.88056 | 0.67171 |
| 54 | C_s | 170 | 4.73 | 2.03363 | 1.15865 | 0.73811 |
| 55 | C_s | 220 | 1.34 | 2.20453 | 1.02886 | 0.70148 |
| 56 | C_s | 252 | 5.02 | 2.19733 | 1.04085 | 0.70629 |
| 57 | C_s | 279 | 1.58 | 2.07009 | 1.31232 | 0.89797 |
| 58 | C_I | 297 | 1.65 | 2.19764 | 1.22439 | 0.8932 |
| 59 | C_{2v} | 373 | 2.48 | 2.24459 | 1.18985 | 0.83305 |
| 60 | C_2 | 384 | 0.14 | 2.22115 | 1.16391 | 0.91473 |
| 61 | C_I | 477 | 2.03 | 2.05235 | 1.28852 | 0.92556 |
| 62 | C_s | 484 | 3.47 | 2.28951 | 1.17049 | 0.86033 |
| 63 | C_I | 485 | 1.15 | 2.08064 | 1.2423 | 0.92368 |

Table S13: NICS (1Å) (in ppm) values of C₁₁H₈ isomers of **1-36** in their ground electronic states calculated B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point group | Isotropic shift (in ppm) |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | C_s | -14.9 |
| 2 | C_s | -10.6 |
| 3 | C_{2v} | -13.92 |
| 4 | C_s | -14.59 |
| 5 | C_s | -14.68 |
| 6 | C_s | -14.11 |
| 7 | C_s | -14.42 |
| 8 | C_s | -13.44 |
| 9 | C_s | -13.47 |
| 10 | C_s | -15.15 |
| 11 | C_1 | -17.63 |
| 12 | C_{2v} | -15.59 |
| 13 | C_s | -16.40 |
| 14 | C_s | -12.34 |
| 15 | C_s | -5.13 |
| 16 | C_s | -11.02 |
| 17 | C_s | -12.39 |
| 18 | C_s | -7.75 |
| 19 | C_{2v} | -1.38 |
| 20 | C_s | -15.01 |
| 21 | C_s | -3.10 |
| 22 | C_s | -8.58 |
| 23 | C_1 | -12.28 |
| 24 | C_1 | -11.41 |
| 25 | C_s | -12.33 |
| 26 | C_s | -15.07 |
| 27 | C_s | -14.97 |
| 28 | C_s | -9.51 |
| 29 | C_s | -3.51 |
| 30 | C_s | -7.04 |
| 31 | C_s | -10.54 |
| 32 | C_s | -11.78 |
| 33 | C_s | -9.86 |
| 34 | C_{2v} | -1.05 |
| 35 | C_s | -15.16 |
| 36 | C_s | -13.21 |

Table S14: NICS (1Å) (in ppm) values of C₁₁H₈ isomers of **37-63** in their ground electronic states calculated B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point Group | Isotropic shift (ppm) |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 37 | <i>C_s</i> | -14.95 |
| 38 | <i>C_s</i> | -4.51 |
| 39 | <i>C_I</i> | -3.86 |
| 40 | <i>C_I</i> | -12.79 |
| 41 | <i>C_s</i> | 11.61 |
| 42 | <i>C_I</i> | -16.59 |
| 43 | <i>C_s</i> | -10.31 |
| 44 | <i>C_s</i> | -11.91 |
| 45 | <i>C_s</i> | -6.79 |
| 46 | <i>C_s</i> | -5.16 |
| 47 | <i>C_s</i> | -4.52 |
| 48 | <i>C_s</i> | -8.34 |
| 49 | <i>C_s</i> | -2.43 |
| 50 | <i>C_I</i> | -12.45 |
| 51 | <i>C_s</i> | -15.63 |
| 52 | <i>C_s</i> | -13.98 |
| 53 | <i>C_s</i> | -15.68 |
| 54 | <i>C_s</i> | -16.49 |
| 55 | <i>C_s</i> | -13.98 |
| 56 | <i>C_s</i> | -14.08 |
| 57 | <i>C_s</i> | -29.39 |
| 58 | <i>C_I</i> | -39.38 |
| 59 | <i>C_{2v}</i> | 115.94 |
| 60 | <i>C₂</i> | -47.83 |
| 61 | <i>C_I</i> | -34.46 |
| 62 | <i>C_s</i> | -68.28 |
| 63 | <i>C_I</i> | -40.65 |

Table S15: T₁ Diagnostic values of C₁₁H₈ isomers of **1-32** in their ground electronic states calculated CCSD/6-311+G(D,P)//B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point group | T ₁ Diagnostic |
|-----------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | C_s | 0.011 |
| 2 | C_s | 0.011 |
| 3 | C_{2v} | 0.011 |
| 4 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 5 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 6 | C_s | 0.011 |
| 7 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 8 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 9 | C_s | 0.011 |
| 10 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 11 | C_I | 0.012 |
| 12 | C_{2v} | 0.012 |
| 13 | C_s | 0.011 |
| 14 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 15 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 16 | C_s | 0.015 |
| 17 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 18 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 19 | C_{2v} | 0.011 |
| 20 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 21 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 22 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 23 | C_I | 0.001 |
| 24 | C_I | 0.014 |
| 25 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 26 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 27 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 28 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 29 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 30 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 31 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 32 | C_s | 0.012 |

Table S16: T_1 diagnostic values of $C_{11}H_8$ isomers of **33-63** in their ground electronic states calculated CCSD/6-311+G(D,P)//B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point Group | T_1 Diagnostic |
|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| 33 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 34 | C_{2v} | 0.013 |
| 35 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 36 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 37 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 38 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 39 | C_I | 0.012 |
| 40 | C_I | 0.012 |
| 41 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 42 | C_I | 0.013 |
| 43 | C_s | 0.015 |
| 44 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 45 | C_s | 0.015 |
| 46 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 47 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 48 | C_s | 0.012 |
| 49 | C_s | 0.018 |
| 50 | C_I | 0.015 |
| 51 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 52 | C_s | 0.015 |
| 53 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 54 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 55 | C_s | 0.013 |
| 56 | C_s | 0.014 |
| 57 | C_s | 0.014 |
| 58 | C_I | 0.015 |
| 59 | C_{2v} | 0.014 |
| 60 | C_2 | 0.027 |
| 61 | C_I | 0.025 |
| 62 | C_s | 0.035 |
| 63 | C_I | 0.070 |

Table S17: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**1**) and 2aH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**2**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-1

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.274920 | -2.478917 | 0.000000 | C | -0.480906 | -2.453809 | 0.000000 |
| H | -0.384534 | -3.558161 | 0.000000 | H | -0.651989 | -3.524880 | 0.000000 |
| C | -1.308678 | -0.303294 | 0.000000 | C | -1.362887 | -0.197458 | 0.000000 |
| C | -1.450179 | -1.695433 | 0.000000 | C | -1.588389 | -1.609519 | 0.000000 |
| H | -2.416827 | -2.187578 | 0.000000 | H | -2.587495 | -2.030657 | 0.000000 |
| C | 1.176118 | -0.555403 | 0.000000 | C | 1.117608 | -0.619178 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.140753 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.164802 | 0.000000 |
| C | -2.097883 | 0.952681 | 0.000000 | C | -2.057334 | 1.022348 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.125000 | 1.571185 | 0.000000 | C | 0.235930 | 1.581409 | 0.000000 |
| C | 1.033397 | -1.948327 | 0.000000 | C | 0.872974 | -2.001787 | 0.000000 |
| H | 1.880661 | -2.625694 | 0.000000 | H | 1.671721 | -2.735648 | 0.000000 |
| C | -1.265828 | 2.045859 | 0.000000 | C | -1.035823 | 2.152320 | 0.000000 |
| H | -1.595473 | 3.075336 | 0.000000 | H | -1.305462 | 3.199621 | 0.000000 |
| H | -3.179366 | 1.009745 | 0.000000 | H | -3.127733 | 1.177753 | 0.000000 |
| C | 1.455943 | 1.839419 | 0.000000 | C | 1.642898 | 1.744092 | 0.000000 |
| C | 2.260029 | 0.523431 | 0.000000 | C | 2.304559 | 0.353493 | 0.000000 |
| H | 2.916394 | 0.464114 | 0.877133 | H | 2.950237 | 0.214337 | 0.877008 |
| H | 1.944757 | 2.806393 | 0.000000 | H | 2.208703 | 2.664854 | 0.000000 |
| H | 2.916394 | 0.464114 | -0.877133 | H | 2.950237 | 0.214337 | -0.877008 |

Isomer-2

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.420264 | 0.208306 | 0.000000 | C | 0.509977 | 0.255289 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.223653 | -0.404606 | 1.226278 | C | 0.259426 | -0.359651 | 1.222535 |
| C | 0.223653 | -1.806552 | 1.234564 | C | 0.259426 | -1.844601 | 1.230303 |
| C | 0.287632 | -2.476775 | 0.000000 | C | 0.236898 | -2.507537 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.223653 | -1.806552 | -1.234564 | C | 0.259426 | -1.844601 | -1.230303 |
| C | 0.223653 | -0.404606 | -1.226278 | C | 0.259426 | -0.359651 | -1.222535 |
| C | -0.285066 | 0.666649 | -2.111277 | C | -0.352847 | 0.626193 | -2.057436 |
| C | -0.473356 | 1.807651 | -1.402887 | C | -0.509834 | 1.822651 | -1.371653 |
| C | 0.112392 | 1.655245 | 0.000000 | C | 0.140045 | 1.699967 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.473356 | 1.807651 | 1.402887 | C | -0.509834 | 1.822651 | 1.371653 |
| C | -0.285066 | 0.666649 | 2.111277 | C | -0.352847 | 0.626193 | 2.057436 |
| H | 0.094103 | -2.376217 | 2.148226 | H | 0.299926 | -2.403265 | 2.157309 |
| H | 0.279597 | -3.561548 | 0.000000 | H | 0.245807 | -3.592911 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.094103 | -2.376217 | -2.148226 | H | 0.299926 | -2.403265 | -2.157309 |
| H | -0.524159 | 0.543884 | -3.160877 | H | -0.678616 | 0.459974 | -3.077838 |
| H | -0.823698 | 2.745335 | -1.815566 | H | -0.857157 | 2.752713 | -1.802328 |
| H | 1.039578 | 2.257186 | 0.000000 | H | 1.030332 | 2.352650 | 0.000000 |
| H | -0.823698 | 2.745335 | 1.815566 | H | -0.857157 | 2.752713 | 1.802328 |
| H | -0.524159 | 0.543884 | 3.160877 | H | -0.678616 | 0.459974 | 3.077838 |

Table S18: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1H-cyclobuta[de]naphthalene (**3**) and 2-ethynyl-1H-indene (**4**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-3

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.226419 | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -1.157440 | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.000000 | 1.328222 | -1.681702 | C | 0.000000 | 1.314880 |
| C | 0.000000 | 2.412400 | -0.806900 | C | 0.000000 | 2.466903 |
| C | 0.000000 | 2.324081 | 0.629360 | C | 0.000000 | 2.377400 |
| C | 0.000000 | 1.049132 | 1.139700 | C | 0.000000 | 1.046230 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 2.312437 | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.000000 | -1.049132 | 1.139700 | C | 0.000000 | -1.046230 |
| C | 0.000000 | -2.324081 | 0.629360 | C | 0.000000 | -2.377400 |
| C | 0.000000 | -2.412400 | -0.806900 | C | 0.000000 | -2.466903 |
| C | 0.000000 | -1.328222 | -1.681702 | C | 0.000000 | -1.314880 |
| H | 0.000000 | 1.512999 | -2.750767 | H | 0.000000 | 1.505611 |
| H | 0.000000 | 3.407032 | -1.241296 | H | 0.000000 | 3.450008 |
| H | 0.000000 | 3.232399 | 1.221258 | H | 0.000000 | 3.274640 |
| H | 0.891575 | 0.000000 | 2.943805 | H | 0.891528 | 0.000000 |
| H | -0.891575 | 0.000000 | 2.943805 | H | -0.891528 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.000000 | -3.232399 | 1.221258 | H | 0.000000 | -3.274640 |
| H | 0.000000 | -3.407032 | -1.241296 | H | 0.000000 | -3.450008 |
| H | 0.000000 | -1.512999 | -2.750767 | H | 0.000000 | -1.505611 |

Isomer-4

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.902652 | 2.342129 | 0.000000 | C | 2.927539 | -0.739404 |
| H | -2.323853 | 3.341230 | 0.000000 | H | 3.871088 | -1.274044 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.879157 | 0.000000 | C | 0.505784 | -0.726647 |
| C | -0.517905 | 2.175788 | 0.000000 | C | 1.742991 | -1.444690 |
| H | 0.140710 | 3.037484 | 0.000000 | H | 1.740458 | -2.528739 |
| C | -2.238164 | -0.065355 | 0.000000 | C | 1.728774 | 1.396549 |
| H | -2.908280 | -0.918886 | 0.000000 | H | 1.752048 | 2.481594 |
| C | -0.862317 | -0.237557 | 0.000000 | C | 0.532652 | 0.718527 |
| C | 1.392656 | -0.958909 | 0.000000 | C | -1.723698 | -0.009165 |
| C | 1.375096 | 0.398402 | 0.000000 | C | -0.800975 | -1.180611 |
| H | 2.252760 | 1.031507 | 0.000000 | H | -1.133197 | -2.208710 |
| C | -0.030789 | -1.495388 | 0.000000 | C | -0.883727 | 1.260268 |
| H | -0.217390 | -2.121705 | 0.879961 | H | -1.091342 | 1.884455 |
| H | -0.217390 | -2.121705 | -0.879961 | H | -1.091438 | 1.884382 |
| C | 2.528237 | -1.798802 | 0.000000 | C | -3.082300 | -0.059212 |
| C | 3.475499 | -2.547140 | 0.000000 | C | -4.310837 | -0.103303 |
| H | 4.316471 | -3.196379 | 0.000000 | H | -5.372425 | -0.142349 |
| C | -2.755331 | 1.234869 | 0.000000 | C | 2.937457 | 0.671447 |
| H | -3.829005 | 1.385292 | 0.000000 | H | 3.882845 | 1.200856 |

Table S19: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 3-ethynyl-1H-indene (**5**) and 7-ethynyl-1H-indene (**6**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-5

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 2.738714 | 0.653882 | 0.000000 | C | 2.787909 | 0.364812 |
| C | 1.855816 | 1.736750 | 0.000000 | C | 2.027515 | 1.547985 |
| H | 3.807936 | 0.833544 | 0.000000 | H | 3.870246 | 0.423273 |
| H | 2.248577 | 2.747392 | 0.000000 | H | 2.534549 | 2.506386 |
| C | -2.542543 | 0.512573 | 0.000000 | C | -2.444589 | 0.802007 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.223195 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.241572 |
| C | 0.885684 | -0.869271 | 0.000000 | C | 0.778051 | -0.955783 |
| C | 2.257474 | -0.659415 | 0.000000 | C | 2.158425 | -0.888818 |
| H | 2.950127 | -1.494822 | 0.000000 | H | 2.756305 | -1.794466 |
| C | -3.507168 | 1.235298 | 0.000000 | C | -3.404718 | 1.556493 |
| H | -4.365591 | 1.861443 | 0.000000 | H | -4.236608 | 2.217172 |
| C | -1.380646 | -0.303014 | 0.000000 | C | -1.381482 | -0.073151 |
| C | 0.084779 | -2.149221 | 0.000000 | C | -0.119416 | -2.182928 |
| H | 0.297372 | -2.772243 | 0.878408 | H | 0.063159 | -2.824440 |
| C | -1.337724 | -1.657025 | 0.000000 | C | -1.493118 | -1.579898 |
| H | 0.297372 | -2.772243 | -0.878408 | H | 0.063159 | -2.824440 |
| H | -2.201214 | -2.307992 | 0.000000 | H | -2.427761 | -2.120182 |
| C | 0.475253 | 1.532038 | 0.000000 | C | 0.645077 | 1.501962 |
| H | -0.212417 | 2.370182 | 0.000000 | H | 0.055020 | 2.411181 |

Isomer-6

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.574398 | -1.943145 | 0.000000 | C | 1.123224 | -1.681177 |
| C | -0.777492 | -2.275595 | 0.000000 | C | -0.080792 | -2.419924 |
| H | -1.065659 | -3.320775 | 0.000000 | H | -0.025095 | -3.502978 |
| C | 2.373492 | -0.253877 | 0.000000 | C | 2.329992 | 0.482894 |
| C | 3.541678 | 0.043421 | 0.000000 | C | 3.365696 | 1.099885 |
| H | 4.573132 | 0.298270 | 0.000000 | H | 4.279493 | 1.641967 |
| C | -1.365347 | 0.051234 | 0.000000 | C | -1.359360 | -0.356852 |
| C | -1.762492 | -1.285124 | 0.000000 | C | -1.306623 | -1.800854 |
| H | -2.813032 | -1.554390 | 0.000000 | H | -2.224996 | -2.376143 |
| C | 0.987093 | -0.594432 | 0.000000 | C | 1.104194 | -0.247364 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.394392 | 0.000000 | C | -0.111982 | 0.397783 |
| C | -1.311784 | 2.349489 | 0.000000 | C | -1.920232 | 1.900966 |
| H | -1.605568 | 3.390865 | 0.000000 | H | -2.534004 | 2.789591 |
| C | -2.144690 | 1.293013 | 0.000000 | C | -2.421252 | 0.510304 |
| H | -3.226595 | 1.333835 | 0.000000 | H | -3.466895 | 0.233403 |
| C | 0.127780 | 1.895760 | 0.000000 | C | -0.414308 | 1.884842 |
| H | 0.677360 | 2.261645 | 0.876255 | H | 0.021398 | 2.391562 |
| H | 0.677360 | 2.261645 | -0.876255 | H | 0.021545 | 2.391673 |
| H | 1.327179 | -2.721920 | 0.000000 | H | 2.077209 | -2.192100 |

Table S20: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 4-ethynyl-1H-indene (**7**) and 6-ethynyl-1H-indene (**8**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-7

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.632423 | -2.303947 | 0.000000 | C | -0.530126 | -2.316645 |
| C | 1.044633 | -0.535251 | 0.000000 | C | 1.111072 | -0.510791 |
| C | 0.699197 | -1.900042 | 0.000000 | C | 0.792675 | -1.870918 |
| H | -0.866747 | -3.362301 | 0.000000 | H | -0.730983 | -3.381255 |
| H | 1.490808 | -2.639573 | 0.000000 | H | 1.600421 | -2.593379 |
| C | 2.410906 | -0.126348 | 0.000000 | C | 2.443717 | -0.057787 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.405735 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.447021 |
| C | -1.344222 | -0.014337 | 0.000000 | C | -1.372724 | -0.058641 |
| C | -1.668567 | -1.361717 | 0.000000 | C | -1.626031 | -1.393620 |
| H | -2.703254 | -1.688358 | 0.000000 | H | -2.642374 | -1.773241 |
| C | 3.565099 | 0.222241 | 0.000000 | C | 3.579374 | 0.362217 |
| H | 4.583408 | 0.525153 | 0.000000 | H | 4.580523 | 0.717786 |
| C | 0.028273 | 1.868113 | 0.000000 | C | -0.007962 | 1.813789 |
| H | 0.935371 | 2.457314 | 0.000000 | H | 0.868488 | 2.447188 |
| C | -2.229437 | 1.209638 | 0.000000 | C | -2.331302 | 1.122787 |
| H | -2.885968 | 1.243649 | 0.878465 | H | -2.995716 | 1.112667 |
| C | -1.231782 | 2.341770 | 0.000000 | C | -1.390724 | 2.299439 |
| H | -2.885968 | 1.243649 | -0.878465 | H | -2.995716 | 1.112667 |
| H | -1.517709 | 3.385339 | 0.000000 | H | -1.692455 | 3.336462 |

Isomer-8

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.138392 | 2.481208 | 0.000000 | C | 0.172361 | 2.510387 |
| C | -1.635424 | 2.676446 | 0.000000 | C | 1.674950 | 2.657057 |
| C | -2.271656 | 1.490083 | 0.000000 | C | 2.291967 | 1.361995 |
| C | -1.289925 | 0.404816 | 0.000000 | C | 1.430982 | -1.067472 |
| C | -1.444816 | -0.981726 | 0.000000 | C | 0.298851 | -1.813233 |
| C | -0.309995 | -1.786766 | 0.000000 | C | -1.020511 | -1.200485 |
| C | 0.980620 | -1.223778 | 0.000000 | C | -1.122719 | 0.244869 |
| C | 1.128949 | 0.179011 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.999104 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.976668 | 0.000000 | C | 1.333858 | 0.378363 |
| C | 2.131778 | -2.067049 | 0.000000 | C | -2.162683 | -1.995910 |
| C | 3.105310 | -2.778434 | 0.000000 | C | -3.161128 | -2.693040 |
| H | 0.332511 | 2.939788 | 0.878417 | H | -0.295073 | 2.980164 |
| H | 0.332511 | 2.939788 | -0.878417 | H | -0.295073 | 2.980164 |
| H | -2.106850 | 3.650378 | 0.000000 | H | 2.198565 | 3.602339 |
| H | -3.344427 | 1.343804 | 0.000000 | H | 3.361628 | 1.194395 |
| H | -2.431281 | -1.432300 | 0.000000 | H | 2.406056 | -1.541748 |
| H | -0.408202 | -2.865575 | 0.000000 | H | 0.351459 | -2.895416 |
| H | 2.124815 | 0.607571 | 0.000000 | H | -2.110864 | 0.691399 |
| H | 3.962221 | -3.406335 | 0.000000 | H | -4.032257 | -3.301110 |

Table S21: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 5-ethynyl-1H-indene (**9**) and 7bH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**10**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-9

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.027533 | -1.192764 | 0.000000 | C | -1.083558 | -1.145767 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.251337 | -1.780840 | 0.000000 | C | 0.210779 | -1.773066 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.330686 | -2.861015 | 0.000000 | H | 0.265126 | -2.853797 | 0.000000 |
| C | -2.194122 | -2.017449 | 0.000000 | C | -2.250305 | -1.968502 | 0.000000 |
| C | -3.178555 | -2.712868 | 0.000000 | C | -3.223538 | -2.679749 | 0.000000 |
| H | -4.046039 | -3.326121 | 0.000000 | H | -4.084928 | -3.301709 | 0.000000 |
| C | 1.276677 | 0.388309 | 0.000000 | C | 1.306221 | 0.370717 | 0.000000 |
| C | 1.402932 | -0.992983 | 0.000000 | C | 1.387584 | -0.998112 | 0.000000 |
| H | 2.379417 | -1.466059 | 0.000000 | H | 2.350420 | -1.498953 | 0.000000 |
| C | -1.151744 | 0.208333 | 0.000000 | C | -1.191491 | 0.228108 | 0.000000 |
| H | -2.137226 | 0.659001 | 0.000000 | H | -2.166973 | 0.698897 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.987781 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 1.032156 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.178656 | 2.442902 | 0.000000 | C | 0.169911 | 2.391752 | 0.000000 |
| H | -0.634209 | 3.157982 | 0.000000 | H | -0.618151 | 3.132415 | 0.000000 |
| C | 1.491214 | 2.737161 | 0.000000 | C | 1.613341 | 2.701418 | 0.000000 |
| H | 1.919657 | 3.730735 | 0.000000 | H | 2.039434 | 3.694249 | 0.000000 |
| C | 2.322958 | 1.476599 | 0.000000 | C | 2.407382 | 1.419616 | 0.000000 |
| H | 2.978400 | 1.420194 | 0.878267 | H | 3.068555 | 1.328735 | 0.876549 |
| H | 2.978400 | 1.420194 | -0.878267 | H | 3.068555 | 1.328735 | -0.876549 |

Isomer-10

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.237227 | -2.430121 | 0.000000 | C | 0.214497 | -2.426321 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.202271 | -3.514982 | 0.000000 | H | 0.151906 | -3.511794 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.165710 | -0.387939 | 1.282257 | C | 0.189663 | -0.388196 | 1.289902 |
| C | 0.165710 | -1.780738 | 1.255182 | C | 0.189663 | -1.798158 | 1.271521 |
| H | -0.011770 | -2.377634 | 2.143854 | H | 0.032109 | -2.397367 | 2.159200 |
| C | 0.165710 | -0.387939 | -1.282257 | C | 0.189663 | -0.388196 | -1.289902 |
| C | 0.546963 | 0.248499 | 0.000000 | C | 0.535308 | 0.248292 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.253233 | 0.679835 | 2.103004 | C | -0.230611 | 0.682963 | 2.117634 |
| C | -0.030886 | 1.610138 | 0.000000 | C | -0.124861 | 1.587998 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.165710 | -1.780738 | -1.255182 | C | 0.189663 | -1.798158 | -1.271521 |
| H | -0.011770 | -2.377634 | -2.143854 | H | 0.032109 | -2.397367 | -2.159200 |
| C | -0.385168 | 1.868951 | 1.335693 | C | -0.402358 | 1.888165 | 1.360170 |
| H | -0.814293 | 2.785220 | 1.722581 | H | -0.784376 | 2.817189 | 1.756848 |
| H | -0.517420 | 0.607982 | 3.151405 | H | -0.490576 | 0.592120 | 3.165673 |
| C | -0.385168 | 1.868951 | -1.335693 | C | -0.402358 | 1.888165 | -1.360170 |
| H | -0.814293 | 2.785220 | -1.722581 | H | -0.784376 | 2.817189 | -1.756848 |
| C | -0.253233 | 0.679835 | -2.103004 | C | -0.230611 | 0.682963 | -2.117634 |
| H | -0.517420 | 0.607982 | -3.151405 | H | -0.490576 | 0.592120 | -3.165673 |
| H | 1.648640 | 0.351445 | 0.000000 | H | 1.627832 | 0.410795 | 0.000000 |

Table S22: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1-ethynyl-1H-indene (**11**) and 1H-cyclopropa[b]naphthalene (**12**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-11

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 2.757342 | -0.375159 | -0.274903 | C | 2.756902 | -0.469304 | -0.242905 |
| H | 3.815935 | -0.443924 | -0.499401 | H | 3.814949 | -0.605706 | -0.438309 |
| C | 0.747136 | 0.921174 | -0.081221 | C | 0.802356 | 0.952782 | -0.055183 |
| C | 2.109547 | 0.858032 | -0.370156 | C | 2.209689 | 0.787182 | -0.310012 |
| H | 2.657193 | 1.746079 | -0.666641 | H | 2.816925 | 1.648279 | -0.564941 |
| C | 0.690565 | -1.461447 | 0.396166 | C | 0.586119 | -1.468517 | 0.332088 |
| H | 0.147662 | -2.356260 | 0.680696 | H | -0.010416 | -2.342835 | 0.569803 |
| C | 0.049563 | -0.237626 | 0.305683 | C | 0.017608 | -0.221306 | 0.296212 |
| C | -1.419991 | 1.623098 | 0.251055 | C | -1.402523 | 1.662130 | 0.185397 |
| C | -0.196153 | 2.043484 | -0.105085 | C | -0.004473 | 2.062482 | -0.105321 |
| H | 0.069366 | 3.057851 | -0.375406 | H | 0.307609 | 3.071029 | -0.338865 |
| C | -1.401026 | 0.137000 | 0.589916 | C | -1.427021 | 0.199050 | 0.596798 |
| H | -1.590076 | 0.025377 | 1.669032 | H | -1.615240 | 0.104253 | 1.681987 |
| C | -2.398770 | -0.656509 | -0.125076 | C | -2.447452 | -0.597814 | -0.088166 |
| C | -3.228757 | -1.309742 | -0.699487 | C | -3.292975 | -1.248801 | -0.643566 |
| H | -3.957166 | -1.885893 | -1.215562 | H | -4.036317 | -1.822001 | -1.141393 |
| C | 2.057331 | -1.523574 | 0.101180 | C | 1.965273 | -1.605198 | 0.069888 |
| H | 2.577171 | -2.472917 | 0.162676 | H | 2.428666 | -2.583176 | 0.118240 |
| H | -2.320812 | 2.217293 | 0.316173 | H | -2.287192 | 2.214050 | -0.097893 |

Isomer-12

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.000000 | -1.396349 | -1.553318 | C | 0.000000 | 1.392248 | -1.550794 |
| C | 0.000000 | 1.396349 | -1.553318 | C | 0.000000 | -1.392248 | -1.550794 |
| H | 0.000000 | -2.481661 | -1.554411 | H | 0.000000 | 2.476776 | -1.562280 |
| H | 0.000000 | 2.481661 | -1.554411 | H | 0.000000 | -2.476776 | -1.562280 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.722236 | -0.306774 | C | 0.000000 | -0.731828 | -0.309475 |
| C | 0.000000 | -0.722236 | -0.306774 | C | 0.000000 | 0.731828 | -0.309475 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.684305 | 2.043685 | C | 0.000000 | -0.657589 | 2.084090 |
| C | 0.000000 | -0.684305 | 2.043685 | C | 0.000000 | 0.657589 | 2.084090 |
| C | 0.000000 | 1.458477 | 0.930055 | C | 0.000000 | -1.467537 | 0.913677 |
| H | 0.000000 | 2.543577 | 0.915548 | H | 0.000000 | -2.550540 | 0.908487 |
| C | 0.000000 | -1.458477 | 0.930055 | C | 0.000000 | 1.467537 | 0.913677 |
| H | 0.000000 | -2.543577 | 0.915548 | H | 0.000000 | 2.550540 | 0.908487 |
| C | 0.000000 | -0.705309 | -2.744134 | C | 0.000000 | 0.680637 | -2.799260 |
| H | 0.000000 | -1.244303 | -3.684891 | H | 0.000000 | 1.239268 | -3.727791 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.705309 | -2.744134 | C | 0.000000 | -0.680637 | -2.799260 |
| H | 0.000000 | 1.244303 | -3.684891 | H | 0.000000 | -1.239268 | -3.727791 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 3.377098 | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 3.436394 |
| H | 0.910734 | 0.000000 | 3.975381 | H | -0.910069 | 0.000000 | 4.042973 |
| H | -0.910734 | 0.000000 | 3.975381 | H | 0.910069 | 0.000000 | 4.042973 |

Table S23: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1H-cyclopropa[a]naphthalene (**13**) and 2H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**14**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-13

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.000000 | 0.618707 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.628012 |
| C | -0.878369 | 1.730786 | 0.000000 | C | -0.863815 | 1.733385 |
| H | -0.459381 | 2.730615 | 0.000000 | H | -0.445202 | 2.732719 |
| C | 1.401231 | 0.631038 | 0.000000 | C | 1.394079 | 0.627910 |
| C | -0.538670 | -0.724061 | 0.000000 | C | -0.549190 | -0.729091 |
| C | 1.707789 | -1.767125 | 0.000000 | C | 1.773560 | -1.769966 |
| H | 2.340081 | -2.647151 | 0.000000 | H | 2.389757 | -2.661177 |
| C | 0.324092 | -1.865147 | 0.000000 | C | 0.316559 | -1.865682 |
| H | -0.142187 | -2.845376 | 0.000000 | H | -0.143504 | -2.847938 |
| C | -1.951441 | -0.870321 | 0.000000 | C | -1.945068 | -0.861562 |
| H | -2.373792 | -1.870084 | 0.000000 | H | -2.385087 | -1.852633 |
| C | -2.778890 | 0.228072 | 0.000000 | C | -2.808064 | 0.288126 |
| C | -3.854853 | 0.094647 | 0.000000 | H | -3.881668 | 0.137849 |
| C | 2.174668 | -0.448671 | 0.000000 | C | 2.214132 | -0.498174 |
| C | -2.239452 | 1.537109 | 0.000000 | C | -2.286367 | 1.549489 |
| H | -2.909060 | 2.389998 | 0.000000 | H | -2.935385 | 2.417273 |
| C | 2.887163 | 0.878114 | 0.000000 | C | 2.867826 | 0.844622 |
| H | 3.375232 | 1.228172 | 0.910678 | H | 3.359588 | 1.195748 |
| H | 3.375232 | 1.228172 | -0.910678 | H | 3.359588 | 1.195748 |
| | | | | | | -0.909324 |

Isomer-14

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.000000 | 0.176649 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.138252 |
| C | -1.338434 | -0.313447 | 0.000000 | C | -1.346899 | -0.189234 |
| C | -1.428025 | -1.677596 | 0.000000 | C | -1.616693 | -1.573926 |
| C | -0.201937 | -2.475494 | 0.000000 | C | -0.514614 | -2.461845 |
| C | 1.074968 | -1.969301 | 0.000000 | C | 0.833443 | -2.066615 |
| C | 1.232433 | -0.532487 | 0.000000 | C | 1.126358 | -0.672142 |
| C | 2.216866 | 0.429833 | 0.000000 | C | 2.238400 | 0.222301 |
| C | 1.570394 | 1.820151 | 0.000000 | C | 1.764057 | 1.690444 |
| C | 0.088741 | 1.522045 | 0.000000 | C | 0.251824 | 1.546652 |
| C | -1.302318 | 1.998229 | 0.000000 | C | -0.993449 | 2.154462 |
| C | -2.154986 | 0.911276 | 0.000000 | C | -1.998342 | 1.110176 |
| H | -2.375602 | -2.207745 | 0.000000 | H | -2.624122 | -1.974292 |
| H | -0.326610 | -3.553404 | 0.000000 | H | -0.726939 | -3.525843 |
| H | 1.926168 | -2.640636 | 0.000000 | H | 1.613299 | -2.819167 |
| H | 3.289194 | 0.281968 | 0.000000 | H | 3.285962 | -0.050359 |
| H | 1.901207 | 2.395365 | -0.875876 | H | 2.137965 | 2.237440 |
| H | 1.901207 | 2.395365 | 0.875876 | H | 2.137965 | 2.237440 |
| H | -1.627354 | 3.030593 | 0.000000 | H | -1.222812 | 3.210929 |
| H | -3.234426 | 0.959352 | 0.000000 | H | -3.065834 | 1.292702 |
| | | | | | | 0.000000 |

Table S24: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of penta-1,3-diyn-1-ylbenzene (**15**) and 1-ethynyl-2H-indene (**16**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-15

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.009755 | -3.893787 | 0.000000 | C | 0.003512 | -3.893188 |
| C | -1.214825 | -3.190981 | 0.000000 | C | -1.223729 | -3.179233 |
| C | -1.216836 | -1.800899 | 0.000000 | C | -1.248887 | -1.813872 |
| C | -0.003343 | -1.087575 | 0.000000 | C | 0.001074 | -1.045294 |
| C | 1.206875 | -1.806458 | 0.000000 | C | 1.252349 | -1.811739 |
| C | 1.198525 | -3.196507 | 0.000000 | C | 1.229535 | -3.177135 |
| H | -0.012234 | -4.977789 | 0.000000 | H | 0.004439 | -4.975813 |
| H | -2.156640 | -3.728031 | 0.000000 | H | -2.158167 | -3.730082 |
| H | -2.151331 | -1.253002 | 0.000000 | H | -2.184710 | -1.269119 |
| H | 2.143859 | -1.262830 | 0.000000 | H | 2.187233 | -1.265377 |
| H | 2.137877 | -3.737855 | 0.000000 | H | 2.164917 | -3.726380 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.333800 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.297349 |
| C | 0.003222 | 1.548440 | 0.000000 | C | -0.000888 | 1.564894 |
| C | 0.007274 | 2.909290 | 0.000000 | C | -0.001570 | 2.882187 |
| C | 0.011002 | 4.120944 | 0.000000 | C | -0.000169 | 4.119939 |
| C | 0.015724 | 5.573797 | 0.000000 | C | -0.007866 | 5.567986 |
| H | -0.493673 | 5.968315 | 0.884649 | H | -0.522729 | 5.964368 |
| H | 1.038638 | 5.962483 | 0.000000 | H | 1.011578 | 5.966673 |
| H | -0.493673 | 5.968315 | -0.884649 | H | -0.522729 | 5.964368 |
| | | | | | | -0.883532 |

Isomer-16

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 2.816655 | 0.217252 | 0.000000 | C | 2.750223 | 0.722060 |
| C | 2.071543 | 1.458371 | 0.000000 | C | 1.852550 | 1.783324 |
| H | 3.899907 | 0.267716 | 0.000000 | H | 3.815934 | 0.921568 |
| H | 2.625934 | 2.390411 | 0.000000 | H | 2.222525 | 2.802030 |
| C | -2.414374 | 0.875251 | 0.000000 | C | -2.515443 | 0.450210 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.233598 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.242777 |
| C | 0.752896 | -1.032235 | 0.000000 | C | 0.921523 | -0.859698 |
| C | 2.192537 | -0.989283 | 0.000000 | C | 2.297438 | -0.608778 |
| H | 2.759351 | -1.913802 | 0.000000 | H | 3.006966 | -1.428739 |
| C | -3.342659 | 1.650755 | 0.000000 | C | -3.550948 | 1.092271 |
| H | -4.155317 | 2.334864 | 0.000000 | H | -4.453387 | 1.653043 |
| C | -1.349707 | -0.041012 | 0.000000 | C | -1.348578 | -0.286048 |
| C | -0.122989 | -2.076626 | 0.000000 | C | 0.192040 | -2.075851 |
| H | 0.123566 | -3.129574 | 0.000000 | H | 0.626794 | -3.066540 |
| C | -1.520217 | -1.541886 | 0.000000 | C | -1.289069 | -1.807596 |
| H | -2.091309 | -1.878183 | 0.875993 | H | -1.800678 | -2.235180 |
| H | -2.091309 | -1.878183 | -0.875993 | H | -1.800678 | -2.235180 |
| C | 0.711150 | 1.478309 | 0.000000 | C | 0.460254 | 1.549025 |
| H | 0.160171 | 2.411778 | 0.000000 | H | -0.237415 | 2.378822 |
| | | | | | | 0.000000 |

