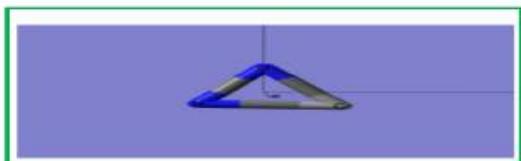
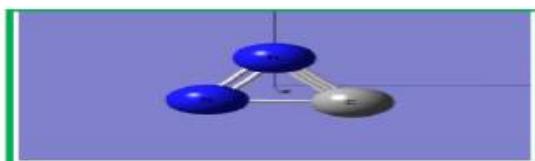




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CNN -41:
Triel bonds -
Non-covalent Chemical interactions

Information Source	ACS.org ; sciencedirect.com
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Conspectus: Triel atoms (TrA: B, Al, Ga, In, Tl, Nh) belong to 13th group of 18 column chemical elements periodic table. TrA exhibits Lewis acid (LA) behavior and forms complexes or adducts with Lewis bases (LB) i.e. molecules or compounds or π electron systems.

The strength of non-covalent bond between Tr atom and Lewis base donor atom (Ex: N in N₂ or HCN) vary over a wide scale depending upon the substituents/spacers/organic moieties in both LA and LB. To one's astonishment the bond energy reaches or exceeds sometimes that of a common covalent bond. The cooperativity effect also manifests with H-, X-, Chalcogen- and Pnictogen bonds resulting in noteworthy structure, properties and functions in crystal or solution phases. The artefact is vividly felt in bio-systems, atmospheric chemistry and synthetic materials.

Keywords: Non-Covalent Chemical bonds : [Nobel gas (aerogen), Halogen, Chalcogen, Pnicogen (or Pnictogen), Tetrel, Triel, Spodium, Regium (or Coinage), alkali, alkaline earth, Hydrogen [{strong, weak}, dihydrogen, hydride}]

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I. Select Research Titles (2000 to 2021) in Triel-bonds

LAcid	NCC Bond	LBase	Tr Element	Interaction	Primary association
BH ₃ AlH ₃	Triel Bond	Uracil (U) Thymine (T) 5-fluorouracil (5FU)	B–O Al–O	Hard-hard Soft-soft	Charge controlled Orbital controlled
HCl	H-Bond		Effect of substituents		Regioselectivity is very small

triel bond	
	Strength (triel-bonded complexes) >> Strength (hydrogen-bonded ones)
	Strength (Al-containing dimers) >> Strength (Boron -containing ones)
	B-containing dimers (B–O triel bond) are accompanied by weak B–H···O unconventional H-bonds

Theory	DFT
Basis set	ω B97XD/6–311++G(d,p)
Software	Gaussian09
Single-point energy	MP2/6–311++G(d,p) CCSD/6–31 + G(d,p)
NBO MEPs	Reactivity descriptors global/local

KeyLrn_Bits π-hole, B–HO H-Bond, Lewis acid, Structures and binding energies, NBO, Reactivity descriptors

TrB-01

α -methylation and α -fluorination electronic effects on the regioselectivity of carbonyl groups of uracil by H and triel bonds in the interaction of U, T and 5FU with HCl and TrH3 (Tr = B, Al)

Journal of Molecular Graphics and Modelling, 88(2019)237-
246doi.org/10.1016/j.jmgm.2019.02.006

AristoteMatondo and Renjith Thomas and Philippe Vuka Tsalu and Christian TshikalaMukeba and
VirimaMudogo

Triel bond-- Non Covalent-- σ - π -holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction

Triel Bond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lewis acid – Lewis base interactions ✓ triel bonds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ! Mechanisms of formation ! Properties ! Different coordination of trielcentres ! Strength <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comparison with H-bond
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Cambridge Structural Database ➔ Frequent Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tetrahedral arrangements that obey the octet rule ○ Trivalent and hypervalent triel structures that are characterised by the trigonal coordination as well as hypervalent triel structures possessing trigonal bipyramidal and octahedral configurations
KeyLrn_Bits	Electron charge shift

TrB-02Rev

Triel bond and coordination of trielcentres – Comparison with hydrogen bond interaction

Coordination Chemistry Reviews, 407(2020)
doi.org/10.1016/j.ccr.2019.213171

Sławomir J. Grabowski

Triel bond-- Non Covalent-- σ - π -holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction

Triel Bond	Boron		
Complex	$\text{BH}(\text{CO})_2/\text{BH}(\text{N}_2)_2 : \text{LA}$	$\text{XF}_3/\text{XF}_5 : \text{LB}$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-Bond <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Triel Bond
	MEP	$\text{BH}(\text{CO})_2/\text{BH}(\text{N}_2)_2$	 <p>→ a region with negative MEPs on the B atom in the vertical direction of the molecular plane → σ-hole at the B-H bond end</p>
Dual role of Triel atom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boron	Lewis base Lewis acid	halogen bond trie bond

