

Supporting Information

Perfect planar polyynic cyclo[n]carbon complexes
[Cs@C₁₈]⁺ and [Na@C₁₄]⁺ with alkaline-metal centers
exhibiting record coordination numbers and transition
metal behaviors

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Fig.S1 Optimized global minimum structures of D_{9h} C₁₈ and D_{7h} C₁₄ at M06-2X level.

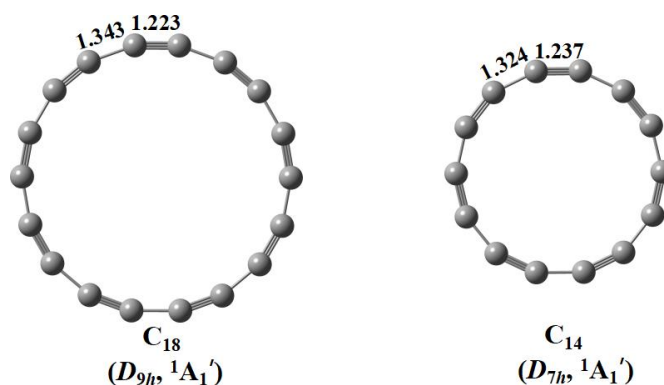


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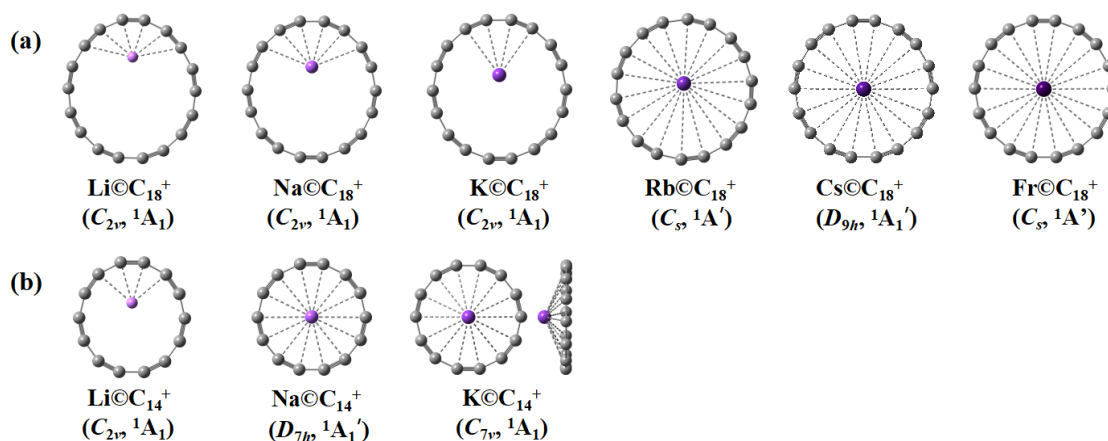


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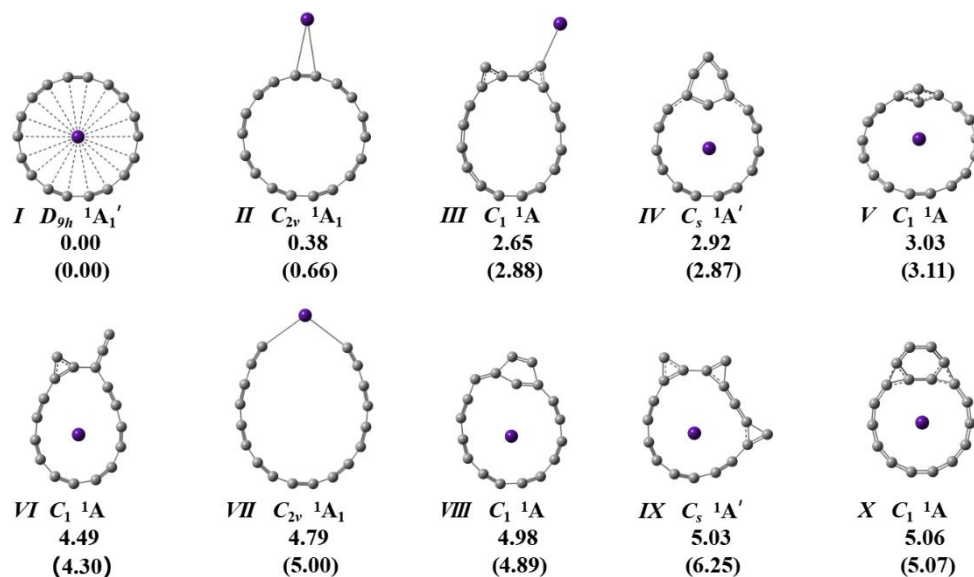