Table S25: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 6H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**17**) and 4-ethynyl-2H-indene (**18**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-17

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -2.484637 | C | 0.032020 | -2.544558 |
| H | 0.000000 | -0.863310 | -3.169566 | H | 0.916891 | -3.206241 |
| C | -1.298632 | 0.000000 | -0.370453 | C | 0.009987 | -0.381071 |
| C | -1.313815 | 0.000000 | -1.723435 | C | 0.009987 | -1.756311 |
| H | -2.222038 | 0.000000 | -2.319217 | H | -0.002717 | -2.327427 |
| C | 1.298632 | 0.000000 | -0.370453 | C | 0.009987 | -0.381071 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.213070 | C | 0.020997 | 0.189802 |
| C | -2.201536 | 0.000000 | 0.802938 | C | -0.014812 | 0.806074 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 1.562102 | C | -0.006334 | 1.634626 |
| C | 1.313815 | 0.000000 | -1.723435 | C | 0.009987 | -1.756311 |
| C | -1.427356 | 0.000000 | 1.940149 | C | -0.024338 | 1.988333 |
| H | -1.823421 | 0.000000 | 2.947717 | H | -0.046425 | 2.985180 |
| H | -3.281650 | 0.000000 | 0.774251 | H | -0.028469 | 0.791680 |
| C | 1.427356 | 0.000000 | 1.940149 | C | -0.024338 | 1.988333 |
| C | 2.201536 | 0.000000 | 0.802938 | C | -0.014812 | 0.806074 |
| H | 3.281650 | 0.000000 | 0.774251 | H | -0.028469 | 0.791680 |
| H | 1.823421 | 0.000000 | 2.947717 | H | -0.046425 | 2.985180 |
| H | 2.222038 | 0.000000 | -2.319217 | H | -0.002717 | -2.327427 |
| H | 0.000000 | 0.863310 | -3.169566 | H | -0.811646 | -3.256150 |

Isomer-18

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.631135 | -2.308364 | 0.000000 | C | -0.590094 | -2.332366 |
| C | 1.075917 | -0.532938 | 0.000000 | C | 1.054297 | -0.517242 |
| C | 0.740040 | -1.860502 | 0.000000 | C | 0.720433 | -1.912597 |
| H | -0.816198 | -3.376709 | 0.000000 | H | -0.808298 | -3.394203 |
| H | 1.528453 | -2.603875 | 0.000000 | C | 1.527280 | -2.634931 |
| C | 2.432301 | -0.103021 | 0.000000 | C | 2.409048 | -0.103949 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.446416 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.416189 |
| C | -1.403372 | -0.023311 | 0.000000 | C | -1.378649 | -0.042672 |
| C | -1.673939 | -1.436280 | 0.000000 | C | -1.664581 | -1.402668 |
| H | -2.698839 | -1.790672 | 0.000000 | H | -2.689853 | -1.754485 |
| C | 3.573537 | 0.286793 | 0.000000 | C | 3.565494 | 0.245858 |
| H | 4.582429 | 0.619807 | 0.000000 | H | 4.583437 | 0.549839 |
| C | 0.019003 | 1.804534 | 0.000000 | C | 0.008703 | 1.821772 |
| H | 0.893577 | 2.439116 | 0.000000 | H | 0.897080 | 2.438361 |
| C | -2.231334 | 1.057625 | 0.000000 | C | -2.222615 | 1.093692 |
| H | -3.312610 | 1.046778 | 0.000000 | H | -3.304355 | 1.069048 |
| C | -1.395424 | 2.301694 | 0.000000 | C | -1.400573 | 2.356498 |
| H | -1.605187 | 2.934838 | 0.874391 | H | -1.607030 | 2.995641 |
| H | -1.605187 | 2.934838 | -0.874391 | H | -1.607030 | 0.874443 |

Table S26: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 2H-cyclopenta[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2]benzene (**19**) and 1-(buta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene (**20**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-19

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.000000 | 0.712315 | -0.491342 | C | 0.000000 | 0.737556 | -0.478259 |
| C | 0.000000 | 1.445301 | -1.663014 | C | 0.000000 | 1.489257 | -1.652967 |
| C | 0.000000 | -1.445301 | -1.663014 | C | 0.000000 | -1.489257 | -1.652967 |
| C | 0.000000 | -0.712315 | -0.491342 | C | 0.000000 | -0.737556 | -0.478259 |
| H | 0.000000 | 2.528821 | -1.682660 | H | 0.000000 | 2.569529 | -1.677851 |
| H | 0.000000 | -2.528821 | -1.682660 | H | 0.000000 | -2.569529 | -1.677851 |
| C | 0.000000 | -0.699651 | -2.854556 | C | 0.000000 | -0.704153 | -2.837663 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.699651 | -2.854556 | C | 0.000000 | 0.704153 | -2.837663 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.737198 | 1.000749 | C | 0.000000 | 0.732483 | 0.964949 |
| C | 0.000000 | -0.737198 | 1.000749 | C | 0.000000 | -0.732483 | 0.964949 |
| C | 0.000000 | -1.213975 | 2.253575 | C | 0.000000 | -1.221899 | 2.255451 |
| C | 0.000000 | 1.213975 | 2.253575 | C | 0.000000 | 1.221899 | 2.255451 |
| H | 0.000000 | 2.236141 | 2.606725 | H | 0.000000 | 2.242447 | 2.608286 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 3.186455 | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 3.168261 |
| H | -0.876978 | 0.000000 | 3.849166 | H | -0.868544 | 0.000000 | 3.854746 |
| H | 0.000000 | -1.221641 | -3.805062 | H | 0.000000 | -1.206535 | -3.799029 |
| H | 0.000000 | 1.221641 | -3.805062 | H | 0.000000 | 1.206535 | -3.799029 |
| H | 0.876978 | 0.000000 | 3.849166 | H | 0.868544 | 0.000000 | 3.854746 |
| H | 0.000000 | -2.236141 | 2.606725 | H | 0.000000 | -2.242447 | 2.608286 |

Isomer-20

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.001046 | -2.681069 | 0.000000 | C | 0.007646 | -2.682233 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.003082 | 0.148598 | 0.000000 | C | 0.006559 | 0.189197 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.004251 | -0.571325 | 1.208517 | C | 0.009179 | -0.582164 | 1.248402 |
| C | 0.004251 | -1.959969 | 1.200143 | C | 0.009179 | -1.944621 | 1.221947 |
| H | 0.008493 | -0.030783 | 2.147376 | H | 0.014090 | -0.040167 | 2.185694 |
| H | 0.008932 | -2.495109 | 2.144228 | H | 0.012406 | -2.491550 | 2.159898 |
| C | 0.005456 | 1.568796 | 0.000000 | C | 0.004504 | 1.531089 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.006418 | 2.783041 | 0.000000 | C | 0.004316 | 2.796263 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.007750 | 4.143841 | 0.000000 | C | 0.004576 | 4.115402 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.008877 | 5.353262 | 0.000000 | C | 0.004675 | 5.349722 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.009865 | 6.415567 | 0.000000 | H | 0.004639 | 6.411970 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.004251 | -0.571325 | -1.208517 | C | 0.009179 | -0.582164 | -1.248402 |
| H | 0.008493 | -0.030783 | -2.147376 | H | 0.014090 | -0.040167 | -2.185694 |
| C | -0.032888 | -4.188915 | 0.000000 | C | -0.044736 | -4.180233 | 0.000000 |
| H | -1.065557 | -4.555276 | 0.000000 | H | -1.082333 | -4.543547 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.460188 | -4.599155 | -0.884460 | H | 0.439584 | -4.599405 | -0.886071 |
| H | 0.460188 | -4.599155 | 0.884460 | H | 0.439584 | -4.599405 | 0.886071 |
| C | 0.004251 | -1.959969 | -1.200143 | C | 0.009179 | -1.944621 | -1.221947 |
| H | 0.008932 | -2.495109 | -2.144228 | H | 0.012406 | -2.491550 | -2.159898 |

Table S27: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 5-ethynyl-2H-indene (**21**) and 1-(buta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)-2-methylbenzene (**22**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-21

| Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.055646 | -1.148832 | 0.000000 | C | -1.031187 | -1.214190 |
| C | 0.266081 | -1.778691 | 0.000000 | C | 0.234536 | -1.806057 |
| H | 0.301715 | -2.861425 | 0.000000 | H | 0.306129 | -2.886855 |
| C | -2.204510 | -1.993237 | 0.000000 | C | -2.203921 | -2.016310 |
| C | -3.158640 | -2.730636 | 0.000000 | C | -3.209112 | -2.685228 |
| H | -4.004699 | -3.373254 | 0.000000 | H | -4.090653 | -3.278057 |
| C | 1.332631 | 0.388235 | 0.000000 | C | 1.307281 | 0.364395 |
| C | 1.407913 | -1.051098 | 0.000000 | C | 1.405711 | -1.029637 |
| H | 2.375178 | -1.541622 | 0.000000 | H | 2.375129 | -1.515062 |
| C | -1.179289 | 0.213678 | 0.000000 | C | -1.146675 | 0.214495 |
| H | -2.160911 | 0.672804 | 0.000000 | H | -2.131598 | 0.665436 |
| C | 0.000000 | 1.031874 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.990226 |
| C | 2.292510 | 1.351479 | 0.000000 | C | 2.292023 | 1.372940 |
| H | 3.363506 | 1.202152 | 0.000000 | H | 3.360947 | 1.203356 |
| C | 0.159274 | 2.385187 | 0.000000 | C | 0.182385 | 2.401906 |
| H | -0.623026 | 3.131676 | 0.000000 | H | -0.612725 | 3.135636 |
| C | 1.625882 | 2.695147 | 0.000000 | C | 1.651882 | 2.739051 |
| H | 1.915499 | 3.295515 | 0.875015 | H | 1.947617 | 3.343000 |
| H | 1.915499 | 3.295515 | -0.875015 | H | 1.947617 | 3.343000 |
| | | | | | | -0.874330 |

Isomer-22

| Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 1.661594 | 2.702679 | 0.000000 | C | 1.766081 | 2.633669 |
| C | 2.210062 | 1.421148 | 0.000000 | C | 2.278925 | 1.313714 |
| C | 1.405662 | 0.280873 | 0.000000 | C | 1.467524 | 0.209029 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.455904 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.411592 |
| C | -0.547356 | 1.752289 | 0.000000 | C | -0.502316 | 1.791648 |
| C | 0.277876 | 2.869004 | 0.000000 | C | 0.361153 | 2.845571 |
| H | 2.314575 | 3.568191 | 0.000000 | H | 2.444213 | 3.477737 |
| H | 3.288362 | 1.301320 | 0.000000 | H | 3.354904 | 1.170440 |
| H | -1.624822 | 1.865072 | 0.000000 | H | -1.574708 | 1.940690 |
| H | -0.155720 | 3.862251 | 0.000000 | H | -0.026610 | 3.858296 |
| C | -0.867743 | -0.669178 | 0.000000 | C | -0.857884 | -0.621183 |
| C | -1.610145 | -1.630415 | 0.000000 | C | -1.695201 | -1.570760 |
| C | -2.442641 | -2.706813 | 0.000000 | C | -2.557965 | -2.567595 |
| C | 2.013471 | -1.097356 | 0.000000 | C | 2.009878 | -1.187772 |
| H | 1.698581 | -1.669107 | 0.878003 | H | 1.665565 | -1.746174 |
| H | 1.698581 | -1.669107 | -0.878003 | H | 1.665565 | -1.746174 |
| H | 3.103308 | -1.042346 | 0.000000 | H | 3.101076 | -1.184158 |
| C | -3.182396 | -3.663630 | 0.000000 | C | -3.365074 | -3.502177 |
| H | -3.833170 | -4.503292 | 0.000000 | H | -4.060729 | -4.305068 |
| | | | | | | 0.000000 |

Table S28: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1-(buta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)-3-methylbenzene (**23**) and 7H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**24**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-23

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -2.752764 | 0.676450 | -0.005774 | C | -2.747456 | 0.688394 | -0.000042 |
| C | -2.243310 | -0.628833 | -0.007810 | C | -2.229096 | -0.648164 | 0.000027 |
| C | 0.014142 | 0.302239 | 0.000619 | C | 0.057739 | 0.284957 | -0.000038 |
| C | -0.521013 | 1.601555 | 0.005384 | C | -0.516858 | 1.637004 | 0.000058 |
| C | -1.899897 | 1.777744 | 0.001673 | C | -1.872310 | 1.801836 | 0.000012 |
| H | -3.827149 | 0.829983 | -0.011476 | H | -3.819998 | 0.844260 | -0.000168 |
| H | 0.146734 | 2.454107 | 0.009031 | H | 0.157346 | 2.483819 | 0.000104 |
| H | -2.312709 | 2.780260 | 0.002000 | H | -2.289619 | 2.802971 | 0.000016 |
| C | 1.421066 | 0.101308 | 0.000171 | C | 1.386283 | 0.094481 | -0.000072 |
| C | 2.622975 | -0.070134 | 0.000313 | C | 2.639331 | -0.080372 | -0.000020 |
| C | 3.970365 | -0.261154 | 0.000239 | C | 3.945615 | -0.263070 | -0.000028 |
| C | 5.167789 | -0.430541 | 0.000138 | C | 5.168027 | -0.433210 | 0.000054 |
| H | 6.219660 | -0.579152 | -0.000018 | H | 6.220146 | -0.579835 | -0.000060 |
| C | -3.173456 | -1.818256 | 0.006517 | C | -3.194026 | -1.805713 | 0.000000 |
| H | -2.644507 | -2.741022 | -0.239025 | H | -2.670958 | -2.763384 | -0.000602 |
| H | -3.627106 | -1.948222 | 0.994612 | H | -3.843556 | -1.772494 | 0.880920 |
| H | -3.988031 | -1.693006 | -0.711755 | H | -3.844368 | -1.771843 | -0.880306 |
| C | -0.860358 | -0.800844 | -0.006584 | C | -0.878207 | -0.842779 | 0.000047 |
| H | -0.440124 | -1.800157 | -0.012678 | H | -0.463232 | -1.843679 | 0.000101 |

Isomer-24

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 2.465147 | -0.082234 | -0.003682 | C | 2.470239 | 0.228266 | 0.000177 |
| H | 3.547800 | -0.165451 | -0.008775 | H | 3.553144 | 0.304344 | 0.000233 |
| C | 0.474142 | 1.289404 | 0.006510 | C | 0.301448 | 1.295912 | 0.000007 |
| C | 1.910364 | 1.162744 | 0.000732 | C | 1.739455 | 1.380848 | 0.000300 |
| H | 2.556767 | 2.034404 | -0.002797 | H | 2.253277 | 2.336631 | 0.000471 |
| C | 0.239877 | -1.243469 | 0.005299 | C | 0.421073 | -1.229915 | -0.000028 |
| C | -0.202156 | 0.019926 | 0.017575 | C | -0.191408 | -0.005547 | -0.000207 |
| C | -0.540199 | 2.225662 | -0.004684 | C | -0.883197 | 2.111152 | -0.000136 |
| C | -1.608799 | 0.143283 | 0.009254 | C | -1.636462 | -0.072754 | -0.000132 |
| C | 1.722903 | -1.411517 | -0.004257 | C | 1.925474 | -1.202363 | -0.000298 |
| H | 2.050085 | -1.999548 | -0.876197 | H | 2.341825 | -1.734480 | -0.869908 |
| C | -1.838524 | 1.503895 | -0.005700 | C | -2.049026 | 1.292019 | -0.000071 |
| H | -2.794412 | 2.015097 | -0.021884 | H | -3.059153 | 1.676911 | 0.000099 |
| H | -0.449908 | 3.303043 | -0.015596 | H | -0.908789 | 3.194058 | 0.000027 |
| C | -2.092078 | -1.258706 | -0.002481 | C | -1.929255 | -1.449708 | 0.000159 |
| C | -1.000414 | -2.086613 | -0.004623 | C | -0.673330 | -2.160081 | 0.000191 |
| H | -1.030391 | -3.167579 | -0.010747 | H | -0.594695 | -3.240896 | 0.000460 |
| H | -3.121824 | -1.588311 | -0.007118 | H | -2.898053 | -1.928199 | 0.000394 |
| H | 2.060299 | -2.005913 | 0.859453 | H | 2.342372 | -1.735357 | 0.868457 |

Table S29: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1-ethynyl-4-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (**25**) and 7aH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**26**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-25

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.001030 | -2.027713 | 0.000000 | C | 0.001007 | -2.050122 |
| C | -1.208084 | -1.310732 | 0.000000 | C | -1.253456 | -1.290284 |
| C | -1.208089 | 0.075793 | 0.000000 | C | -1.252976 | 0.057535 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.796370 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.821287 |
| C | 1.209608 | -1.309859 | 0.000000 | C | 1.255031 | -1.289162 |
| H | -2.145544 | -1.853494 | 0.000000 | H | -2.184573 | -1.843922 |
| H | -2.146268 | 0.617240 | 0.000000 | H | -2.185195 | 0.609663 |
| C | -0.000724 | 2.222448 | 0.000000 | C | -0.001113 | 2.195442 |
| C | -0.002156 | 3.429846 | 0.000000 | C | -0.005356 | 3.423608 |
| C | -0.002737 | 4.885997 | 0.000000 | C | -0.001854 | 4.875605 |
| H | 0.507656 | 5.279606 | 0.884263 | H | 0.513516 | 5.271461 |
| H | 0.507656 | 5.279606 | -0.884263 | H | 0.513516 | 5.271461 |
| H | -1.023550 | 5.278407 | 0.000000 | H | -1.021003 | 5.272459 |
| C | 0.001465 | -3.453958 | 0.000000 | C | 0.001547 | -3.425118 |
| C | 0.001769 | -4.659323 | 0.000000 | C | 0.002002 | -4.650425 |
| H | 0.001992 | -5.721811 | 0.000000 | H | 0.002350 | -5.712826 |
| C | 1.208624 | 0.076710 | 0.000000 | C | 1.253435 | 0.058670 |
| H | 2.146370 | 0.618913 | 0.000000 | H | 2.185216 | 0.611563 |
| H | 2.147453 | -1.851954 | 0.000000 | H | 2.186569 | -1.842078 |

Isomer-26

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 2.381848 | 0.334111 | -0.240300 | C | 2.407001 | 0.248423 |
| H | 3.413967 | 0.513537 | -0.524567 | H | 3.433863 | 0.362255 |
| C | 0.214574 | 1.326105 | 0.267994 | C | 0.267339 | 1.289868 |
| C | 1.512682 | 1.501107 | -0.108323 | C | 1.656445 | 1.440700 |
| H | 1.887495 | 2.462048 | -0.446761 | H | 2.111710 | 2.405483 |
| C | -0.207195 | -0.023357 | 0.496720 | C | -0.179913 | 0.016319 |
| C | -1.026102 | 2.078671 | -0.010086 | C | -0.954128 | 2.060097 |
| C | -1.503997 | -0.174574 | 0.112652 | C | -1.586696 | -0.113662 |
| C | 1.961946 | -0.949515 | -0.112913 | C | 1.919557 | -1.034200 |
| H | 2.667296 | -1.762536 | -0.252843 | H | 2.563553 | -1.883925 |
| C | -2.044666 | 1.175103 | -0.134477 | C | -2.063550 | 1.195130 |
| H | -3.065453 | 1.413789 | -0.401948 | H | -3.067066 | 1.491382 |
| H | -1.096097 | 3.149002 | -0.143427 | H | -0.990564 | 3.124633 |
| C | -1.671273 | -1.576947 | -0.267245 | C | -1.752972 | -1.481446 |
| C | -0.471730 | -2.217791 | -0.187479 | C | -0.547122 | -2.145384 |
| H | -0.315292 | -3.281298 | -0.319862 | H | -0.388024 | -3.175160 |
| H | -2.596124 | -2.047561 | -0.577787 | H | -2.659508 | -1.925304 |
| C | 0.578221 | -1.265021 | 0.394093 | C | 0.549562 | -1.267037 |
| H | 0.758351 | -1.694342 | 1.403386 | H | 0.702899 | -1.652219 |
| | | | | | | 1.495510 |

Table S30: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1-ethynyl-3-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (**27**) and 1-ethynyl-2-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (**28**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-27

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -2.027450 | -1.228954 | 0.000000 | C | -1.905265 | -1.437643 | 0.000000 |
| C | -2.352771 | 0.123354 | 0.000000 | C | -2.361579 | -0.127758 | 0.000000 |
| C | -1.354783 | 1.092285 | 0.000000 | C | -1.485806 | 0.943060 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.715798 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.689471 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.679630 | -1.626253 | 0.000000 | C | -0.424428 | -1.711520 | 0.000000 |
| H | -2.804240 | -1.983511 | 0.000000 | H | -2.583900 | -2.279432 | 0.000000 |
| H | -3.393996 | 0.425078 | 0.000000 | H | -3.430316 | 0.060002 | 0.000000 |
| H | -1.611208 | 2.144620 | 0.000000 | H | -1.832114 | 1.967358 | 0.000000 |
| C | 1.031148 | 1.703943 | 0.000000 | C | 0.867514 | 1.773686 | 0.000000 |
| C | 1.901822 | 2.539743 | 0.000000 | C | 1.589124 | 2.759254 | 0.000000 |
| C | 2.955640 | 3.544920 | 0.000000 | C | 2.469304 | 3.914683 | 0.000000 |
| H | 2.535923 | 4.554830 | 0.000000 | H | 1.897431 | 4.846854 | 0.000000 |
| H | 3.593000 | 3.446281 | 0.883897 | H | 3.118081 | 3.916707 | 0.882872 |
| H | 3.593000 | 3.446281 | -0.883897 | H | 3.118081 | 3.916707 | -0.882872 |
| C | -0.333962 | -3.012401 | 0.000000 | C | 0.019126 | -3.032896 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.045626 | -4.182224 | 0.000000 | C | 0.360818 | -4.200997 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.209802 | -5.213549 | 0.000000 | H | 0.674453 | -5.216019 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.324558 | -0.648498 | 0.000000 | C | 0.456943 | -0.634246 | 0.000000 |
| H | 1.364046 | -0.950309 | 0.000000 | H | 1.523773 | -0.822739 | 0.000000 |

Isomer-28

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -2.779020 | 0.950833 | 0.000000 | C | -2.857439 | 0.677114 | 0.000000 |
| C | -1.897173 | 2.032552 | 0.000000 | C | -2.034765 | 1.894362 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.525859 | 1.811576 | 0.000000 | C | -0.678414 | 1.808132 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.508656 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.545526 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.898958 | -0.590173 | 0.000000 | C | -0.859113 | -0.718813 | 0.000000 |
| C | -2.281918 | -0.346057 | 0.000000 | C | -2.277234 | -0.555940 | 0.000000 |
| H | -3.849883 | 1.117822 | 0.000000 | H | -3.936657 | 0.771008 | 0.000000 |
| H | -2.278375 | 3.047300 | 0.000000 | H | -2.523511 | 2.860863 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.163093 | 2.647404 | 0.000000 | H | -0.069570 | 2.705016 | 0.000000 |
| H | -2.958103 | -1.192284 | 0.000000 | H | -2.889174 | -1.450580 | 0.000000 |
| C | 1.410697 | 0.311350 | 0.000000 | C | 1.371541 | 0.465592 | 0.000000 |
| C | 2.607935 | 0.159738 | 0.000000 | C | 2.595772 | 0.383519 | 0.000000 |
| C | 4.049968 | -0.037493 | 0.000000 | C | 4.043669 | 0.286541 | 0.000000 |
| H | 4.509478 | 0.415451 | 0.883798 | H | 4.474791 | 0.772693 | 0.882803 |
| H | 4.298359 | -1.102617 | 0.000000 | H | 4.366075 | -0.758586 | 0.000000 |
| H | 4.509478 | 0.415451 | -0.883798 | H | 4.474791 | 0.772693 | -0.882803 |
| C | -0.422144 | -1.933632 | 0.000000 | C | -0.283498 | -1.970797 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.045235 | -3.078091 | 0.000000 | C | 0.220476 | -3.085178 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.296193 | -4.084082 | 0.000000 | H | 0.657283 | -4.053451 | 0.000000 |

Table S31: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 4H-cyclobuta[f]indene (**29**) and 5H-cyclobuta[e]indene (**30**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-29

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.390954 | -1.627209 | 0.000000 | C | 0.442091 | -1.651135 |
| C | -0.905561 | -1.217141 | 0.000000 | C | -0.887814 | -1.256846 |
| C | 1.351018 | 0.630288 | 0.000000 | C | 1.329667 | 0.705561 |
| C | 1.496385 | -0.725620 | 0.000000 | C | 1.553616 | -0.678597 |
| H | -1.755036 | -1.891149 | 0.000000 | H | -1.718479 | -1.954166 |
| H | 2.184093 | 1.325208 | 0.000000 | H | 2.134856 | 1.432927 |
| C | 0.000000 | 1.086520 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 1.085265 |
| C | -1.082031 | 0.207313 | 0.000000 | C | -1.093125 | 0.128490 |
| C | -2.316405 | 0.993565 | 0.000000 | C | -2.329815 | 0.882453 |
| H | -3.311116 | 0.564692 | 0.000000 | H | -3.313374 | 0.428994 |
| C | -2.022450 | 2.308778 | 0.000000 | C | -2.078363 | 2.211160 |
| H | -2.731297 | 3.125705 | 0.000000 | H | -2.822982 | 2.996250 |
| C | 1.384452 | -2.783883 | 0.000000 | C | 1.394127 | -2.722565 |
| H | 1.296345 | -3.861417 | 0.000000 | H | 1.335950 | -3.801002 |
| C | 2.429277 | -1.928119 | 0.000000 | C | 2.491392 | -1.747287 |
| H | 3.503002 | -2.056097 | 0.000000 | H | 3.569097 | -1.820411 |
| C | -0.526798 | 2.499289 | 0.000000 | C | -0.592320 | 2.476998 |
| H | -0.189523 | 3.065187 | 0.878589 | H | -0.280906 | 3.058216 |
| H | -0.189523 | 3.065187 | -0.878589 | H | -0.280906 | 3.058216 |
| | | | | | | -0.877837 |

Isomer-30

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.094178 | -1.427137 | 0.000000 | C | -1.115073 | -1.464056 |
| C | -1.142045 | -0.002841 | 0.000000 | C | -1.180162 | 0.006778 |
| C | 1.286536 | -1.370125 | 0.000000 | C | 1.260861 | -1.382125 |
| C | 0.066003 | -2.136159 | 0.000000 | C | 0.094499 | -2.156509 |
| H | 2.236710 | -1.894242 | 0.000000 | H | 2.227812 | -1.874589 |
| C | 1.248919 | -0.001682 | 0.000000 | C | 1.207221 | 0.031708 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.738564 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.758608 |
| C | 0.322197 | 2.164622 | 0.000000 | C | 0.309864 | 2.185622 |
| H | -0.413451 | 2.958601 | 0.000000 | H | -0.430743 | 2.974697 |
| C | 1.656757 | 2.331044 | 0.000000 | C | 1.647202 | 2.354319 |
| H | 2.171491 | 3.283432 | 0.000000 | H | 2.169811 | 3.301583 |
| C | -2.618660 | -1.438324 | 0.000000 | C | -2.543525 | -1.526391 |
| H | -3.373649 | -2.212227 | 0.000000 | H | -3.280490 | -2.315756 |
| C | 2.382060 | 1.004262 | 0.000000 | C | 2.348969 | 1.017945 |
| H | 3.031279 | 0.899356 | 0.878087 | H | 2.998260 | 0.899679 |
| H | 3.031279 | 0.899356 | -0.878087 | H | 2.998260 | 0.899679 |
| C | -2.661238 | -0.087527 | 0.000000 | C | -2.601648 | -0.046996 |
| H | -3.463745 | 0.636972 | 0.000000 | H | -3.399963 | 0.680365 |
| H | 0.101973 | -3.219434 | 0.000000 | H | 0.147807 | -3.239077 |
| | | | | | | 0.000000 |

Table S32: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1,4-diethynyl-2-methylbenzene (**31**) and 2,4-diethynyl-1-methylbenzene (**32**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-31

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.221189 | -1.034191 | 0.000000 | C | -1.616623 | -0.139094 |
| C | -0.005308 | -1.736313 | 0.000000 | C | -0.981114 | -1.460515 |
| C | 1.193582 | -1.042294 | 0.000000 | C | 0.359636 | -1.578943 |
| C | 1.216803 | 0.362772 | 0.000000 | C | 1.230774 | -0.399017 |
| C | -1.194696 | 0.370257 | 0.000000 | C | -0.748563 | 1.035501 |
| H | -0.011887 | -2.819110 | 0.000000 | H | -1.617937 | -2.336666 |
| H | 2.133001 | -1.581610 | 0.000000 | H | 0.830742 | -2.554313 |
| C | 2.468796 | 1.046206 | 0.000000 | C | 2.596117 | -0.556999 |
| C | -2.464959 | -1.732854 | 0.000000 | C | -2.986971 | -0.012796 |
| C | -3.515793 | -2.323030 | 0.000000 | C | -4.206691 | 0.097046 |
| H | -4.442087 | -2.843583 | 0.000000 | H | -5.264897 | 0.192430 |
| C | 0.000000 | 1.084823 | 0.000000 | C | 0.600285 | 0.943481 |
| H | -2.135285 | 0.908817 | 0.000000 | H | -1.223976 | 2.009738 |
| C | -0.005912 | 2.591447 | 0.000000 | C | 1.483640 | 2.156477 |
| H | 0.512545 | 2.987333 | 0.878059 | H | 2.138310 | 2.165339 |
| H | 0.512545 | 2.987333 | -0.878059 | H | 2.138484 | 2.165291 |
| H | -1.026310 | 2.977585 | 0.000000 | H | 0.890584 | 3.072155 |
| C | 3.527767 | 1.622532 | 0.000000 | C | 3.810391 | -0.726095 |
| H | 4.462924 | 2.127110 | 0.000000 | H | 4.863403 | -0.868250 |
| | | | | | | -0.000131 |

Isomer-32

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.661705 | -1.750559 | 0.000000 | C | -0.612739 | -1.800960 |
| C | -1.658502 | -0.782374 | 0.000000 | C | -1.646961 | -0.884158 |
| C | -1.361851 | 0.582317 | 0.000000 | C | -1.437610 | 0.491077 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.964984 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.989977 |
| C | 0.690511 | -1.373794 | 0.000000 | C | 0.807101 | -1.312004 |
| H | -0.921157 | -2.802196 | 0.000000 | H | -0.792293 | -2.866871 |
| H | -2.697628 | -1.093631 | 0.000000 | H | -2.669845 | -1.248869 |
| C | 0.365568 | 2.345829 | 0.000000 | C | 0.270295 | 2.355280 |
| C | 1.724445 | -2.358409 | 0.000000 | C | 1.847472 | -2.239363 |
| C | 2.595026 | -3.191381 | 0.000000 | C | 2.723134 | -3.083940 |
| H | 3.363798 | -3.924777 | 0.000000 | H | 3.499637 | -3.809277 |
| C | 0.671634 | 3.511483 | 0.000000 | C | 0.504310 | 3.551029 |
| H | 0.946980 | 4.537782 | 0.000000 | H | 0.715255 | 4.592365 |
| C | -2.457747 | 1.614191 | 0.000000 | C | -2.550109 | 1.482015 |
| H | -2.388472 | 2.263752 | 0.877639 | H | -2.499692 | 2.142102 |
| H | -2.388472 | 2.263752 | -0.877639 | H | -2.499692 | 2.142102 |
| H | -3.440563 | 1.140086 | 0.000000 | H | -3.520888 | 0.983150 |
| C | 1.006283 | -0.009718 | 0.000000 | C | 1.045176 | 0.058874 |
| H | 2.043552 | 0.299822 | 0.000000 | H | 2.067108 | 0.418327 |
| | | | | | | 0.000000 |

Table S33: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 2,4-diethynyl-1-methylbenzene (**33**) and 5H-cyclobuta[f]indene (**34**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-33

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.952509 | 0.009822 | 1.200363 | C | 0.987014 | -0.016447 | 1.200621 |
| C | -1.664643 | 0.011824 | 0.000000 | C | 1.686655 | -0.012712 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.451944 | -0.000375 | -1.213053 | C | -0.518506 | -0.005100 | -1.213253 |
| C | 0.451944 | -0.000375 | 1.213053 | C | -0.518506 | -0.005100 | 1.213253 |
| H | -1.484253 | 0.018195 | 2.144988 | H | 1.501138 | -0.027754 | 2.152792 |
| C | 1.161133 | -0.000845 | -2.453227 | C | -1.180320 | 0.002966 | -2.437006 |
| C | 1.161133 | -0.000845 | 2.453227 | C | -1.180320 | 0.002966 | 2.437006 |
| C | 1.756256 | -0.001880 | 3.500728 | C | -1.717384 | 0.009255 | 3.530043 |
| H | 2.283258 | -0.002754 | 4.423347 | H | -2.200757 | 0.013977 | 4.476277 |
| C | 1.756256 | -0.001880 | -3.500728 | C | -1.717384 | 0.009255 | -3.530043 |
| H | 2.283258 | -0.002754 | -4.423347 | H | -2.200757 | 0.013977 | -4.476277 |
| C | 1.151618 | -0.006285 | 0.000000 | C | -1.206302 | -0.000847 | 0.000000 |
| H | 2.233619 | -0.011302 | 0.000000 | H | -2.289216 | 0.007227 | 0.000000 |
| C | -3.174610 | -0.010651 | 0.000000 | C | 3.197791 | 0.019053 | 0.000000 |
| H | -3.579780 | 0.485285 | -0.884804 | H | 3.603825 | -0.475988 | -0.884782 |
| H | -3.548138 | -1.040152 | 0.000000 | H | 3.562289 | 1.051264 | 0.000000 |
| H | -3.579780 | 0.485285 | 0.884804 | H | 3.603825 | -0.475988 | 0.884782 |
| C | -0.952509 | 0.009822 | -1.200363 | C | 0.987014 | -0.016447 | -1.200621 |
| H | -1.484253 | 0.018195 | -2.144988 | H | 1.501138 | -0.027754 | -2.152792 |

Isomer-34

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.000314 | 1.504554 | 0.743056 | C | -0.000052 | 1.543464 | 0.742835 |
| C | -0.000023 | 0.393052 | 1.496080 | C | -0.000028 | 0.368764 | 1.492126 |
| C | -0.000023 | 0.393052 | -1.496080 | C | -0.000028 | 0.368764 | -1.492126 |
| C | -0.000314 | 1.504554 | -0.743056 | C | -0.000052 | 1.543464 | -0.742835 |
| H | 0.000152 | 0.389351 | 2.580632 | H | -0.000031 | 0.352208 | 2.575716 |
| H | 0.000152 | 0.389351 | -2.580632 | H | -0.000031 | 0.352208 | -2.575716 |
| C | -0.000173 | -0.858111 | -0.747920 | C | -0.000021 | -0.826046 | -0.741910 |
| C | -0.000173 | -0.858111 | 0.747920 | C | -0.000021 | -0.826046 | 0.741910 |
| C | 0.000024 | -2.141275 | 1.180039 | C | 0.000011 | -2.152297 | 1.166506 |
| H | 0.000010 | -2.470259 | 2.210946 | H | 0.000015 | -2.472277 | 2.200791 |
| C | 0.000191 | 2.981107 | 0.685242 | C | 0.000048 | 2.972635 | 0.725049 |
| H | 0.000569 | 3.764865 | 1.430562 | H | 0.000089 | 3.736904 | 1.487278 |
| C | 0.000191 | 2.981107 | -0.685242 | C | 0.000048 | 2.972635 | -0.725049 |
| H | 0.000569 | 3.764865 | -1.430562 | H | 0.000089 | 3.736904 | -1.487278 |
| C | 0.000024 | -2.141275 | -1.180039 | C | 0.000011 | -2.152297 | -1.166506 |
| H | 0.000010 | -2.470259 | -2.210946 | H | 0.000015 | -2.472277 | -2.200791 |
| C | 0.000237 | -3.073934 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000038 | -3.097447 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.876692 | -3.737947 | 0.000000 | H | 0.875838 | -3.763585 | 0.000000 |
| H | -0.876025 | -3.738289 | 0.000000 | H | -0.875714 | -3.763646 | 0.000000 |