Strength of X-bond	✓ IF ₃ < BrF ₃ < ClF ₃ , ✓ IF ₅ < BrF ₅ < ClF ₅
Strength of Triel-bond	➔ BH(CO) ₂ < BH(N ₂) ₂
KeyLrn_Bits	Halogen bond, Triel bond, Hypervalent halogens: boron electron donors

single-point energy
NBO
MEPs
global/local reactivity descriptors

TrB-03	
Dual function of the boron center of BH(CO) ₂ /BH(N ₂) ₂ in halogen- and triel-bonded complexes with hypervalent halogens	Journal of Molecular Graphics and Modelling, 84(2018)118-124 doi.org/10.1016/j.jmgm.2018.06.017
Wenbo Dong and Yanqing Wang and Xin Yang and Jianbo Cheng and Qingzhong Li	

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	Boron	Triel Bond
	✓	✓ Haloborane salts
trie bond donors 1-(dihaloboranyl)pyridin-1-ium compounds P ^{y+} BX ₂ (X=Cl, Br and I)		Electron donor moieties Cl ⁻ , Br ⁻ , HCO ₂ ⁻ , BF ₄ ⁻ , ClO ₄ ⁻
Expt Data	✓	✓ CSD (Cambridge Structural Database)
KeyLrn_Bits		Solid state chem.
	wavefunction analysis Software Bader's theory of 'atoms in molecules'	M06-2X/def2-QZVPD Gaussian09 AIMall calculation package
	Geo opt	TURBOMOLE version 7.0
		Constraint C2V Symmetry group

TrB-04	
Charge-assisted triel bonding interactions in solid state chemistry: A combined computational and crystallographic study	Chemical Physics Letters, 666(2016)73-78 doi.org/10.1016/j.cplett.2016.11.010
Antonio Bauzá and Xavier García-Llinás and Antonio Frontera	

Triel bond-- Non Covalent--σ-π-holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction

Triel Bond		To interpret and visualize measurable nuclear quadrupole coupling tensors
Methods	Modified Townes–Dailey (TD) model	
Principal component of the nuclear quadrupole coupling tensor	Directly related to a new quantity VPPA (or ΔP) valence p-orbital population anisotropy	
Application of VPPA	Universal measure of the ability of any element in the p-block of the periodic table (groups 13–16) to interact with nucleophiles e.g., formation of chalcogen, pnictogen, tetrel, and triel bonds	

TrB-05		
A Modified Townes-Dailey Model for Interpretation and Visualization of Nuclear Quadrupole Coupling Tensors in Molecules	J. Phys. Chem. A, 124(2020) 1176–1186	
Andrew Rinald and Gang Wu		

Triel bond-- Non Covalent-- σ - π -holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction

Triel Bond		Hybridized o sp- → O o sp ² - → N o sp ³ - → O o sp ³ - → N o sp ² - → or N ↗ Polarization contribution increases from sp to sp ² to sp ³ ↗ Most complexes are dominated by electrostatic component	Atom → O → N → O → N → or N Strength of triel bond ! weakest ! moderate ! strongest
LAcid	LBase		
Complexes of TrR_3	N-bases	NH ₃ CH ₂ NH HCN	
Tr = B and Al; R = H, F, Cl, Br	O-bases	CH ₃ OH H ₂ CO CO	
Hybridization effect of N and O atoms on	strength, properties, nature of triel bond		

TrB-06		
Influence of N-Base and O-Base Hybridization on Triel Bonds	ACS Omega, 5(2020) 21300–21308	
Qingqing Yang, Xin Yao, and Xin Yang		

Triel bond-- Non Covalent-- σ - π -holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction

Triel Bond			
Lewis-Acid	Lewis-Base	Complex	Topology
Tr = B, Al, Ga, In, Tl	HCN or N ₂	Tr(III)	Tetrahedral structure with the tetravalent triel atom
		TrF _{3.2} LB	TrF ₃ with two ligands results in a trigonal bipyramidal structure with a pentacoordinate Tr atom

Theory	HF
Level/Functional	MP2
Basis set	Dunning-type aug-cc-pVTZ basis set
Software	Gaussian 09
basis set for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aug-cc-pVTZ-PP ○ Effective core potential (ECP)

Probe	Atoms polarization of the NBO bonds orbital-orbital energies
TrAtom	CQC
B	optimized geometries
Al	MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ level
Ga	HF/aug-cc-pVTZ level
In	Geom opt aug-cc-pVTZ-PP ECP
T	rough NBO HF/Lanl2DZ
Software	NBO 5.0 program implemented in GAMESS

Molecular electrostatic potentials		MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ and MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ-PP
	Software	AIMAll program

Tr	Energy type
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Much weaker interactions are observed compared to other triel systems ☞ because of the lower acidity of the B center relative to that of the other triel centers since stronger backbonding effect for BF₃ than for the other triel trifluorides
Al	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Meaningful electrostatic contributions in Al complexes
Ga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Most important electron charge shift is observed upon complexation

TrB-07	
Boron and other Triel Lewis Acid Centers: From Hypovalency to Hypervalency	ChemPhysChem, 15(2014) 2985 – 2993 DOI: 10.1002/cphc.201402344