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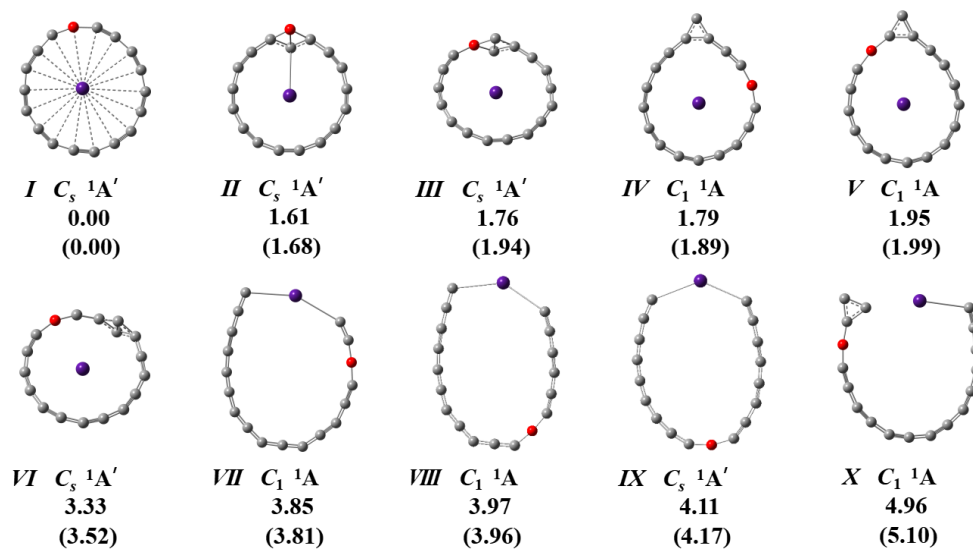


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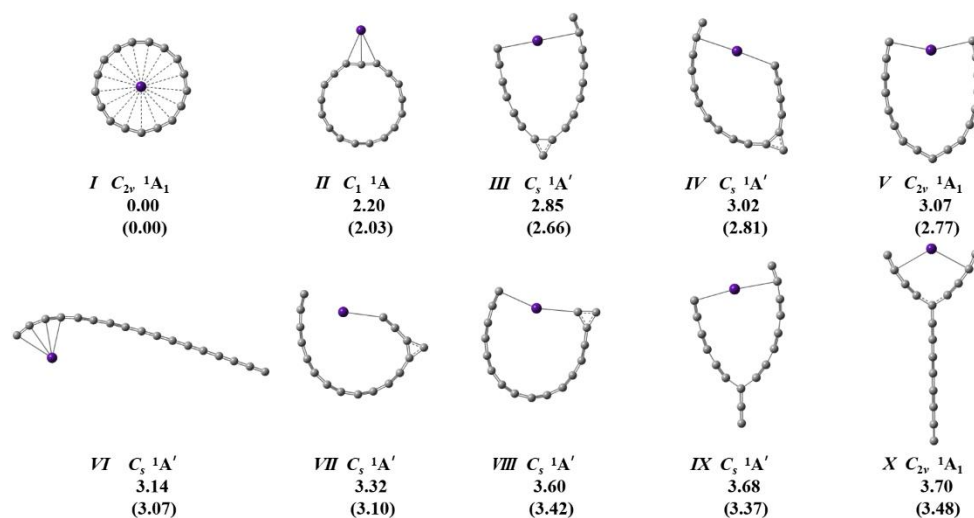


