

## Supplementary Information: Collective Interactions Among Organometallics Are

### Exotic Bonds Hidden on Lab Shelves Cina Foroutan-Nejad et al.

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**Supplementary Table 1.** The dissociation energies defined as the energy differences between relaxed fragments and complexes,  $D_0$ , deformation,  $E_{\text{Def}}$ , and promotion energies,  $E_{\text{Pro}}$ , in  $\text{kcal.mol}^{-1}$ . All energies are computed for dissociation of the complexes to a neutral  $\text{AX}_3$  and an anionic  $\text{AX}_3$  at DFT level. Lower dissociation energies for dissociation to a neutral  $\text{AX}_3$  in all cases suggest that in gas-phase the species tend to follow this reaction path. Furthermore, negative promotion energies in anionic dissociation suggests instability of the chosen fragment compared to those in neutral pathway. On the other hand, lower deformation energies for the anionic dissociation prove that the  $\text{AX}_3$  species are closer to an anionic form in their complexes.

Dissociation Molecules	Anionic $\text{AX}_3$			Neutral $\text{AX}_3$		
	$D_0$	$E_{\text{Def}}$	$E_{\text{Pro}}$	$D_0$	$E_{\text{Def}}$	$E_{\text{Pro}}$
$\text{LiBH}_3^-$	-35.1	0.4	41.3	-22.3	3.2	51.3
$\text{NaBH}_3^-$	-34.9	0.3	12.4	-18.0	2.0	27.5
$\text{KBH}_3^-$	-33.0	0.2	3.9	-15.8	0.3	20.9
$\text{MgBH}_3$	-193.6	0.2	-83.8	-8.5	0.7	100.8
$\text{CaBH}_3$	-161.5	0.1	-36.7	-11.7	0.5	112.8
$\text{LiAlH}_3^-$	-30.6	0.2	83.3	-28.3	12.6	73.2
$\text{NaAlH}_3^-$	-29.6	0.6	21.8	-23.2	9.7	19.0
$\text{KAlH}_3^-$	-26.4	1.3	4.4	-19.7	6.9	5.5
$\text{MgAlH}_3$	-180.4	4.3	-145.7	-5.8	0.4	32.8
$\text{CaAlH}_3$	-146.2	4.0	-95.5	-6.8	0.7	47.3
<i>i</i> - $\text{CaAlH}_3^{a,b,d}$	-155.0	22.1	53.8	-15.6	75.5	139.8
$\text{LiCF}_3$	-152.3	3.5	10.5	-61.7	14.8	89.7
$\text{NaCF}_3$	-132.6	3.2	-0.1	-48.6	15.4	71.7
$\text{BeCF}_3^+$	-440.6	26.1	-98.8	-52.1	0.5	315.4
$\text{MgCF}_3^{+c}$	-344.9	23.3	-157.6	-30.5	1.0	179.1
<i>i</i> - $\text{LiCF}_3^{b,c,d}$	-153.4	2.8	16.9	-62.8	52.0	58.3
<i>i</i> - $\text{NaCF}_3^{b,c,d}$	-134.0	1.2	18.7	-50.0	44.4	59.4
<i>i</i> - $\text{KCF}_3^{b,d}$	-118.7	0.7	27.5	-54.5	41.9	50.6
<i>i</i> - $\text{MgCF}_3^{+b,d}$	-332.5	5.6	21.3	-18.1	62.8	278.5
<i>i</i> - $\text{CaCF}_3^{+b,d}$	-282.7	8.4	17.6	-44.8	70.1	193.7
<i>i</i> - $\text{SrCF}_3^{+b,d}$	-263.6	4.6	31.9	-44.5	59.4	196.2
$\text{MgC}(\text{CN})_3^{+b}$	-285.5	49.0	27.1	-33.5	50.6	277.4
$\text{CaC}(\text{CN})_3^{+b}$	-243.9	29.2	5.9	-68.4	27.9	182.6
$\text{SrC}(\text{CN})_3^{+b}$	-227.9	24.0	14.4	-71.2	23.0	172.1
$\text{LiCH}_3$	-181.8	0.2	10.3	-50.3	9.7	132.3
$\text{NaCH}_3$	-160.6	0.4	-18.4	-35.7	7.7	99.2
$\text{KCH}_3$	-135.8	0.2	-1.2	-30.7	9.1	95.1
$\text{BeCH}_3^+$	-514.2	0.7	-57.3	-84.7	5.8	367.1
$\text{MgCH}_3^+$	-406.4	1.4	-175.6	-51.2	3.8	177.3
$\text{CaCH}_3^+$	-328.4	0.2	-62.6	-49.6	8.9	207.5
$\text{SrCH}_3^+$	-307.5	0.2	-52.1	-47.5	9.3	198.8
$\text{LiC}(\text{Ph})_3$	-135.9	4.1	30.1	-45.3	4.8	120.0
$\text{NaC}(\text{Ph})_3$	-116.6	2.7	27.5	-32.6	4.1	110.1
$\text{KC}(\text{Ph})_3$	-105.9	1.8	31.9	-41.6	3.4	94.6
$\text{MgC}(\text{Ph})_3^+$	-357.1	9.5	-181.9	-42.7	7.7	134.2
$\text{CaC}(\text{Ph})_3^+$	-307.2	8.0	1.1	-69.3	8.1	238.9
$\text{SrC}(\text{Ph})_3^+$	-285.6	5.9	8.7	-66.4	6.1	227.6
$\text{LiC}(\text{CH}_3)_3^c$	-167.0	0.9	13.0	-33.6	11.5	135.8
$\text{NaC}(\text{CH}_3)_3^c$	-147.3	0.9	-17.7	-20.5	9.8	100.3
$\text{KC}(\text{CH}_3)_3^c$	-123.2	0.6	2.8	-16.1	11.1	99.3
$\text{MgC}(\text{CH}_3)_3^+$	-403.8	6.7	-238.5	-46.6	15.2	110.2
$\text{CaC}(\text{CH}_3)_3^+$	-316.4	2.6	-66.1	-35.7	7.4	209.8
<i>i</i> - $\text{LiC}(\text{CH}_3)_3^d$	-160.7	5.6	6.6	-27.3	7.7	137.9
<i>i</i> - $\text{NaC}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{b,d}$	-131.5	6.9	-2.8	-4.7	6.7	124.1
<i>i</i> - $\text{KC}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{b,d}$	-115.4	9.9	12.4	-8.4	5.4	124.0
<i>i</i> - $\text{BeC}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{+c,d}$	-520.8	-1.1	-26.7	-89.5	3.3	400.2
<i>i</i> - $\text{MgC}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{+b,d}$	-388.3	27.1	-359.8	-31.1	9.6	15.0
<i>i</i> - $\text{CaC}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{+c,d}$	-320.1	13.8	-69.9	-39.4	6.3	218.3
<i>i</i> - $\text{SrC}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{+e,d}$	-298.9	15.1	-57.0	-36.9	5.5	214.5