Triel bond-- Non Covalent-- σ - π -holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction

L Acid	L Base	Tr bond
TrX ₃		
Tr: B, Al; X = H, F, Cl, Br	benzene	X ₃ Tr...Bz

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If	$\nabla^2\rho_{BCP}$ (el)ectron density concentration in inter-atomic region) is negative
Then	Energy corresponds to covalent bonds
If	$\nabla^2\rho_{BCP}$ (electron density concentration in inter-atomic region) > 0 (i.e. positive)
Then	Energy corresponds to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ionic bonds, ✓ van derWaals interactions, ✓ other close-shell interactions like for example, not strong hydrogen bonds

TrB-08	
Triel bonds-complexes of boron and aluminum trihalides and trihydrides with benzene	Struct Chem, (2017) DOI 10.1007/s11224-017-0927-x
Sławomir J. Grabowski	

Triel bond-- Non Covalent--σ-π-holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction	
Triel Bond	
KeyLrn_Bits	valence-shell electron-pair; repulsion model (VSEPR); hydrogen bond; s-hole bond; pi-hole bond; electron charge shift

TrB-09	
Classification of So-Called Non-Covalent Interactions Based on VSEPR Model	Molecules,26(2021)4939. doi.org/10.3390/molecules26164939
Sławomir J. Grabowski	

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KeyLrn_Bits		valence-shell electron-pair; repulsion model (VSEPR); hydrogen bond; s-hole bond; pi-hole bond; electron charge shift														
Probes. CQC																
Quantum Theory of Atoms in Molecules (QTAIM) Electrostatic potentials (EPs)		AIMAll program														
Natural Bond Orbital (NBO) method Electron charge density shifts		ADF2017 program package														

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = \Delta E_{\text{elstat}} + \Delta E_{\text{Pauli}} + \Delta E_{\text{orb}} + \Delta E_{\text{disp}}.$$

DEelstat	Quasi-classical electrostatic interaction between unperturbed charge distributions of atoms; it is usually attractive (negative).
DEPauli,	Pauli repulsion: Energy change associated with the transformation from the superposition of unperturbed electron densities of the isolated fragments to the wave function that properly obeys the Pauli principle through antisymmetrisation and renormalisation of product wave function Repulsive term (positive) comprises the destabilizing interactions between electrons of the same spin on either fragment
DEorb	Orbital interaction corresponding to charge transfer and polarization effects

TrB-10	
The Nature of Triel Bonds, a Case of B and Al Centres Bonded with Electron Rich Sites	Molecules, 25(2020) 2703 doi:10.3390/molecules25112703

Triel bond-- Non Covalent-- σ - π -holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction

Triel Bond	
KeyLrn_Bits	electron charge shifts, chemical reaction, octet rule, hypervalency, hydrogen bond, σ -hole bond, π -hole bond

TrB-11	
Hydrogen Bonds, σ -Hole and π -Hole Bonds – Mechanisms Protecting Doublet and Octet Electron Structures	Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics, 19 (2017) 29742-29759 DOI: 10.1039/C7CP06393H
Grabowski, S. J.	

Triel bond-- Non Covalent-- σ - π -holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction

Triel Bond				
LAcid	LBase		Theory	MP2 CCSD(T)
TrR ₃ Tr = B, Al, Ga; R = H, F, Cl, Br, CH ₃	pyrazine		Basis set	aug-cc-pVDZ
			Software	Gaussian09
			ESP	WFA-SAS program
			BSSE	Corrected
Inter-orbital interactions and charge transfer		Natural Bond Orbitals NBO BLYP-D3(BJ)/def2TZVPP	GenNBO 5.0 version	
Positions of bond paths and their corresponding bond critical points (BCPs)		AIM analysis NCI (noncovalent index) procedure	MultiWFN VMD suite of programs	
Morokuma-Ziegler Energy Decomposition Analysis		BLYP-D3/ZORA/TZ2P level	ADF [68-70] package	
KeyLrn_Bits	electron charge shifts, chemical reaction, octet rule, hypervalency, hydrogen bond, σ -hole bond, π -hole bond			

TrB-12	
Triel-Bonded Complexes between TrR ₃ (Tr = B, Al, Ga; R = H, F, Cl, Br, CH ₃) and pyrazine	Chemphyschem . 2018,19(22):3122-3133. doi: 10.1002/cphc.201800774
Mariusz Michalczyk, Wiktor Zierkiewicz, and Steve Scheiner	

Triel bond-- Non Covalent-- σ - π -holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction

Triel Bond				
LAcid		Theory	MP2	
hydrides, fluorides, chlorides of 1,8 bis(dichloroboryl)naphthalene 1,2-bis(dichloroboryl)benzene		Basis set	Dunning style aug-cc-pVTZ	
		Software	Gaussian16	
quantum theory of atoms in molecules (QTAIM) analysis				
bond-critical points (BCPs)				