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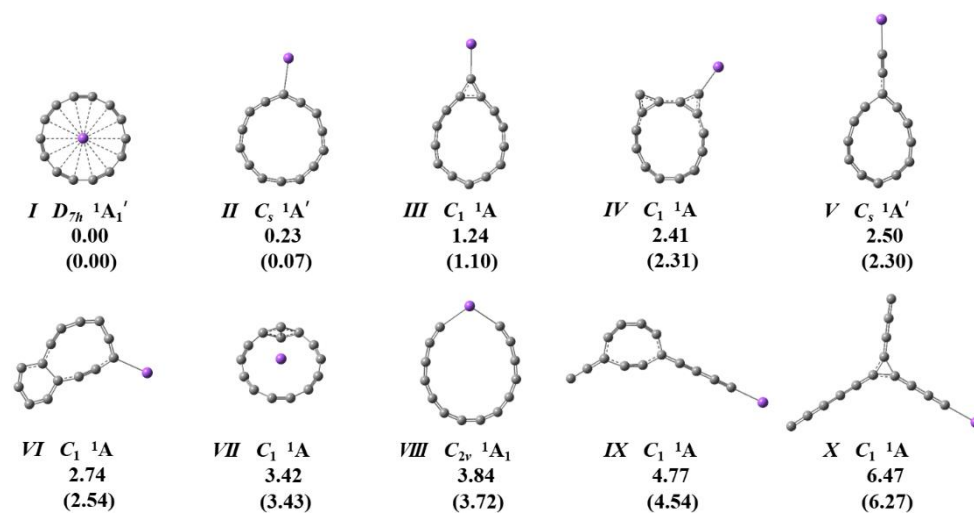


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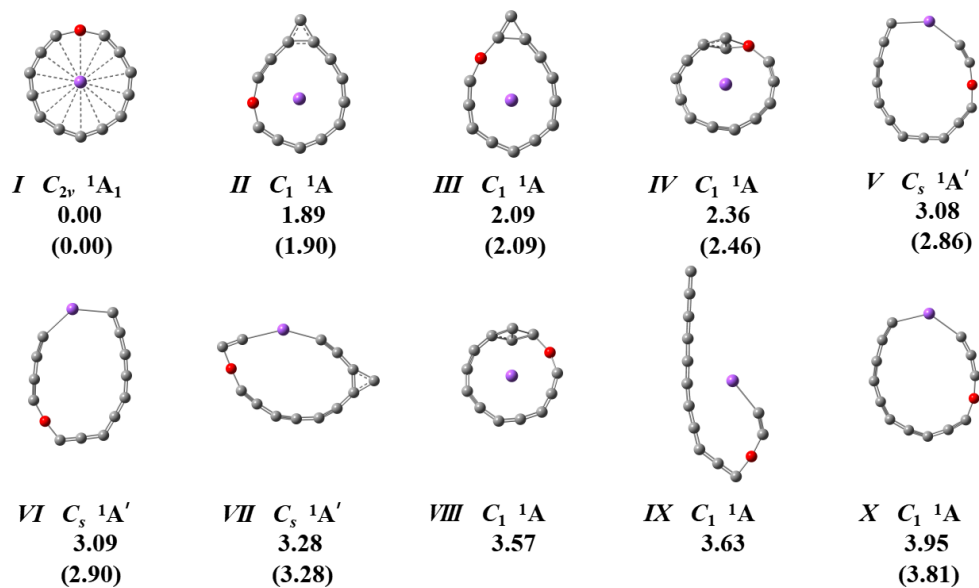