Table S34: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1,3-diethynyl-2-methylbenzene (**35**) and 1,2-diethynyl-4-methylbenzene (**36**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-35

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.199220 | -1.612585 | 0.000000 | C | -1.241581 | -1.612151 |
| C | 0.000507 | -2.310173 | 0.000000 | C | -0.049444 | -2.338472 |
| C | 1.202737 | -1.613626 | 0.000000 | C | 1.162565 | -1.696859 |
| C | 1.211106 | -0.210227 | 0.000000 | C | 1.214280 | -0.190795 |
| C | -1.211332 | -0.206123 | 0.000000 | C | -1.208128 | -0.112384 |
| H | -2.143768 | -2.142556 | 0.000000 | H | -2.206484 | -2.099573 |
| H | -0.000471 | -3.393770 | 0.000000 | H | -0.085992 | -3.422533 |
| H | 2.147333 | -2.143659 | 0.000000 | H | 2.100595 | -2.235058 |
| C | 2.463878 | 0.476676 | 0.000000 | C | 2.453108 | 0.416360 |
| C | -2.475595 | 0.462214 | 0.000000 | C | -2.448697 | 0.545879 |
| C | -3.556828 | 0.994512 | 0.000000 | C | -3.555203 | 1.043998 |
| H | -4.508646 | 1.466833 | 0.000000 | H | -4.516443 | 1.496841 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.517920 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.564859 |
| C | 3.524390 | 1.049216 | 0.000000 | C | 3.575215 | 0.904910 |
| H | 4.460365 | 1.552244 | 0.000000 | H | 4.543961 | 1.341561 |
| C | 0.025385 | 2.022716 | 0.000000 | C | 0.072770 | 2.067041 |
| H | 0.558075 | 2.400176 | 0.877802 | H | 0.617696 | 2.425556 |
| H | 0.558075 | 2.400176 | -0.877802 | H | 0.617696 | 2.425556 |
| H | -0.981132 | 2.437438 | 0.000000 | H | -0.920343 | 2.513341 |

Isomer-36

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 1.795589 | -0.930327 | 0.000000 | C | 1.845471 | -0.820280 |
| C | 0.824725 | -1.942034 | 0.000000 | C | 0.865533 | -1.929020 |
| C | -0.527313 | -1.635120 | 0.000000 | C | -0.473159 | -1.691340 |
| C | -0.968902 | -0.301742 | 0.000000 | C | -0.999293 | -0.363212 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.731240 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.790496 |
| C | 1.363541 | 0.393362 | 0.000000 | C | 1.387851 | 0.466684 |
| H | 1.133896 | -2.982275 | 0.000000 | H | 1.237878 | -2.947231 |
| H | -1.266260 | -2.427105 | 0.000000 | H | -1.177825 | -2.514895 |
| C | -2.364572 | -0.016291 | 0.000000 | C | -2.356101 | -0.133094 |
| C | -0.381924 | 2.104424 | 0.000000 | C | -0.433133 | 2.099304 |
| C | -0.681958 | 3.271132 | 0.000000 | C | -0.816324 | 3.260047 |
| H | -0.958721 | 4.296885 | 0.000000 | H | -1.152363 | 4.267794 |
| C | -3.549688 | 0.200610 | 0.000000 | C | -3.562752 | 0.067085 |
| H | -4.592668 | 0.402795 | 0.000000 | H | -4.610138 | 0.245355 |
| C | 3.264992 | -1.272718 | 0.000000 | C | 3.301318 | -1.167074 |
| H | 3.531382 | -1.864659 | 0.881028 | H | 3.560789 | -1.771629 |
| H | 3.531382 | -1.864659 | -0.881028 | H | 3.560789 | -1.771629 |
| H | 3.883742 | -0.373691 | 0.000000 | H | 3.930888 | -0.275762 |
| H | 2.090307 | 1.197490 | 0.000000 | H | 2.093517 | 1.290419 |

Table S35: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1,2-diethynyl-3-methylbenzene (**37**) and 2-ethynyl-2H-indene (**38**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-37

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -2.128616 | -0.718423 | 0.000000 | C | -2.139892 | -0.662185 |
| C | -1.479428 | -1.952066 | 0.000000 | C | -1.466000 | -1.964076 |
| C | -0.093088 | -2.009423 | 0.000000 | C | -0.104611 | -2.047209 |
| C | 0.663501 | -0.828489 | 0.000000 | C | 0.703168 | -0.878034 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.425864 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.481035 |
| C | -1.412750 | 0.478665 | 0.000000 | C | -1.448939 | 0.510264 |
| H | -3.212633 | -0.682604 | 0.000000 | H | -3.223828 | -0.643536 |
| H | -2.057905 | -2.868785 | 0.000000 | H | -2.068601 | -2.864202 |
| H | 0.422170 | -2.961725 | 0.000000 | H | 0.391450 | -3.010515 |
| C | 2.086909 | -0.908229 | 0.000000 | C | 2.080139 | -0.958283 |
| C | 0.753439 | 1.635461 | 0.000000 | C | 0.741524 | 1.635368 |
| C | 1.370830 | 2.670376 | 0.000000 | C | 1.411326 | 2.662150 |
| H | 1.929349 | 3.574222 | 0.000000 | H | 1.994655 | 3.550144 |
| C | 3.287750 | -1.004021 | 0.000000 | C | 3.299606 | -1.035394 |
| H | 4.347751 | -1.075782 | 0.000000 | H | 4.360019 | -1.100033 |
| C | -2.130588 | 1.803413 | 0.000000 | C | -2.153488 | 1.839864 |
| H | -1.862151 | 2.398467 | 0.877646 | H | -1.877265 | 2.431229 |
| H | -1.862151 | 2.398467 | -0.877646 | H | -1.877265 | 2.431229 |
| H | -3.212187 | 1.658969 | 0.000000 | H | -3.236165 | 1.704688 |

Isomer-38

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.246970 | -2.827240 | 0.725986 | C | 0.333085 | -2.845610 |
| H | -0.247145 | -3.783295 | 1.237830 | H | 0.532972 | -3.765122 |
| C | -0.242312 | -0.414041 | 0.741295 | C | -0.178531 | -0.480953 |
| C | -0.246970 | -1.675115 | 1.441863 | C | 0.077209 | -1.658973 |
| H | -0.247274 | -1.688884 | 2.526156 | H | 0.082693 | -1.670738 |
| C | -0.246970 | -1.675115 | -1.441863 | C | 0.077209 | -1.658973 |
| H | -0.247274 | -1.688884 | -2.526156 | H | 0.082693 | -1.670738 |
| C | -0.242312 | -0.414041 | -0.741295 | C | -0.178531 | -0.480953 |
| C | -0.276880 | 1.799609 | 0.000000 | C | -0.687594 | 1.765735 |
| C | -0.234521 | 0.866462 | 1.190881 | C | -0.465794 | 0.831480 |
| H | -0.222411 | 1.212115 | 2.214550 | H | -0.510164 | 1.157125 |
| C | -0.234521 | 0.866462 | -1.190881 | C | -0.465794 | 0.831480 |
| H | -0.222411 | 1.212115 | -2.214550 | H | -0.510164 | 1.157125 |
| C | 0.733865 | 2.855424 | 0.000000 | C | 0.205823 | 2.933086 |
| C | 1.554457 | 3.734057 | 0.000000 | C | 0.936978 | 3.888537 |
| H | 2.286488 | 4.504028 | 0.000000 | H | 1.588406 | 4.728003 |
| C | -0.246970 | -2.827240 | -0.725986 | C | 0.333085 | -2.845610 |
| H | -0.247145 | -3.783295 | -1.237830 | H | 0.532972 | -3.765122 |
| H | -1.272198 | 2.280780 | 0.000000 | H | -1.722280 | 2.153990 |

Table S36: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 5-ethynyl-5H-indene (**39**) and 4-ethynyl-4H-indene (**40**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-39

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.131354 | 1.443613 | -0.288797 | C | 1.125907 | 1.414693 | 0.331090 |
| H | -1.906891 | 2.199337 | -0.324710 | H | 1.875246 | 2.197231 | 0.368777 |
| C | 1.155231 | 0.741419 | 0.074234 | C | -1.139050 | 0.700800 | -0.059645 |
| C | 0.140280 | 1.759615 | 0.015521 | C | -0.172472 | 1.714869 | 0.006310 |
| H | 0.408622 | 2.789995 | 0.227015 | H | -0.444137 | 2.744850 | -0.204098 |
| C | -0.475920 | -1.013235 | -0.490481 | C | 0.514935 | -1.039928 | 0.540203 |
| H | -0.762745 | -2.044248 | -0.671922 | H | 0.790683 | -2.070776 | 0.725711 |
| C | 0.785459 | -0.666899 | -0.187871 | C | -0.775784 | -0.676972 | 0.205185 |
| C | 3.007190 | -0.597399 | 0.278581 | C | -3.048210 | -0.535573 | -0.314942 |
| C | 2.490245 | 0.768483 | 0.351562 | C | -2.567705 | 0.740128 | -0.379510 |
| H | 3.081144 | 1.642474 | 0.590978 | H | -3.127389 | 1.632427 | -0.622840 |
| C | 2.002297 | -1.458442 | -0.040314 | C | -1.965755 | -1.436112 | 0.043042 |
| H | 2.072135 | -2.529123 | -0.166145 | H | -2.055775 | -2.507405 | 0.163080 |
| C | -2.755559 | -0.363026 | 0.156262 | C | 2.774923 | -0.331398 | -0.183596 |
| C | -3.730214 | -0.684041 | 0.782147 | C | 3.726541 | -0.612005 | -0.863756 |
| H | -4.589197 | -0.965101 | 1.340962 | C | 4.562663 | -0.863124 | -1.469382 |
| C | -1.566189 | 0.028399 | -0.613503 | C | 1.607472 | 0.009146 | 0.650049 |
| H | -1.871652 | 0.023971 | -1.676071 | H | 1.981951 | 0.023835 | 1.691682 |
| H | 4.039783 | -0.868223 | 0.455842 | H | -4.068049 | -0.842930 | -0.499509 |

Isomer-40

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.318877 | 2.306320 | -0.088725 | C | 0.391665 | 2.323182 | -0.067111 |
| H | 0.499151 | 3.362099 | -0.259518 | H | 0.638512 | 3.369473 | -0.216500 |
| C | -1.299712 | 0.485003 | -0.082557 | C | -1.246938 | 0.530235 | -0.129831 |
| C | -1.035372 | 1.802665 | -0.250631 | C | -0.939829 | 1.900903 | -0.298876 |
| H | -1.821466 | 2.497652 | -0.528764 | H | -1.697349 | 2.608094 | -0.612793 |
| C | 1.167898 | 0.027945 | 0.553695 | C | 1.153600 | -0.007111 | 0.594888 |
| H | 1.329431 | -0.054202 | 1.643818 | H | 1.312643 | -0.191620 | 1.675812 |
| C | -0.230424 | -0.465020 | 0.263577 | C | -0.260579 | -0.406529 | 0.272965 |
| C | -2.204866 | -1.591634 | -0.028804 | C | -2.186546 | -1.604633 | 0.006226 |
| C | -2.522760 | -0.286112 | -0.244389 | C | -2.447157 | -0.202064 | -0.297022 |
| H | -3.489285 | 0.121176 | -0.503380 | H | -3.402662 | 0.206043 | -0.600214 |
| C | -0.776196 | -1.707102 | 0.286796 | C | -0.872617 | -1.733687 | 0.347183 |
| H | -0.260863 | -2.636516 | 0.488271 | H | -0.354724 | -2.642586 | 0.617829 |
| C | 2.219674 | -0.774578 | -0.080907 | C | 2.136479 | -0.851063 | -0.104793 |
| C | 3.090620 | -1.427983 | -0.589984 | C | 2.947089 | -1.532513 | -0.674359 |
| H | 3.853153 | -2.009744 | -1.047242 | H | 3.662157 | -2.131160 | -1.183639 |
| C | 1.343501 | 1.505579 | 0.251324 | C | 1.386067 | 1.473601 | 0.330207 |
| H | 2.347498 | 1.900060 | 0.357067 | H | 2.395493 | 1.835033 | 0.483943 |
| H | -2.885056 | -2.431018 | -0.086618 | H | -2.921481 | -2.395200 | -0.041296 |

Table S37: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1H-cyclopenta[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2]benzene (**41**) and 7aH-cyclobuta[a]indene (**42**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-41

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.851399 | -0.278025 | 0.000000 | C | 0.813036 | -0.371884 |
| C | 2.206591 | -0.185456 | 0.000000 | C | 2.197040 | -0.330453 |
| C | 0.494246 | 2.143216 | 0.000000 | C | 0.598830 | 2.116772 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.874777 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.850613 |
| H | 2.865584 | -1.045748 | 0.000000 | H | 2.814740 | -1.221257 |
| H | -0.129960 | 3.029073 | 0.000000 | H | 0.028262 | 3.038295 |
| C | 1.924981 | 2.255710 | 0.000000 | C | 1.992081 | 2.131925 |
| C | 2.741420 | 1.147930 | 0.000000 | C | 2.773024 | 0.947719 |
| C | -0.403753 | -1.149483 | 0.000000 | C | -0.406521 | -1.166749 |
| C | -1.199272 | -0.053742 | 0.000000 | C | -1.194658 | 0.068205 |
| C | -2.635771 | -0.458423 | 0.000000 | C | -2.656725 | -0.258270 |
| H | -3.190437 | -0.104719 | 0.878457 | H | -3.199169 | 0.124122 |
| H | -3.190437 | -0.104719 | -0.878457 | H | -3.199169 | 0.124122 |
| C | -1.199940 | -2.363805 | 0.000000 | C | -1.266348 | -2.271118 |
| H | -0.841385 | -3.383839 | 0.000000 | H | -1.002026 | -3.320492 |
| C | -2.503592 | -1.978371 | 0.000000 | C | -2.574348 | -1.792368 |
| H | -3.359588 | -2.639808 | 0.000000 | H | -3.457332 | -2.419013 |
| H | 2.370825 | 3.244099 | 0.000000 | H | 2.509348 | 3.085168 |
| H | 3.817539 | 1.279697 | 0.000000 | H | 3.852881 | 1.042713 |

Isomer-42

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 2.453909 | -1.063826 | -0.094618 | C | 2.566958 | -0.983668 |
| H | 3.259850 | -1.782982 | -0.189361 | H | 3.394470 | -1.683372 |
| C | 0.145280 | -0.527547 | 0.327233 | C | 0.213164 | -0.558383 |
| C | 1.184074 | -1.491966 | 0.168594 | C | 1.260122 | -1.458029 |
| H | 0.968706 | -2.547135 | 0.297120 | H | 1.084682 | -2.516381 |
| C | 1.793098 | 1.292595 | -0.158559 | C | 1.751459 | 1.297450 |
| H | 2.037666 | 2.343446 | -0.270012 | H | 1.942653 | 2.347771 |
| C | 0.430607 | 0.894356 | 0.070132 | C | 0.445338 | 0.851838 |
| C | -1.219795 | -0.644701 | 0.524334 | C | -1.227534 | -0.712664 |
| C | -0.738217 | 1.625295 | 0.032738 | C | -0.777927 | 1.582894 |
| H | -0.794705 | 2.703392 | -0.052754 | H | -0.862091 | 2.649009 |
| C | -2.293911 | -1.234436 | -0.285909 | C | -2.307730 | -1.194966 |
| H | -2.496500 | -2.237171 | -0.637058 | H | -2.502444 | -2.146160 |
| C | -2.792886 | -0.013927 | -0.572221 | C | -2.945004 | 0.021160 |
| H | -3.523663 | 0.363695 | -1.274761 | H | -3.856972 | 0.385321 |
| C | 2.760257 | 0.336356 | -0.234337 | C | 2.801368 | 0.372232 |
| H | 3.791510 | 0.623885 | -0.408429 | H | 3.811884 | 0.716596 |
| C | -1.862144 | 0.737440 | 0.425900 | C | -1.894745 | 0.667845 |
| H | -2.404496 | 1.075028 | 1.315526 | H | -2.324997 | 0.932966 |

Table S38: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 2-ethynyl-8-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene (**43**) and 2-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)bicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene(**44**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-43

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.337156 | -1.024975 | 0.000000 | C | 0.435685 | -1.002596 |
| C | 1.678999 | -1.505626 | 0.000000 | C | 1.809363 | -1.369812 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.301716 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.339075 |
| C | -1.344615 | 0.757496 | 0.000000 | C | -1.424956 | 0.684021 |
| C | 2.808293 | -1.927664 | 0.000000 | C | 2.977061 | -1.673353 |
| H | 3.803812 | -2.298641 | 0.000000 | H | 4.004178 | -1.944798 |
| C | 0.464014 | 1.755556 | 0.000000 | C | 0.355564 | 1.717180 |
| C | -0.821880 | 2.184337 | 0.000000 | C | -1.089533 | 2.070573 |
| H | -1.283219 | 3.162472 | 0.000000 | H | -1.643155 | 2.998666 |
| C | -2.406070 | -0.091587 | 0.000000 | C | -2.415455 | -0.292168 |
| H | -3.439215 | 0.235099 | 0.000000 | H | -3.474062 | -0.059886 |
| C | -2.081119 | -1.490955 | 0.000000 | C | -1.967389 | -1.616266 |
| H | -2.887985 | -2.215266 | 0.000000 | H | -2.692037 | -2.422463 |
| C | 1.800917 | 2.393726 | 0.000000 | C | 1.618433 | 2.494946 |
| H | 2.377667 | 2.083016 | 0.878092 | H | 2.231616 | 2.262732 |
| H | 2.377667 | 2.083016 | -0.878092 | H | 2.231616 | 2.262732 |
| H | 1.720363 | 3.482688 | 0.000000 | H | 1.417576 | 3.568192 |
| C | -0.784428 | -1.940217 | 0.000000 | C | -0.591606 | -1.960885 |
| H | -0.576686 | -3.003217 | 0.000000 | H | -0.318734 | -3.009466 |

Isomer-44

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.000000 | 0.493704 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.521913 |
| C | -1.240075 | 1.195602 | 0.000000 | C | -1.237176 | 1.221921 |
| C | 0.112245 | -0.870132 | 0.000000 | C | 0.080977 | -0.885666 |
| C | 1.362828 | -1.545630 | 0.000000 | C | 1.367957 | -1.589887 |
| C | -2.283870 | 1.802505 | 0.000000 | C | -2.296613 | 1.802699 |
| C | -0.584395 | -2.219080 | 0.000000 | C | -0.614256 | -2.122642 |
| C | 0.601685 | -2.866876 | 0.000000 | C | 0.680881 | -2.843494 |
| C | 2.552890 | -0.891436 | 0.000000 | C | 2.577270 | -0.902744 |
| H | 3.515537 | -1.388927 | 0.000000 | H | 3.541105 | -1.398061 |
| C | 2.468060 | 0.543265 | 0.000000 | C | 2.481086 | 0.491365 |
| H | 3.384899 | 1.122061 | 0.000000 | H | 3.388701 | 1.084613 |
| C | 1.264055 | 1.201779 | 0.000000 | C | 1.240776 | 1.180637 |
| H | 1.239492 | 2.284853 | 0.000000 | H | 1.250018 | 2.264058 |
| H | -1.617163 | -2.537358 | 0.000000 | H | -1.652017 | -2.420068 |
| C | -3.545386 | 2.530605 | 0.000000 | C | -3.572356 | 2.504420 |
| H | -4.142472 | 2.285778 | 0.883880 | H | -4.164009 | 2.246470 |
| H | -3.375148 | 3.611014 | 0.000000 | H | -3.424991 | 3.588175 |
| H | -4.142472 | 2.285778 | -0.883880 | H | -4.164009 | 2.246470 |
| H | 0.889098 | -3.909038 | 0.000000 | H | 0.973927 | -3.882786 |

Table S39: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 2-ethynyl-7-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene (**45**) and 2-ethynyl-5-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene (**46**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-45

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 1.349782 | 0.196395 | 0.000000 | C | 1.375564 | 0.168794 |
| C | 2.328375 | 1.231694 | 0.000000 | C | 2.376768 | 1.178476 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.422412 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.463316 |
| C | -0.953814 | -0.629882 | 0.000000 | C | -1.016577 | -0.591826 |
| C | 3.164245 | 2.100511 | 0.000000 | C | 3.215915 | 2.044785 |
| H | 3.899245 | 2.867531 | 0.000000 | H | 3.957859 | 2.805187 |
| C | -1.134771 | 1.421877 | 0.000000 | C | -1.009896 | 1.458757 |
| C | -2.059268 | 0.428574 | 0.000000 | C | -2.052853 | 0.395289 |
| C | -0.606721 | -1.942488 | 0.000000 | C | -0.668528 | -1.940693 |
| H | -1.322136 | -2.756734 | 0.000000 | H | -1.397506 | -2.742628 |
| C | 0.806780 | -2.209672 | 0.000000 | C | 0.701947 | -2.214782 |
| H | 1.146123 | -3.239267 | 0.000000 | H | 1.034592 | -3.246802 |
| C | 1.735360 | -1.200485 | 0.000000 | C | 1.692963 | -1.201136 |
| H | 2.792672 | -1.436326 | 0.000000 | H | 2.736396 | -1.491890 |
| C | -3.547108 | 0.355115 | 0.000000 | C | -3.533736 | 0.394434 |
| H | -3.967132 | 0.849787 | 0.881550 | H | -3.935389 | 0.914148 |
| H | -3.967132 | 0.849787 | -0.881550 | H | -3.935389 | 0.914148 |
| H | -3.890391 | -0.680629 | 0.000000 | H | -3.928273 | -0.623728 |
| H | -1.188408 | 2.501547 | 0.000000 | H | -1.021690 | 2.539078 |

Isomer-46

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.099247 | -1.902194 | 0.000000 | C | 0.058975 | -1.883449 |
| C | 1.247721 | 0.278335 | 0.000000 | C | 1.273291 | 0.277986 |
| C | 1.257467 | -1.170603 | 0.000000 | C | 1.256375 | -1.126614 |
| H | 0.165598 | -2.985749 | 0.000000 | H | 0.150428 | -2.965221 |
| H | 2.216432 | -1.674591 | 0.000000 | H | 2.202249 | -1.655178 |
| C | 2.459270 | 1.026806 | 0.000000 | C | 2.481876 | 1.025459 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.835953 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.878047 |
| C | -1.194225 | 0.062625 | 0.000000 | C | -1.229975 | 0.079284 |
| C | -1.212530 | -1.297010 | 0.000000 | C | -1.223419 | -1.314869 |
| C | 3.491971 | 1.648733 | 0.000000 | C | 3.500590 | 1.671357 |
| H | 4.400457 | 2.199453 | 0.000000 | H | 4.399384 | 2.237791 |
| C | -0.843143 | 2.095448 | 0.000000 | C | -0.758866 | 2.075614 |
| H | -0.621804 | 3.152975 | 0.000000 | H | -0.527304 | 3.130087 |
| C | -1.983078 | 1.368944 | 0.000000 | C | -2.009550 | 1.279295 |
| H | -3.033450 | 1.625326 | 0.000000 | H | -3.062289 | 1.518762 |
| C | -2.454949 | -2.145993 | 0.000000 | C | -2.475385 | -2.152250 |
| H | -2.487858 | -2.795363 | 0.880946 | H | -2.518184 | -2.799340 |
| H | -3.358021 | -1.532941 | 0.000000 | H | -3.369574 | -1.526724 |
| H | -2.487858 | -2.795363 | -0.880946 | H | -2.518184 | -2.799340 |

Table S40: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 2-ethynyl-4-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene (**47**) and 2-ethynyl-3-methylbicyclo-[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene (**48**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-47

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 1.537889 | -0.913993 | 0.000000 | C | 1.516323 | -0.933072 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.000000 | 1.031939 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 1.049951 | 0.000000 |
| C | 1.324972 | 0.443698 | 0.000000 | C | 1.279489 | 0.470582 | 0.000000 |
| H | 2.173220 | 1.118425 | 0.000000 | H | 2.137652 | 1.132893 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.173494 | 2.446042 | 0.000000 | C | -0.191494 | 2.458294 | 0.000000 |
| C | -1.031298 | 0.136541 | 0.000000 | C | -1.069731 | 0.134199 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.818202 | -1.269917 | 0.000000 | C | -0.831236 | -1.313069 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.307453 | 3.644036 | 0.000000 | C | -0.368197 | 3.651484 | 0.000000 |
| H | -0.428139 | 4.699555 | 0.000000 | H | -0.521242 | 4.702831 | 0.000000 |
| C | -2.525081 | -0.116964 | 0.000000 | C | -2.470622 | -0.076389 | 0.000000 |
| H | -3.399645 | 0.517866 | 0.000000 | H | -3.342292 | 0.560258 | 0.000000 |
| C | -2.330745 | -1.455121 | 0.000000 | C | -2.243130 | -1.541627 | 0.000000 |
| H | -2.991499 | -2.310678 | 0.000000 | H | -2.882683 | -2.411686 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.417037 | -1.827634 | 0.000000 | C | 0.448907 | -1.846015 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.589737 | -2.898604 | 0.000000 | H | 0.638164 | -2.914365 | 0.000000 |
| C | 2.933652 | -1.485453 | 0.000000 | C | 2.937134 | -1.441662 | 0.000000 |
| H | 3.102341 | -2.114440 | 0.880687 | H | 3.133982 | -2.061840 | 0.880603 |
| H | 3.102341 | -2.114440 | -0.880687 | H | 3.133982 | -2.061840 | -0.880603 |
| H | 3.687987 | -0.696728 | 0.000000 | H | 3.657781 | -0.622302 | 0.000000 |

Isomer-48

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.000000 | 0.699705 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.722567 | 0.000000 |
| C | -1.389319 | 0.251962 | 0.000000 | C | -1.342214 | 0.279788 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.337855 | 2.084176 | 0.000000 | C | 0.343479 | 2.102098 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.942897 | -0.290020 | 0.000000 | C | 0.981135 | -0.284762 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.621408 | -1.673317 | 0.000000 | C | 0.638726 | -1.709212 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.622356 | 3.255820 | 0.000000 | C | 0.647226 | 3.269776 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.876721 | 4.287345 | 0.000000 | H | 0.916291 | 4.297606 | 0.000000 |
| C | 2.415116 | -0.657292 | 0.000000 | C | 2.364015 | -0.603610 | 0.000000 |
| H | 3.335800 | -0.091852 | 0.000000 | H | 3.281667 | -0.034749 | 0.000000 |
| C | 2.114905 | -1.975410 | 0.000000 | C | 2.026895 | -2.046813 | 0.000000 |
| H | 2.706906 | -2.880119 | 0.000000 | H | 2.597863 | -2.962965 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.660863 | -2.115473 | 0.000000 | C | -0.687138 | -2.127842 | 0.000000 |
| H | -0.939229 | -3.162897 | 0.000000 | H | -0.981128 | -3.171005 | 0.000000 |
| C | -1.672527 | -1.095050 | 0.000000 | C | -1.646513 | -1.113621 | 0.000000 |
| H | -2.712652 | -1.403136 | 0.000000 | H | -2.695515 | -1.389871 | 0.000000 |
| C | -2.489624 | 1.279702 | 0.000000 | C | -2.467197 | 1.280235 | 0.000000 |
| H | -2.425309 | 1.930649 | 0.877653 | H | -2.415609 | 1.933045 | 0.877261 |
| H | -2.425309 | 1.930649 | -0.877653 | H | -2.415609 | 1.933045 | -0.877261 |
| H | -3.470149 | 0.800548 | 0.000000 | H | -3.438437 | 0.783278 | 0.000000 |

Table S41: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 6H-cyclopropa[a]naphthalene (**49**) and 6,7-dihydro-5H-cyclobuta[e]indenyl-4-carbyne (**50**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-49

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.000000 | 0.638604 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.650969 |
| C | 0.919260 | 1.633318 | 0.000000 | C | 1.049767 | 1.609761 |
| H | 0.586772 | 2.666468 | 0.000000 | H | 0.805077 | 2.665145 |
| C | -1.424749 | 0.809849 | 0.000000 | C | -1.362311 | 0.882433 |
| C | 0.360438 | -0.799444 | 0.000000 | C | 0.317911 | -0.776886 |
| C | -2.729496 | 1.094359 | 0.000000 | C | -2.760563 | 1.209116 |
| H | -3.512807 | 1.837346 | 0.000000 | H | -3.549300 | 1.939577 |
| C | -2.026153 | -1.578990 | 0.000000 | C | -2.068719 | -1.474385 |
| H | -2.723090 | -2.405562 | 0.000000 | H | -2.818847 | -2.254698 |
| C | -0.590841 | -1.793032 | 0.000000 | C | -0.695828 | -1.760142 |
| H | -0.234505 | -2.819704 | 0.000000 | H | -0.380363 | -2.799285 |
| C | 1.787253 | -1.075846 | 0.000000 | C | 1.706809 | -1.170737 |
| H | 2.097488 | -2.116944 | 0.000000 | H | 1.931033 | -2.233392 |
| C | 2.719242 | -0.108532 | 0.000000 | C | 2.715065 | -0.273246 |
| H | 3.770702 | -0.379112 | 0.000000 | H | 3.744496 | -0.617341 |
| C | -2.365454 | -0.269641 | 0.000000 | C | -2.347026 | -0.102343 |
| C | 2.397606 | 1.366150 | 0.000000 | C | 2.485669 | 1.206196 |
| H | 2.866400 | 1.858369 | 0.867917 | H | 3.011625 | 1.647786 |
| H | 2.866400 | 1.858369 | -0.867917 | H | 3.011625 | 1.647786 |
| | | | | | | -0.865542 |

Isomer-50

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.864378 | 0.628585 | 0.029848 | C | 1.820593 | 0.597630 |
| C | -1.007930 | -0.532152 | -0.033747 | C | 0.977846 | -0.592653 |
| C | 0.061696 | 1.868785 | -0.000736 | C | -0.071653 | 1.944313 |
| C | -1.205671 | 1.809392 | 0.043216 | C | 1.313213 | 1.843234 |
| C | 0.982145 | 0.879042 | -0.053677 | C | -0.898316 | 0.852262 |
| C | 0.348706 | -0.451685 | -0.073604 | C | -0.362669 | -0.496037 |
| C | 1.445001 | -1.492985 | -0.151749 | C | -1.488248 | -1.496212 |
| H | 1.242977 | -2.369081 | 0.468823 | H | -1.307908 | -2.407550 |
| C | 2.717798 | -0.729417 | 0.292988 | C | -2.705692 | -0.685864 |
| H | 2.812920 | -0.792769 | 1.380975 | H | -2.757212 | -0.773421 |
| C | -3.077424 | -0.289039 | 0.057174 | C | 3.013752 | -0.312692 |
| H | -4.145724 | -0.135142 | 0.105712 | H | 4.073100 | -0.138710 |
| C | 2.480379 | 0.746285 | -0.111173 | C | -2.410251 | 0.784673 |
| H | 2.836140 | 0.934004 | -1.132375 | H | -2.812935 | 1.023406 |
| H | 2.993839 | 1.454368 | 0.542848 | H | -2.841307 | 1.507412 |
| C | -2.286425 | -1.379916 | -0.001888 | C | 2.229736 | -1.421488 |
| H | -2.480059 | -2.443252 | -0.017867 | H | 2.430296 | -2.475391 |
| H | 1.547535 | -1.845452 | -1.185555 | H | -1.640180 | -1.793219 |
| H | 3.628987 | -1.144043 | -0.142470 | H | -3.653719 | -1.045528 |
| | | | | | | 0.085952 |

Table S42: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of (E)-2-naphthylcarbene (**51**) and (E)-1-naphthylcarbene (**52**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-51

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.667478 | -0.593611 | -0.000000 | C | -0.669759 | -0.582820 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.675854 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.684180 |
| C | -0.773023 | 1.869347 | 0.000000 | C | -0.786715 | 1.868887 |
| C | -2.145053 | 1.814183 | 0.000000 | C | -2.161106 | 1.803750 |
| C | -2.801810 | 0.560900 | 0.000000 | C | -2.816494 | 0.552567 |
| C | -2.082685 | -0.613505 | -0.000000 | C | -2.080612 | -0.615272 |
| C | 0.110501 | -1.789321 | -0.000000 | C | 0.122919 | -1.772495 |
| C | 1.475727 | -1.734221 | -0.000000 | C | 1.483877 | -1.724240 |
| C | 2.176871 | -0.475147 | -0.000000 | C | 2.186734 | -0.455799 |
| C | 1.409032 | 0.698302 | 0.000000 | C | 1.409901 | 0.722701 |
| C | 3.602021 | -0.317275 | -0.000000 | C | 3.570293 | -0.421087 |
| H | 4.045591 | -1.334414 | -0.000000 | H | 4.363644 | -1.154496 |
| H | 1.943060 | 1.642517 | 0.000000 | H | 1.913932 | 1.682693 |
| H | 2.061907 | -2.646980 | -0.000000 | H | 2.064884 | -2.639272 |
| H | -0.406256 | -2.743583 | -0.000000 | H | -0.383647 | -2.732527 |
| H | -0.257582 | 2.823625 | 0.000000 | H | -0.283212 | 2.829931 |
| H | -2.729990 | 2.726374 | 0.000000 | H | -2.747141 | 2.715933 |
| H | -3.885663 | 0.528531 | 0.000000 | H | -3.899744 | 0.512732 |
| H | -2.595680 | -1.569108 | -0.000000 | H | -2.582945 | -1.577237 |

Isomer-52

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.358741 | -0.883209 | -0.000000 | C | 0.366125 | -0.882764 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.502093 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.495128 |
| C | 1.033174 | 1.465849 | 0.000000 | C | 1.018580 | 1.470640 |
| C | 2.354507 | 1.075648 | 0.000000 | C | 2.350476 | 1.109266 |
| C | 2.709497 | -0.292462 | 0.000000 | C | 2.715701 | -0.251848 |
| C | 1.729423 | -1.254948 | 0.000000 | C | 1.742022 | -1.225438 |
| C | -0.668128 | -1.858803 | -0.000000 | C | -0.648124 | -1.882583 |
| C | -2.005260 | -1.510820 | -0.000000 | C | -1.985486 | -1.529781 |
| C | -2.362525 | -0.157526 | -0.000000 | C | -2.374493 | -0.188911 |
| C | -1.406604 | 0.876183 | -0.000000 | C | -1.413649 | 0.860494 |
| C | -1.773064 | 2.258071 | -0.000000 | C | -1.825951 | 2.173920 |
| H | -2.878930 | 2.296671 | -0.000000 | H | -2.778090 | 2.684246 |
| H | -3.411590 | 0.119330 | -0.000000 | H | -3.427445 | 0.067513 |
| H | -2.769079 | -2.279723 | -0.000000 | H | -2.747941 | -2.301065 |
| H | -0.383963 | -2.906969 | -0.000000 | H | -0.354895 | -2.926585 |
| H | 0.745255 | 2.509240 | 0.000000 | H | 0.737764 | 2.518025 |
| H | 3.135843 | 1.827778 | 0.000000 | H | 3.118960 | 1.873955 |
| H | 3.755184 | -0.578364 | 0.000000 | H | 3.763690 | -0.529696 |
| H | 1.988706 | -2.308419 | 0.000000 | H | 2.016752 | -2.275133 |

Table S43: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of (Z)-2-naphthylcarbene (**53**) and (Z)-1-naphthylcarbene (**54**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-53

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.664574 | -0.607754 | -0.000000 | C | -0.668861 | -0.603375 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.664459 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.664028 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.777445 | 1.856418 | 0.000000 | C | -0.786693 | 1.848710 | 0.000000 |
| C | -2.148372 | 1.797872 | 0.000000 | C | -2.161148 | 1.783219 | 0.000000 |
| C | -2.802612 | 0.542038 | 0.000000 | C | -2.816031 | 0.531931 | 0.000000 |
| C | -2.080975 | -0.629616 | 0.000000 | C | -2.079701 | -0.635710 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.114803 | -1.800242 | -0.000000 | C | 0.124271 | -1.792999 | -0.000000 |
| C | 1.480868 | -1.742193 | -0.000000 | C | 1.485021 | -1.744134 | -0.000000 |
| C | 2.177918 | -0.485188 | -0.000000 | C | 2.187154 | -0.480256 | -0.000000 |
| C | 1.408491 | 0.689243 | -0.000000 | C | 1.410461 | 0.702623 | -0.000000 |
| C | 3.613618 | -0.494803 | -0.000000 | C | 3.570493 | -0.439218 | -0.000000 |
| H | 3.942052 | 0.564637 | -0.000000 | H | 4.324495 | 0.334755 | -0.000000 |
| H | 1.918829 | 1.647958 | 0.000000 | H | 1.910263 | 1.665363 | -0.000000 |
| H | 2.086761 | -2.640404 | -0.000000 | H | 2.070358 | -2.655878 | -0.000000 |
| H | -0.399042 | -2.755750 | -0.000000 | H | -0.382763 | -2.752566 | -0.000000 |
| H | -0.265660 | 2.812892 | 0.000000 | H | -0.283779 | 2.810130 | 0.000000 |
| H | -2.735747 | 2.708535 | 0.000000 | H | -2.747340 | 2.695315 | 0.000000 |
| H | -3.886373 | 0.507402 | 0.000000 | H | -3.899263 | 0.491751 | 0.000000 |
| H | -2.591147 | -1.586678 | 0.000000 | H | -2.581766 | -1.597780 | 0.000000 |