Laplacian of electron density at bond-critical point	Positive	Indicates covalent bonds
Total electron energy density at BCP, HBCP	Negative	
Electron density at the BCPs	~0.09 – 0.11 au	
Delocalization index (DI)	Expresses covalent character of interaction	

KeyLrn_Bits bifurcated triel bonds; trigonal and tetrahedral configurations; interaction energy

TrB-13	
Bifurcated Triel Bonds—Hydrides and Halides of 1,2-Bis(Dichloroboryl)Benzene and 1,8-Bis(Dichloroboryl)Naphthalene	Crystals, 9 (2019)
Sławomir J. Grabowski	

Triel bond-- Non Covalent-- σ - π -holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction

Triel Bond	LBase	Tr Bond
TrX ₃ X = F, Cl, Br, I	NH ₃ N ₂ HCN	B...N

TrB-14	
Two Faces of Triel Bonds in Boron Trihalide Complexes	Journal of Computational Chemistry, (2017) DOI: 10.1002/jcc.25056
Sławomir J. Grabowski	

Triel bond-- Non Covalent-- σ - π -holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction

Triel Bond	
KeyLrn_Bits	Rev ; Lewis acid-Lewis base interactions; hydrogen bond; tetrel bond; pnicogen bond; triel bond; electron charge shifts

TrB-15	
Hydrogen Bond and Other Lewis Acid-Lewis Base Interactions as Preliminary Stages of Chemical Reactions	Molecules, 25(2020) 4668 doi:10.3390/molecules25204668
Sławomir J. Grabowski	

Triel bond-- Non Covalent-- σ - π -holes-positive -- Lewis Acid Base interaction

II. Object oriented terminology (OOT) for Triel-bonds

column \$	Abbrev	\$\$ Bonds
18G	NgB	Nobel gas
17G @	HaB	Halogen
16G @	ChB	Chalcogen
15G	PnB	Pnicogen or Pnictogen
14G	TTb	Tetrel
13G	TrB	Triel
12G	SPb	Spodium
11G	CiB or Rg	Regium or Coinage
1G	HB	Hydrogen

@ IUPAC recommended

\$: column number of Chem elements in 18 Group model of periodic table

The diagram shows a periodic table where each element is connected by arrows to its corresponding bond type. Group 1 (H) is labeled 'Alkali bonds'. Groups 2 and 18 (He) are labeled 'Alkaline earth bonds'. Groups 3-12 are labeled 'Regium bonds'. Groups 13-17 are labeled with their respective bond types: 'Triel bonds' (Group 13), 'Tetrel bonds' (Group 14), 'Pnictogen bonds' (Group 15), 'Chalcogen bonds' (Group 16), 'Halogen bonds' (Group 17), and 'Aerogen bonds' (Group 18). Arrows point from each group's symbol to its respective bond type.

Triel bond

triel Atom	Abbreviation	Tr At	triel atom			
	Tr E	triel element (or energy)				
Atoms (or chemical elements) of Group 13 in 18 Column-Periodic table						
[[B, Al,] []]						
triel bonds	Abbreviation	TrB				
	The distribution of electron density between trielcentre and the electron pair of Lewis-base is called Triel bond					
Generally classified as π -hole bonds						
Fits well in the concept of π -holes or σ -hole						

	A bond is a model	
	Represented with three dots as Tr...B; Ex: B...N; Al...O etc. just like a single dash (C-H) for covalent bond	
	Result of interactions of trielcentre (π -holes or σ -hole) with electron rich site of a Lewis base	
Types of triel bonds	Tr...B	mono-atomic Lewis base centre
	Tr... π	p-electrons
	Tr... σ	r-electrons

Interaction of Group 13 atom centres with Lewis's base	<p>Result in stable octet structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Interactions are usually very strong → ■ Possess numerous characteristics of covalent bonds → ■ Sometimes classified as typical covalent bonds
Historic perspective of interaction of 13 th Group elements	<p>Before introduction of the word triel for Group 13 atoms, the complexes were called Lewis acid–base complex or a partially covalent complex</p> <p>Reason: binding distance is much shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radius of the atoms.</p>

	TrB affected by
Cooperativity in TrB	TrB exhibits cooperativity with itself and other types of interactions.
Lewis bases	A weak electron donor T–H in TH(CH ₃) ₃ (T = Si, Ge, and Sn) engages in a stronger TrB bond with BH ₃ (>−28 kcal/mol), resulting in hydrogen transfer from the T atom to the B atom.
Substituents	<p>Substituents affect the strength, properties, and nature of triel element interactions with Lewis bases</p> <p>Methyl group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ For the triel–hydride triel bond between <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TrR₃ (Tr = B and Al); R = (H and CH₃) + ○ TtHMe₃ (Tt = Si, Ge, and Sn), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ methyl group in triel donor molecule is electron-donating ▪ decreasing the π-hole electrostatic potential on triel atom, ➔ Weakens TrB, particularly for the B atom ➔ In contrast, the methyl substituent in the Lewis base has an enhancing effect on the TrB <p style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">F atom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ The electron-withdrawing F atom in the triel donor molecule strengthens the TrB, ➔ Opposite effect is found for the electron-withdrawing F-substitution in the Lewis base ➔ BF₃ has the smaller π-hole than BH₃, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Former forms a stronger TrB with NH₃ than the latter.