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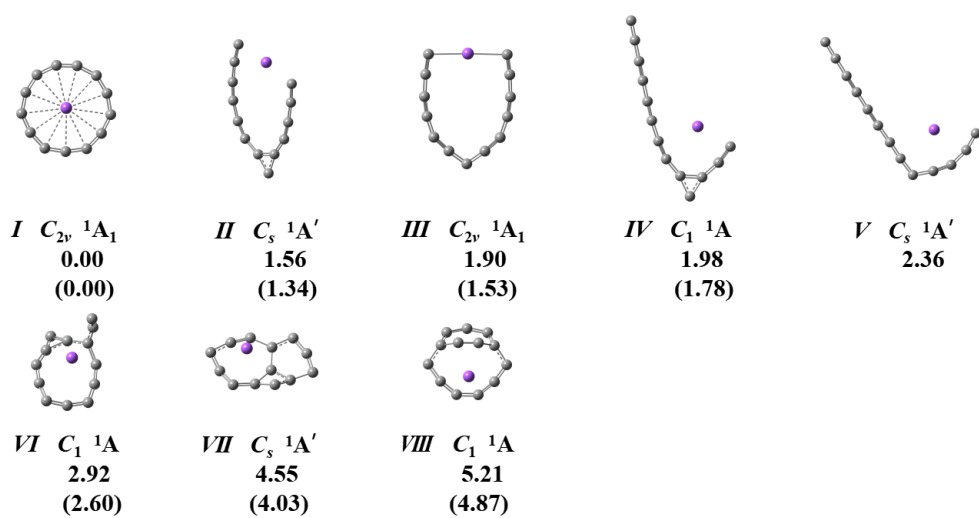


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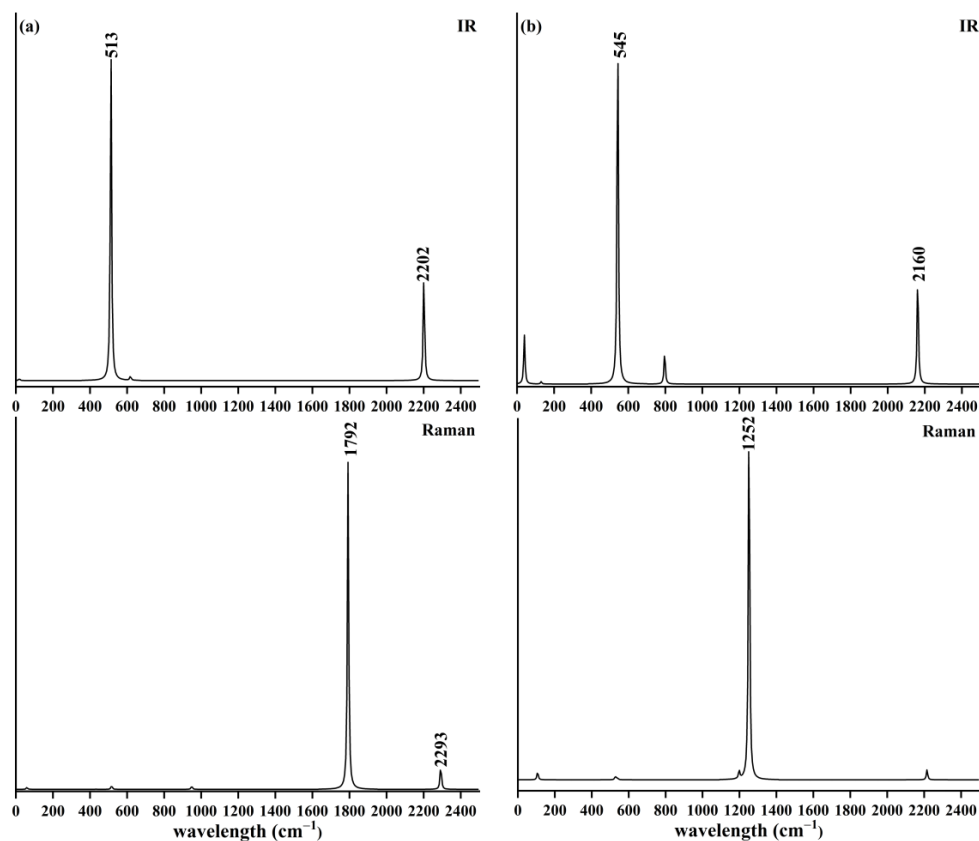