<sup>a</sup>. Data are obtained from the BS-DFT calculation.

<sup>b</sup>. The metal forms a multicenter bond within the context of QTAIM.

<sup>c</sup>. The global minimum of the molecule.

<sup>d</sup>. *i*- represents inverted structures.

<sup>e</sup>. The global minimum of the molecule has a  $C_s$  point group,  $1.6 \text{ kcal.mol}^{-1}$  lower in energy; therefore, it is not discussed here.

**Supplementary Table 2.** The magnitudes of  $V_{XC}(A, B)$  and  $V_C(A, B)$  sorted from the most to the least stabilizing for M–A bonds in group **1** and **2** molecules as well as for specified bonds in our test set. To assess the bond type, *i.e.*, covalency-ionicity, the  $V_{XC}(A, B)$  values are used. From  $N_2$  ( $V_{xc} = -586.4 \text{ kcal.mol}^{-1}$ ) to SeSe bond in  $H_2Se_2$  ( $V_{xc} = -94.4 \text{ kcal.mol}^{-1}$ ) is chosen as the domain of covalent bonds. The conventionally pure ionic bonds from LiF/KCl with  $V_{XC} = -31.0 \text{ kcal.mol}^{-1}$  to virtually zero is marked by a blue line. Besides, the border between the stabilizing and destabilizing  $V_C(A, B)$  values are marked by a black line. The red, blue, and black lines are shown in **Figure 1** as well.