Hybridization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Hybridization impose influence on the strength of NCIs → The C hybridization of the C–H bond increases its proton acidity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ $sp^3 < sp^2 < sp$ sequence, → → Results in a stronger C–H···O hydrogen bond → It also happens for TrB, if the triel atom is adjoined with different hybridized carbon atoms
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σ -hole

Def	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It is the region on an atom with positive ESP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ← arises from an anisotropic electronic density (a physical observable) ✓ typically located along the vector of a covalent bond <p>σ-hole is a real physical entity</p> <p>It is defined in terms of a partially empty σ^* orbital</p>
Uses	To visualize the interaction
Theoretical support from	Natural bond orbital analyses
Examples	Tr atoms in chemical species (moieties) Ex: Borabenzene; BX_3 ; Tr_2H_6 ;
Interaction energy	The interaction energy of σ -hole TrB in $Al_2H_6-NH_3$ (-24.88 kcal/mol) << π -hole TrB in AlH_3-NH_3 (-32.77 kcal/mol)

π -hole

Def	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It is the region with positive ESP on an atom ✓ The region is perpendicular to a portion of a molecular framework
Size	📘 Larger is the size of π -hole, heavier is the triel atom

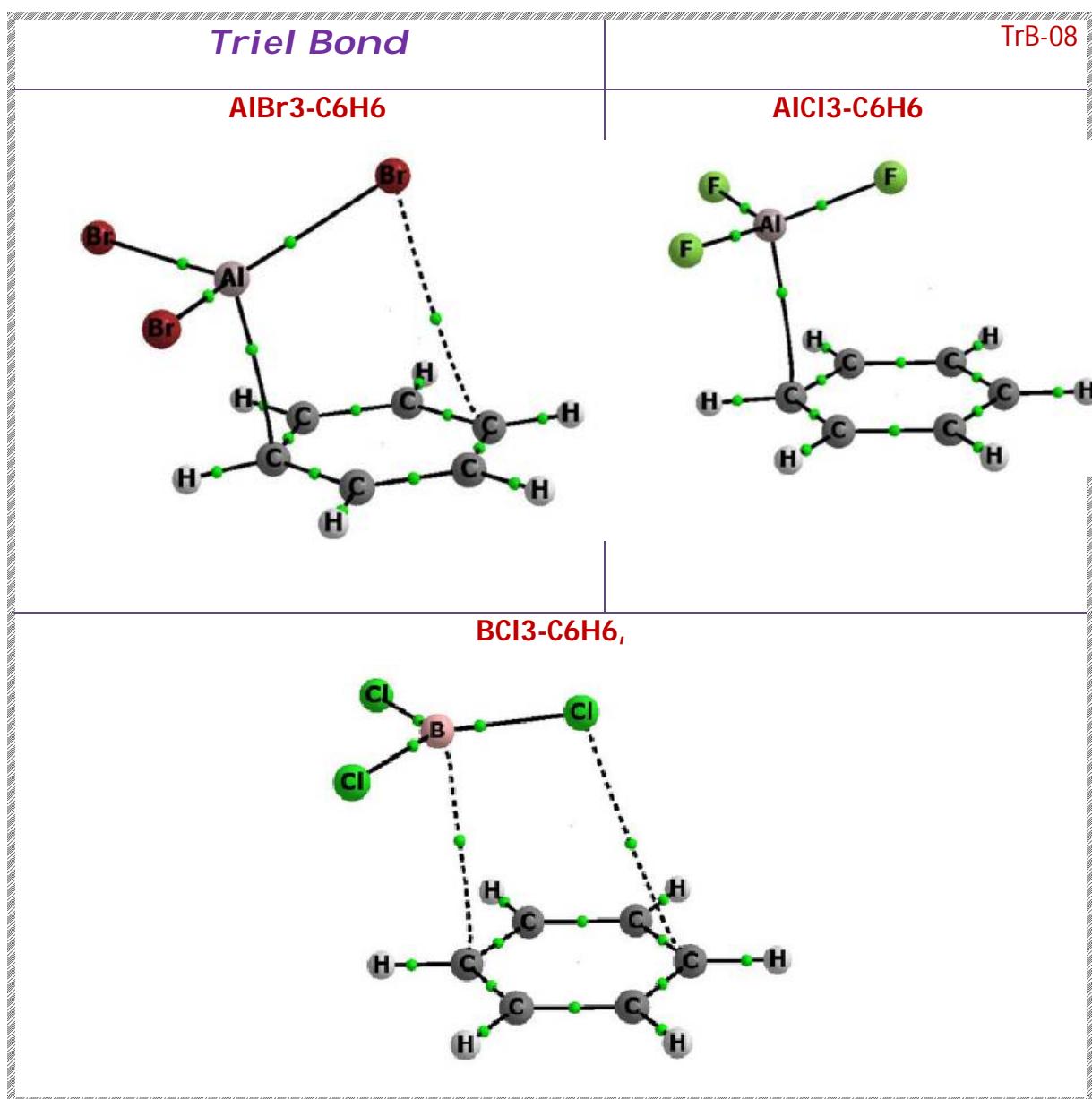
σ -hole → π -hole

Interconversion in Tr-interactions	π-hole and σ -hole on the triel atom can interconvert into each other.
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Supplementary Information Molecular structures Triel-bonded chemical species