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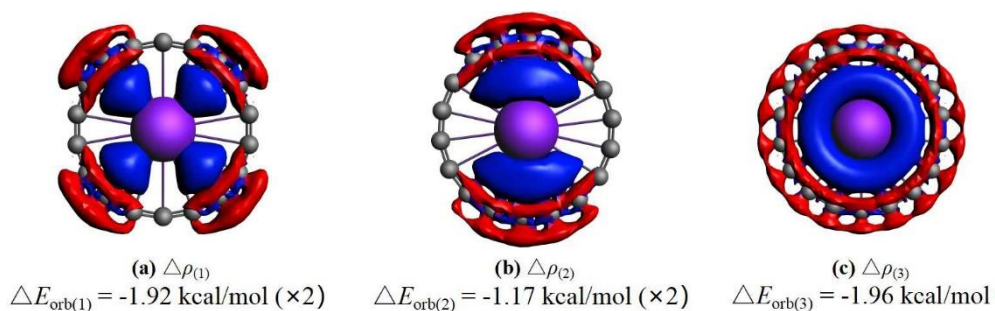


Fig. S11 Deformation densities $\Delta\rho_{(1)-(3)}$ of $\text{Na}\text{C}\text{C}_{14}^+$ (**4**) associated with the orbital interactions $\Delta E_{(1)-(3)}$ tabulated in Table S3. Only one component of the orbital terms is shown. The color code of the charge flow is red to blue.

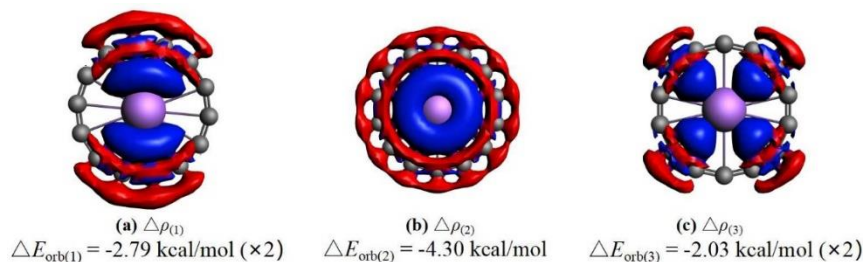


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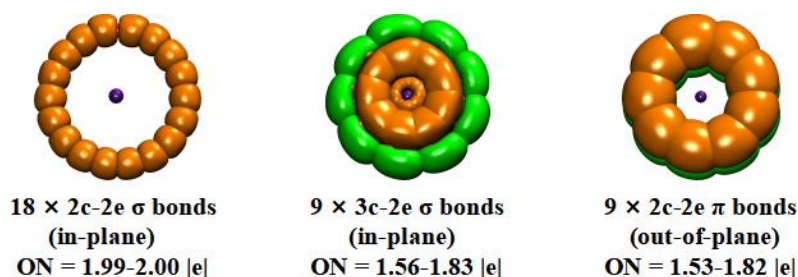
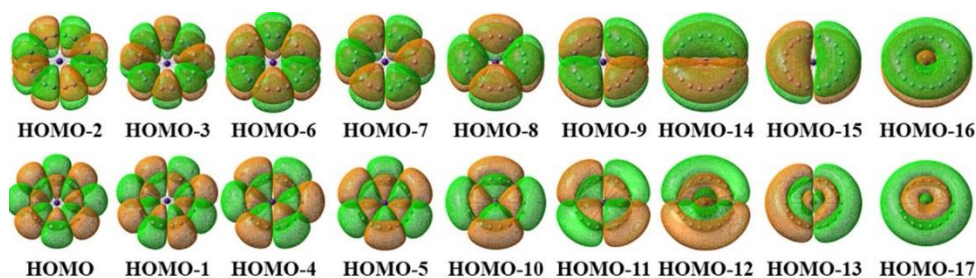