Isomer-54

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.329878 | -0.883617 | 0.000000 | C | 0.319218 | -0.894821 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.509621 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.496370 | 0.000000 |
| C | 1.066208 | 1.436245 | 0.000000 | C | 1.057012 | 1.430445 | 0.000000 |
| C | 2.378966 | 1.014574 | 0.000000 | C | 2.375428 | 1.020844 | 0.000000 |
| C | 2.698763 | -0.359299 | 0.000000 | C | 2.691961 | -0.351371 | 0.000000 |
| C | 1.689196 | -1.291327 | 0.000000 | C | 1.682012 | -1.286790 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.714276 | -1.845296 | -0.000000 | C | -0.724298 | -1.863558 | -0.000000 |
| C | -2.042646 | -1.477266 | -0.000000 | C | -2.050286 | -1.470618 | -0.000000 |
| C | -2.375168 | -0.116022 | -0.000000 | C | -2.395957 | -0.119431 | -0.000000 |
| C | -1.407376 | 0.904434 | -0.000000 | C | -1.410260 | 0.904030 | -0.000000 |
| C | -1.939483 | 2.231950 | -0.000000 | C | -1.803508 | 2.221678 | -0.000000 |
| H | -1.107347 | 2.960638 | -0.000000 | H | -1.359386 | 3.204044 | -0.000000 |
| H | -3.410111 | 0.204449 | -0.000000 | H | -3.438647 | 0.174464 | -0.000000 |
| H | -2.820589 | -2.231540 | -0.000000 | H | -2.835594 | -2.218347 | -0.000000 |
| H | -0.443153 | -2.896839 | -0.000000 | H | -0.461447 | -2.915586 | -0.000000 |
| H | 0.846436 | 2.496044 | 0.000000 | H | 0.831853 | 2.490097 | 0.000000 |
| H | 3.177012 | 1.748681 | 0.000000 | H | 3.169877 | 1.758479 | 0.000000 |
| H | 3.736015 | -0.673390 | 0.000000 | H | 3.728919 | -0.667613 | 0.000000 |
| H | 1.917353 | -2.352028 | 0.000000 | H | 1.916494 | -2.346211 | 0.000000 |

Table S44: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 8-methylene-bicyclo[5.3.0]deca-1,3,5,6,9-pentaene (**55**) and 1-Azulenylcarbene (**56**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-55

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.553578 | -1.339644 | 0.384399 | C | -0.423754 | -1.451816 | 0.000322 |
| C | 0.396626 | -0.431704 | 0.133948 | C | 0.455614 | -0.425553 | 0.000052 |
| C | -1.876805 | -1.449948 | 0.490450 | C | -1.791099 | -1.640956 | -0.000111 |
| C | 0.070790 | 0.984518 | 0.259324 | C | 0.028139 | 1.004419 | 0.000078 |
| C | -2.676602 | -0.556394 | -0.329706 | C | -2.720046 | -0.586006 | -0.000153 |
| C | -1.178931 | 1.489238 | -0.013127 | C | -1.261432 | 1.491422 | 0.000207 |
| C | -2.342702 | 0.766483 | -0.454437 | C | -2.489342 | 0.786932 | 0.000005 |
| C | 1.340455 | 1.709847 | 0.288607 | C | 1.232375 | 1.776352 | -0.000064 |
| C | 1.848913 | -0.521540 | -0.145245 | C | 1.908957 | -0.446289 | -0.000029 |
| C | 2.351023 | 0.850610 | 0.011345 | C | 2.320779 | 0.942195 | -0.000200 |
| C | 2.576054 | -1.618426 | -0.411360 | C | 2.728036 | -1.546216 | 0.000056 |
| H | 2.113380 | -2.596479 | -0.471409 | H | 2.321970 | -2.549650 | 0.000353 |
| H | -2.355499 | -2.105741 | 1.215303 | H | -2.177947 | -2.655424 | -0.000382 |
| H | -3.612525 | -0.896431 | -0.767513 | H | -3.765160 | -0.886230 | -0.000577 |
| H | -3.082597 | 1.390148 | -0.951156 | H | -3.377788 | 1.409813 | -0.000114 |
| H | -1.269465 | 2.571560 | -0.052932 | H | -1.350469 | 2.575317 | 0.000408 |
| H | 1.434656 | 2.780797 | 0.414700 | H | 1.258696 | 2.858140 | 0.000038 |
| H | 3.393304 | 1.117411 | -0.106717 | H | 3.355997 | 1.258185 | -0.000524 |
| H | 3.647280 | -1.559508 | -0.565460 | H | 3.805348 | -1.437050 | -0.000177 |

Isomer-56

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| C | 1.378925 | 0.741546 | 0.000000 | C | 1.369601 | 0.783311 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.615012 | 0.000000 | C | 0.000000 | 0.629978 | 0.000000 |
| C | 2.341730 | -0.273368 | 0.000000 | C | 2.369323 | -0.204705 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.805636 | -0.601782 | 0.000000 | C | -0.773170 | -0.635726 | 0.000000 |
| C | 2.153053 | -1.651884 | 0.000000 | C | 2.212801 | -1.595075 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.350662 | -1.923348 | 0.000000 | C | -0.288222 | -1.926266 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.959966 | -2.385828 | 0.000000 | C | 1.052687 | -2.364349 | 0.000000 |
| C | -2.172970 | -0.199089 | 0.000000 | C | -2.153516 | -0.271425 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.908370 | 1.749255 | 0.000000 | C | -0.964334 | 1.720663 | 0.000000 |
| C | -2.232508 | 1.178895 | 0.000000 | C | -2.277493 | 1.095615 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.464810 | 3.074233 | 0.000000 | C | -0.707681 | 3.052066 | 0.000000 |
| H | 1.717713 | 1.775645 | 0.000000 | H | 1.722543 | 1.812030 | 0.000000 |
| H | 3.375607 | 0.059135 | 0.000000 | H | 3.391814 | 0.157966 | 0.000000 |
| H | 3.061344 | -2.247731 | 0.000000 | H | 3.140616 | -2.161560 | 0.000000 |
| H | 1.077164 | -3.465196 | 0.000000 | H | 1.196110 | -3.439948 | 0.000000 |
| H | -1.124163 | -2.687648 | 0.000000 | H | -1.040387 | -2.711797 | 0.000000 |
| H | -3.010574 | -0.883777 | 0.000000 | H | -2.970509 | -0.980800 | 0.000000 |
| H | -3.139788 | 1.769963 | 0.000000 | H | -3.206413 | 1.649497 | 0.000000 |
| H | -1.349600 | 3.737767 | 0.000000 | H | -1.273744 | 3.970088 | 0.000000 |

Table S45: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,5,7,9-tetraen-3-yne (**57**) and bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,3,5,9-tetraen-7-yne (**58**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-57

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 1.197224 | -0.161827 | -0.000000 | C | 1.175832 | -0.137540 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.284844 | -0.129482 | 1.199526 | C | 0.259411 | -0.121219 | 1.203312 |
| C | -0.138575 | 1.155093 | 1.598072 | C | -0.247070 | 1.125742 | 1.555864 |
| C | -0.203185 | 2.228503 | 0.712977 | C | -0.143048 | 2.296973 | 0.681296 |
| C | -0.203185 | 2.228503 | -0.712977 | C | -0.143048 | 2.296973 | -0.681296 |
| C | -0.138575 | 1.155093 | -1.598072 | C | -0.247070 | 1.125742 | -1.555864 |
| C | 0.284844 | -0.129482 | -1.199526 | C | 0.259411 | -0.121219 | -1.203312 |
| C | -0.274225 | -1.354156 | -1.633973 | C | -0.227171 | -1.372835 | -1.673765 |
| C | -0.261380 | -2.295753 | -0.624588 | C | -0.220270 | -2.341980 | -0.612887 |
| C | -0.261380 | -2.295753 | 0.624588 | C | -0.220270 | -2.341980 | 0.612887 |
| C | -0.274225 | -1.354156 | 1.633973 | C | -0.227171 | -1.372835 | 1.673765 |
| H | 1.841356 | 0.716682 | 0.000000 | H | 1.802686 | 0.754000 | -0.000000 |
| H | 1.811500 | -1.061697 | -0.000000 | H | 1.813353 | -1.019448 | 0.000000 |
| H | -0.544059 | 1.298515 | 2.596073 | H | -0.859287 | 1.229157 | 2.447714 |
| H | -0.544059 | 1.298515 | -2.596073 | H | -0.859287 | 1.229157 | -2.447714 |
| H | -0.833030 | -1.446595 | -2.558023 | H | -0.831543 | -1.470637 | -2.566179 |
| H | -0.833030 | -1.446595 | 2.558023 | H | -0.831543 | -1.470637 | 2.566179 |
| H | -0.485883 | 3.180838 | 1.152786 | H | -0.175800 | 3.266743 | 1.172615 |
| H | -0.485883 | 3.180838 | -1.152786 | H | -0.175800 | 3.266743 | -1.172615 |

Isomer-58

| | Singlet | | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.015368 | -0.162915 | 1.278383 | C | 0.097728 | -0.115950 | 1.268036 |
| C | -0.167112 | -1.276775 | 0.266903 | C | 0.020461 | -1.234225 | 0.264625 |
| C | -1.427787 | -1.450814 | -0.282953 | C | -1.275900 | -1.533324 | -0.256836 |
| C | -2.377456 | -0.410093 | -0.301562 | C | -2.304834 | -0.620738 | -0.306248 |
| C | -2.138205 | 0.974368 | -0.219284 | C | -2.249484 | 0.815586 | -0.198817 |
| C | -0.895417 | 1.630063 | -0.110330 | C | -1.134598 | 1.604132 | -0.052159 |
| C | 0.254995 | 1.015099 | 0.378687 | C | 0.136383 | 1.062101 | 0.327255 |
| C | 1.577249 | 1.319728 | -0.101529 | C | 1.341420 | 1.418857 | -0.254670 |
| C | 2.539470 | 0.365854 | -0.398309 | C | 2.453786 | 0.522437 | -0.321739 |
| C | 2.113964 | -0.968626 | -0.308507 | C | 2.340551 | -0.852373 | -0.325589 |
| C | 1.103183 | -1.671223 | -0.208863 | C | 1.237027 | -1.654797 | -0.212969 |
| H | -0.886532 | -0.009622 | 1.870643 | C | -0.780484 | -0.082864 | 1.911911 |
| H | 0.859386 | -0.365957 | 1.935171 | C | 1.004439 | -0.174928 | 1.868219 |
| H | -1.649620 | -2.354008 | -0.843276 | C | -1.436604 | -2.517463 | -0.683819 |
| H | -0.817990 | 2.620122 | -0.553790 | C | -1.196945 | 2.649745 | -0.341397 |
| H | 1.783484 | 2.340826 | -0.414337 | C | 1.427032 | 2.381528 | -0.754040 |
| H | -3.377217 | -0.682495 | -0.627797 | C | -3.261111 | -1.004136 | -0.650164 |
| H | -2.984922 | 1.600457 | -0.485584 | C | -3.172751 | 1.322765 | -0.462300 |
| H | 3.483895 | 0.662676 | -0.836833 | C | 3.441181 | 0.955129 | -0.473751 |

Table S46: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaen-11-ylidene (**59**) and 2,7-didehydro-bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaene (**60**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-59

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 1.182799 | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| C | 0.000000 | 1.119238 | 0.251732 | C | 0.000000 | 1.187595 |
| C | 1.277034 | 1.561061 | -0.138606 | C | 1.280152 | 1.613116 |
| C | 2.380766 | 0.710450 | -0.139992 | C | 2.339313 | 0.715290 |
| C | 2.380766 | -0.710450 | -0.139992 | C | 2.339313 | -0.715290 |
| C | 1.277034 | -1.561061 | -0.138606 | C | 1.280152 | -1.613116 |
| C | -0.000000 | -1.119238 | 0.251732 | C | -0.000000 | -1.187595 |
| C | -1.277034 | -1.561061 | -0.138606 | C | -1.280152 | -1.613116 |
| C | -2.380766 | -0.710450 | -0.139992 | C | -2.339313 | -0.715290 |
| C | -2.380766 | 0.710450 | -0.139992 | C | -2.339313 | 0.715290 |
| C | -1.277034 | 1.561061 | -0.138606 | C | -1.280152 | 1.613116 |
| H | 1.387600 | 2.576975 | -0.504247 | H | 1.425158 | 2.623460 |
| H | 1.387600 | -2.576975 | -0.504247 | H | 1.425158 | -2.623460 |
| H | -1.387600 | -2.576975 | -0.504247 | H | -1.425158 | -2.623460 |
| H | -1.387600 | 2.576975 | -0.504247 | H | -1.425158 | 2.623460 |
| H | 3.341669 | 1.168150 | -0.353564 | H | 3.284370 | 1.148591 |
| H | 3.341669 | -1.168150 | -0.353564 | H | 3.284370 | -1.148591 |
| H | -3.341669 | -1.168150 | -0.353564 | H | -3.284370 | -1.148591 |
| H | -3.341669 | 1.168150 | -0.353564 | H | -3.284370 | 1.148591 |

Isomer-60

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 1.456818 | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| C | -1.086177 | 0.346290 | 0.422668 | C | -1.090232 | 0.342384 |
| C | -1.084452 | 1.626804 | -0.307796 | C | -1.121383 | 1.654962 |
| C | 0.000000 | 2.388237 | -0.597492 | C | 0.000000 | 2.465814 |
| C | 1.393870 | 2.045458 | -0.267513 | C | 1.376122 | 2.062945 |
| C | 1.653297 | 0.778784 | 0.015053 | C | 1.785668 | 0.774298 |
| C | 1.086177 | -0.346290 | 0.422668 | C | 1.090232 | -0.342384 |
| C | 1.084452 | -1.626804 | -0.307796 | C | 1.121383 | -1.654962 |
| C | -0.000000 | -2.388237 | -0.597492 | C | -0.000000 | -2.465814 |
| C | -1.393870 | -2.045458 | -0.267513 | C | -1.376122 | -2.062945 |
| C | -1.653297 | -0.778784 | 0.015053 | C | -1.785668 | -0.774298 |
| H | 0.314721 | 0.835874 | 2.078264 | H | 0.262723 | 0.853677 |
| H | -0.314721 | -0.835874 | 2.078264 | H | -0.262723 | -0.853677 |
| H | -2.047421 | 1.949571 | -0.688833 | H | -2.047826 | 2.007924 |
| H | 2.047421 | -1.949571 | -0.688833 | H | 2.047826 | -2.007924 |
| H | -0.166007 | 3.324737 | -1.121888 | H | -0.164558 | 3.483379 |
| H | 2.137289 | 2.835638 | -0.227517 | H | 2.108162 | 2.820357 |
| H | 0.166007 | -3.324737 | -1.121888 | H | 0.164558 | -3.483379 |
| H | -2.137289 | -2.835638 | -0.227517 | H | -2.108162 | -2.820357 |

Table S47: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 2,8-didehydro-bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaene (**61**) and 2,10-didehydro-bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaene (**62**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-61

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.129381 | -0.055855 | 1.349640 | C | -0.075398 | -0.041718 | 1.266333 |
| C | -0.101100 | 1.136935 | 0.457541 | C | 0.082560 | 1.118848 | 0.335045 |
| C | 1.094438 | 1.460095 | -0.274652 | C | 1.379432 | 1.420528 | -0.156061 |
| C | 2.197033 | 0.659896 | -0.473241 | C | 2.389042 | 0.482558 | -0.297985 |
| C | 2.344744 | -0.760657 | -0.215311 | C | 2.265739 | -0.951409 | -0.258588 |
| C | 1.251410 | -1.515453 | 0.004151 | C | 1.078281 | -1.598962 | -0.145417 |
| C | -0.005987 | -1.208328 | 0.323874 | C | -0.166967 | -1.168940 | 0.257867 |
| C | -1.206876 | -1.601241 | -0.360920 | C | -1.439960 | -1.457945 | -0.278538 |
| C | -2.260754 | -0.708882 | -0.477950 | C | -2.462514 | -0.498298 | -0.310719 |
| C | -2.030716 | 0.647928 | -0.350840 | C | -2.228144 | 0.869403 | -0.236804 |
| C | -1.357694 | 1.725763 | 0.001628 | C | -1.108672 | 1.662672 | -0.190278 |
| H | 0.742825 | -0.074734 | 2.003406 | H | 0.790234 | -0.160618 | 1.915572 |
| H | -1.042698 | -0.103067 | 1.941572 | H | -0.984215 | 0.040870 | 1.862479 |
| H | 1.108913 | 2.447553 | -0.730937 | H | 1.555642 | 2.415195 | -0.558052 |
| H | -1.287127 | -2.601021 | -0.772350 | H | -1.616642 | -2.425092 | -0.738856 |
| H | -1.448185 | 2.734905 | -0.388568 | H | -1.089700 | 2.607247 | -0.729061 |
| H | 3.057635 | 1.146999 | -0.927067 | H | 3.358557 | 0.852078 | -0.620361 |
| H | 3.346798 | -1.178495 | -0.258012 | H | 3.168776 | -1.520698 | -0.462463 |
| H | -3.248864 | -1.053345 | -0.771564 | H | -3.463033 | -0.829400 | -0.578396 |

Isomer-62

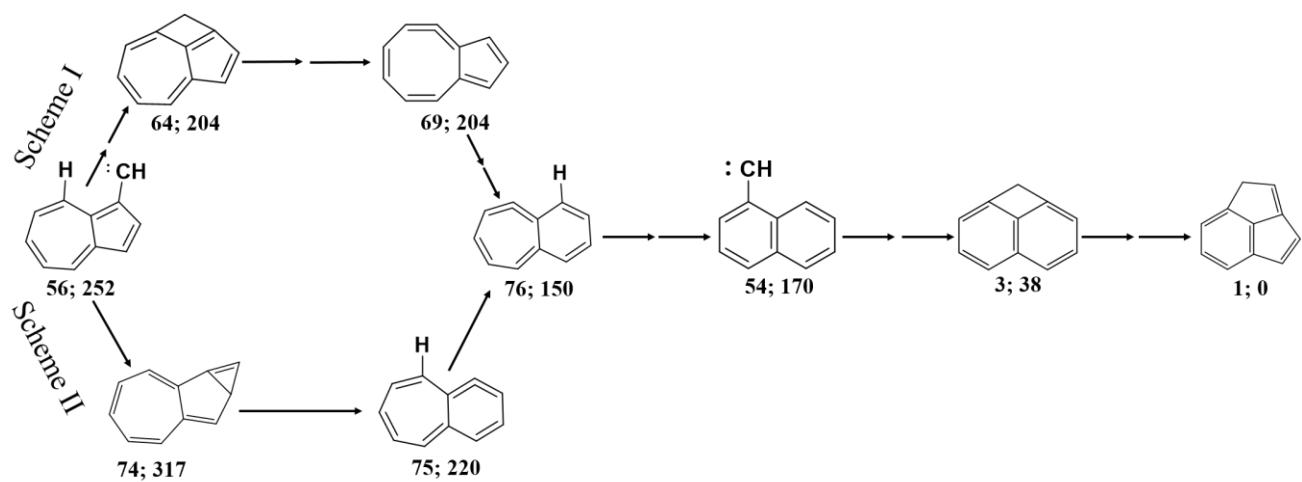
| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.233445 | 0.026165 | -0.000000 | C | -1.310797 | 0.150976 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.103679 | 1.042646 | 0.000000 | C | -0.130499 | 1.075187 | -0.000000 |
| C | 0.415093 | 1.442011 | 1.239940 | C | 0.461597 | 1.406911 | 1.243318 |
| C | 0.415093 | 0.617953 | 2.365474 | C | 0.461597 | 0.573910 | 2.352340 |
| C | 0.157745 | -0.780731 | 2.390534 | C | 0.146201 | -0.830595 | 2.379408 |
| C | -0.158731 | -1.563182 | 1.310809 | C | -0.135033 | -1.546172 | 1.263511 |
| C | -0.372249 | -1.257602 | -0.000000 | C | -0.535519 | -1.166126 | 0.000000 |
| C | -0.158731 | -1.563182 | -1.310809 | C | -0.135033 | -1.546172 | -1.263511 |
| C | 0.157745 | -0.780731 | -2.390534 | C | 0.146201 | -0.830595 | -2.379408 |
| C | 0.415093 | 0.617953 | -2.365474 | C | 0.461597 | 0.573910 | -2.352340 |
| C | 0.415093 | 1.442011 | -1.239940 | C | 0.461597 | 1.406911 | -1.243318 |
| H | -1.856407 | 0.113426 | 0.889191 | H | -1.921049 | 0.264464 | 0.894661 |
| H | -1.856407 | 0.113426 | -0.889191 | H | -1.921049 | 0.264464 | -0.894661 |
| H | 0.987758 | 2.364817 | 1.292851 | H | 1.073244 | 2.305161 | 1.291719 |
| H | 0.987758 | 2.364817 | -1.292851 | H | 1.073244 | 2.305161 | -1.291719 |
| H | 0.759930 | 1.056337 | 3.298731 | H | 0.895047 | 0.968801 | 3.266750 |
| H | 0.261636 | -1.264514 | 3.359611 | H | 0.277026 | -1.342862 | 3.328639 |
| H | 0.261636 | -1.264514 | -3.359611 | H | 0.277026 | -1.342862 | -3.328639 |
| H | 0.759930 | 1.056337 | -3.298731 | H | 0.895047 | 0.968801 | -3.266750 |

Table S48: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 2,9-didehydro-bicyclo[4.4.1]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaene (**63**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-63

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.067492 | -0.335386 | 1.348218 | C | -0.065135 | -0.119320 |
| C | 0.083153 | 0.984565 | 0.617514 | C | -0.059362 | 1.060023 |
| C | 1.399441 | 1.374700 | 0.130437 | C | 1.189961 | 1.520579 |
| C | 2.340922 | 0.510443 | -0.369318 | C | 2.314855 | 0.716095 |
| C | 2.176389 | -0.925548 | -0.507390 | C | 2.365399 | -0.717702 |
| C | 0.951047 | -1.460984 | -0.425702 | C | 1.267931 | -1.515189 |
| C | -0.205258 | -1.333000 | 0.159092 | C | -0.013940 | -1.244702 |
| C | -1.678338 | -1.492037 | -0.136666 | C | -1.256313 | -1.646478 |
| C | -2.269261 | -0.365981 | -0.460461 | C | -2.284725 | -0.748619 |
| C | -2.122143 | 0.958621 | -0.577569 | C | -2.403415 | 0.639927 |
| C | -0.981683 | 1.629397 | 0.024432 | C | -1.310747 | 1.506082 |
| H | 0.818995 | -0.542690 | 1.946699 | H | 0.809882 | -0.120095 |
| H | -0.946975 | -0.339103 | 1.991580 | H | -0.975263 | -0.157801 |
| H | 1.591119 | 2.440148 | 0.022273 | H | 1.246650 | 2.528807 |
| H | -2.186922 | -2.326554 | 0.340383 | H | -1.334557 | -2.582812 |
| H | -0.782484 | 2.607114 | -0.410073 | H | -1.409597 | 2.516909 |
| H | 3.286509 | 0.932930 | -0.697685 | H | 3.235369 | 1.206979 |
| H | 3.063416 | -1.542353 | -0.623497 | H | 3.324607 | -1.166184 |
| H | -2.604324 | 1.501772 | -1.385200 | H | -3.364149 | 1.070020 |
| | | | | | | -0.537697 |

Figure S6: Probable rearrangement scheme of C₁₁H₈ isomers at their ground energy state and their potential energy diagram calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.



Scheme-I (Detailed)

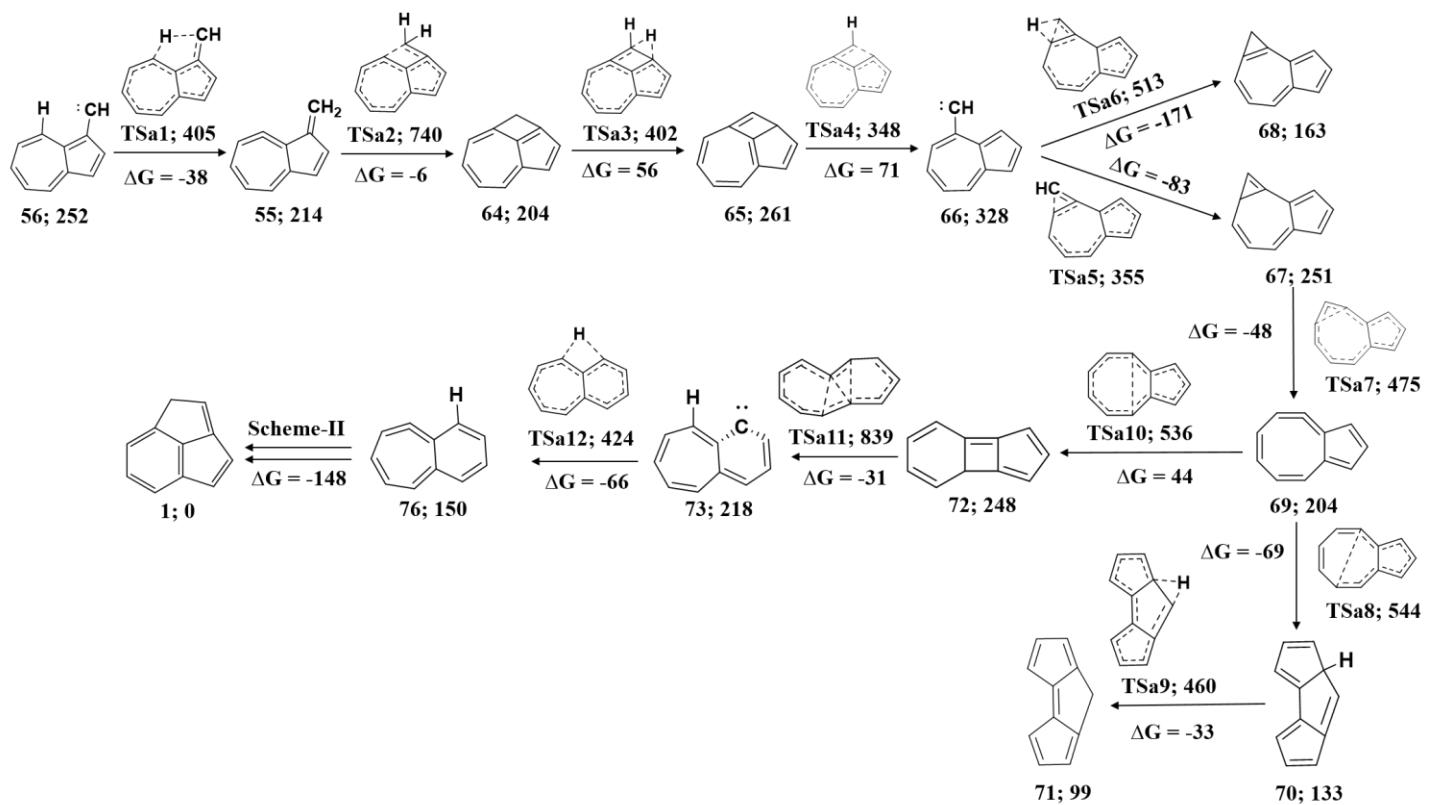


Figure S7: Probable rearrangement scheme of C₁₁H₈ isomers at their ground energy state and their potential energy diagram calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Scheme-II (Detailed)

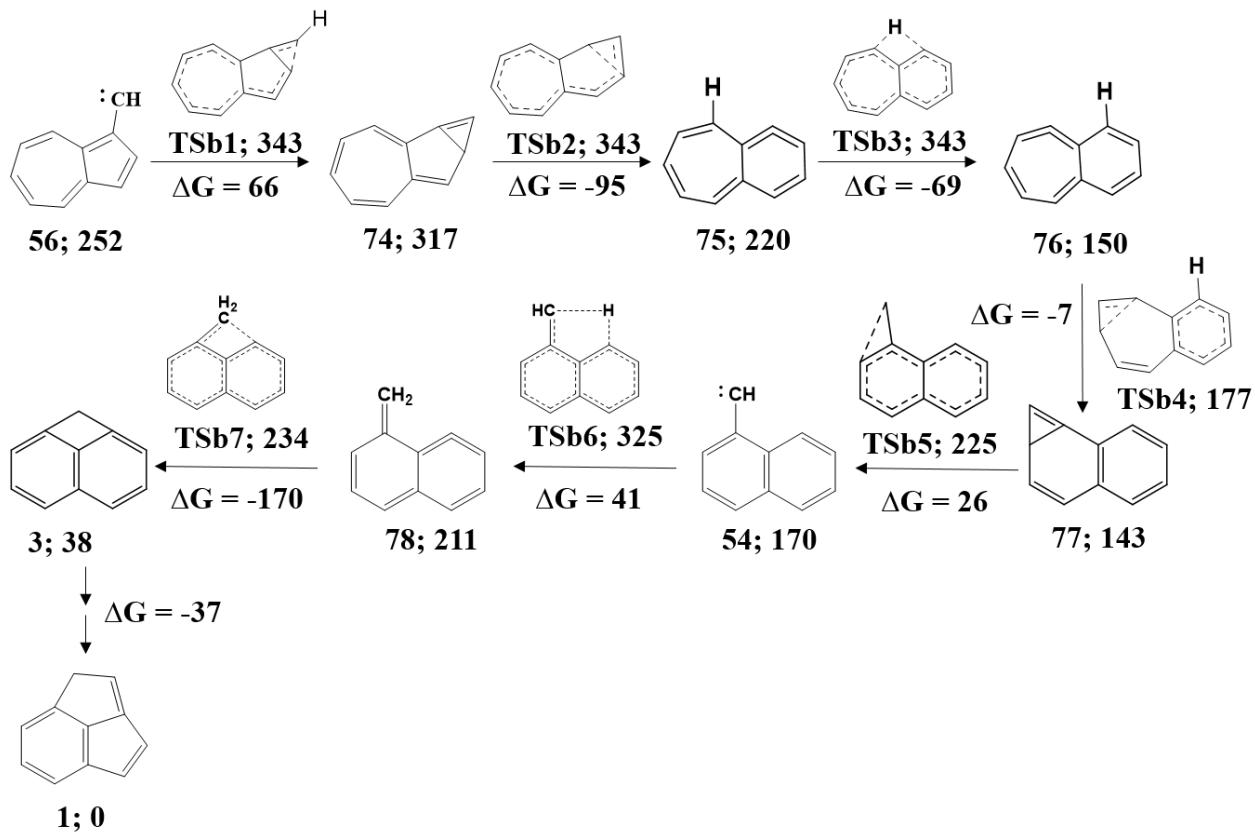


Figure S8: Potential Energy Surface of rearrangement scheme (**Scheme-I**) of $C_{11}H_8$ isomers at their ground energy state and their potential energy diagram calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

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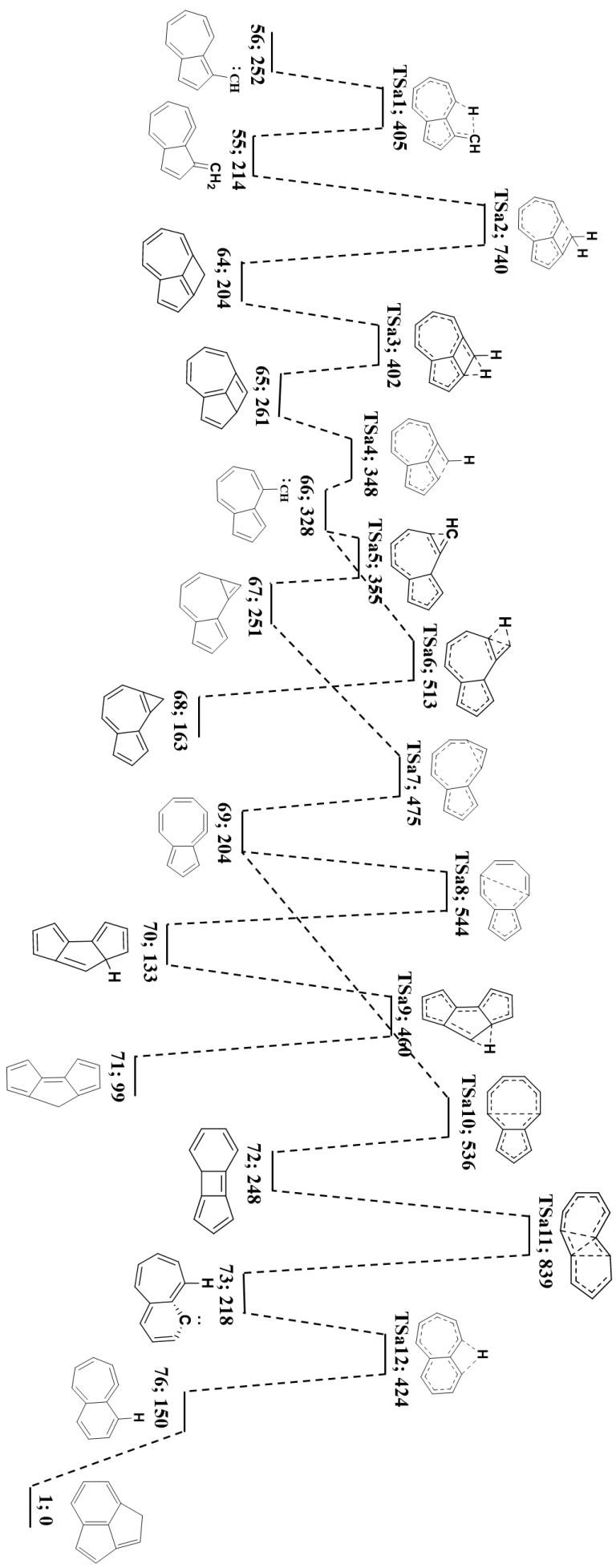


Figure S9: Potential Energy Surface of rearrangement scheme (**Scheme-II**) of C₁₁H₈ isomers at their ground energy state and their potential energy diagram calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory

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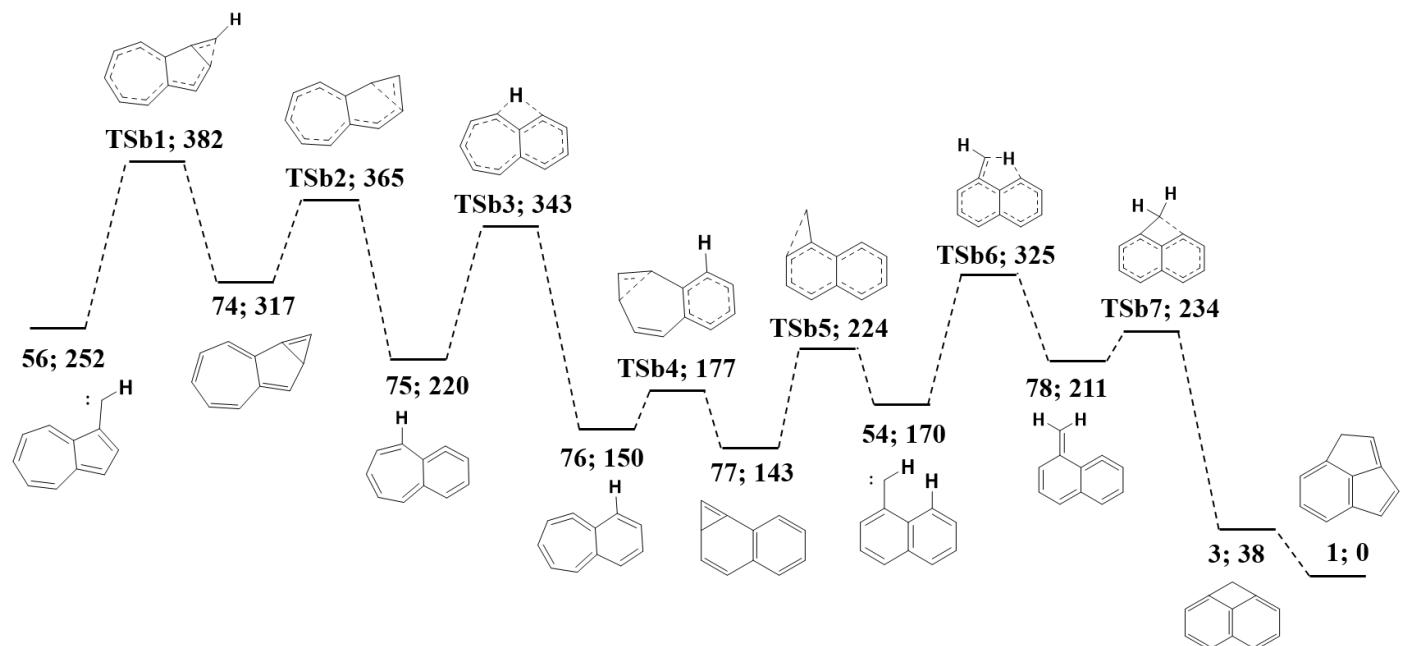