Sup Inf 1. Triel bonded Chemical species

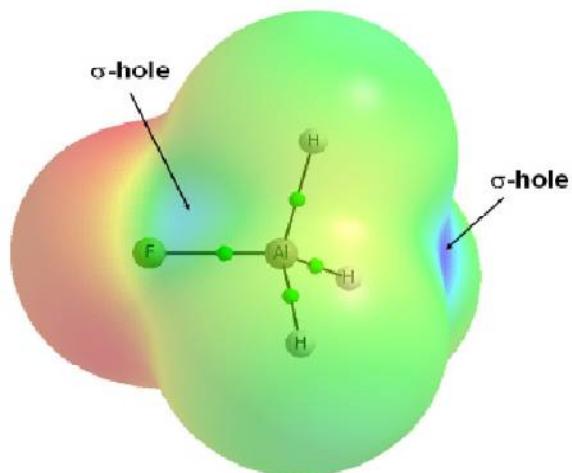
LA and LB → (SR)-A...B-(RS)



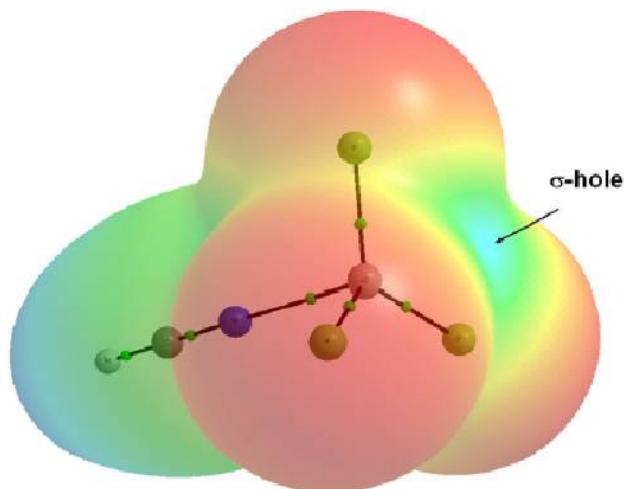
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H₃Al...F Triel bond