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(a) $\text{Cs}\text{C}\text{C}_{18}^+$ (1**)**



(b) $\text{Na}\text{C}\text{C}_{14}^+$ (4**)**

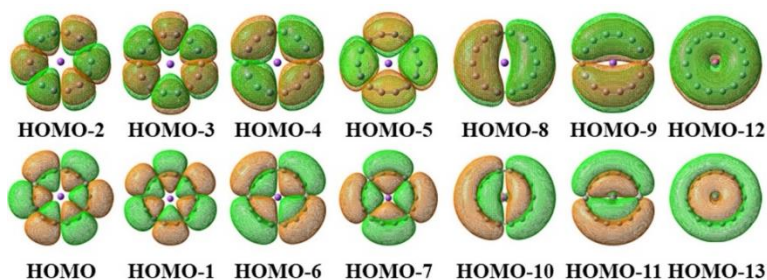


Table S1 Comparison of EDA analyses of D_{9h} CsC_{18}^+ (**1**) in two different schemes ($\text{Cs}^+ + \text{C}_{18}$ and $\text{Cs} + \text{C}_{18}^+$) at M06-2X/TZ2P-ZORA level. All energy values are in kcal mol⁻¹.

Energy terms	Interacting fragments	
	$\text{Cs}^+ + \text{C}_{18}$	$\text{Cs} + \text{C}_{18}^+$
ΔE_{int}	-15.22	-1102.48
ΔE_{Pauli}	1.89	263.26
ΔE_{elstat}	-3.16	-261.13
ΔE_{orb}	-13.95	-1104.61

Table S2 Compositions from the C_{18} and Cs^+ to the $20e_1'$, $19e_1'$ and $15a_1'$ MOs of D_{3h} CsC_{18}^+ .

MOs	Compositions
$20e_1'$	98.05% (C_{18} $14e_1'$) + 1.89% (Cs^+ $14e_1'$)
$19e_1'$	96.61% (C_{18} $13e_1'$) + 2.81% (Cs^+ $6e_1'$) + 0.59% ($10e_1'$)
$15a_1'$	98.10% (C_{18} $8a_1'$) + 0.85% (Cs^+ $8a_1'$)

Table S3 Compositions from the C_{14} and Na^+ to the $5e_2'$, $6e_1'$ and $6a_1'$ MOs of D_{7h} NaC_{14}^+ .

MOs	Compositions
$5e_2'$	98.28% (C_{14} $5e_2'$) + 1.24% (Na^+ $1e_2'$)
$6e_1'$	96.26% (C_{14} $3e_1'$) + 3.42% (Na^+ $2e_1'$)
$6a_1'$	96.27% (C_{14} $4a_1'$) + 2.53% (Na^+ $3a_1'$)

Table S4 Optimized coordinates (x, y, z) of D_{9h} Cs@C₁₈⁺ (**1**), C_s Cs@C₁₇B (**2**), C_{2v} Cs@C₁₇⁻ (**3**), D_{7h} Na@C₁₄⁺ (**4**), C_{2v} Na@C₁₃B (**5**), and C_{2v} Na@C₁₃⁻ (**6**) at M06-2X level.

Cs@C₁₈⁺ (**1**)

C	-0.61185300	3.64473100	0.00000000
C	-1.87408200	3.18531800	0.00000000
C	-2.81149500	2.39873500	0.00000000
C	-3.48311200	1.23545800	0.00000000
C	-3.69560700	0.03034400	0.00000000
C	-3.46235600	-1.29248600	0.00000000
C	-0.67161800	-3.63419300	0.00000000
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C	1.87408200	3.18531800	0.00000000
C	2.81149500	2.39873500	0.00000000
C	3.48311200	1.23545800	0.00000000
C	3.69560700	0.03034400	0.00000000
C	3.46235600	-1.29248600	0.00000000
C	2.85050300	-2.35224600	0.00000000
C	1.82152500	-3.21566100	0.00000000
C	-2.85050300	-2.35224600	0.00000000
C	-1.82152500	-3.21566100	0.00000000
Cs	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000