$V_{XC}(A,B)$	Bond	$V_{XC}(A,B)$	Bond	$V_C(A,B)$	Bond	$V_C(A,B)$	Bond
-586.4	$N_2$	-47.2	$CaCl_2$	-851.0	CO	-27.1	<i>i</i> -LiC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
-499.0	$NO^+$	-45.8	$CaC(CH_3)_3^+$	-699.1	BeO	-22.7	KC(Ph) <sub>3</sub>
-481.4	CC <sup>a</sup>	-44.8	BeF <sub>2</sub>	-669.0	CN <sup>-</sup>	-16.4	<i>i</i> -KC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
-448.8	NO	-42.1	Na <sub>2</sub> O	-637.7	BF <sub>3</sub>	-15.2	SeH <sup>a</sup>
-427.3	O <sub>2</sub>	-42.1	MgF <sub>2</sub>	-490.5	NB <sup>d</sup>	-9.6	<i>i</i> -NaC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
-374.1	CN <sup>-</sup>	-41.6	MgCl <sub>2</sub>	-476.9	BeCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-0.9	KAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
-368.6	NO <sup>-</sup>	-41.4	BeCl <sub>2</sub>	-399.2	BeF <sub>2</sub>	1.1	<i>i</i> -MgC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>
-330.4	CC <sup>b</sup>	-40.1	NaCH <sub>3</sub>	-396.9	BCl <sub>3</sub>	1.4	H <sub>2</sub> S
-296.2	CO	-39.1	NaAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-368.9	BH <sup>d</sup>	3.5	NaAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
-226.8	F <sub>2</sub>	-38.76	NaC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-355.4	BeCl <sub>2</sub>	6.9	SH <sup>a</sup>
-224.9	OO <sup>a</sup>	-38.1	KF	-341.1	MgO	7.0	SeSe <sup>a</sup>
-219.9	NN <sup>b</sup>	-36.6	Li <sub>2</sub> O	-340.9	CaO	13.8	KBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
-195.0	Cl <sub>2</sub>	-35.3	KCH <sub>3</sub>	-310.5	PH <sub>3</sub>	15.7	CC <sup>c</sup>
-189.6	CC <sup>c</sup>	-33.6	MgBH <sub>3</sub>	-310.1	MgF <sub>2</sub>	19.3	NaBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
-179.9	CH <sup>b</sup>	-32.8	SrC(Ph) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-306.7	NO <sup>+</sup>	20.8	CH <sup>c</sup>
-179.9	CH <sup>a</sup>	-32.2	KC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-254.9	MgCl <sub>2</sub>	20.8	SS <sup>a</sup>
-179.1	H <sub>2</sub> S	-31.2	LiF	-242.5	CaF <sub>2</sub>	21.3	Br <sub>2</sub>
-177.3	SH <sup>a</sup>	-31.0	KCl	-216.2	H <sub>2</sub> O	22.0	H <sub>2</sub> Se
-177.1	CH <sup>c</sup>	-29.8	CaC(Ph) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-205.4	K <sub>2</sub> O	22.6	NO <sup>-</sup>
-172.5	SS <sup>a</sup>	-28.3	NaCl	-201.3	CaCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	23.6	LiAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
-166.5	NH <sub>3</sub>	-27.8	NaCF <sub>3</sub>	-198.3	CaCl <sub>2</sub>	23.6	CH <sup>b</sup>
-165.2	Br <sub>2</sub>	-25.5	<i>i</i> -BeC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-196.6	MgCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	23.9	H <sub>2</sub>
-165.2	NH <sup>b</sup>	-25.2	LiCH <sub>3</sub>	-183.5	SrCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	26.3	CH <sup>a</sup>
-164.9	H <sub>2</sub>	-25.0	CaAlH <sub>3</sub>	-174.5	LiF	28.9	Cl <sub>2</sub>
-161.0	SeH <sup>a</sup>	-24.8	LiC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-153.6	CaC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	29.4	SrC(CN) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>
-156.6	NH <sup>d</sup>	-24.6	CaBH <sub>3</sub>	-148.9	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	37.1	F <sub>2</sub>
-154.3	CaO	-24.3	LiCl	-146.1	LiCl	39.5	CaC(CN) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>
-152.9	H <sub>2</sub> Se	-24.1	KAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-141.8	LiCH <sub>3</sub>	41.5	MgAlH <sub>3</sub>
-138.43	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-21.3	LiCF <sub>3</sub>	-134.0	OH <sup>a</sup>	41.9	LiBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
-130.86	PH <sub>3</sub>	-20.8	LiBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-132.8	KF	42.1	CC <sup>b</sup>