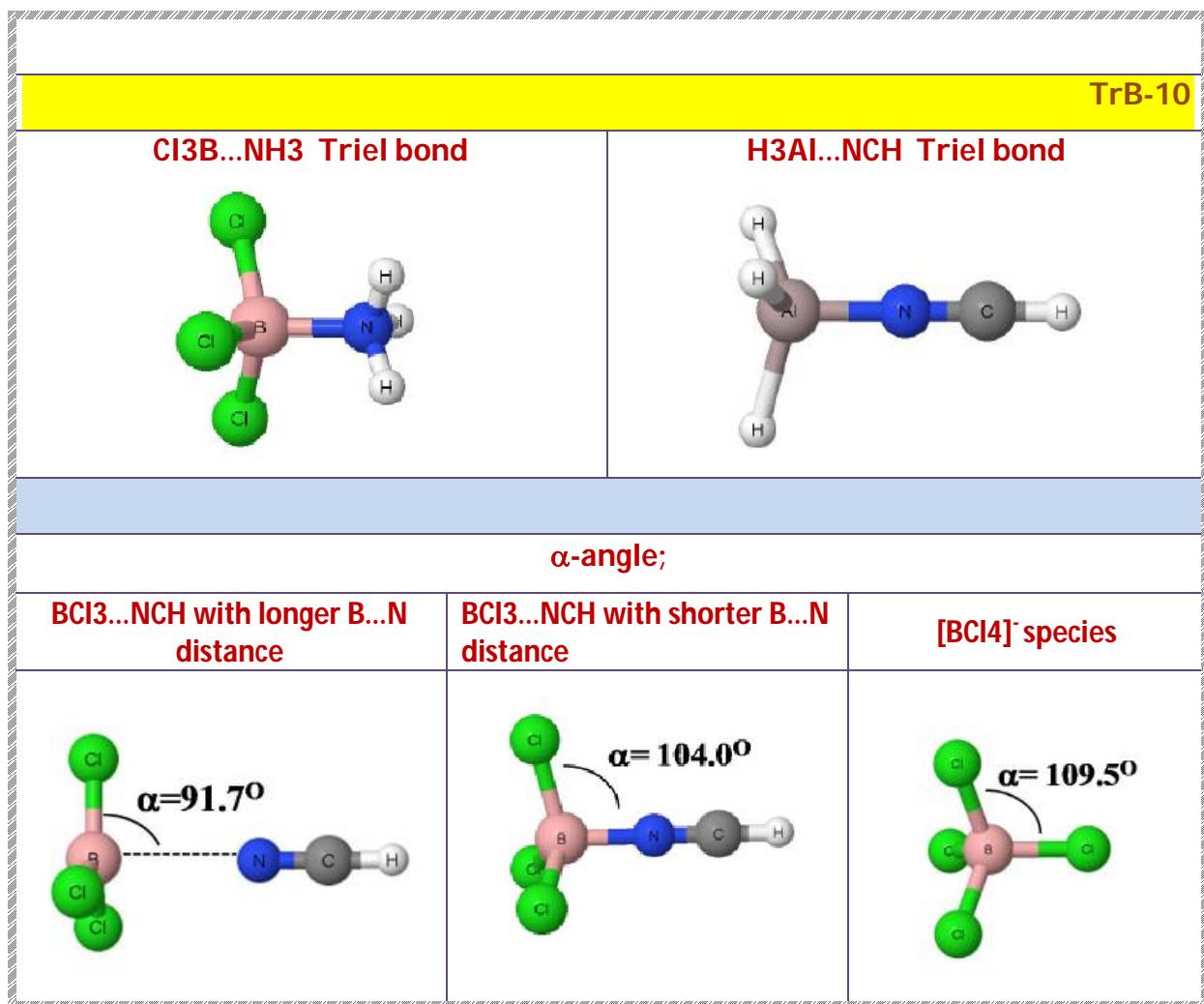
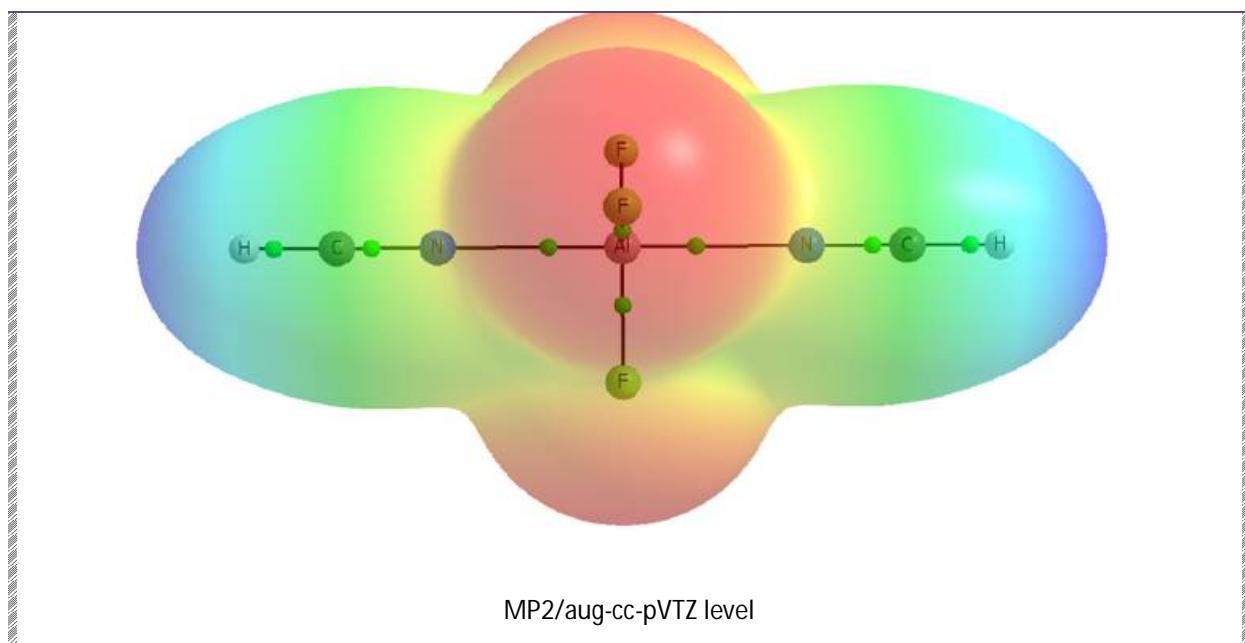