Cs@C₁₇B (**2**)

C	-3.50078000	-1.29928000	0.00000000
C	-3.59256600	-0.05583100	0.00000000
C	-3.42944600	1.24615000	0.00000000
C	-2.71672900	2.27906400	0.00000000
C	-1.80615200	3.20987100	0.00000000
C	-0.59225300	3.57395600	0.00000000
C	3.03714500	2.30727600	0.00000000
C	3.50860200	1.16777200	0.00000000
C	-2.80903800	-2.42264800	0.00000000
C	-1.93335900	-3.30178500	0.00000000
C	-0.67555300	-3.71666500	0.00000000
C	0.55889300	-3.79050500	0.00000000
C	1.78574200	-3.28105700	0.00000000
C	2.75700700	-2.52017200	0.00000000
C	3.39799700	-1.35356200	0.00000000
C	3.68337000	-0.15532500	0.00000000

C	0.68968900	3.73847300	0.00000000
Cs	0.00000000	0.18013900	0.00000000
B	1.96491800	3.26759100	0.00000000

Cs@C₁₇⁻ (3)

C	0.00000000	2.81836000	2.10611200
C	0.00000000	3.32079700	0.95158400
C	0.00000000	3.51825400	-0.34047400
C	0.00000000	3.08066800	-1.52952600
C	0.00000000	2.38021500	-2.62250800
C	0.00000000	1.24043700	-3.19830700
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-3.54429200
C	0.00000000	-1.24043700	-3.19830700
C	0.00000000	-2.38021500	-2.62250800
C	0.00000000	-3.08066800	-1.52952600
C	0.00000000	-3.51825400	-0.34047400
C	0.00000000	-3.32079700	0.95158400
C	0.00000000	-2.81836000	2.10611200
C	0.00000000	-1.81873400	2.95755500
C	0.00000000	-0.65764900	3.43295500
C	0.00000000	0.65764900	3.43295500
C	0.00000000	1.81873400	2.95755500
Cs	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00321900

Na@C₁₄⁺ (4)

C	0.61977300	2.81465100	0.00000000
C	1.81416100	2.23946400	0.00000000
C	2.58700500	1.27034900	0.00000000
C	2.88199500	-0.02208500	0.00000000
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C	-2.60617000	-1.23055200	0.00000000
C	-1.77962700	-2.26700400	0.00000000
C	-0.66283600	-2.80482300	0.00000000
C	0.66283600	-2.80482300	0.00000000
Na	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000

Na@C₁₃B (5)

C	0.00000000	1.36516500	2.71479300
C	0.00000000	2.21557500	1.78203200
C	0.00000000	2.84087900	0.63856100
C	0.00000000	2.71276000	-0.62285600
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C	0.00000000	-2.21557500	1.78203200
C	0.00000000	-2.84087900	0.63856100
C	0.00000000	-2.71276000	-0.62285600
C	0.00000000	-2.27396700	-1.83892300
C	0.00000000	-1.21350200	-2.54939600
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.97103200
Na	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.11157800
B	0.00000000	0.00000000	3.02166000

Na@C₁₃⁻ (6)

C	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.62603200
C	0.00000000	1.27381400	2.43815900
C	0.00000000	2.16824000	1.49434100
C	0.00000000	2.71777900	0.34364600
C	0.00000000	2.47868300	-0.94549100
C	0.00000000	1.81136300	-2.02100300
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C	0.00000000	-0.63103000	-2.60631900
C	0.00000000	-1.81136300	-2.02100300
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C	0.00000000	-2.71777900	0.34364600
C	0.00000000	-2.16824000	1.49434100
C	0.00000000	-1.27381400	2.43815900
Na	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.01783500