-124.3	H <sub>2</sub> O	-18.7	NaBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-130.6	<i>i</i> -BeC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	43.4	OO <sup>a</sup>
-119.0	OH <sup>a</sup>	-18.6	KCF <sub>3</sub>	-130.2	MgC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	63.0	MgC(CN) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>
-110.4	MgO	-17.9	MgAlH <sub>3</sub>	-125.9	LiC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	67.1	NN <sup>b</sup>
-99.81	BeO	-14.1	<i>i</i> -LiC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-120.9	MgC(Ph) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	71.6	CaAlH <sub>3</sub>
-94.4	SeSe <sup>a</sup>	-13.7	KBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-116.7	NaCl	80.2	CC <sup>a</sup>
-89.4	BCl <sub>3</sub>	-13.7	<i>i</i> -KC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-114.8	NH <sup>d</sup>	84.1	LiCF <sub>3</sub>
-89.1	BH <sup>d</sup>	-11.3	CaAlH <sub>3</sub>	-104.7	KCl	93.8	NaCF <sub>3</sub>
-78.9	MgCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-10.8	KC(Ph) <sub>3</sub>	-86.3	NaCH <sub>3</sub>	98.8	O <sub>2</sub>
-72.2	MgC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-10.69	LiC(Ph) <sub>3</sub>	-81.8	NH <sub>3</sub>	100.5	KCF <sub>3</sub>
-71.9	SrCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-10.55	SrC(CN) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-77.8	KCH <sub>3</sub>	114.3	MgBH <sub>3</sub>
-71.5	CaC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-10.14	CaC(CN) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-77.8	Li <sub>2</sub> O	133.9	N <sub>2</sub>
-71.1	CaCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-9.3	<i>i</i> -NaC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-74.3	<i>i</i> -SrC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	149.3	BeCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>
-68.5	BeCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-8.8	NaC(Ph) <sub>3</sub>	-68.3	CaC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	157.8	CaBH <sub>3</sub>
-63.3	BF <sub>3</sub>	-7.1	<i>i</i> -MgC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-67.6	NO	168	<i>i</i> -KCF <sub>3</sub>
-62.9	MgCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-2.6	MgC(CN) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-65.8	NaC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	188.8	<i>i</i> -NaCF <sub>3</sub>
-61.6	BeCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-2.3	<i>i</i> -MgCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-65.4	CaC(Ph) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	223.2	<i>i</i> -LiCF <sub>3</sub>
-56.3	MgC(Ph) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-2.1	<i>i</i> -CaCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-64.5	SrC(Ph) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	163.7	MgCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>
-56.2	NB <sup>d</sup>	-1.8	<i>i</i> -SrCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-58.8	KC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	239.5	CaAlH <sub>3</sub>
-54.0	CaF <sub>2</sub>	-0.9	<i>i</i> -NaCF <sub>3</sub>	-58.4	Na <sub>2</sub> O	338.3	<i>i</i> -SrCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>
-53.1	<i>i</i> -SrC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-0.9	<i>i</i> -KCF <sub>3</sub>	-49.6	LiC(Ph) <sub>3</sub>	351.1	<i>i</i> -CaCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>
-49.3	K <sub>2</sub> O	0.6	<i>i</i> -LiCF <sub>3</sub>	-49.1	NH <sup>b</sup>	403.1	<i>i</i> -MgCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>
-48.3	LiAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>			-29.0	NaC(Ph) <sub>3</sub>		