Table S49: Computed energies of probable rearrangement schemes (**Scheme-I**) of C₁₁H₈ isomers in their ground electronic states calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Scheme-I

| Isomer | Point group | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | ΔE + ZPVE (kJ mol ⁻¹) | Nmag | Imaginary Frequency (cm ⁻¹) |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------|---|
| 56 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9385996 | 0.148666 | -423.789934 | 252 | 0 | |
| TSa1 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.9021339 | 0.142557 | -423.731747 | 404 | 1 | <i>i</i> 1606.31 |
| 55 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.9467347 | 0.148096 | -423.804357 | 214 | 0 | |
| TSa2 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.903775 | 0.13916 | -423.603875 | 740 | 1 | <i>i</i> 500.47 |
| 64 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9586568 | 0.150236 | -423.808338 | 204 | 0 | |
| TSa3 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.8716207 | 0.142714 | -423.732657 | 402 | 1 | <i>i</i> 1103.51 |
| 65 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.9361824 | 0.149705 | -423.786478 | 261 | 0 | |
| TSa4 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.8990368 | 0.145979 | -423.753061 | 349 | 1 | <i>i</i> 284.91 |
| 66 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.9079077 | 0.146875 | -423.761033 | 328 | 0 | |
| TSa5 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.904192 | 0.146626 | -423.750394 | 356 | 1 | <i>i</i> 255.85 |
| 67 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.938662 | 0.148538 | -423.790123 | 251 | 0 | |
| 66 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.9079077 | 0.146875 | -423.761033 | 328 | 0 | |
| TSa6 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.877081 | 0.141511 | -423.690431 | 513 | 1 | <i>i</i> 973.09 |
| 68 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9733919 | 0.149465 | -423.823927 | 163 | 0 | |
| 67 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.938662 | 0.148538 | -423.790123 | 251 | 0 | |
| TSa7 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.928876 | 0.141898 | -423.70512 | 474 | 1 | <i>i</i> 528.58 |
| 69 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.957115 | 0.148836 | -423.80828 | 204 | 0 | |
| TSa8 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.901658 | 0.13938 | -423.678755 | 544 | 1 | <i>i</i> 653.48 |
| 70 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.981062 | 0.150078 | -423.835224 | 133 | 0 | |
| TSa9 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.905048 | 0.140105 | -423.710789 | 460 | 1 | <i>i</i> 1965.63 |
| 71 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.998635 | 0.150434 | -423.848201 | 99 | 0 | |
| 69 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.957115 | 0.148836 | -423.80828 | 204 | 0 | |
| TSa10 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.896578 | 0.145966 | -423.681686 | 536 | 1 | <i>i</i> 619.98 |
| 72 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.941321 | 0.149834 | -423.791487 | 248 | 0 | |
| TSa11 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.870298 | 0.14117 | -423.566487 | 839 | 1 | <i>i</i> 281.95 |
| 73 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.952256 | 0.149458 | -423.802797 | 218 | 0 | |
| TSa12 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.900104 | 0.141207 | -423.724555 | 424 | 1 | <i>i</i> 1741.06 |
| 76 | <i>C₁</i> | -423.9781734 | 0.149541 | -423.828632 | 150 | 0 | |

Table S50: Computed energies of probable rearrangement schemes (**Scheme-II**) of C₁₁H₈ isomers in their ground electronic states calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Scheme-II

| Isomer | Point group | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | ΔE +ZPVE (kJ mol ⁻¹) | Nimag | Imaginary Frequency (cm ⁻¹) |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------|---|
| 56 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9385996 | 0.148666 | -423.789934 | 252 | 0 | |
| TSb1 | <i>C_l</i> | -423.8826476 | 0.146894 | -423.742409 | 377 | 1 | <i>i</i> 736.31 |
| 74 | <i>C_l</i> | -423.9135058 | 0.148614 | -423.764892 | 318 | 0 | |
| TSb2 | <i>C_l</i> | -423.9047809 | 0.14636 | -423.746826 | 365 | 1 | <i>i</i> 496.53 |
| 75 | <i>C_l</i> | -423.9518192 | 0.149094 | -423.802216 | 220 | 0 | |
| TSb3 | <i>C_l</i> | -423.900104 | 0.14499 | -423.755114 | 343 | 1 | <i>i</i> 1741.05 |
| 76 | <i>C_l</i> | -423.9781734 | 0.149541 | -423.828632 | 150 | 0 | |
| TSb4 | <i>C_l</i> | -423.9666231 | 0.15414 | -423.818477 | 177 | 1 | <i>i</i> 217.64 |
| 77 | <i>C_l</i> | -423.9814159 | 0.149831 | -423.831585 | 143 | 0 | |
| TSb5 | <i>C_l</i> | -423.9567484 | 0.147684 | -423.800266 | 225 | 1 | <i>i</i> 324.20 |
| 54 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9699908 | 0.148982 | -423.821009 | 170 | 0 | |
| TSb6 | <i>C_l</i> | -423.9208997 | 0.143672 | -423.76203 | 325 | 1 | <i>i</i> 1698.44 |
| 78 | <i>C_s</i> | -423.9539591 | 0.148613 | -423.805346 | 211 | 0 | |
| TSb7 | <i>C_l</i> | -423.9493914 | 0.14832 | -423.79661 | 234 | 1 | <i>i</i> 336.88 |
| 3 | <i>C_{2v}</i> | -424.0234022 | 0.15192 | -423.871482 | 38 | 0 | |
| 1 | <i>C_s</i> | -424.0375772 | 0.151674 | -423.885903 | 0 | 0 | |

Figure S10: Rearrangement process and mechanism of $C_{11}H_8$ isomers from 1H-cyclobuta[de]naphthalene (**3**) to 1H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**1**) through 1,2-H shifting calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

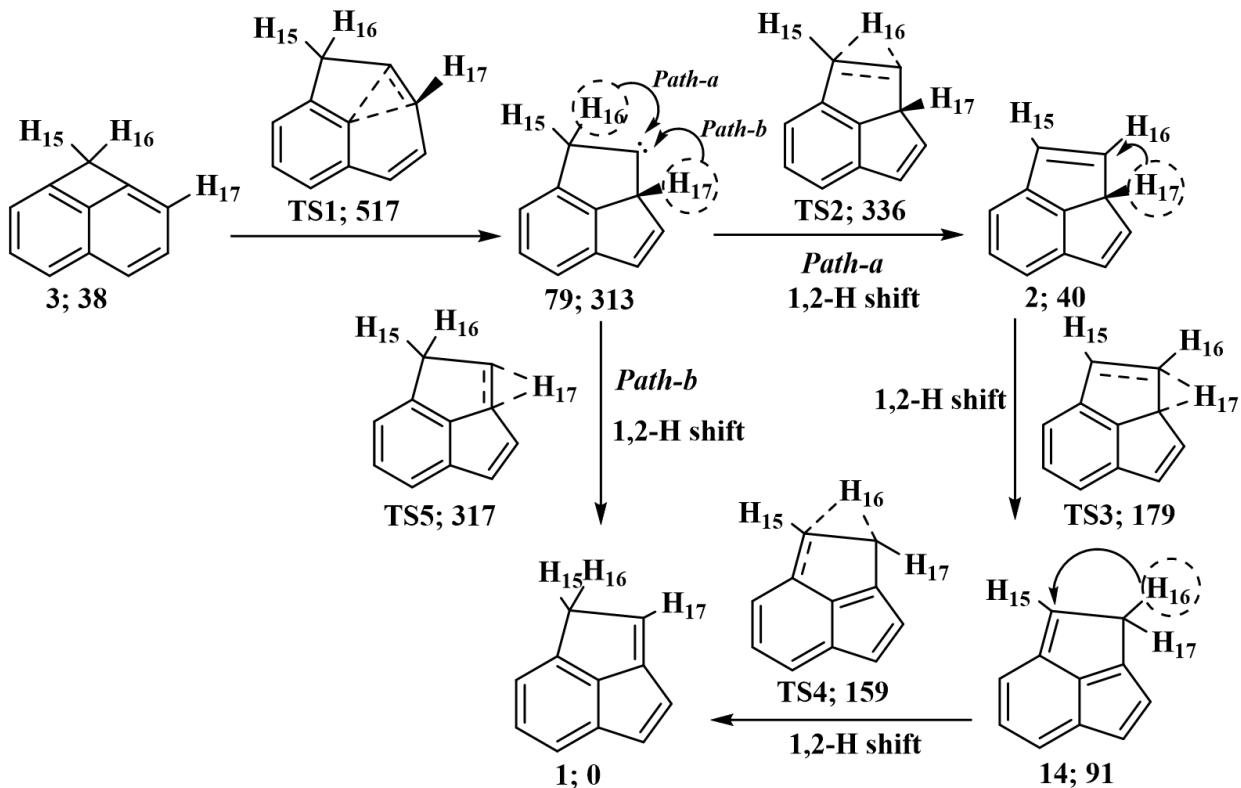


Table S51: Computed energies of rearrangement process of $C_{11}H_8$ isomers from 1H-cyclobuta[de]naphthalene (**3**) to 1H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**1**) through 1,2-H shifting calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| Isomer | Point group | E (a.u.) | ZPVE (a.u.) | E+ZPVE (a.u.) | $\Delta E + ZPVE$ (kJ mol ⁻¹) | Nimag | Imaginary Frequency (cm ⁻¹) |
|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---|-------|---|
| 3 | C_{2v} | -424.0234022 | 0.15192 | -423.871482 | 38 | 0 | |
| TS1 | C_1 | -423.835519 | 0.146703 | -423.688817 | 517 | 1 | <i>i</i> 622.89 |
| 79 | C_s | -423.914486 | 0.147625 | -423.766862 | 313 | 0 | |
| TS2 | C_1 | -423.903958 | 0.146154 | -423.757805 | 336 | 1 | <i>i</i> 768.54 |
| 2 | C_s | -424.0222984 | 0.151621 | -423.870678 | 40 | 0 | |
| TS3 | C_1 | -423.9663483 | 0.146129 | -423.817632 | 179 | 1 | <i>i</i> 1222.62 |
| 14 | C_s | -424.0014978 | 0.150221 | -423.851276 | 91 | 0 | |
| TS4 | C_1 | -423.9728516 | 0.1475 | -423.825351 | 159 | 1 | <i>i</i> 1203.78 |
| 1 | C_s | -424.0375772 | 0.151674 | -423.885903 | 0 | 0 | |
| TS5 | C_1 | -423.911029 | 0.145839 | -423.76519 | 317 | 1 | <i>i</i> 643.08 |

Figure S11: Potential energy diagram of C₁₁H₈ isomers from 1H-cyclobuta[de]naphthalene (**3**) to 1H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**1**) through 1,2-H shifting calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

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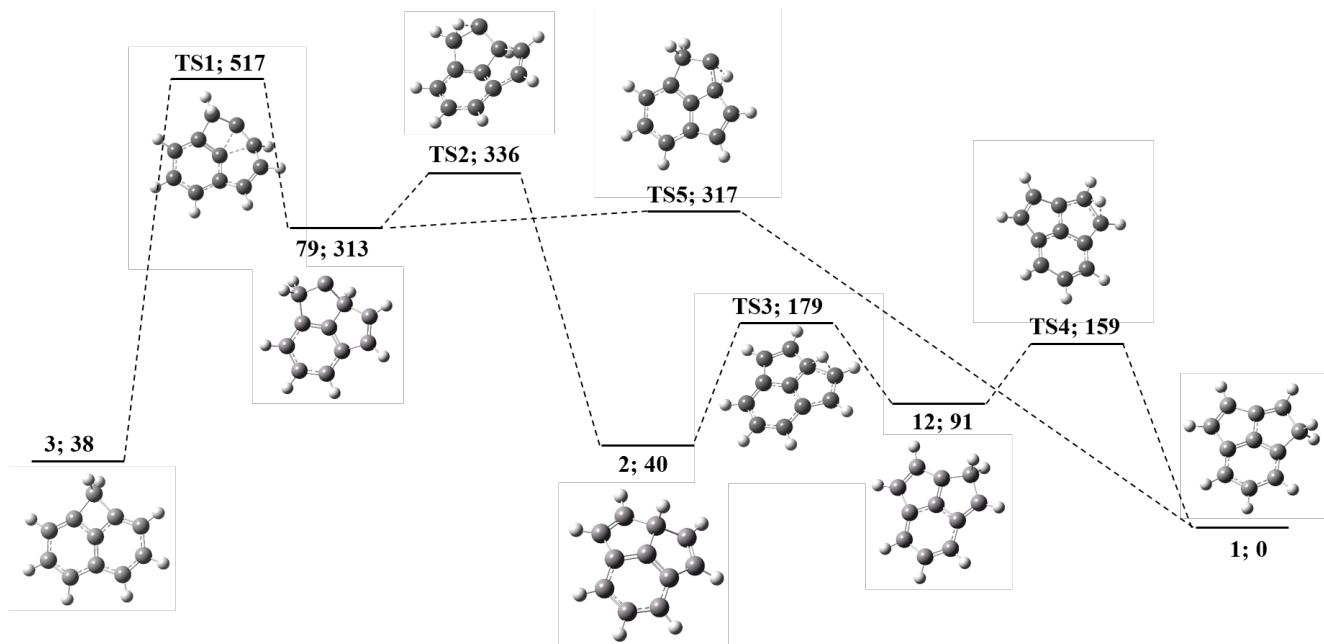


Table S52: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1H-cyclobuta[cd]azulene (**64**) and 1aH-cyclobuta[cd]azulene (**65**) (in **Scheme I**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-64

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.294677 | 1.369086 | 0.008147 | C | 0.242685 | 1.382957 |
| C | 0.400601 | 0.185934 | 0.024832 | C | -0.400538 | 0.139189 |
| C | -1.682104 | 1.452852 | -0.008978 | C | 1.578220 | 1.500909 |
| C | 0.342609 | -1.251631 | 0.009819 | C | -0.272007 | -1.213435 |
| C | -2.455589 | 0.273804 | -0.006872 | C | 2.460245 | 0.360251 |
| C | -0.922946 | -1.832606 | 0.003306 | C | 1.024017 | -1.807904 |
| C | -2.134863 | -1.105557 | 0.000958 | C | 2.190066 | -1.030981 |
| C | 1.714383 | -1.610874 | -0.008372 | C | -1.658669 | -1.625820 |
| C | 1.676169 | 0.693304 | 0.011804 | C | -1.715612 | 0.616613 |
| C | 2.531407 | -0.427444 | -0.011926 | C | -2.522127 | -0.499001 |
| C | 1.076976 | 2.147202 | -0.002417 | C | -1.161851 | 2.066741 |
| H | -2.203357 | 2.403597 | -0.024541 | H | 2.022918 | 2.458102 |
| H | -3.528325 | 0.451809 | -0.015459 | H | 3.512742 | 0.600714 |
| H | -3.017827 | -1.738404 | -0.002432 | H | 3.097266 | -1.626550 |
| H | -1.019746 | -2.915732 | -0.004904 | H | 1.130724 | -2.883545 |
| H | 2.109712 | -2.617524 | -0.020321 | H | -1.972570 | -2.645775 |
| H | 3.613800 | -0.451230 | -0.033101 | H | -3.572828 | -0.539402 |
| H | 1.270121 | 2.762275 | 0.880721 | H | -1.451796 | 2.751009 |
| H | 1.263824 | 2.740796 | -0.901770 | H | -1.353023 | 2.548328 |

Isomer-65

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.249736 | 1.343306 | 0.089852 | C | 0.224847 | -1.317377 |
| C | 0.445030 | 0.191868 | 0.652563 | C | -0.416007 | -0.200492 |
| C | 0.331824 | -1.107520 | 0.258999 | C | -0.267732 | 1.126921 |
| C | -0.956312 | -1.740203 | 0.043094 | C | 0.959232 | 1.698165 |
| C | -2.150191 | -1.094905 | -0.053748 | C | 2.217408 | 0.998525 |
| C | -2.480754 | 0.329631 | -0.088814 | C | 2.487632 | -0.357185 |
| C | -1.684088 | 1.429811 | -0.080550 | C | 1.590675 | -1.442070 |
| C | 1.803480 | 0.770611 | 0.359692 | C | -1.816603 | -0.730705 |
| C | 2.470714 | -0.401922 | -0.306083 | C | -2.450983 | 0.454414 |
| C | 1.651605 | -1.489222 | -0.254580 | C | -1.595953 | 1.505482 |
| C | 0.927796 | 1.878979 | -0.336521 | C | -1.027650 | -1.838774 |
| H | -2.140778 | 2.399875 | -0.250261 | H | 1.985179 | -2.371399 |
| H | -3.541908 | 0.518553 | -0.227374 | H | 3.543943 | -0.609928 |
| H | -3.017252 | -1.735957 | -0.185257 | H | 3.095426 | 1.638171 |
| H | -0.972023 | -2.822622 | -0.056863 | H | 1.009552 | 2.719019 |
| H | 1.908129 | -2.481636 | -0.609324 | H | -1.827548 | 2.472107 |
| H | 3.509686 | -0.423382 | -0.611903 | H | -3.477672 | 0.481418 |
| H | 2.384088 | 1.168442 | 1.198449 | H | -2.417573 | -1.105634 |
| H | 1.213850 | 2.714131 | -0.960893 | H | -1.340490 | -2.605169 |

Table S53: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 8-azulenylcarbene (**66**) and 1aH-cyclopropa[e]azulene (**67**) (in **Scheme I**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer-66

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.576780 | -1.813093 | -0.155898 | C | 0.261242 | -1.905222 | 0.000149 |
| C | 0.545183 | -0.962180 | -0.118058 | C | -0.711455 | -0.910723 | 0.000181 |
| C | 0.556637 | 0.484157 | 0.163392 | C | -0.534102 | 0.574138 | -0.000088 |
| C | -1.907921 | -1.499417 | 0.014543 | C | 1.646220 | -1.769211 | -0.000094 |
| C | -0.549020 | 1.363719 | 0.043386 | C | 0.700954 | 1.312331 | 0.000049 |
| C | -2.498846 | -0.219097 | 0.165204 | C | 2.410009 | -0.589176 | -0.000137 |
| C | -1.934448 | 1.033748 | 0.137240 | C | 2.017031 | 0.734702 | -0.000041 |
| H | -3.583053 | -0.228538 | 0.244471 | H | 3.486008 | -0.741636 | -0.000241 |
| H | -0.348656 | -2.865949 | -0.306091 | H | -0.116909 | -2.924773 | 0.000230 |
| H | -2.603344 | -2.331930 | -0.000238 | H | 2.215025 | -2.693692 | -0.000236 |
| H | -2.616366 | 1.877962 | 0.147797 | H | 2.825363 | 1.459297 | 0.000002 |
| C | 1.927975 | 0.880283 | 0.310403 | C | -1.807294 | 1.127348 | -0.000221 |
| H | 2.254580 | 1.872674 | 0.575371 | H | -2.031487 | 2.184325 | -0.000390 |
| C | 1.887262 | -1.358336 | -0.164420 | C | -2.103296 | -1.150795 | 0.000116 |
| H | 2.224150 | -2.380408 | -0.278532 | H | -2.562465 | -2.129222 | 0.000191 |
| C | 2.718637 | -0.241356 | 0.091803 | C | -2.762198 | 0.077612 | -0.000098 |
| H | 3.797508 | -0.269988 | 0.157842 | H | -3.835517 | 0.215690 | -0.000183 |
| C | 0.024423 | 2.569092 | -0.352118 | C | 0.654571 | 2.690213 | 0.000257 |
| H | -0.283428 | 2.901052 | -1.353485 | H | 1.389889 | 3.482711 | 0.000190 |

Isomer 67

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.670943 | -1.230289 | -0.002628 | C | -0.608077 | -1.224246 | 0.075658 |
| C | 0.657811 | -0.722058 | 0.029108 | C | 0.658408 | -0.654448 | 0.042568 |
| C | -2.000978 | -0.724561 | 0.522947 | C | -1.970388 | -0.728724 | 0.470656 |
| C | 0.848818 | 0.743148 | -0.003487 | C | 0.815123 | 0.787295 | 0.092209 |
| C | -2.400694 | 0.648373 | 0.140724 | C | -2.432433 | 0.574590 | -0.082575 |
| C | -0.100824 | 1.716132 | -0.122997 | C | -0.193035 | 1.781965 | -0.003515 |
| C | -1.552112 | 1.662180 | -0.162005 | C | -1.600647 | 1.661894 | -0.187121 |
| C | 2.290841 | 0.959061 | 0.005081 | C | 2.204803 | 1.013469 | 0.048110 |
| C | 1.890408 | -1.307388 | 0.058680 | C | 1.983129 | -1.264334 | -0.064998 |
| C | 2.902045 | -0.257245 | 0.053230 | C | 2.903071 | -0.258832 | -0.034138 |
| H | -3.463339 | 0.887393 | 0.166689 | H | -3.489577 | 0.711112 | -0.294952 |
| H | -2.012458 | 2.618040 | -0.398123 | H | -2.086458 | 2.599270 | -0.451486 |
| H | 0.291595 | 2.728206 | -0.203594 | H | 0.184214 | 2.800276 | -0.037669 |
| H | 2.766365 | 1.929090 | -0.030895 | H | 2.679519 | 1.985981 | 0.037034 |
| H | 3.968792 | -0.435482 | 0.068297 | H | 3.977665 | -0.372698 | -0.064733 |
| H | 2.090159 | -2.369426 | 0.087496 | H | 2.171713 | -2.326846 | -0.111649 |
| C | -1.718173 | -1.801689 | -0.508756 | C | -1.627317 | -1.980358 | -0.299414 |
| H | -2.165572 | -2.431806 | -1.258223 | H | -1.988262 | -2.767295 | -0.941435 |
| H | -2.352735 | -1.040005 | 1.508974 | H | -2.244634 | -0.879426 | 1.520255 |

Table S54: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 1H-cyclopropa[e]azulne (**68**) and Bicyclo[6.3.0]undeca-1,2,4,6,8,10-hexaene (**69**) (in **Scheme I**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer 68

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.690410 | -1.130499 | 0.001727 | C | 0.705472 | -1.139148 | -0.001551 |
| C | 0.614387 | -0.714786 | 0.000855 | C | -0.616309 | -0.660528 | -0.000594 |
| C | -1.897331 | -0.531200 | 0.002228 | C | 1.898242 | -0.543332 | -0.000864 |
| C | 0.872326 | 0.768634 | 0.000893 | C | -0.851635 | 0.732675 | -0.000459 |
| C | -2.368876 | 0.757338 | -0.000447 | C | 2.409377 | 0.753374 | 0.000419 |
| C | -0.064551 | 1.814928 | 0.000183 | C | 0.086913 | 1.822909 | -0.000388 |
| C | -1.465815 | 1.837236 | -0.000606 | C | 1.480342 | 1.826112 | 0.000186 |
| C | 2.268811 | 0.911479 | -0.000091 | C | -2.294166 | 0.894734 | 0.000119 |
| C | 1.856509 | -1.361765 | -0.000070 | C | -1.900646 | -1.329766 | -0.000124 |
| C | 2.850728 | -0.369150 | -0.000913 | C | -2.912886 | -0.364356 | 0.000446 |
| H | -3.433412 | 0.970181 | -0.001862 | H | 3.471439 | 0.960511 | 0.001354 |
| H | -1.910703 | 2.827800 | -0.001804 | H | 1.924121 | 2.819579 | 0.000819 |
| H | 0.392301 | 2.802736 | -0.000545 | H | -0.372382 | 2.807141 | -0.000348 |
| H | 2.803615 | 1.851138 | -0.000537 | H | -2.801689 | 1.851348 | 0.000478 |
| H | 3.915979 | -0.562454 | -0.001840 | H | -3.975797 | -0.552786 | 0.000979 |
| H | 2.014669 | -2.430074 | -0.000014 | H | -2.036248 | -2.403119 | -0.000172 |
| C | -1.890668 | -2.034190 | -0.001519 | C | 1.900151 | -2.045950 | 0.001416 |
| H | -2.145429 | -2.571120 | -0.915748 | H | 2.179643 | -2.580043 | 0.913710 |
| H | -2.147688 | -2.576361 | 0.908915 | H | 2.181781 | -2.582974 | -0.908451 |

Isomer 69

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.375735 | -1.344302 | 0.358207 | C | -0.375301 | -1.345996 | 0.355609 |
| C | -0.774409 | -0.761633 | 0.072918 | C | 0.774887 | -0.761865 | 0.073041 |
| C | -0.903140 | 0.704888 | 0.269136 | C | 0.902671 | 0.704518 | 0.269487 |
| C | 0.192898 | 1.636464 | 0.359507 | C | -0.193237 | 1.636066 | 0.359460 |
| C | 1.513237 | 1.559531 | 0.015153 | C | -1.513680 | 1.559534 | 0.014919 |
| C | 2.402591 | 0.549904 | -0.562330 | C | -2.403170 | 0.549902 | -0.561632 |
| C | 2.534129 | -0.781152 | -0.362063 | C | -2.534313 | -0.781298 | -0.361491 |
| C | 1.651321 | -1.497380 | 0.577834 | C | -1.650747 | -1.497204 | 0.577827 |
| C | -2.226742 | 1.008172 | 0.059217 | C | 2.074873 | -1.257283 | -0.339480 |
| C | -2.938559 | -0.198740 | -0.306380 | C | 2.938750 | -0.197644 | -0.306334 |
| C | -2.074036 | -1.257729 | -0.339955 | C | 2.226226 | 1.008622 | 0.059273 |
| H | -0.126392 | 2.635843 | 0.649338 | H | 0.126257 | 2.635613 | 0.648506 |
| H | 2.021777 | 2.519454 | 0.082833 | H | -2.021549 | 2.519851 | 0.081744 |
| H | 3.161774 | 0.994012 | -1.205532 | H | -3.163224 | 0.993741 | -1.204015 |
| H | 3.341172 | -1.314736 | -0.856377 | H | -3.341783 | -1.314765 | -0.855233 |
| H | 2.049090 | -2.004423 | 1.453706 | H | -2.047384 | -2.003384 | 1.454713 |
| H | -2.308024 | -2.292694 | -0.539314 | H | 2.309531 | -2.292247 | -0.538033 |
| H | -3.998164 | -0.245341 | -0.519783 | H | 3.998388 | -0.243497 | -0.519759 |
| H | -2.659384 | 1.999746 | 0.087670 | H | 2.658004 | 2.000564 | 0.088002 |

Table S55: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 6aH-cyclopenta[a]pentalene (**70**) 7H-cyclopenta[a]pentalene (**71**) (in **Scheme I**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer 70

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.734270 | -1.395286 | -0.122680 | C | -1.761481 | -1.419088 |
| C | -0.701456 | -0.637048 | 0.324557 | C | -0.666819 | -0.575577 |
| C | -1.181516 | 0.799475 | 0.478564 | C | -1.175220 | 0.859047 |
| C | -2.565303 | 0.770646 | -0.122452 | C | -2.557627 | 0.746465 |
| C | -2.884905 | -0.521547 | -0.368735 | C | -2.875696 | -0.592523 |
| C | 0.736431 | -0.604956 | 0.218154 | C | 0.704987 | -0.544474 |
| C | 1.877123 | -1.345730 | 0.167048 | C | 1.885691 | -1.380571 |
| C | 1.098025 | 0.809589 | -0.064598 | C | 1.122336 | 0.851493 |
| C | 2.980809 | -0.430022 | -0.146748 | C | 2.956004 | -0.538002 |
| C | 2.529521 | 0.851142 | -0.298891 | C | 2.523929 | 0.837068 |
| C | 0.009540 | 1.610355 | -0.001501 | C | 0.023319 | 1.701366 |
| H | -3.235948 | 1.617780 | -0.173769 | H | -3.239537 | 1.571747 |
| H | -3.847396 | -0.873703 | -0.719878 | H | -3.845655 | -0.972336 |
| H | -1.688744 | -2.438166 | -0.408326 | H | -1.739415 | -2.496923 |
| H | 1.985966 | -2.410338 | 0.319744 | H | 1.925704 | -2.456622 |
| H | 4.012181 | -0.744464 | -0.246817 | H | 3.982637 | -0.856636 |
| H | 3.121283 | 1.722979 | -0.534963 | H | 3.166206 | 1.685925 |
| H | -0.018491 | 2.680681 | -0.169043 | H | 0.025470 | 2.779426 |
| H | -1.312844 | 1.005527 | 1.556746 | H | -1.351947 | 1.074198 |

Isomer 71

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.000000 | 1.839928 | -1.442174 | C | 0.000000 | 1.838278 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.679934 | -0.570933 | C | 0.000000 | 0.713403 |
| C | 0.000000 | 1.164492 | 0.829992 | C | 0.000000 | 1.169281 |
| C | 0.000000 | 2.513679 | 0.802572 | C | 0.000000 | 2.563684 |
| C | 0.000000 | 2.927905 | -0.622849 | C | 0.000000 | 2.985296 |
| C | 0.000000 | -0.679934 | -0.570933 | C | 0.000000 | -0.713403 |
| C | 0.000000 | -1.839928 | -1.442174 | C | 0.000000 | -1.838278 |
| C | 0.000000 | -1.164492 | 0.829992 | C | 0.000000 | -1.169281 |
| C | 0.000000 | -2.927905 | -0.622849 | C | 0.000000 | -2.985296 |
| C | 0.000000 | -2.513679 | 0.802572 | C | 0.000000 | -2.563684 |
| C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 1.800551 | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| H | 0.000000 | 3.201442 | 1.637107 | H | 0.000000 | 3.208740 |
| H | 0.000000 | 3.960536 | -0.949149 | H | 0.000000 | 4.015479 |
| H | 0.000000 | 1.836151 | -2.521399 | H | 0.000000 | 1.881666 |
| H | 0.000000 | -1.836151 | -2.521399 | H | 0.000000 | -1.881666 |
| H | 0.000000 | -3.960536 | -0.949149 | H | 0.000000 | -4.015479 |
| H | 0.000000 | -3.201442 | 1.637107 | H | 0.000000 | -3.208740 |
| H | 0.880227 | 0.000000 | 2.452139 | H | 0.875304 | 0.000000 |
| H | -0.880227 | 0.000000 | 2.452139 | H | -0.875304 | 0.000000 |

Table S56: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 3bH-cyclopenta[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2]benzene (**72**) and Bicyclo[5.4.0]undeca-1,3,5,7,9-pentaene-11-ylidene (**73**) (in **Scheme-I**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer 72

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 2.565483 | -0.652692 | -0.530882 | C | 2.726548 | -0.689439 |
| C | 2.580328 | 0.799222 | -0.365623 | C | 2.756891 | 0.731458 |
| C | 1.519904 | 1.491459 | 0.130879 | C | 1.571859 | 1.465890 |
| C | 0.379528 | 0.710247 | 0.504810 | C | 0.437269 | 0.754630 |
| C | 0.484109 | -0.807468 | 0.760188 | C | 0.444672 | -0.770293 |
| C | 1.577520 | -1.433768 | -0.047712 | C | 1.613900 | -1.448789 |
| C | -0.988550 | 0.708434 | 0.340288 | C | -1.006112 | 0.744728 |
| C | -1.009885 | -0.748683 | 0.342425 | C | -1.037725 | -0.694380 |
| C | -2.165484 | -1.177964 | -0.224564 | C | -2.356287 | -1.157262 |
| C | -2.948274 | 0.044726 | -0.483301 | C | -3.113357 | -0.006614 |
| C | -2.249687 | 1.187282 | -0.156470 | C | -2.272926 | 1.211965 |
| H | 3.400262 | -1.101667 | -1.058648 | H | 3.629045 | -1.178844 |
| H | 3.446478 | 1.338547 | -0.734363 | H | 3.680656 | 1.257750 |
| H | 1.494082 | 2.575395 | 0.125067 | H | 1.552404 | 2.539211 |
| H | 1.618406 | -2.513050 | -0.157394 | H | 1.619556 | -2.522971 |
| H | -2.487025 | -2.179937 | -0.471566 | H | -2.713066 | -2.172987 |
| H | -3.953654 | 0.034417 | -0.887774 | H | -4.172327 | 0.021784 |
| H | -2.597278 | 2.204533 | -0.252703 | H | -2.638628 | 2.225886 |
| H | 0.608779 | -1.082999 | 1.817162 | H | 0.453960 | -1.021193 |

Isomer 73

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 2.791167 | 0.000196 | -0.032064 | C | 2.831659 | 0.026041 |
| C | 2.186599 | -1.243334 | 0.198746 | C | 2.235874 | -1.247142 |
| C | 0.837944 | -1.561062 | 0.149016 | C | 0.904327 | -1.594841 |
| C | -0.313431 | -0.767020 | -0.075683 | C | -0.280341 | -0.757086 |
| C | 0.821296 | 1.543673 | -0.092599 | C | 0.828808 | 1.560675 |
| C | 2.183336 | 1.239703 | -0.173544 | C | 2.170223 | 1.273004 |
| C | -1.524875 | -1.480747 | -0.240123 | C | -1.518518 | -1.380573 |
| C | -0.301296 | 0.708272 | -0.032238 | C | -0.331100 | 0.681887 |
| C | -1.561116 | 1.336322 | 0.184610 | C | -1.594843 | 1.300066 |
| C | -2.726950 | 0.606455 | 0.202938 | C | -2.792901 | 0.587887 |
| C | -2.703879 | -0.765827 | -0.172035 | C | -2.766447 | -0.811694 |
| H | 3.877139 | -0.001292 | -0.068231 | H | 3.915642 | 0.054722 |
| H | 2.863265 | -2.074480 | 0.369945 | H | 2.929190 | -2.084321 |
| H | 0.585867 | -2.614473 | 0.245818 | H | 0.683873 | -2.656982 |
| H | 2.849632 | 2.089433 | -0.284196 | H | 2.825167 | 2.140711 |
| H | -1.587397 | 2.412343 | 0.319180 | H | -1.630958 | 2.383851 |
| H | -3.669424 | 1.110358 | 0.401896 | H | -3.740404 | 1.115819 |
| H | -3.649117 | -1.228981 | -0.450789 | H | -3.677075 | -1.399447 |
| H | 0.597260 | 2.607301 | -0.035757 | H | 0.574109 | 2.616299 |

Table S57: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 7aH-cyclopropa[a]azulene (**74**) and Bicyclo[5.4.0]undeca-2,4,6,8,10,11-hexaene (**75**) (in **Scheme II**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer 74

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.690912 | -1.584721 | 0.179210 | C | 0.677867 | -1.606373 | -0.117817 |
| C | 0.318893 | -0.680184 | 0.131831 | C | -0.342396 | -0.604855 | -0.212277 |
| C | -2.104163 | -1.355745 | 0.060905 | C | 2.025799 | -1.423445 | -0.017710 |
| C | 0.276227 | 0.821202 | 0.022902 | C | -0.217304 | 0.836171 | -0.056217 |
| C | -2.765556 | -0.173977 | -0.074810 | C | 2.776188 | -0.195301 | 0.045601 |
| C | -0.941097 | 1.582607 | -0.100827 | C | 0.985251 | 1.584481 | 0.098059 |
| C | -2.233604 | 1.160701 | -0.132321 | C | 2.303553 | 1.102375 | 0.109300 |
| C | 1.526474 | 1.374487 | 0.113173 | C | -1.496646 | 1.423982 | -0.001330 |
| C | 1.743098 | -0.942108 | 0.150507 | C | -1.744460 | -0.856943 | -0.235021 |
| C | 2.553255 | 0.325916 | 0.378072 | C | -2.550718 | 0.429280 | -0.246812 |
| C | 2.767734 | -0.764717 | -0.651315 | C | -2.828916 | -0.877780 | 0.518566 |
| H | -0.394339 | -2.620954 | 0.309285 | H | 0.322195 | -2.631463 | -0.155612 |
| H | -2.715683 | -2.252794 | 0.077478 | H | 2.625901 | -2.327917 | 0.021040 |
| H | -3.847323 | -0.236739 | -0.148950 | H | 3.854157 | -0.314014 | 0.078653 |
| H | -2.982142 | 1.942702 | -0.220241 | H | 3.068813 | 1.869712 | 0.195559 |
| H | -0.786906 | 2.656971 | -0.165223 | H | 0.858648 | 2.655550 | 0.217140 |
| H | 1.706224 | 2.442634 | 0.134084 | H | -1.656505 | 2.496346 | -0.004609 |
| H | 3.083678 | -0.944789 | -1.669585 | H | -3.337074 | -1.291589 | 1.375767 |
| H | 3.234395 | 0.432206 | 1.219188 | H | -3.265446 | 0.673831 | -1.033986 |

Isomer 75

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.839874 | -1.561246 | 0.078303 | C | -0.904392 | -1.594886 | -0.000265 |
| C | -0.320469 | -0.761805 | 0.068002 | C | 0.280378 | -0.757024 | -0.000201 |
| C | 2.204527 | -1.250627 | 0.006575 | C | -2.235800 | -1.247236 | 0.000151 |
| C | -0.311166 | 0.708727 | 0.084586 | C | 0.331078 | 0.681938 | -0.000178 |
| C | 2.801121 | -0.003360 | -0.050563 | C | -2.831640 | 0.026131 | 0.000368 |
| C | 0.831077 | 1.546940 | -0.014791 | C | -0.828791 | 1.560706 | -0.000310 |
| C | 2.179031 | 1.255810 | -0.067410 | C | -2.170306 | 1.272948 | 0.000014 |
| C | -1.560335 | 1.355473 | 0.098652 | C | 1.594874 | 1.300088 | 0.000056 |
| C | -1.534263 | -1.529519 | -0.006738 | C | 1.518483 | -1.380564 | -0.000139 |
| C | -2.734922 | 0.627038 | -0.013528 | C | 2.792902 | 0.587855 | 0.000252 |
| C | -2.703999 | -0.772864 | -0.140188 | C | 2.766461 | -0.811712 | 0.000141 |
| H | 0.590833 | -2.616799 | 0.126338 | H | -0.683781 | -2.656997 | -0.000493 |
| H | 2.877556 | -2.102450 | 0.007124 | H | -2.929241 | -2.084309 | 0.000261 |
| H | 3.886885 | 0.007851 | -0.087895 | H | -3.915627 | 0.054653 | 0.000684 |
| H | 2.844463 | 2.110450 | -0.138015 | H | -2.825207 | 2.140695 | -0.000032 |
| H | 0.594771 | 2.607442 | -0.074261 | H | -0.574146 | 2.616336 | -0.000604 |
| H | -1.593307 | 2.437844 | 0.159464 | H | 1.631062 | 2.383868 | 0.000070 |
| H | -3.686580 | 1.152563 | 0.014766 | H | 3.740399 | 1.115811 | 0.000448 |
| H | -3.657468 | -1.284296 | -0.264918 | H | 3.677054 | -1.399516 | 0.000329 |

Table S58: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of Bicyclo[5.4.0]undeca-1,2,4,6,8,10-hexaene (**76**) and 1aH-cyclopropa[a]naphthalene (**77**) (in **Scheme II**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer 76

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 1.178063 | -1.085359 | 0.047945 | C | -1.208946 | -1.115781 | -0.329544 |
| C | -0.194985 | -0.653092 | 0.062003 | C | 0.130410 | -0.594345 | -0.166085 |
| C | 2.283762 | -1.335419 | -0.583397 | C | -2.171765 | -1.386087 | 0.692452 |
| C | -0.305317 | 0.760455 | -0.063674 | C | 0.339275 | 0.805732 | -0.017777 |
| C | 2.378662 | -0.251095 | 0.471843 | C | -2.400438 | -0.172421 | -0.228065 |
| C | 0.891499 | 1.605965 | -0.122234 | C | -0.808584 | 1.690664 | 0.041242 |
| C | 2.146915 | 1.176876 | 0.144473 | C | -2.079923 | 1.246702 | -0.055316 |
| C | -1.592237 | 1.315487 | -0.126741 | C | 1.649226 | 1.294826 | 0.107741 |
| C | -1.334173 | -1.455060 | 0.145071 | C | 1.242465 | -1.454444 | -0.148463 |
| C | -2.724077 | 0.511973 | -0.046276 | C | 2.735647 | 0.431536 | 0.103363 |
| C | -2.597179 | -0.872712 | 0.092246 | C | 2.527854 | -0.948254 | -0.018747 |
| H | 2.742990 | -1.727472 | -1.476301 | H | -2.908305 | -2.185453 | 0.714026 |
| H | 2.959654 | 1.896408 | 0.203413 | H | -2.900932 | 1.955435 | -0.097730 |
| H | 0.721184 | 2.658596 | -0.329581 | H | -0.618388 | 2.753948 | 0.149451 |
| H | -1.697928 | 2.390720 | -0.229890 | H | 1.804183 | 2.362900 | 0.222727 |
| H | -3.708984 | 0.962826 | -0.091064 | H | 3.741270 | 0.823182 | 0.204189 |
| H | -3.482169 | -1.496105 | 0.149034 | H | 3.374513 | -1.625615 | -0.011201 |
| H | -1.225239 | -2.528849 | 0.243720 | H | 1.080831 | -2.521130 | -0.253968 |
| H | 2.904899 | -0.464244 | 1.403125 | H | -3.304485 | -0.352041 | -0.812303 |

Isomer 77

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 1.178063 | -1.085359 | 0.047945 | C | -1.208946 | -1.115781 | -0.329544 |
| C | -0.194985 | -0.653092 | 0.062003 | C | 0.130410 | -0.594345 | -0.166085 |
| C | 2.283762 | -1.335419 | -0.583397 | C | -2.171765 | -1.386087 | 0.692452 |
| C | -0.305317 | 0.760455 | -0.063674 | C | 0.339275 | 0.805732 | -0.017777 |
| C | 2.378662 | -0.251095 | 0.471843 | C | -2.400438 | -0.172421 | -0.228065 |
| C | 0.891499 | 1.605965 | -0.122234 | C | -0.808584 | 1.690664 | 0.041242 |
| C | 2.146915 | 1.176876 | 0.144473 | C | -2.079923 | 1.246702 | -0.055316 |
| C | -1.592237 | 1.315487 | -0.126741 | C | 1.649226 | 1.294826 | 0.107741 |
| C | -1.334173 | -1.455060 | 0.145071 | C | 1.242465 | -1.454444 | -0.148463 |
| C | -2.724077 | 0.511973 | -0.046276 | C | 2.735647 | 0.431536 | 0.103363 |
| C | -2.597179 | -0.872712 | 0.092246 | C | 2.527854 | -0.948254 | -0.018747 |
| H | 2.742990 | -1.727472 | -1.476301 | H | -2.908305 | -2.185453 | 0.714026 |
| H | 2.959654 | 1.896408 | 0.203413 | H | -2.900932 | 1.955435 | -0.097730 |
| H | 0.721184 | 2.658596 | -0.329581 | H | -0.618388 | 2.753948 | 0.149451 |
| H | -1.697928 | 2.390720 | -0.229890 | H | 1.804183 | 2.362900 | 0.222727 |
| H | -3.708984 | 0.962826 | -0.091064 | H | 3.741270 | 0.823182 | 0.204189 |
| H | -3.482169 | -1.496105 | 0.149034 | H | 3.374513 | -1.625615 | -0.011201 |
| H | -1.225239 | -2.528849 | 0.243720 | H | 1.080831 | -2.521130 | -0.253968 |
| H | 2.904899 | -0.464244 | 1.403125 | H | -3.304485 | -0.352041 | -0.812303 |

Table S59: Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground electronic state of 2-methylene-bicyclo[4.4.0]deca-3,5,7,9,10-pentaene (78) 2,2a-dihydro-1Hcyclopenta[cd]indenylidene **79** (in **1,2 H Shifting Rearrangement**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

Isomer 78

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.399261 | 0.834722 | -0.033577 | C | -1.399261 | 0.834722 | -0.033577 |
| C | 0.018069 | 0.503252 | 0.086397 | C | 0.018069 | 0.503252 | 0.086397 |
| C | 0.409517 | -0.883838 | 0.198413 | C | 0.409517 | -0.883838 | 0.198413 |
| C | -0.581898 | -1.868322 | 0.096384 | C | -0.581898 | -1.868322 | 0.096384 |
| C | -1.943825 | -1.542237 | -0.050994 | C | -1.943825 | -1.542237 | -0.050994 |
| C | -2.345829 | -0.230918 | -0.162021 | C | -2.345829 | -0.230918 | -0.162021 |
| C | -1.797946 | 2.138185 | 0.100618 | C | -1.797946 | 2.138185 | 0.100618 |
| C | 1.000104 | 1.463517 | -0.054720 | C | 1.000104 | 1.463517 | -0.054720 |
| C | 2.329355 | 1.143682 | -0.076357 | C | 2.329355 | 1.143682 | -0.076357 |
| C | 2.729757 | -0.225569 | -0.141512 | C | 2.729757 | -0.225569 | -0.141512 |
| C | 1.795268 | -1.208188 | 0.070413 | C | 1.795268 | -1.208188 | 0.070413 |
| H | -2.830749 | 2.430019 | -0.054128 | H | -2.830749 | 2.430019 | -0.054128 |
| H | -3.389419 | 0.011860 | -0.330212 | H | -3.389419 | 0.011860 | -0.330212 |
| H | -2.671141 | -2.340666 | -0.145110 | H | -2.671141 | -2.340666 | -0.145110 |
| H | -0.278105 | -2.905469 | -0.011552 | H | -0.278105 | -2.905469 | -0.011552 |
| H | 2.093880 | -2.250106 | 0.119966 | H | 2.093880 | -2.250106 | 0.119966 |
| H | 3.779962 | -0.482019 | -0.243098 | H | 3.779962 | -0.482019 | -0.243098 |
| H | 3.098289 | 1.901915 | 0.055393 | H | 3.098289 | 1.901915 | 0.055393 |
| H | -1.082570 | 2.888745 | 0.410481 | H | -1.082570 | 2.888745 | 0.410481 |

Isomer-79

| | Singlet | | | Triplet | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -0.791491 | -1.602552 | -0.000214 | C | -0.801178 | -1.514924 | 0.000135 |
| C | 0.264772 | -0.656795 | -0.000337 | C | 0.254455 | -0.560110 | 0.000443 |
| C | -2.172095 | -1.318608 | 0.000303 | C | -2.152331 | -1.382019 | -0.000278 |
| C | 0.295691 | 0.780553 | -0.000154 | C | 0.321012 | 0.841975 | -0.000006 |
| C | -2.776521 | -0.071392 | 0.000202 | C | -2.783498 | -0.104381 | -0.000274 |
| C | -0.868564 | 1.592171 | -0.000137 | C | -0.889702 | 1.641756 | 0.000354 |
| C | -2.195988 | 1.218745 | -0.000095 | C | -2.197049 | 1.189408 | 0.000188 |
| C | 1.574810 | 1.379463 | 0.000060 | C | 1.629493 | 1.353815 | -0.000428 |
| C | 1.443562 | -1.472724 | -0.000252 | C | 1.362120 | -1.382399 | 0.000147 |
| C | 2.721906 | 0.598022 | 0.000232 | C | 2.755059 | 0.511435 | -0.000221 |
| C | 2.669825 | -0.813009 | 0.000147 | C | 2.658528 | -0.892019 | 0.000154 |
| H | 0.363085 | -2.456073 | -0.000158 | H | 0.337719 | -2.420163 | 0.000248 |
| H | -2.849856 | -2.169808 | 0.000590 | H | -2.791421 | -2.259284 | -0.000838 |
| H | -3.865303 | -0.070801 | 0.000356 | H | -3.868526 | -0.119386 | -0.000682 |
| H | -2.908691 | 2.038086 | -0.000181 | H | -2.935376 | 1.987967 | 0.000413 |
| H | -0.684283 | 2.664523 | -0.000097 | H | -0.750777 | 2.718625 | 0.000789 |
| H | 1.656824 | 2.461345 | 0.000206 | H | 1.782257 | 2.428168 | -0.000837 |
| H | 3.687914 | 1.095880 | 0.000430 | H | 3.741202 | 0.964371 | -0.000496 |
| H | 3.604871 | -1.366397 | 0.000330 | H | 3.543467 | -1.515522 | 0.000126 |

Table S60: Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of **TSa1**, **TSa2**, **TSa3** and **TSa4** (in **Scheme-I**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| | TSa1 | | | TSa2 | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.292447 | 1.533291 | -0.000091 | C | -0.244112 | 1.461138 | -0.122382 |
| C | -0.406669 | 0.336874 | -0.000062 | C | 0.432347 | 0.268371 | -0.247227 |
| C | 1.694867 | 1.589828 | -0.000174 | C | -1.609317 | 1.629546 | -0.008188 |
| C | -0.088792 | -1.054242 | -0.000103 | C | 0.094150 | -1.145657 | -0.238756 |
| C | 2.606446 | 0.531113 | 0.000137 | C | -2.523684 | 0.566175 | 0.175159 |
| C | 1.206596 | -1.582295 | -0.000043 | C | -1.203426 | -1.609483 | -0.084684 |
| C | 2.394208 | -0.859786 | 0.000165 | C | -2.356509 | -0.821077 | 0.099676 |
| C | -1.345668 | -1.771493 | -0.000101 | C | 1.346151 | -1.807246 | -0.018570 |
| C | -1.875390 | 0.467744 | 0.000027 | C | 1.796586 | 0.435913 | -0.003787 |
| C | -2.393325 | -0.881978 | 0.000050 | C | 2.353815 | -0.857076 | 0.198468 |
| C | -2.292092 | 1.764840 | 0.000122 | C | 2.045008 | 1.845516 | 0.070082 |
| H | -0.933700 | 2.286685 | -0.000130 | H | 1.863104 | 2.465030 | -0.792778 |
| H | 2.152725 | 2.578602 | -0.000486 | H | -2.036229 | 2.627520 | -0.064274 |
| H | 3.655537 | 0.820961 | 0.000345 | H | -3.550943 | 0.877846 | 0.356022 |
| H | 3.300540 | -1.458606 | 0.000354 | H | -3.271511 | -1.388621 | 0.242320 |
| H | 1.300504 | -2.665581 | -0.000113 | H | -1.348574 | -2.685108 | -0.012058 |
| H | -1.430357 | -2.850392 | -0.000176 | H | 1.473538 | -2.878270 | 0.070865 |
| H | -3.441490 | -1.150834 | 0.000164 | H | 3.376522 | -1.092719 | 0.462285 |
| H | -3.359529 | 1.995797 | 0.000490 | H | 2.708035 | 2.277607 | 0.818861 |
| | TSa3 | | | TSa4 | | | |
| C | -0.310163 | 1.369877 | 0.096688 | C | 0.449132 | 1.365260 | -0.027025 |
| C | 0.486214 | 0.256085 | 0.431822 | C | -0.502161 | 0.353711 | -0.396483 |
| C | 0.378336 | -1.135360 | 0.129663 | C | -0.449568 | -1.011335 | -0.008265 |
| C | -0.851123 | -1.805202 | 0.018863 | C | 0.735647 | -1.767459 | 0.115293 |
| C | -2.104558 | -1.207814 | 0.024857 | C | 2.034385 | -1.315140 | -0.011039 |
| C | -2.462790 | 0.164187 | -0.058401 | C | 2.523012 | 0.017406 | -0.109266 |
| C | -1.705576 | 1.326292 | -0.098693 | C | 1.861842 | 1.225698 | -0.062983 |
| C | 1.819022 | 0.666707 | 0.330464 | C | -1.869365 | 0.790382 | -0.370018 |
| C | 2.565343 | -0.409119 | -0.199449 | C | -2.651524 | -0.339502 | 0.013967 |
| C | 1.712018 | -1.528867 | -0.210412 | C | -1.808265 | -1.424512 | 0.196264 |
| C | 0.687241 | 2.361722 | -0.123819 | C | -0.400600 | 2.219540 | 0.622081 |
| H | -2.224703 | 2.252203 | -0.322925 | H | 2.459571 | 2.123058 | 0.061427 |
| H | -3.530823 | 0.323175 | -0.185486 | H | 3.607511 | 0.091158 | -0.128694 |
| H | -2.946895 | -1.890146 | -0.030196 | H | 2.806951 | -2.075729 | 0.039702 |
| H | -0.826393 | -2.880883 | -0.139156 | H | 0.611176 | -2.829902 | 0.310559 |
| H | 2.039513 | -2.550844 | -0.361788 | H | -2.122932 | -2.441324 | 0.393877 |
| H | 3.626269 | -0.431149 | -0.406194 | H | -3.731725 | -0.369485 | 0.051551 |
| H | 1.736178 | 2.006976 | 0.493549 | H | -2.255781 | 1.687762 | -0.830958 |
| H | 0.843079 | 2.819617 | -1.097295 | H | -0.909980 | 3.130173 | 0.327372 |

Table S61: Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of **TSa5**, **TSa6**, **TSa7** and **TSa8** (in **Scheme-I**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| TSa5 | | | | TSa6 | | |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.810689 | 0.788486 | -0.004905 | C | -0.676122 | -1.189592 |
| C | -0.116561 | 1.786150 | -0.190852 | C | 0.592661 | -0.666184 |
| C | -1.540761 | 1.737022 | -0.161003 | C | -1.901219 | -0.569285 |
| C | -2.364597 | 0.685907 | 0.178710 | C | 0.811985 | 0.806168 |
| C | -1.978545 | -0.644914 | 0.480490 | C | -2.385259 | 0.689873 |
| C | -0.722831 | -1.243817 | 0.066815 | C | -0.143463 | 1.842490 |
| C | 0.585820 | -0.661051 | 0.105247 | C | -1.531986 | 1.819084 |
| C | 1.810090 | -1.276197 | 0.140183 | C | 2.202900 | 0.986291 |
| C | 2.839123 | -0.258406 | 0.077348 | C | 1.852820 | -1.285165 |
| C | 2.247161 | 0.971250 | -0.027397 | C | 2.824674 | -0.276079 |
| C | -1.342294 | -2.130434 | -0.712217 | H | -3.447106 | 0.849152 |
| H | 0.296601 | 2.778622 | -0.356920 | H | -2.027351 | 2.784157 |
| H | -2.032834 | 2.689099 | -0.334227 | H | 0.291394 | 2.839719 |
| H | -3.414145 | 0.927794 | 0.330435 | H | 2.707702 | 1.942621 |
| H | -2.662673 | -1.246447 | 1.062356 | H | 3.892895 | -0.441639 |
| H | -2.178237 | -2.803919 | -0.595263 | H | 2.033380 | -2.350385 |
| H | 1.982274 | -2.341758 | 0.201198 | C | -1.516003 | -2.367555 |
| H | 3.902458 | -0.455706 | 0.088846 | H | -1.626063 | -2.756750 |
| H | 2.742780 | 1.928344 | -0.110934 | H | -2.610784 | -1.607156 |
| TSa7 | | | | TSa8 | | |
| C | -0.556698 | -1.287090 | -0.223663 | C | -0.644781 | -0.806003 |
| C | 0.694035 | -0.745568 | 0.008839 | C | 0.669235 | -0.607886 |
| C | 0.850475 | 0.717274 | -0.191803 | C | 1.079209 | 0.808389 |
| C | -0.160199 | 1.658791 | -0.309609 | C | 0.034301 | 1.711617 |
| C | -1.551925 | 1.606314 | -0.042708 | C | -1.305249 | 1.254388 |
| C | -2.346103 | 0.589154 | 0.472712 | C | -2.248033 | 0.668982 |
| C | -2.155860 | -0.812882 | 0.468102 | C | -2.618230 | -0.624341 |
| C | -1.693960 | -1.562691 | -0.735730 | C | -1.816458 | -1.421632 |
| C | 2.249181 | 0.974687 | -0.090386 | C | 1.781931 | -1.407076 |
| C | 2.889303 | -0.214944 | 0.219990 | C | 2.842179 | -0.531972 |
| C | 1.942174 | -1.279300 | 0.287830 | C | 2.431547 | 0.816617 |
| H | 0.199579 | 2.668388 | -0.499352 | H | 0.253416 | 2.733211 |
| H | -2.022541 | 2.585492 | -0.037309 | H | -1.897851 | 1.844322 |
| H | -3.212734 | 0.931553 | 1.040487 | H | -2.748176 | 1.344766 |
| H | -2.584602 | -1.384291 | 1.289098 | H | -3.416166 | -1.068790 |
| H | -2.168078 | -1.957666 | -1.622006 | H | -2.129885 | -2.367469 |
| H | 2.163013 | -2.321780 | 0.463170 | H | 1.828941 | -2.485522 |
| H | 3.954141 | -0.332469 | 0.372247 | H | 3.842826 | -0.849657 |
| H | 2.708687 | 1.948298 | -0.187784 | H | 3.032991 | 1.682644 |

Table S62: Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of **TSa9**, **TSa10**, **TSa11** and **TSa12** (in **Scheme-I**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| | TSa9 | | | TSa10 | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.807549 | -1.428519 | 0.023788 | C | -0.376622 | -0.920511 | 0.685163 |
| C | -0.686830 | -0.643345 | 0.020554 | C | 0.936124 | -0.709169 | 0.476608 |
| C | -1.178176 | 0.794298 | 0.002600 | C | 0.946862 | 0.728876 | 0.424752 |
| C | -2.616616 | 0.794777 | -0.029111 | C | -0.428365 | 1.192661 | 0.838558 |
| C | -2.968830 | -0.536127 | -0.017829 | C | -1.539063 | 1.460418 | 0.007624 |
| C | 0.735034 | -0.571269 | -0.062658 | C | -2.250001 | 0.566290 | -0.795897 |
| C | 1.922196 | -1.360051 | 0.010104 | C | -2.336424 | -0.823358 | -0.585883 |
| C | 1.137579 | 0.786816 | -0.094628 | C | -1.546315 | -1.530301 | 0.322057 |
| C | 3.025260 | -0.486689 | 0.027240 | C | 2.123193 | -1.210011 | -0.183027 |
| C | 2.550583 | 0.844761 | -0.015757 | C | 2.789621 | -0.085065 | -0.603946 |
| C | -0.018334 | 1.650757 | -0.013069 | C | 2.034654 | 1.131352 | -0.288970 |
| H | -3.272315 | 1.649346 | -0.074195 | H | -0.433152 | 1.776083 | 1.763872 |
| H | -3.991094 | -0.892482 | -0.069031 | H | -2.048169 | 2.412473 | 0.170720 |
| H | -1.863107 | -2.506182 | 0.000994 | H | -3.028889 | 0.993884 | -1.420407 |
| H | 1.976142 | -2.440119 | 0.039614 | H | -3.183167 | -1.335936 | -1.031923 |
| H | 4.063997 | -0.782265 | 0.050162 | H | -1.896912 | -2.456147 | 0.771445 |
| H | 3.166789 | 1.734130 | -0.004649 | H | 2.446161 | -2.235544 | -0.276671 |
| H | -0.055901 | 2.724010 | -0.160440 | H | 3.740868 | -0.086698 | -1.122081 |
| H | -0.590416 | 1.441112 | 1.110142 | H | 2.281275 | 2.124796 | -0.637188 |
| | TSa11 | | | TSa12 | | | |
| C | -2.702127 | 0.418024 | -0.238527 | C | -0.791457 | -1.602578 | -0.000078 |
| C | -2.347175 | -0.954288 | -0.531552 | C | 0.264785 | -0.656807 | 0.000078 |
| C | -1.135838 | -1.463816 | -0.227211 | C | -2.172086 | -1.318616 | -0.000241 |
| C | -0.044145 | -0.621547 | 0.261997 | C | 0.295679 | 0.780548 | -0.000024 |
| C | -0.490033 | 0.901641 | 0.791256 | C | -2.776516 | -0.071413 | 0.000024 |
| C | -1.881365 | 1.241053 | 0.448340 | C | -0.868585 | 1.592175 | 0.000076 |
| C | 1.243659 | -1.068829 | 0.594790 | C | -2.195990 | 1.218758 | 0.000169 |
| C | 0.482288 | 0.677626 | -0.247372 | C | 1.574778 | 1.379462 | -0.000170 |
| C | 1.722899 | 1.112250 | -0.742224 | C | 1.443576 | -1.472718 | 0.000224 |
| C | 2.820057 | 0.337854 | -0.463114 | C | 2.721894 | 0.598037 | -0.000137 |
| C | 2.535648 | -0.772638 | 0.425101 | C | 2.669835 | -0.812983 | 0.000119 |
| H | -3.708176 | 0.747756 | -0.473394 | H | 0.363098 | -2.456060 | 0.000097 |
| H | -3.117514 | -1.607778 | -0.926113 | H | -2.849846 | -2.169816 | -0.000472 |
| H | -0.923824 | -2.525372 | -0.298792 | H | -3.865297 | -0.070839 | 0.000083 |
| H | -2.249682 | 2.192450 | 0.822170 | H | -2.908699 | 2.038093 | 0.000304 |
| H | 1.791813 | 2.059683 | -1.265825 | H | -0.684297 | 2.664526 | 0.000095 |
| H | 3.799135 | 0.499194 | -0.900462 | H | 1.656782 | 2.461345 | -0.000308 |
| H | 3.329084 | -1.394879 | 0.826533 | H | 3.687889 | 1.095919 | -0.000274 |
| H | -0.144043 | 1.184965 | 1.786973 | H | 3.604886 | -1.366361 | 0.000231 |

Table S63: Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of **TSb1**, **TSb2**, **TSb3** and **TSb4** (in **Scheme-II**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| | TSb1 | | | | TSb2 | | |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.709420 | -1.587682 | -0.155697 | C | 0.709486 | -1.587728 | -0.155371 |
| C | -0.317001 | -0.703171 | -0.001857 | C | -0.316990 | -0.703274 | -0.001362 |
| C | 2.116444 | -1.331755 | -0.190789 | C | 2.116430 | -1.331599 | -0.191360 |
| C | -0.263799 | 0.803503 | -0.013199 | C | -0.263773 | 0.803388 | -0.013359 |
| C | 2.768893 | -0.147064 | 0.000780 | C | 2.768843 | -0.146883 | 0.000326 |
| C | 0.928428 | 1.568570 | 0.213625 | C | 0.928295 | 1.568492 | 0.214132 |
| C | 2.231530 | 1.162277 | 0.216034 | C | 2.231429 | 1.162264 | 0.216526 |
| C | -1.490297 | 1.340533 | -0.290237 | C | -1.490063 | 1.340329 | -0.291268 |
| C | -1.674002 | -1.087731 | 0.171672 | C | -1.673848 | -1.088171 | 0.172589 |
| C | -2.576847 | 0.368930 | -0.453523 | C | -2.576935 | 0.369025 | -0.453843 |
| C | -2.830920 | -0.625011 | 0.572376 | C | -2.831050 | -0.624503 | 0.572216 |
| H | 0.419211 | -2.631831 | -0.220750 | H | 0.419385 | -2.631949 | -0.219792 |
| H | 2.739521 | -2.208855 | -0.334033 | H | 2.739540 | -2.208577 | -0.335210 |
| H | 3.854213 | -0.197085 | -0.010749 | H | 3.854164 | -0.196756 | -0.011840 |
| H | 2.972009 | 1.940586 | 0.373109 | H | 2.971863 | 1.940518 | 0.374088 |
| H | 0.762069 | 2.633450 | 0.356658 | H | 0.761853 | 2.633317 | 0.357495 |
| H | -1.633723 | 2.393706 | -0.506196 | H | -1.633529 | 2.393697 | -0.506258 |
| H | -3.140259 | 0.362793 | -1.387800 | H | -3.139903 | 0.362073 | -1.388385 |
| H | -3.584141 | -0.861158 | 1.314646 | H | -3.584314 | -0.860360 | 1.314552 |
| | TSb3 | | | | TSb4 | | |
| C | -0.928096 | -1.369571 | 0.358009 | C | 1.059881 | -1.215633 | -0.216832 |
| C | 0.233583 | -0.737375 | 0.033207 | C | -0.210806 | -0.691700 | -0.014009 |
| C | -2.232110 | -1.159826 | 0.519409 | C | 2.286315 | -1.185951 | -0.615485 |
| C | 0.289432 | 0.714150 | 0.211567 | C | -0.289899 | 0.732175 | -0.193370 |
| C | -2.787989 | -0.105499 | -0.303285 | C | 2.565247 | -0.207496 | 0.448328 |
| C | -0.841693 | 1.495473 | -0.010854 | C | 0.876369 | 1.554175 | -0.099880 |
| C | -2.136401 | 1.096656 | -0.446471 | C | 2.110992 | 1.131722 | 0.357170 |
| C | 1.587434 | 1.309683 | 0.386918 | C | -1.587075 | 1.304938 | -0.270161 |
| C | 1.431014 | -1.417476 | -0.374513 | C | -1.377167 | -1.443906 | 0.272410 |
| C | 2.711216 | 0.588806 | 0.106392 | C | -2.713931 | 0.543434 | -0.056386 |
| C | 2.631121 | -0.770635 | -0.342438 | C | -2.610090 | -0.833749 | 0.247898 |
| H | 1.364094 | -2.472164 | -0.616921 | H | -1.284305 | -2.508264 | 0.453688 |
| H | -2.851841 | -1.728297 | 1.209135 | H | -3.506903 | -1.413680 | 0.432322 |
| H | -3.764323 | -0.225552 | -0.769224 | H | -3.693244 | 1.006523 | -0.104502 |
| H | -2.705733 | 1.882736 | -0.937806 | H | -1.676777 | 2.369393 | -0.461410 |
| H | -0.675487 | 2.569853 | 0.002295 | H | 0.707954 | 2.624888 | -0.162848 |
| H | 1.658241 | 2.350748 | 0.684568 | H | 2.748789 | 1.889253 | 0.811546 |
| H | 3.687207 | 1.051790 | 0.204065 | H | 3.175867 | -0.498275 | 1.302918 |
| H | 3.542775 | -1.295428 | -0.603756 | H | 2.869605 | -1.597897 | -1.429815 |

Table S64: Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of **TSb5**, **TSb6**, **TSb7** and **TSb8** (in **Scheme-II**) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| | TSb5 | | | TSb6 | | |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -1.284764 | -0.985748 | -0.176770 | C | 1.320493 | 0.925264 |
| C | 0.098162 | -0.558848 | -0.118742 | C | -0.029969 | 0.407898 |
| C | -2.123162 | -1.826603 | 0.469485 | C | -0.307069 | -0.979952 |
| C | 0.322175 | 0.836971 | 0.031014 | C | 0.807680 | -1.849166 |
| C | -2.356547 | -0.057386 | -0.361937 | C | 2.115750 | -1.359512 |
| C | -0.806232 | 1.736155 | 0.135349 | C | 2.388216 | 0.008156 |
| C | -2.091592 | 1.318648 | -0.037378 | C | 1.325199 | 2.315946 |
| C | 1.648972 | 1.301669 | 0.111324 | C | -1.015834 | 1.394877 |
| C | 1.184572 | -1.442261 | -0.165967 | C | -2.331927 | 1.001160 |
| C | 2.714161 | 0.417767 | 0.052537 | C | -2.649980 | -0.391117 |
| C | 2.482192 | -0.958588 | -0.080369 | C | -1.676270 | -1.361746 |
| H | -1.823271 | -2.172461 | 1.464944 | H | 2.165702 | 2.881498 |
| H | -3.279833 | -0.344542 | -0.834423 | H | 3.409067 | 0.356528 |
| H | -2.906517 | 2.034118 | -0.027560 | H | 2.936863 | -2.066531 |
| H | -0.597206 | 2.786557 | 0.311446 | H | 0.643949 | -2.921006 |
| H | 1.829947 | 2.366393 | 0.216064 | H | -1.945468 | -2.412654 |
| H | 3.730319 | 0.790361 | 0.113039 | H | -3.692645 | -0.689158 |
| H | 3.319259 | -1.646527 | -0.114888 | H | -3.147354 | 1.717761 |
| H | 0.999683 | -2.504553 | -0.279896 | H | -0.047859 | 2.462714 |
| | | | | | | -0.172113 |
| | TSb7 | | | | | |
| C | -1.328954 | 0.869232 | 0.013288 | | | |
| C | 0.010304 | 0.407236 | 0.132367 | | | |
| C | 0.346316 | -0.972624 | 0.196189 | | | |
| C | -0.733450 | -1.881339 | 0.086140 | | | |
| C | -2.041490 | -1.429004 | -0.085371 | | | |
| C | -2.356090 | -0.064950 | -0.172502 | | | |
| C | -1.407676 | 2.277126 | 0.114231 | | | |
| C | 0.973940 | 1.390988 | -0.062418 | | | |
| C | 2.300002 | 1.072518 | -0.139029 | | | |
| C | 2.662651 | -0.312621 | -0.117284 | | | |
| C | 1.726593 | -1.303921 | 0.085320 | | | |
| H | -2.212477 | 2.844433 | -0.345382 | | | |
| H | -3.378240 | 0.252224 | -0.346674 | | | |
| H | -2.834905 | -2.158649 | -0.204428 | | | |
| H | -0.526688 | -2.944238 | 0.007967 | | | |
| H | 2.033099 | -2.344139 | 0.118999 | | | |
| H | 3.711538 | -0.578247 | -0.211220 | | | |
| H | 3.084700 | 1.822742 | -0.158064 | | | |
| H | -0.789899 | 2.790027 | 0.833209 | | | |

Table S65: Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of **TS1**, **TS2**, **TS3** and **TS4** (in 1,2-H shifting rearrangement) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| | TS1 | | | TS2 | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.145144 | 0.189946 | -0.431117 | C | -0.149706 | 0.005554 | 0.413160 |
| C | -0.031980 | -1.174593 | -0.209929 | C | 0.372558 | -1.249580 | 0.148376 |
| C | -1.369352 | -1.610509 | -0.114886 | C | 1.759312 | -1.309299 | -0.046851 |
| C | -2.406503 | -0.681010 | -0.052811 | C | 2.485958 | -0.103851 | -0.060626 |
| C | -2.139984 | 0.697938 | 0.079229 | C | 1.871415 | 1.160867 | -0.004858 |
| C | -0.823169 | 1.110576 | -0.041742 | C | 0.485378 | 1.204851 | 0.193061 |
| C | 0.085070 | 2.218000 | 0.421329 | C | -0.654113 | 2.133186 | -0.157158 |
| C | 1.260449 | 1.609123 | -0.330043 | C | -1.947595 | 1.498273 | -0.175899 |
| C | 2.011765 | 0.413789 | -0.323242 | C | -1.619585 | 0.074263 | 0.313354 |
| C | 2.205346 | -0.906987 | 0.364062 | C | -1.934718 | -1.329862 | -0.178300 |
| C | 1.187795 | -1.787080 | 0.289410 | C | -0.807288 | -2.087331 | -0.169138 |
| H | -1.581255 | -2.667077 | 0.011073 | H | 2.270270 | -2.241019 | -0.264348 |
| H | -3.428783 | -1.033135 | 0.023419 | H | 3.557705 | -0.150329 | -0.220636 |
| H | -2.929874 | 1.390307 | 0.348027 | H | 2.462061 | 2.053608 | -0.178111 |
| H | -0.122316 | 3.242536 | 0.107268 | H | -0.550175 | 3.210742 | -0.265150 |
| H | 0.143820 | 2.178887 | 1.517773 | H | -1.129400 | 1.825776 | -1.259908 |
| H | 2.714306 | 0.406039 | -1.175823 | H | -2.075270 | 0.158478 | 1.321888 |
| H | 3.217508 | -1.175619 | 0.645431 | H | -2.933780 | -1.697116 | -0.373368 |
| H | 1.239114 | -2.817087 | 0.621279 | H | -0.771110 | -3.142561 | -0.411090 |
| | TS3 | | | TS4 | | | |
| C | 0.152959 | 0.021675 | 0.079380 | C | 0.156954 | 0.042223 | -0.045306 |
| C | -0.539858 | 1.246769 | 0.037705 | C | -0.594579 | 1.234792 | -0.006063 |
| C | -1.957264 | 1.107977 | 0.030941 | C | -2.005149 | 1.038408 | 0.012082 |
| C | -2.488904 | -0.187587 | 0.007903 | C | -2.486104 | -0.280180 | 0.009438 |
| C | -1.733984 | -1.383595 | -0.029881 | C | -1.677235 | -1.439154 | -0.004972 |
| C | -0.316097 | -1.277543 | -0.027404 | C | -0.264575 | -1.273044 | -0.036130 |
| C | 0.869586 | -2.093513 | -0.079634 | C | 0.960569 | -2.054632 | -0.014171 |
| C | 2.032562 | -1.272212 | -0.046096 | C | 2.139188 | -1.086845 | -0.016241 |
| C | 1.591106 | 0.147887 | 0.098992 | C | 1.573686 | 0.241582 | -0.034108 |
| C | 1.811236 | 1.553027 | -0.110924 | C | 1.755387 | 1.616486 | -0.000872 |
| C | 0.471467 | 2.221711 | -0.053318 | C | 0.381132 | 2.250793 | 0.010626 |
| H | -2.620275 | 1.964750 | 0.024002 | H | -2.703831 | 1.866597 | 0.028824 |
| H | -3.570000 | -0.284589 | -0.005270 | H | -3.561554 | -0.424376 | 0.021531 |
| H | -2.244280 | -2.337575 | -0.085227 | H | -2.144930 | -2.416683 | -0.000391 |
| H | 0.907172 | -3.173700 | -0.119230 | H | 1.081285 | -3.111471 | -0.207458 |
| H | 3.060279 | -1.604529 | -0.075750 | H | 1.645422 | -1.747272 | 1.039836 |
| H | 2.016200 | -0.438490 | 1.155198 | H | 3.155319 | -1.409234 | -0.186265 |
| H | 2.752978 | 2.074833 | -0.192280 | H | 2.677353 | 2.179914 | 0.015911 |
| H | 0.341069 | 3.291725 | -0.147418 | H | 0.215292 | 3.319933 | 0.042308 |