<sup>a</sup> in  $H_2X_2$  (X = O, S, Se)

<sup>b</sup> in  $H_4X_2$  (X = C, N)

<sup>c</sup> in  $C_2H_6$

<sup>d</sup> in  $NH_3BH_3$

**Supplementary Table 3.** Atomic charges of M and A in MAX<sub>3</sub> systems, Q(M) and Q(A), the interatomic exchange-correlation and Coulombic energy components of IQA interaction energy between metal and Al, B, or central C atoms in the studied systems, V<sub>XC</sub>(M, A) and V<sub>C</sub>(M, A), and those of the metals with the substituents on the central atom, V<sub>XC</sub>(M, X) and V<sub>C</sub>(M, X), in kcal.mol<sup>-1</sup>. All data are computed at CASSCF level.

Molecules	Angle	Q(M)	Q(A)	V <sub>XC</sub> (M,A)	V <sub>XC</sub> (M,T)	V <sub>C</sub> (M,A)	V <sub>C</sub> (M,T)	V <sub>int</sub> (M,A)	V <sub>int</sub> (M,T)	ICI <sub>xc</sub>	ICI <sub>C</sub>
LiBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	7.61	-0.007	1.561	-16.7	-29.9	44.2	-39.4	27.4	-69.3	0.559	-1.122
NaBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	5.38	-0.161	1.756	-12.4	-29.8	27.4	-13.2	15.0	-42.9	0.417	-2.081
KBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	3.52	-0.685	2.046	-3.8	-23.5	-46.1	11.1	-49.9	-12.4	0.160	-4.161
MgBH <sub>3</sub>	3.13	0.450	1.891	-20.7	-53.1	151.3	-33.9	130.6	-87.1	0.390	-4.458
CaBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>a</sup>	2.40	0.596	1.842	-17.2	-46.6	171.2	-55.9	154.0	-102.6	0.368	-3.061
NaAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	13.51	-0.103	1.687	-25.1	-30.9	9.4	-12.2	-15.7	-43.2	0.811	-0.768
KAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	12.21	-0.140	1.764	-19.8	-26.2	10.1	-7.1	-9.7	-33.3	0.755	-1.428

**Supplementary Table 4.** Atomic charges of M and A in MAX<sub>3</sub> systems, Q(M) and Q(A), the interatomic exchange-correlation and Coulombic energy components of IQA interaction energy between metal and Al, B, or central C atoms in the studied systems, V<sub>XC</sub>(M, A) and V<sub>C</sub>(M, A), and those of the metals with the substituents on the central atom, V<sub>XC</sub>(M, X) and V<sub>C</sub>(M, X), in kcal.mol<sup>-1</sup>. All data are computed at CCSD level.