Table S66: Optimized geometries of the singlet ground electronic state of **TS5** (in 1,2-H shifting rearrangement) in Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom units) obtained at the (U)B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

| | TS5 | | |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.130479 | -0.003965 | 0.176041 |
| C | -0.393903 | 1.267050 | 0.075869 |
| C | -1.786809 | 1.319724 | -0.020340 |
| C | -2.489136 | 0.092754 | -0.032896 |
| C | -1.871378 | -1.172976 | -0.007782 |
| C | -0.470065 | -1.223049 | 0.077568 |
| C | 0.703492 | -2.209365 | -0.057249 |
| C | 2.025606 | -1.396421 | -0.187725 |
| C | 1.577693 | -0.046621 | 0.065994 |
| C | 1.951288 | 1.400407 | -0.068397 |
| C | 0.807154 | 2.140859 | -0.050816 |
| H | -2.335713 | 2.249765 | -0.118957 |
| H | -3.570905 | 0.129263 | -0.107204 |
| H | -2.485132 | -2.064052 | -0.082905 |
| H | 0.782247 | -2.937297 | 0.758519 |
| H | 0.635337 | -2.815294 | -0.970144 |
| H | 2.131532 | -0.579004 | 1.009642 |
| H | 2.956329 | 1.787324 | -0.158385 |
| H | 0.779779 | 3.218910 | -0.152177 |

Figure S12: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from **56** to **55** in Scheme-I calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

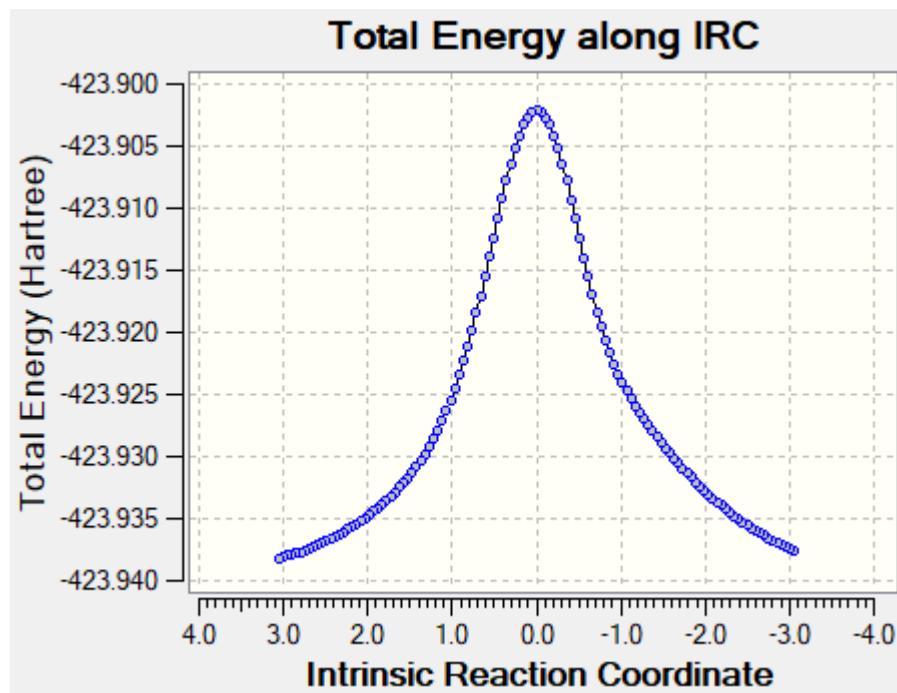
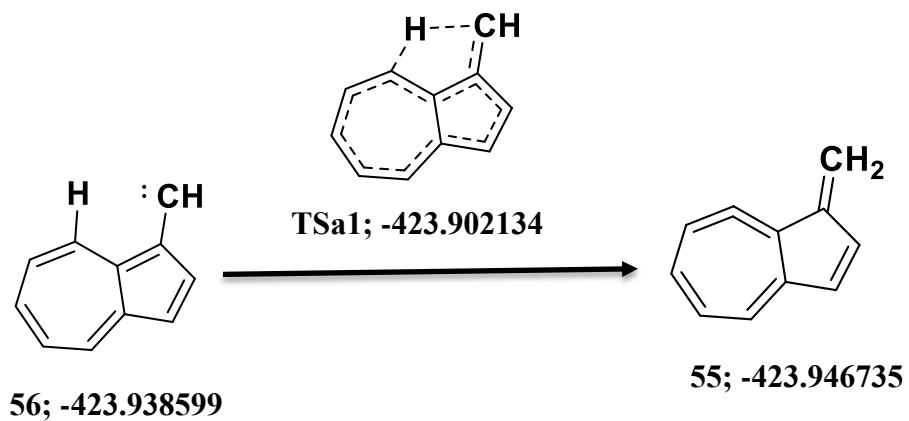


Figure S13: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from **55** to **64** in Scheme-I calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

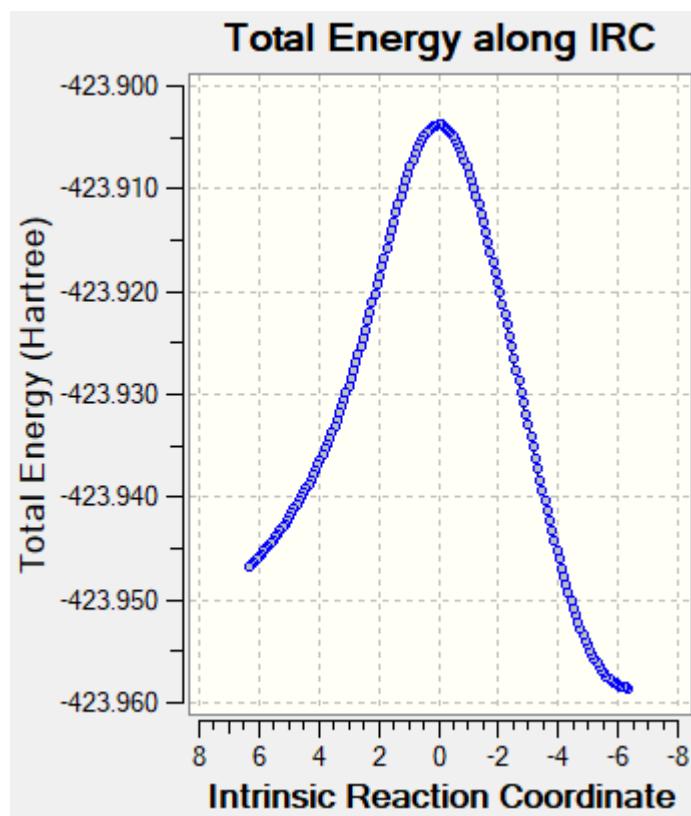
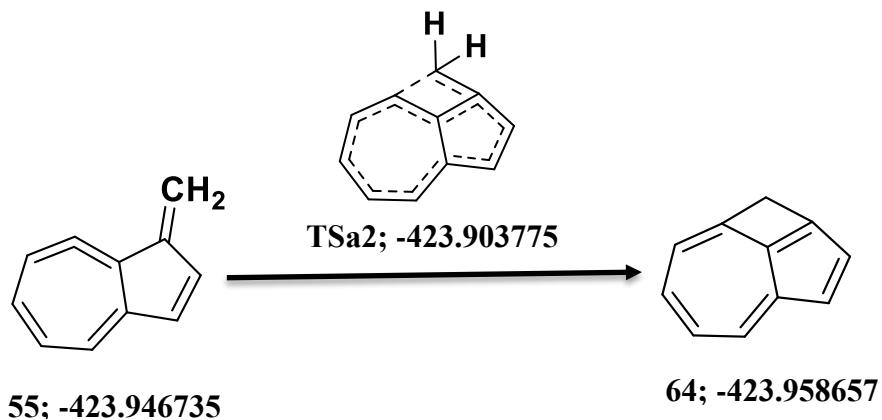


Figure S14: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from **64** to **65** in Scheme-I calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

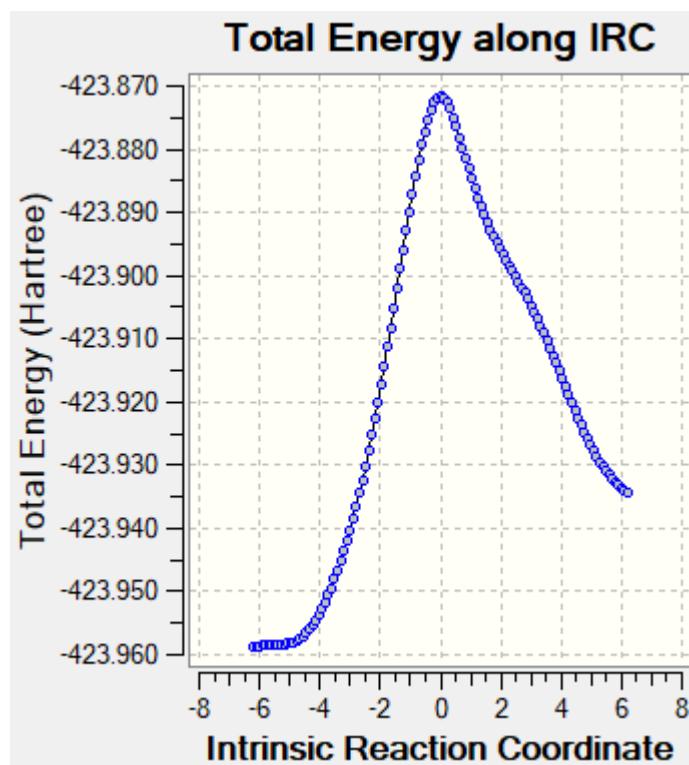
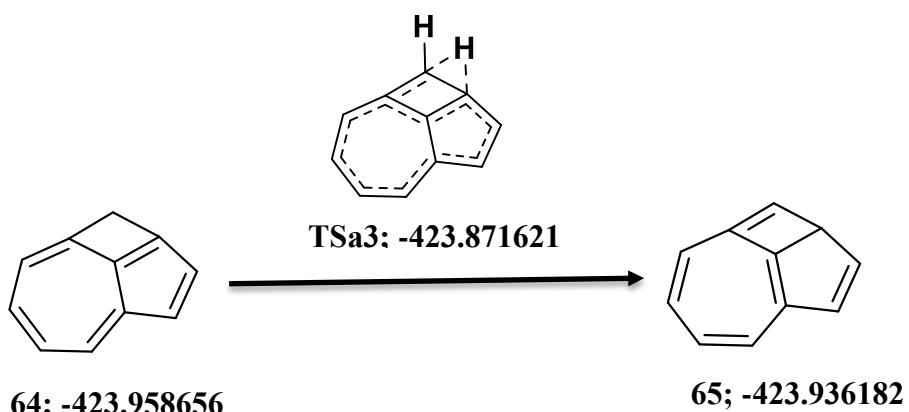


Figure S15: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from **65** to **66** in Scheme-I calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

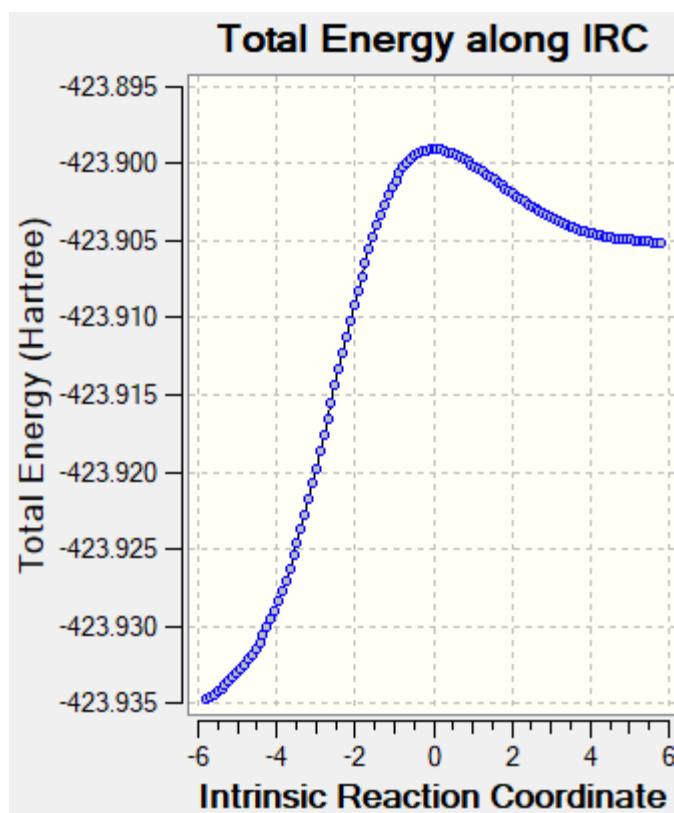
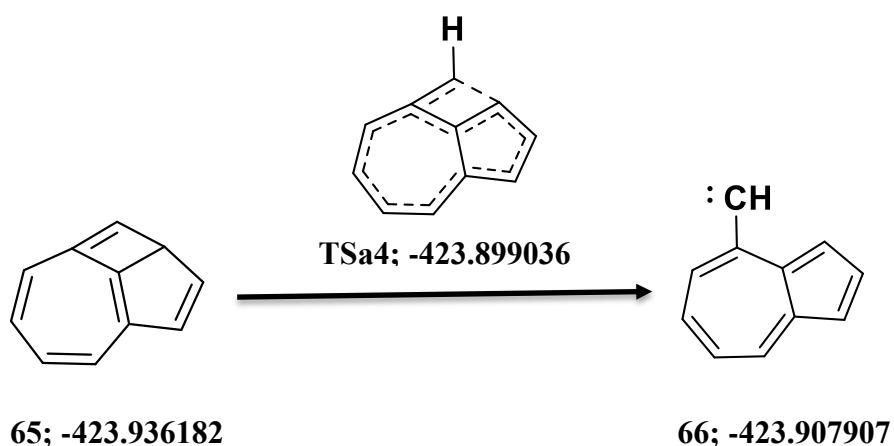


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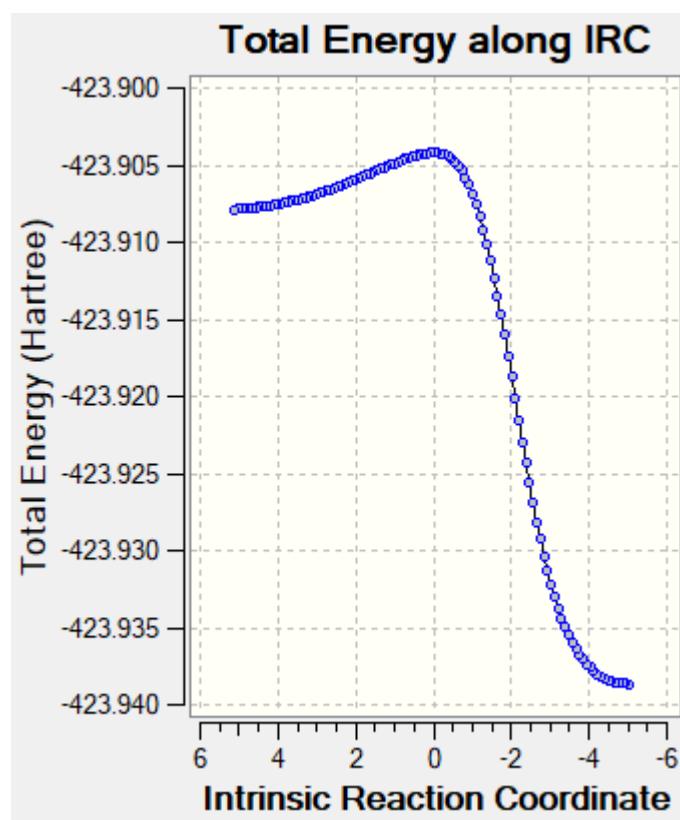
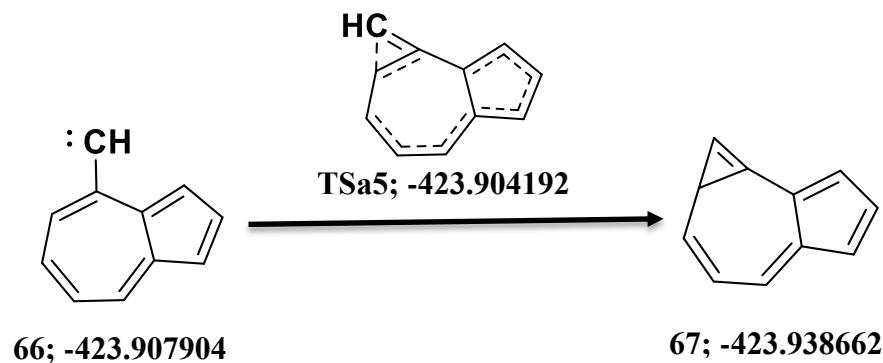


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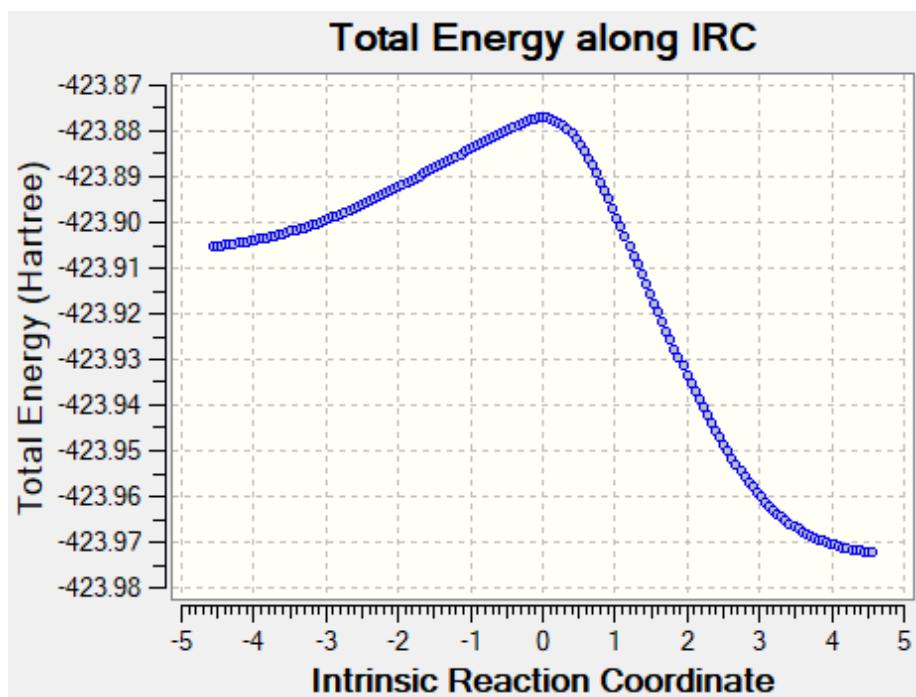
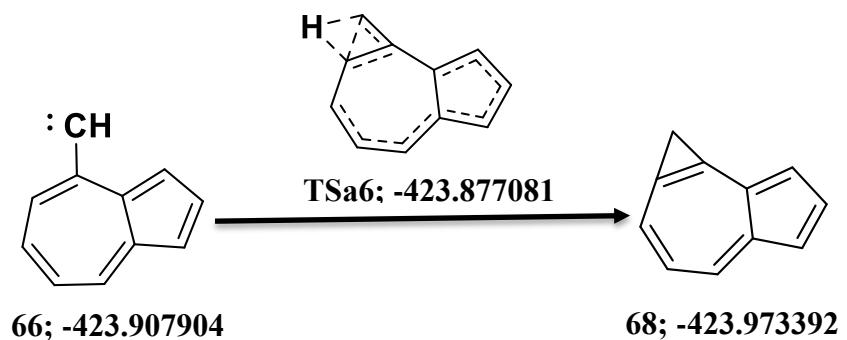


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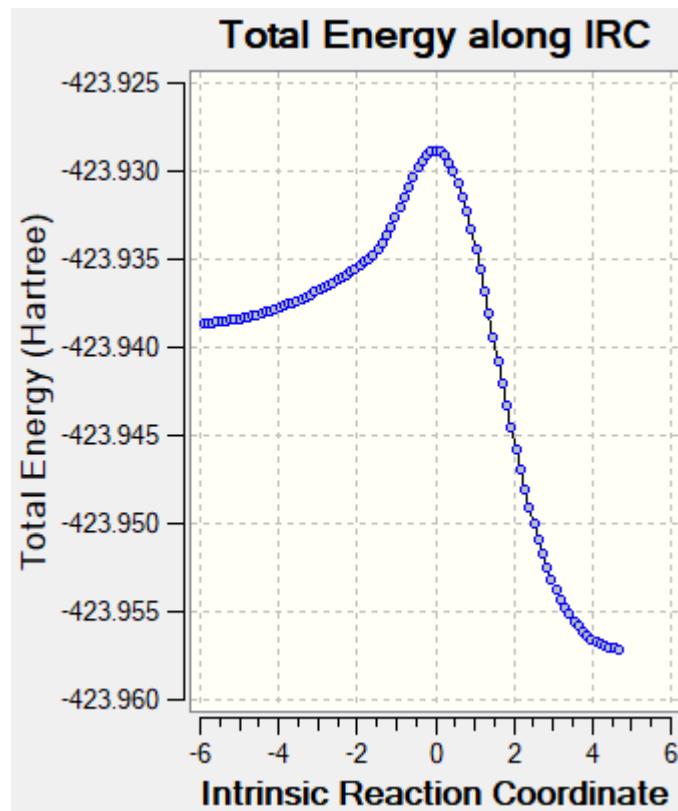
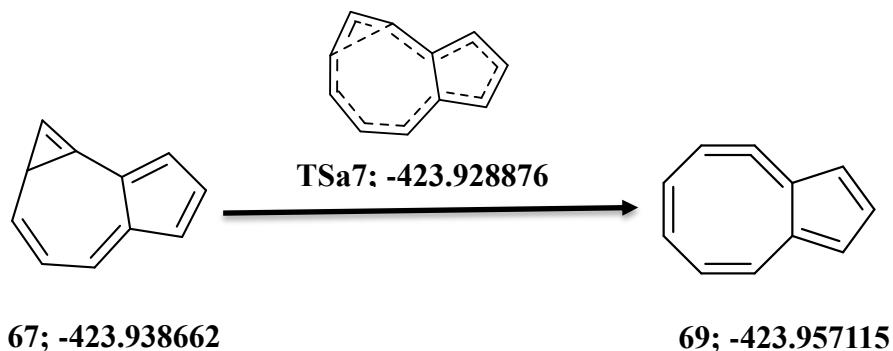


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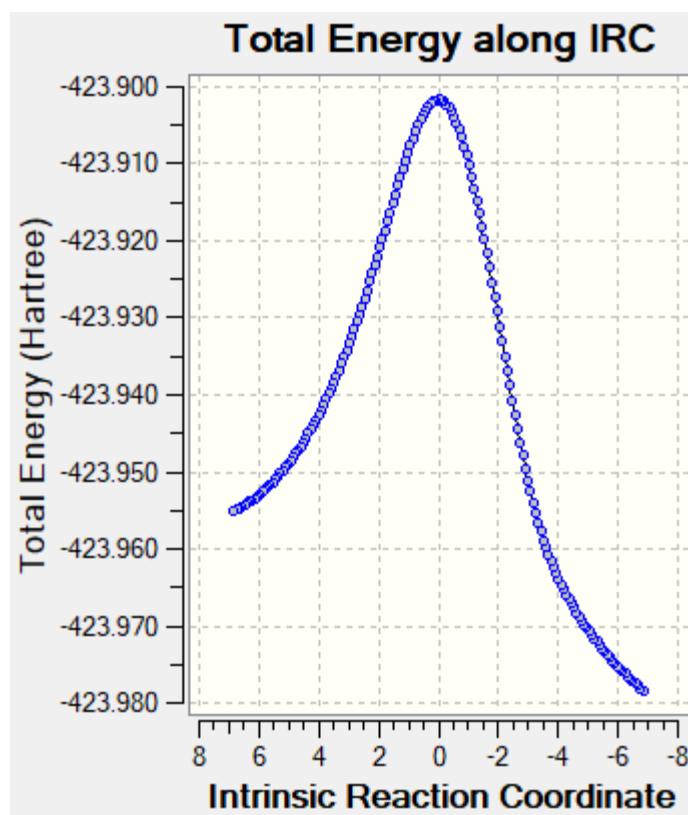
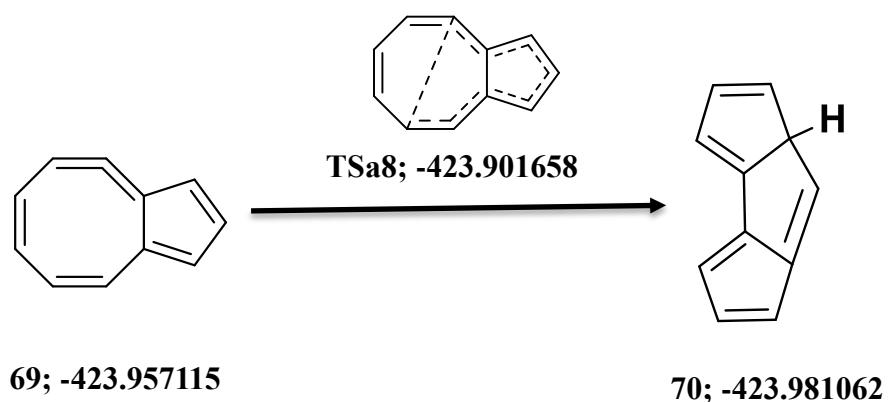


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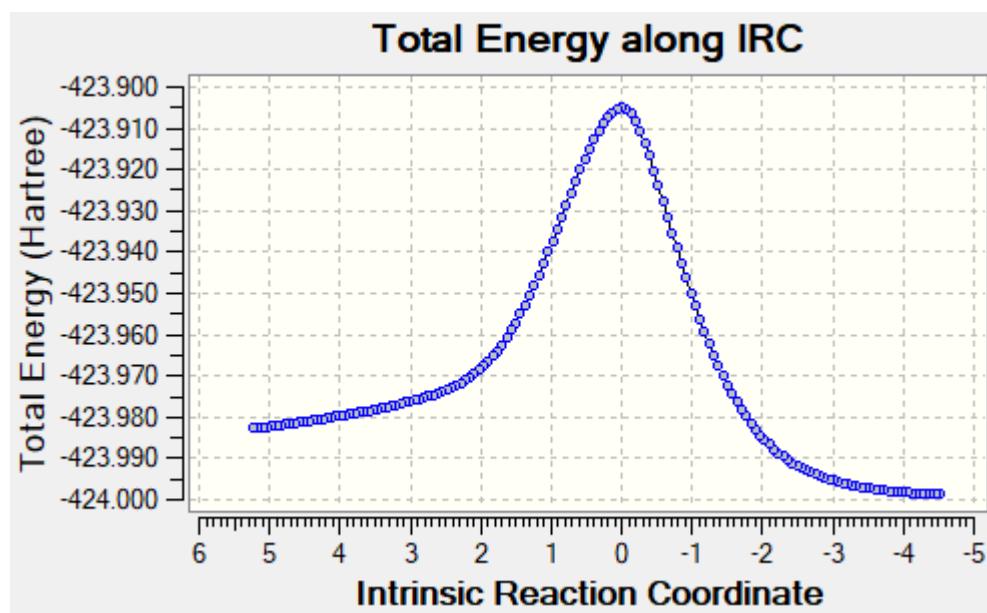
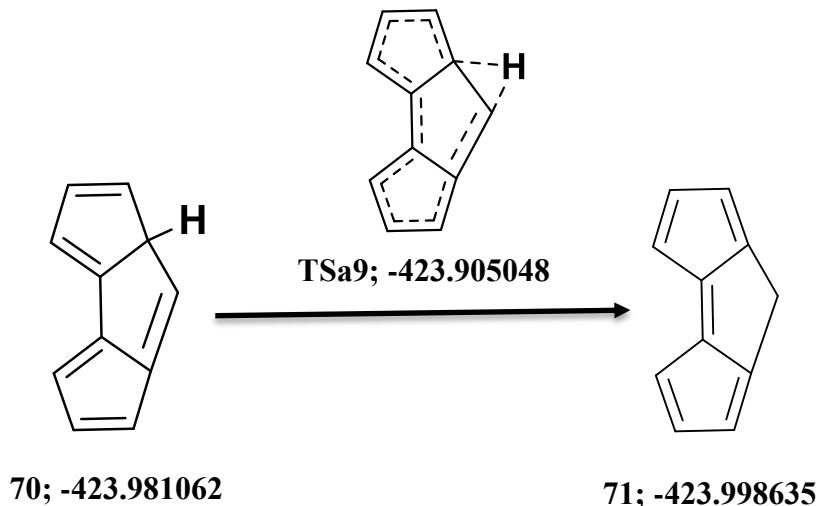


Figure S21: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from **71** to **72** in **Scheme-I** calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

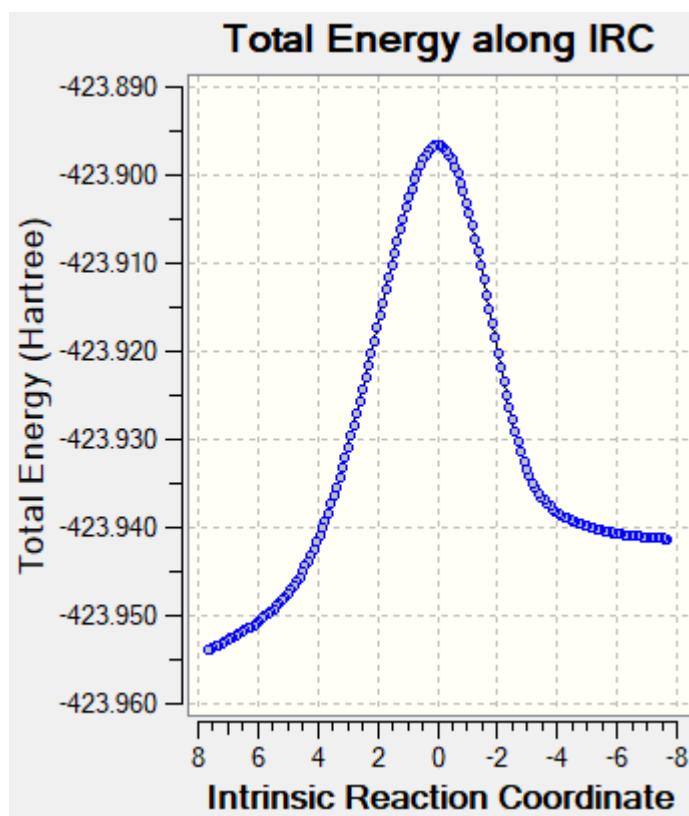
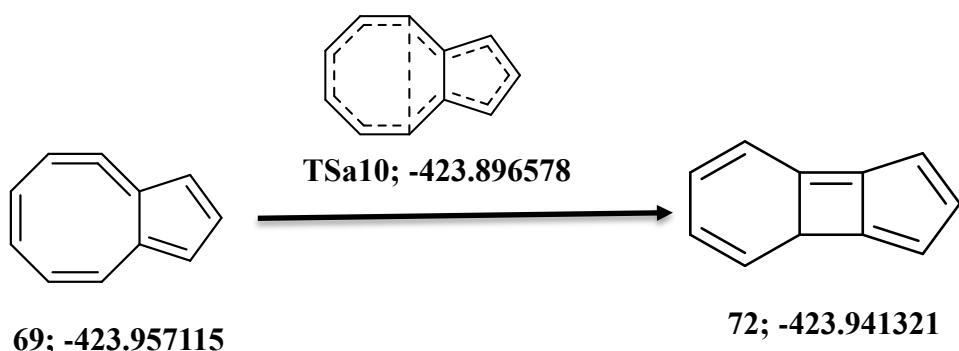


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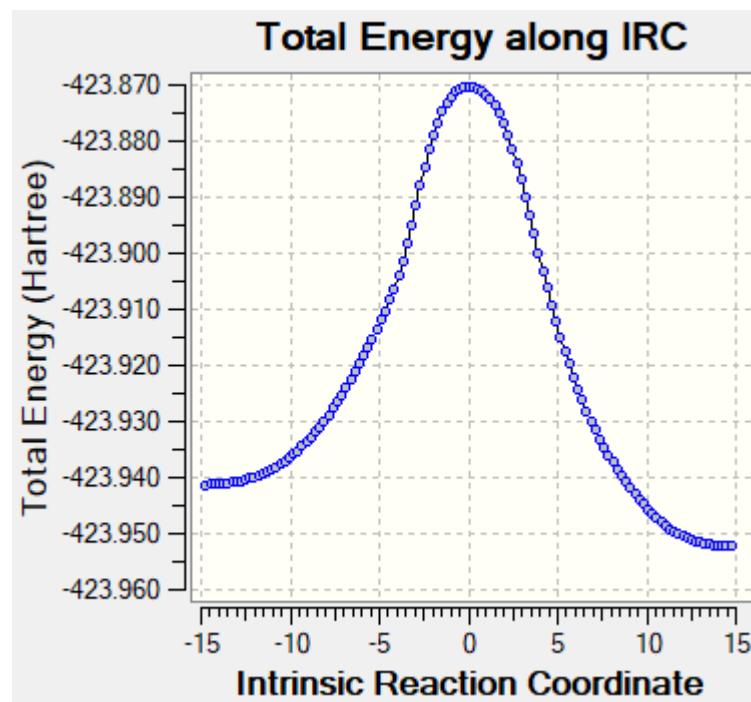
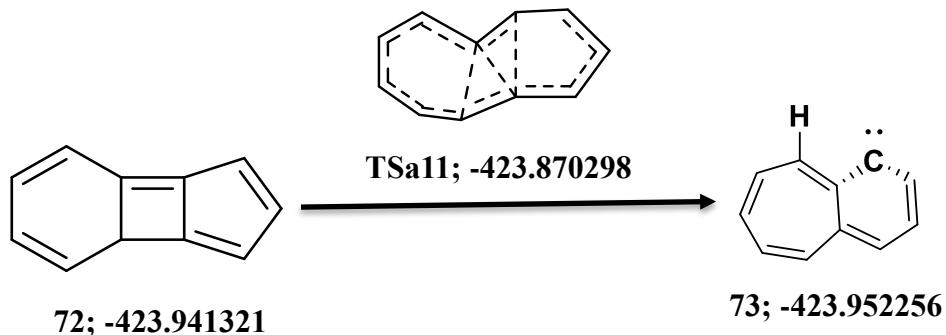


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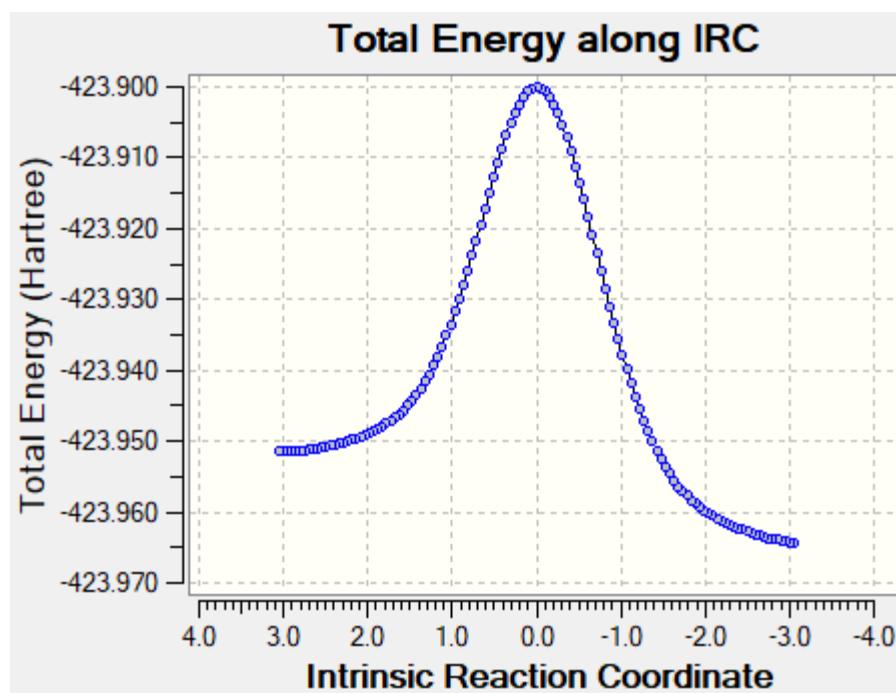
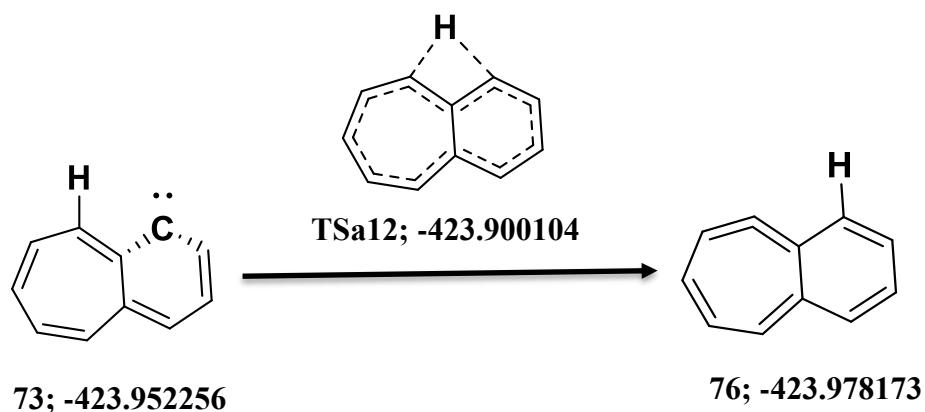


Figure S24: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from **56** to **74** in Scheme-II calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

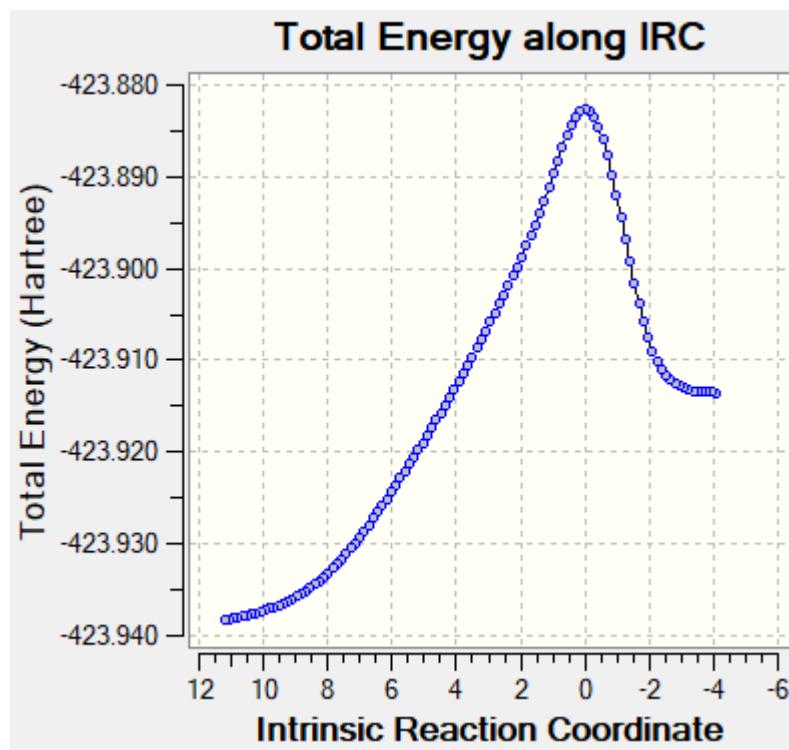
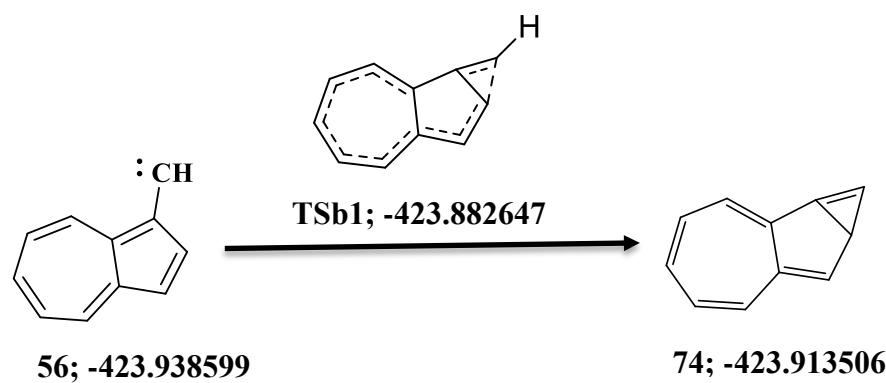


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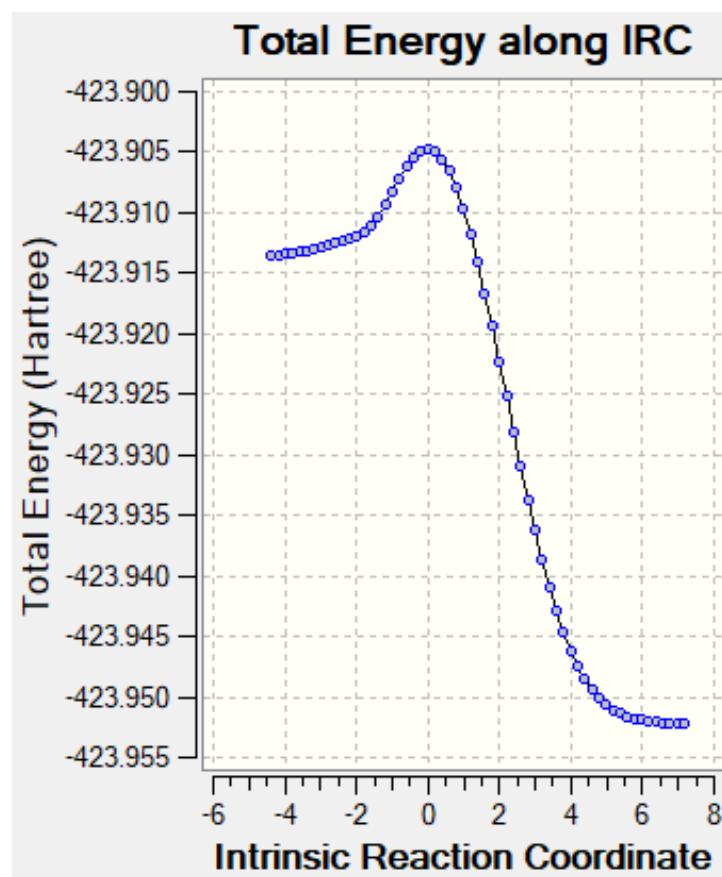
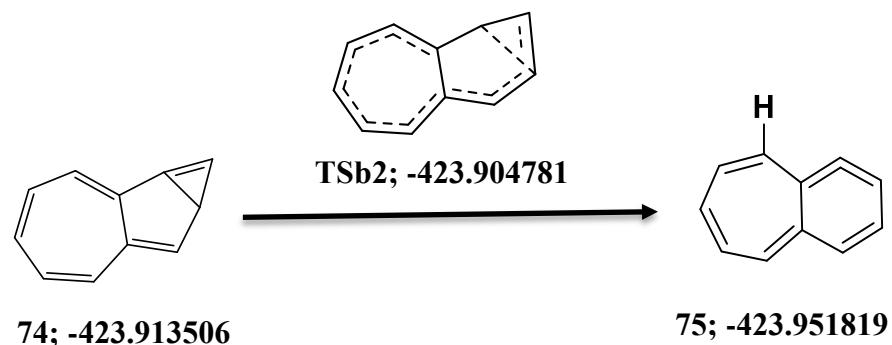


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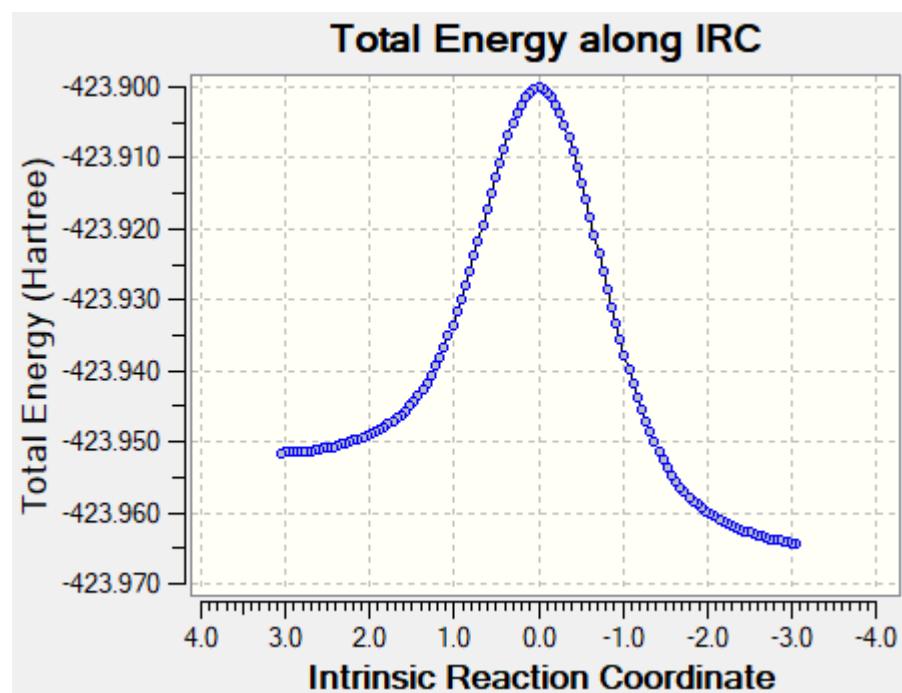
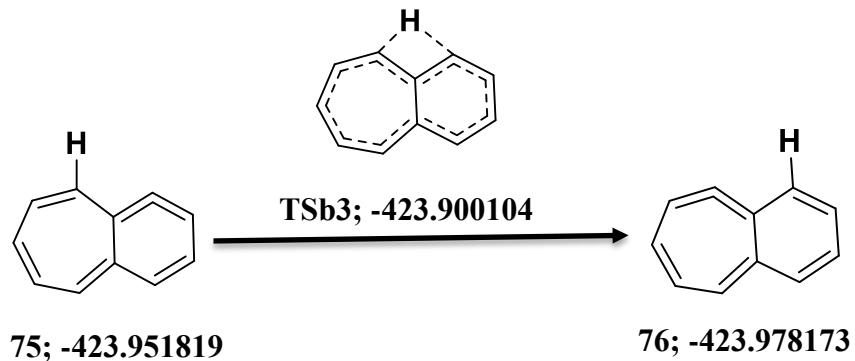


Figure S27: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from **76** to **77** in Scheme-II calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

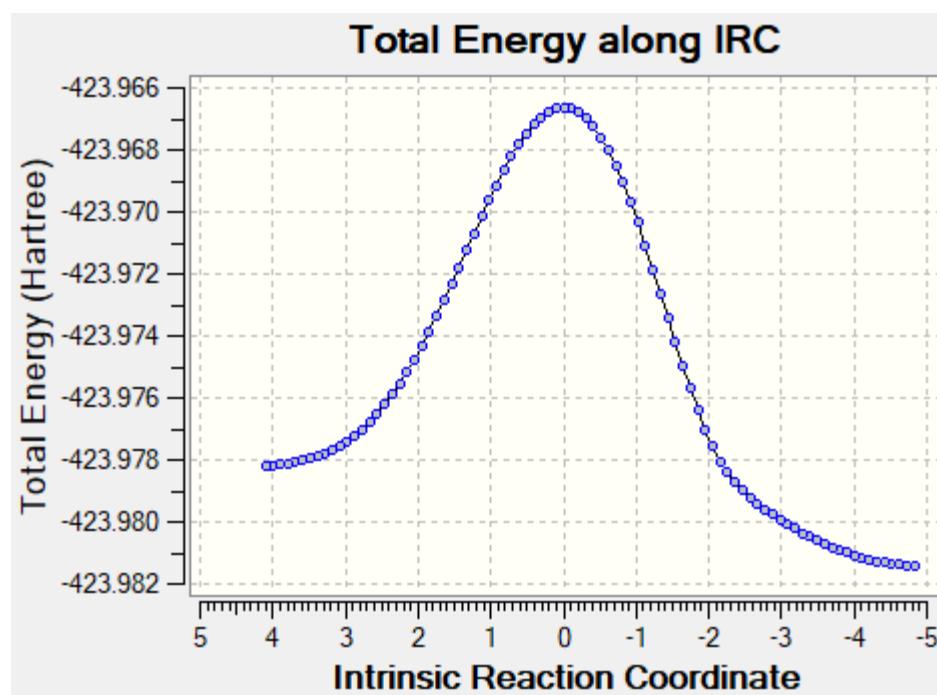
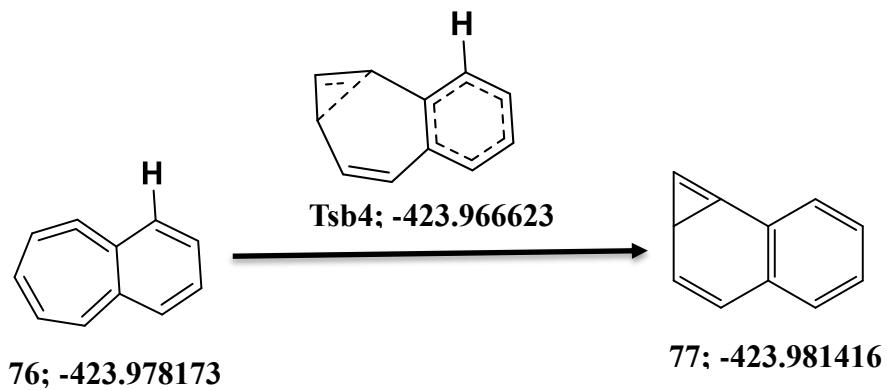


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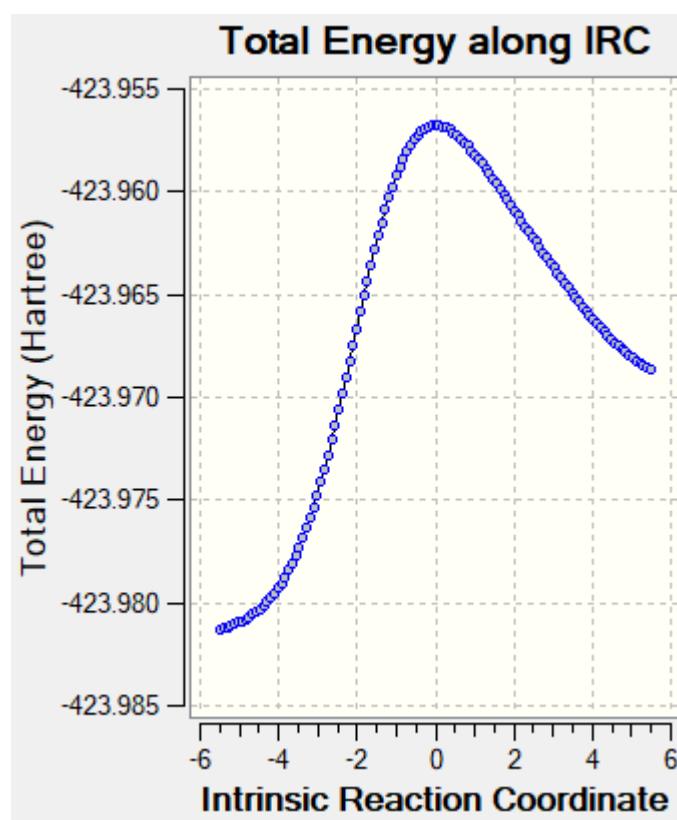
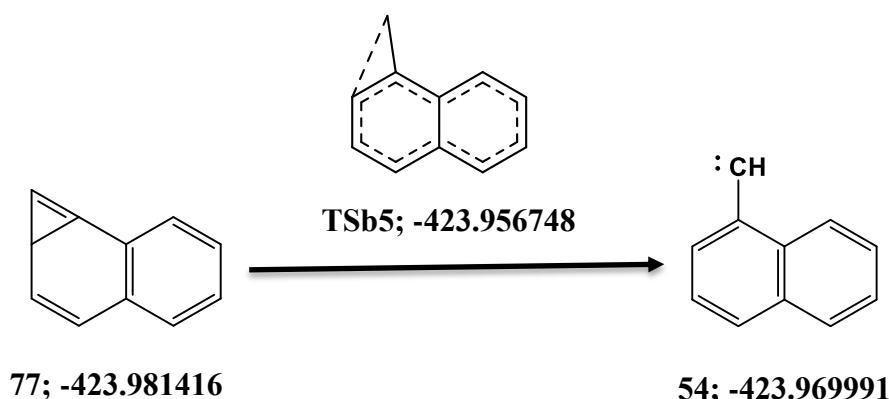


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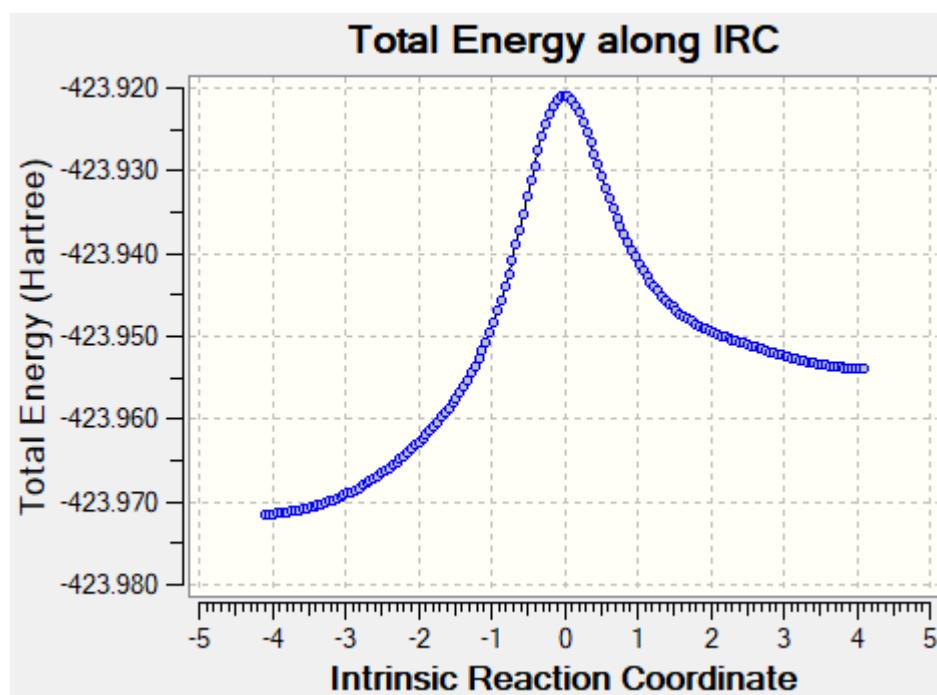
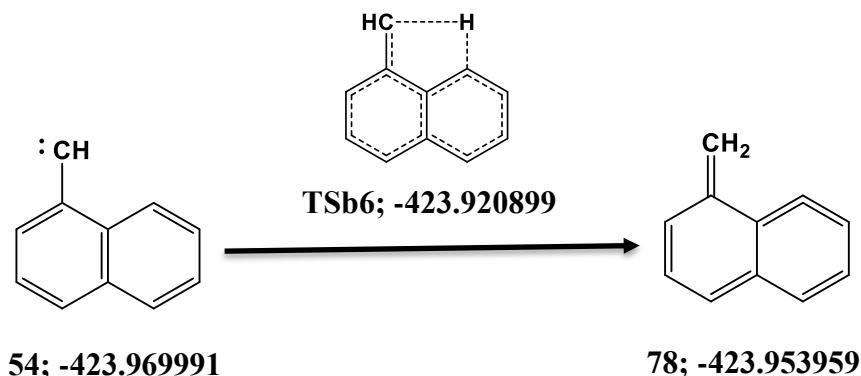


Figure S30: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from **78** to **3** in **Scheme-II** calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

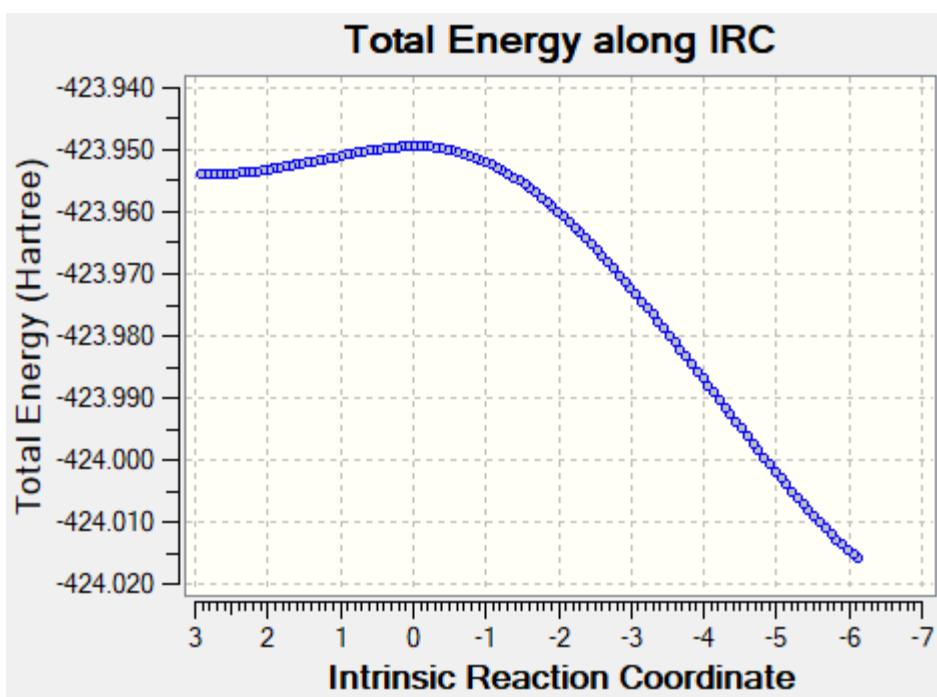
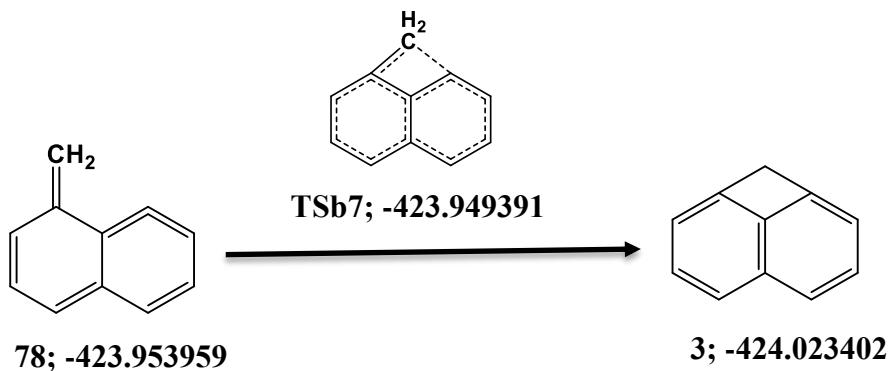


Figure S31: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from 1H-cyclobuta[de]naphthalene (**3**) to 2,2a-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[cd]inden-1ylidene (**79**) calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory

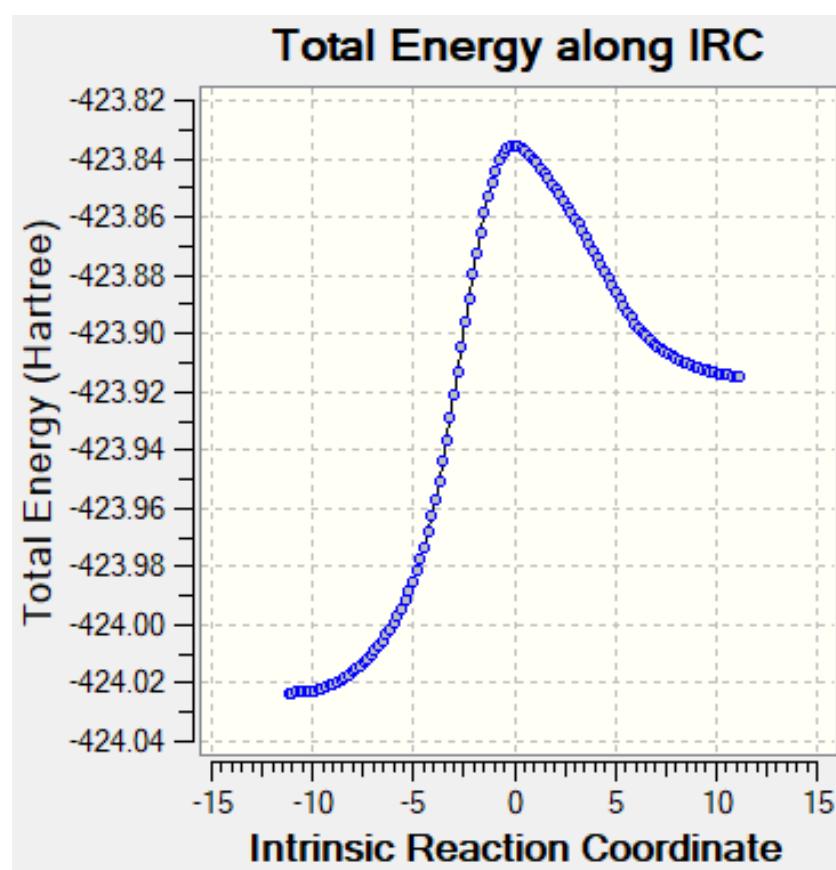
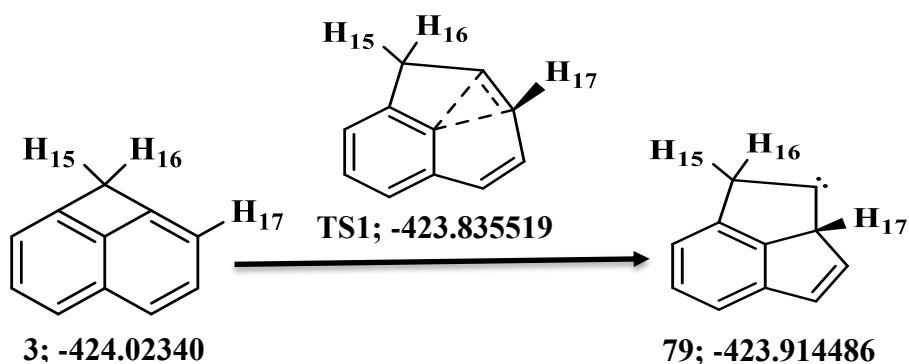


Figure S32: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from 2,2a-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[cd]inden-1ylidene (**72**) to 2aH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**2**) through 1,2-H shifting calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

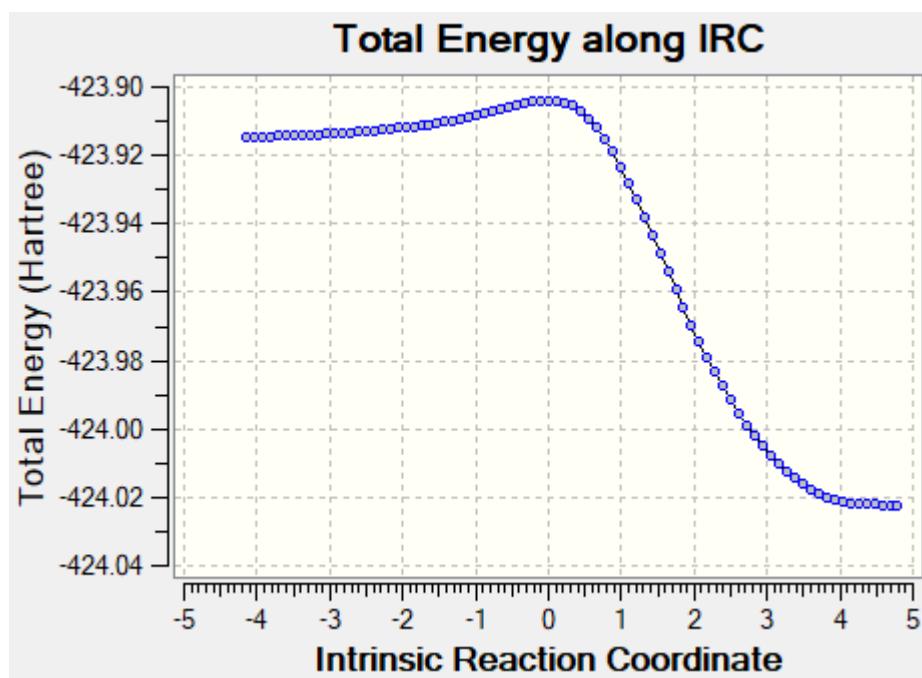
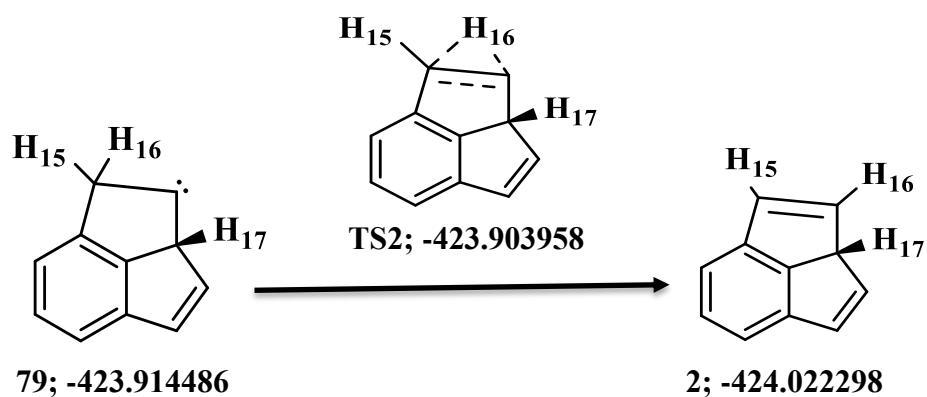


Figure S33: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from 2aH-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**2**) to 2H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**14**) through 1,2-H shifting calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

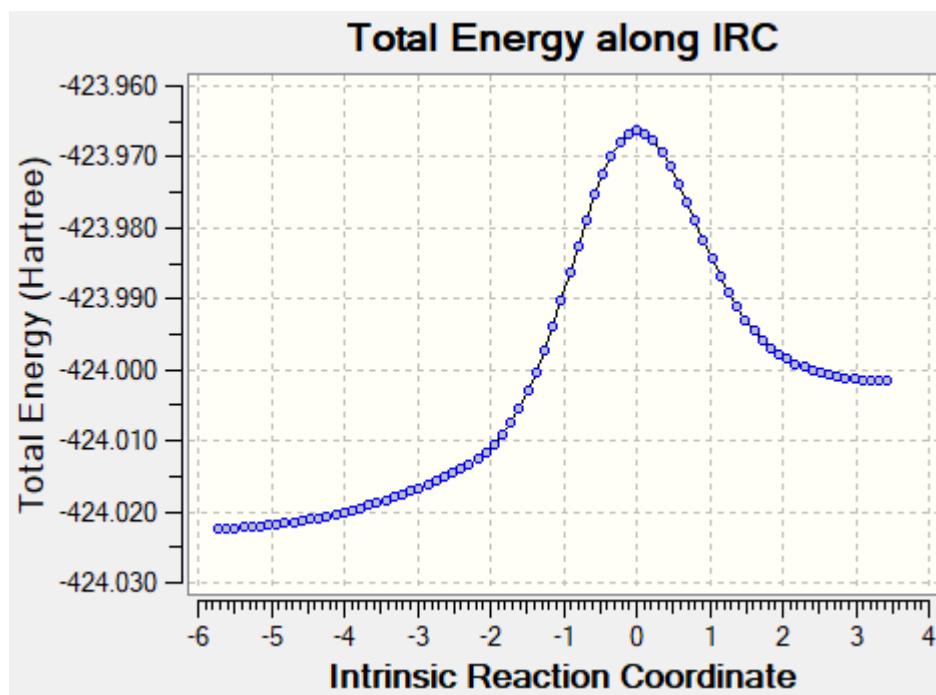
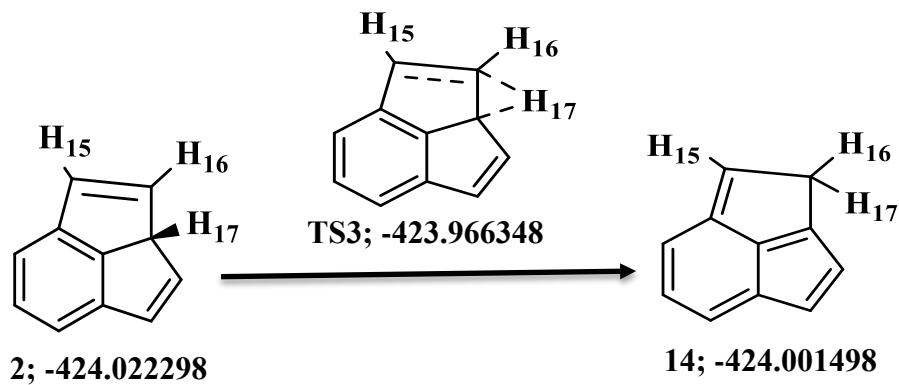


Figure S34: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from 2H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**14**) to 1H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**1**) through 1,2-H shifting calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

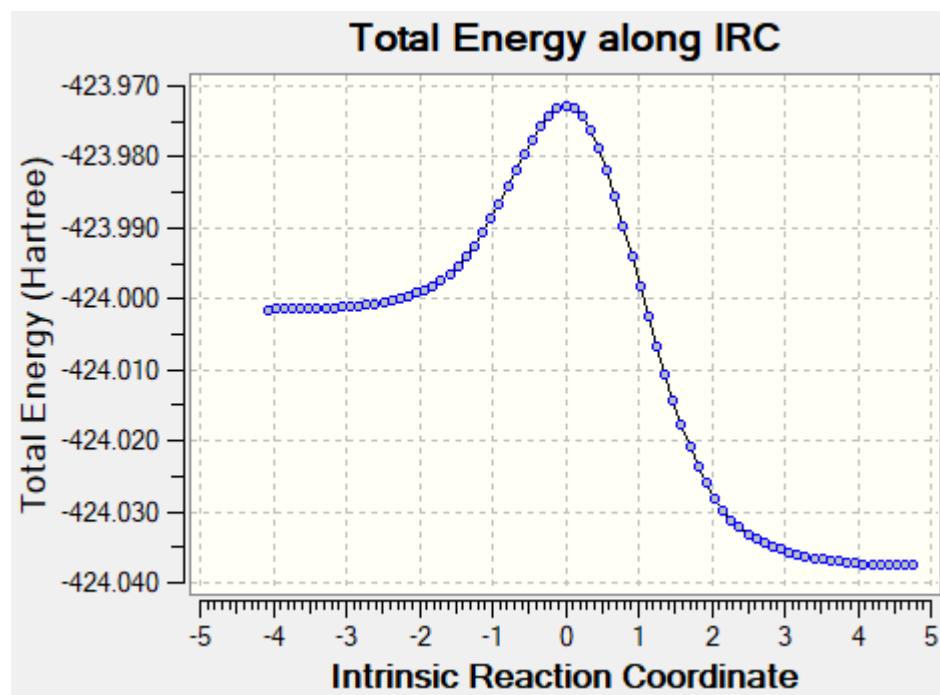
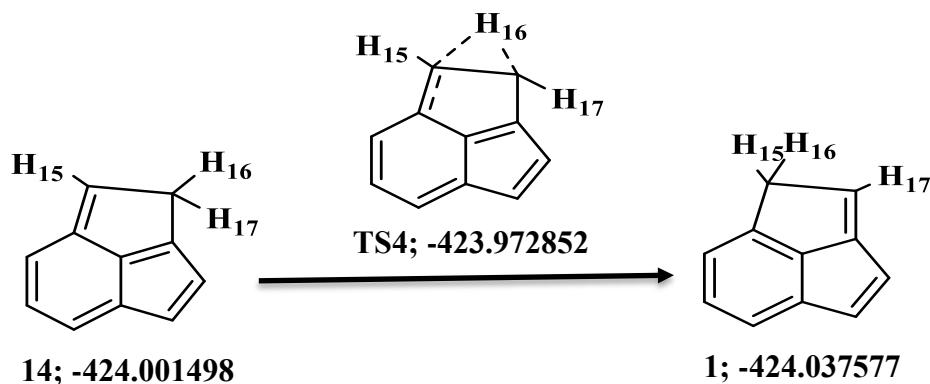


Figure S35: Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate for the rearrangement from 2,2a-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[cd]inden-1ylidene (**72**) to 1H-cyclopenta[cd]indene (**1**) through 1,2-H shifting calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(D,P) level of theory.