Molecules	Angle	Q(M)	Q(A)	V <sub>XC</sub> (M,A)	V <sub>XC</sub> (M,T)	V <sub>C</sub> (M,A)	V <sub>C</sub> (M,T)	V <sub>int</sub> (M,A)	V <sub>int</sub> (M,T)	ICI <sub>xc</sub>	ICI <sub>C</sub>
LiBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	7.61	-0.041	1.548	-22.7	-40.0	37.5	-31.8	14.8	-71.8	0.569	-1.178
NaBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	5.38	-0.231	1.767	-14.2	-36.9	14.1	-4.4	-0.1	-41.3	0.384	-3.214
KBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	3.52	-0.353	1.862	-10.0	-32.8	-2.5	2.8	-12.5	-30.0	0.305	-0.882
MgBH <sub>3</sub>	3.13	0.415	1.844	-21.6	-55.0	137.3	-28.7	115.7	-83.8	0.393	-4.782
CaBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>a</sup>	2.40	0.499	1.843	-16.4	-49.2	151.2	-37.7	134.8	-86.9	0.334	-4.011
NaAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	13.51	-0.169	1.732	-30.9	-40.5	1.1	-1.1	-29.7	-41.6	0.762	-1.006
KAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	12.21	-0.221	1.811	-23.5	-33.7	-2.8	1.8	-26.3	-31.8	0.697	-1.526

**Supplementary Table 5.** Atomic charges of M and A in MAX<sub>3</sub> systems, Q(M) and Q(A), the interatomic exchange-correlation and Coulombic energy components of IQA interaction energy between metal and Al, B, or central C atoms in the studied systems, V<sub>XC</sub>(M, A) and V<sub>C</sub>(M, A), and those of the metals with the substituents on the central atom, V<sub>XC</sub>(M, X) and V<sub>C</sub>(M, X), in kcal.mol<sup>-1</sup>. All data are computed at DFT-CCSD level.

Molecules	Q(M)	Q(A)	V <sub>XC</sub> (M,A)	V <sub>XC</sub> (M,T)	V <sub>C</sub> (M,A)	V <sub>C</sub> (M,T)	V <sub>int</sub> (M,A)	V <sub>int</sub> (M,T)	ICI <sub>xc</sub>	ICI <sub>C</sub>
LiBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	0.007	1.243	-36.8	-55.6	28.4	-39.1	-8.4	-94.7	0.662	-0.726
NaBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	-0.301	1.565	-24.5	-49.5	-5.3	3.2	-29.7	-46.3	0.494	-1.656
KBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	-0.467	1.717	-12.9	-35.9	-24.9	9.6	-37.8	-26.3	0.358	-2.594
MgBH <sub>3</sub>	0.395	1.664	-28.4	-60.8	112.0	-26.6	83.7	-87.4	0.466	-4.211
CaBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>a</sup>	0.497	1.641	-24.0	-55.9	128.5	-42.2	104.5	-98.1	0.429	-3.045
NaAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	-0.236	1.673	-39.3	-51.0	12.3	5.8	-51.6	-45.3	0.771	2.121
KAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-a</sup>	-0.300	1.756	-29.8	-41.6	-18.5	8.1	-48.4	-33.5	0.716	-2.284

**Supplementary Table 6.** Fuzzy atom partitioning: atomic charges of M and A in MAX<sub>3</sub> systems, Q(M) and Q(A), the interatomic exchange-correlation and Coulombic energy components of IQA interaction energy between metal and Al, B, or central C atoms in the studied systems, V<sub>XC</sub>(M, A) and V<sub>C</sub>(M, A), and those of the metals with the substituents on the central atom, V<sub>XC</sub>(M, X) and V<sub>C</sub>(M, X), in kcal.mol<sup>-1</sup>.

Molecules	Q(M)	Q(A)	V <sub>XC</sub> (M,A)	V <sub>C</sub> (M,A)	V <sub>int</sub> (M,A)	V <sub>XC</sub> (M,T)	V <sub>C</sub> (M,T)	V <sub>int</sub> (M,T)	ICI <sub>XC</sub>	ICI <sub>C</sub>
LiBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-0.291	1.462	-49.0	-10.7	-59.8	-99.3	4.6	-94.7	0.494	-2.322
NaBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-0.432	1.590	-51.1	-44.8	-95.9	-111.0	11.5	-99.4	0.460	-3.881
KBH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-0.408	1.655	-37.2	-36.8	-74.0	-90.5	9.3	-81.2	0.411	-3.951
MgBH <sub>3</sub>	0.230	1.584	-94.2	49.1	-45.0	-190.6	-9.9	-200.5	0.494	-4.944
CaBH <sub>3</sub>	0.332	1.613	-74.1	71.8	-2.3	-181.8	-16.7	-198.6	0.408	-4.292
LiAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.021	1.071	-114.7	3.8	-110.8	-135.0	-22.8	-157.8	0.849	-0.168
NaAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-0.241	1.330	-98.8	-24.6	-123.4	-122.2	-1.0	-123.2	0.808	25.471
KAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-0.277	1.432	-67.3	-25.4	-92.7	-86.7	-2.3	-89.1	0.776	10.868
MgAlH <sub>3</sub>	-0.018	1.781	-62.5	-33.7	-96.2	-135.2	-11.3	-146.5	0.462	2.984
CaAlH <sub>3</sub>	0.263	1.632	-75.5	30.6	-44.9	-121.4	-11.7	-133.1	0.622	-2.619
<i>i</i> -CaAlH <sub>3</sub> <sup>a,b,d</sup>	1.087	1.334	-21.3	228.9	207.6	-178.2	-208.4	-386.6	0.120	-1.098
LiCF <sub>3</sub>	0.718	1.435	-59.1	97.7	38.7	-71.9	-82.2	-154.2	0.821	-1.189
NaCF <sub>3</sub>	0.657	1.600	-75.2	81.2	6.0	-94.1	-65.2	-159.3	0.799	-1.246
BeCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	1.306	1.466	-103.7	191.5	87.8	-129.2	-125.9	-255.2	0.802	-1.520
MgCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	1.180	1.763	-102.4	204.1	101.7	-137.9	-60.0	-197.9	0.743	-3.400
<i>i</i> -LiCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>b,c,d</sup>	0.870	1.826	-0.8	280.0	279.2	-64.7	-126.7	-191.4	0.013	-2.209
<i>i</i> -NaCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>b,c,d</sup>	0.902	1.847	-1.1	243.3	242.2	-88.4	-127.2	-215.6	0.012	-1.913
<i>i</i> -KCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>b,d</sup>	0.979	1.838	-0.9	233.8	232.8	-102.4	-140.6	-243.1	0.009	-1.663
<i>i</i> -MgCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+,b,d</sup>	1.740	1.748	-2.6	495.7	493.1	-150.3	-285.4	-435.7	0.017	-1.737
<i>i</i> -CaCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+,b,d</sup>	1.807	1.739	-2.2	451.4	449.2	-185.3	-276.4	-461.6	0.012	-1.634
<i>i</i> -SrCF <sub>3</sub> <sup>+,b,d</sup>	3.356	1.731	-0.6	859.4	858.9	-471.9	-2613.7	-3085.6	0.001	-0.329
MgC(CN) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+,b</sup>	1.199	0.584	-24.6	72.8	48.2	-247.6	-119.3	-366.9	0.099	-0.610
CaC(CN) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+,b</sup>	1.041	0.447	-12.6	61.5	48.9	-265.3	-3.1	-268.4	0.048	-19.992
SrC(CN) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+,b</sup>	2.317	0.434	-7.0	132.1	125.1	-188.5	-653.0	-841.5	0.037	-0.202
LiCH <sub>3</sub>	0.721	-0.291	-61.5	-75.6	-137.1	-68.1	-107.5	-175.6	0.903	0.703
NaCH <sub>3</sub>	0.619	-0.173	-83.7	-52.1	-135.9	-93.4	-78.4	-171.8	0.896	0.665
KCH <sub>3</sub>	0.733	-0.163	-82.5	-52.9	-135.4	-91.6	-90.3	-181.8	0.901	0.587
BeCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	1.430	-0.562	-116.0	-274.2	-390.2	-127.0	-236.3	-363.3	0.914	1.160
MgCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	1.267	-0.327	-121.7	-143.6	-265.3	-134.3	-127.1	-261.4	0.906	1.130
CaCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	1.500	-0.283	-135.4	-141.1	-276.6	-150.1	-170.3	-320.4	0.902	0.829
SrCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	1.863	-0.435	-106.0	-273.3	-379.3	-116.4	-375.7	-492.1	0.911	0.728
LiC(Ph) <sub>3</sub>	-0.700	-0.378	-54.7	35.9	-18.8	-428.6	-184.2	-612.8	0.128	-0.195
NaC(Ph) <sub>3</sub>	-0.447	-0.192	-46.8	11.3	-35.5	-365.2	-106.8	-471.9	0.128	-0.106
KC(Ph) <sub>3</sub>	-0.190	-0.102	-43.1	1.7	-41.4	-301.5	-51.0	-352.5	0.143	-0.033
MgC(Ph) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.472	-0.522	-97.3	-78.8	-176.1	-225.8	-20.5	-246.3	0.431	3.841
CaC(Ph) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-0.400	-0.198	-87.1	2.1	-85.0	-584.2	-212.1	-796.3	0.149	-0.010
SrC(Ph) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	3.190	-0.589	-149.5	-803.3	-952.9	-431.2	-2227.1	-2658.2	0.347	0.361
LiC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	0.629	-0.477	-64.8	-85.4	-150.2	-81.7	-81.1	-162.8	0.793	1.053
NaC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	0.488	-0.297	-84.0	-51.5	-135.5	-108.6	-52.5	-161.0	0.773	0.982
KC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	0.640	-0.211	-79.5	-49.5	-129.0	-101.5	-65.6	-167.1	0.783	0.755
BeC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	1.170	-0.696	-112.8	-252.9	-365.6	-137.3	-157.0	-294.4	0.821	1.611
MgC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.893	-0.536	-109.7	-126.7	-236.4	-150.0	-49.6	-199.7	0.731	2.553
CaC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	1.241	-0.405	-140.0	-138.4	-278.4	-190.5	-103.2	-293.8	0.735	1.341
<i>i</i> -LiC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>d</sup>	-0.414	-0.306	-68.6	17.0	-51.6	-352.4	-94.3	-446.7	0.195	-0.180
<i>i</i> -NaC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>b,d</sup>	0.597	-0.128	-19.8	-13.5	-33.3	-105.6	-55.2	-160.9	0.187	0.244
<i>i</i> -KC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>b,d</sup>	0.664	-0.089	-28.0	-10.8	-38.8	-123.6	-60.5	-184.1	0.227	0.178
<i>i</i> -BeC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+,c,d</sup>	0.037	-0.235	-86.6	-24.1	-110.7	-470.4	1.2	-469.3	0.184	-20.836
<i>i</i> -MgC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+,b,d</sup>	0.353	-0.036	-7.1	-0.7	-7.7	-53.1	13.6	-39.5	0.133	-0.049
<i>i</i> -CaC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+,c,d</sup>	0.592	-0.180	-104.3	-30.7	-135.0	-337.8	-2.5	-340.3	0.309	12.155
<i>i</i> -SrC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+,e,d</sup>	3.417	-0.735	-190.6	-1151.3	-1341.9	-531.0	-2839.6	-3370.5	0.359	0.405

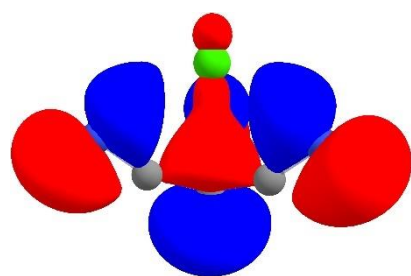
<sup>a</sup>. Data are obtained from the BS-DFT calculation.

<sup>b</sup>. The metal forms a multicenter bond within the context of QTAIM.

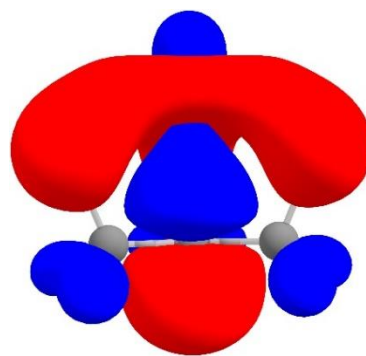
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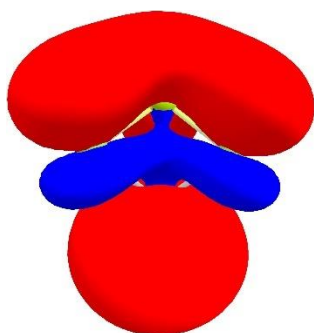
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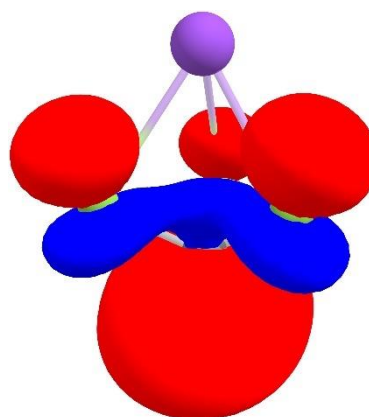
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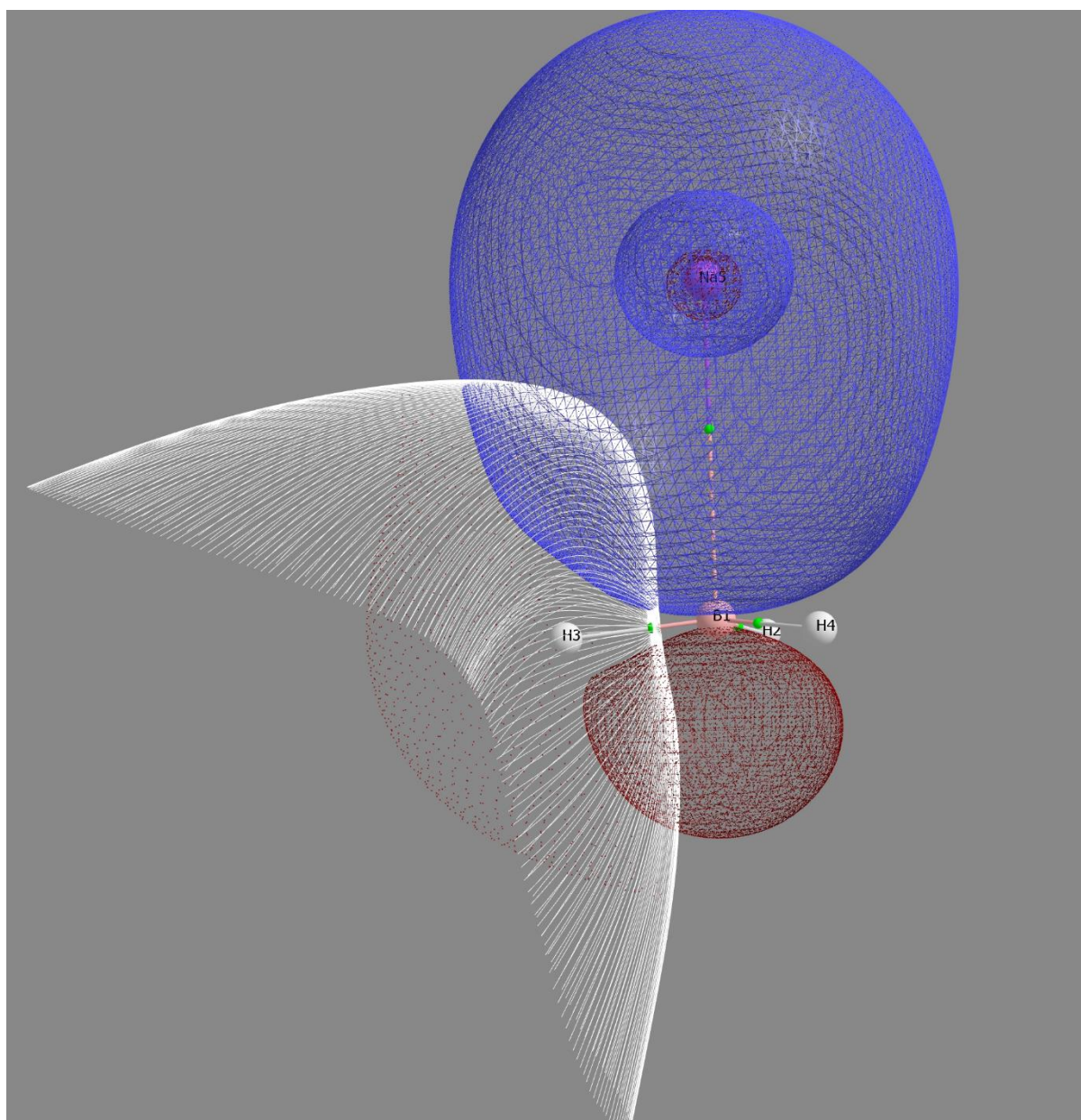


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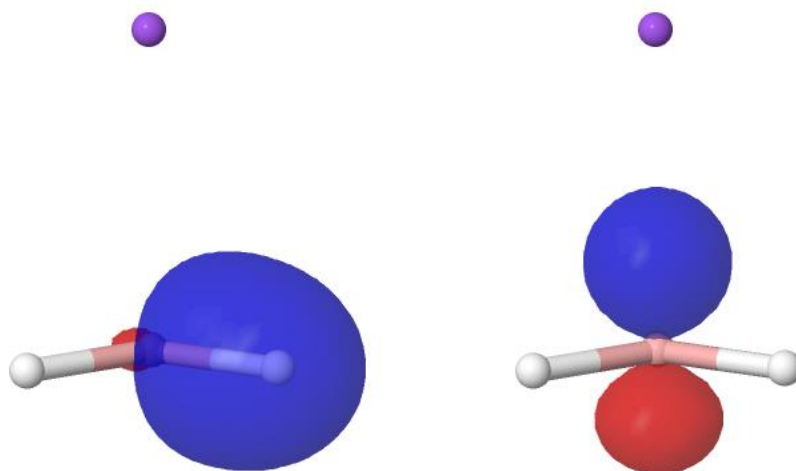


(d) *i*- $\text{NaCF}_3$

**Supplementary Figure 1.** Examples of HOMOs for systems with (a) 2e-2c bonds between M and C, (b) and (c) 2e-multicenter MOs, and (d) nonbonding MOs between M and  $\text{AX}_3$  fragments.



**Supplementary Figure 2.** The H basin is shown with white lines that encompass a large portion of the bonding MO between boron and sodium in  $\text{NaBH}_3^-$  complex.



(a) B–H 2c-2e AdNDP bond

(b) B–Na 2c-2e AdNDP bond

**Supplementary Figure 3.** Valence real space AdNDP orbitals in  $\text{NaBH}_3^-$ . The Lewis structure is well described by three B–H (a, only one non-equivalent orbital shown), and one B–Na (b) 2c-2e contributions. The domain overlap of the latter in each of the H basins is 0.12.