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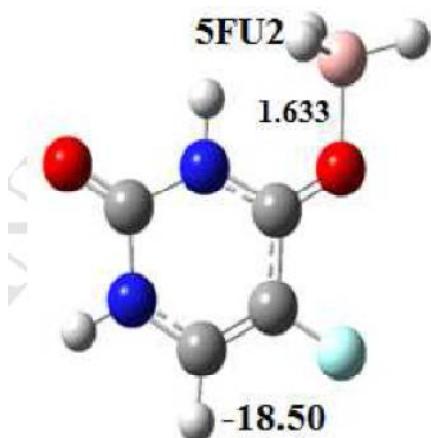
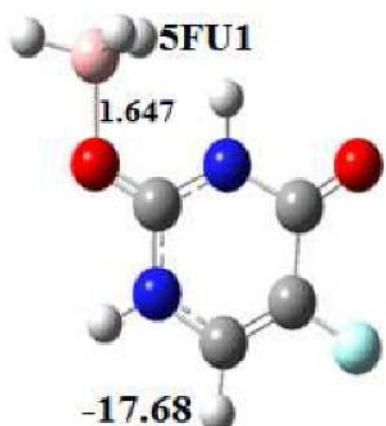
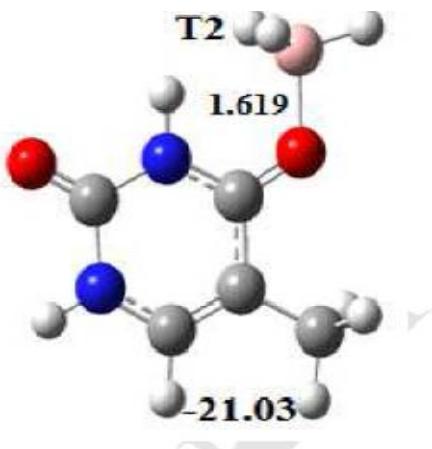
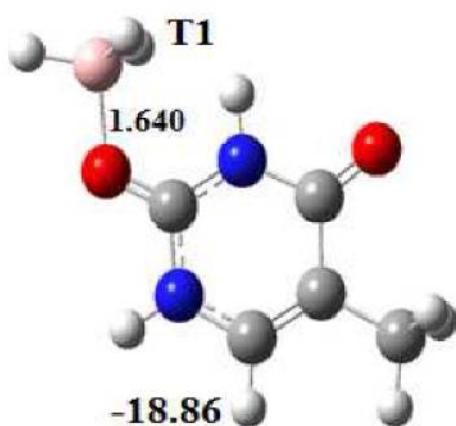
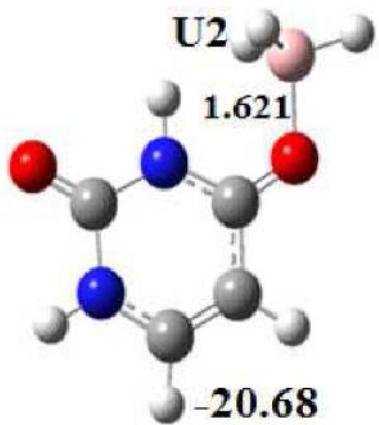
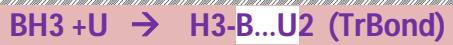
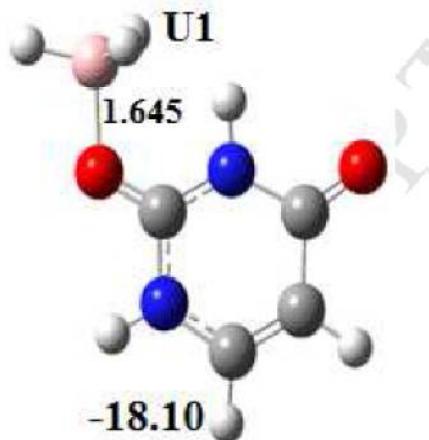
MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ level

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Bond length & ENergy

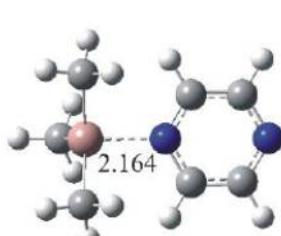
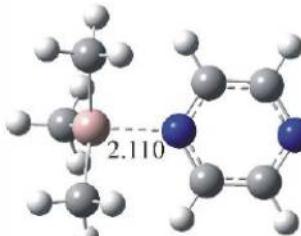
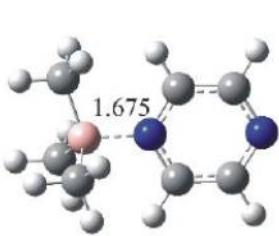
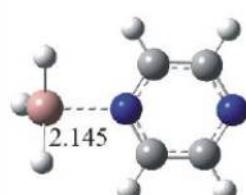
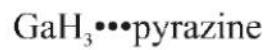
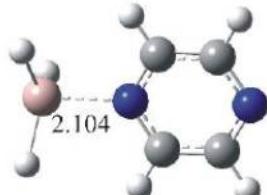
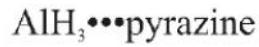
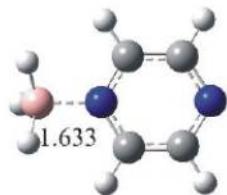
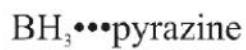
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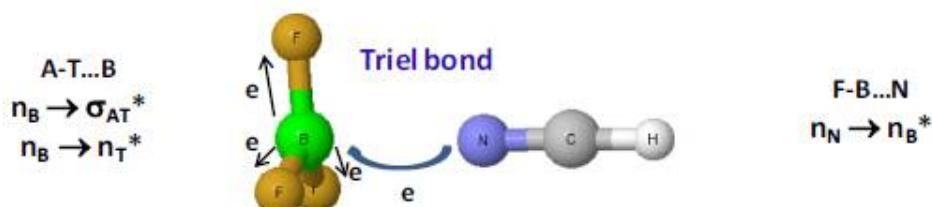
Triel Bond

MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ level

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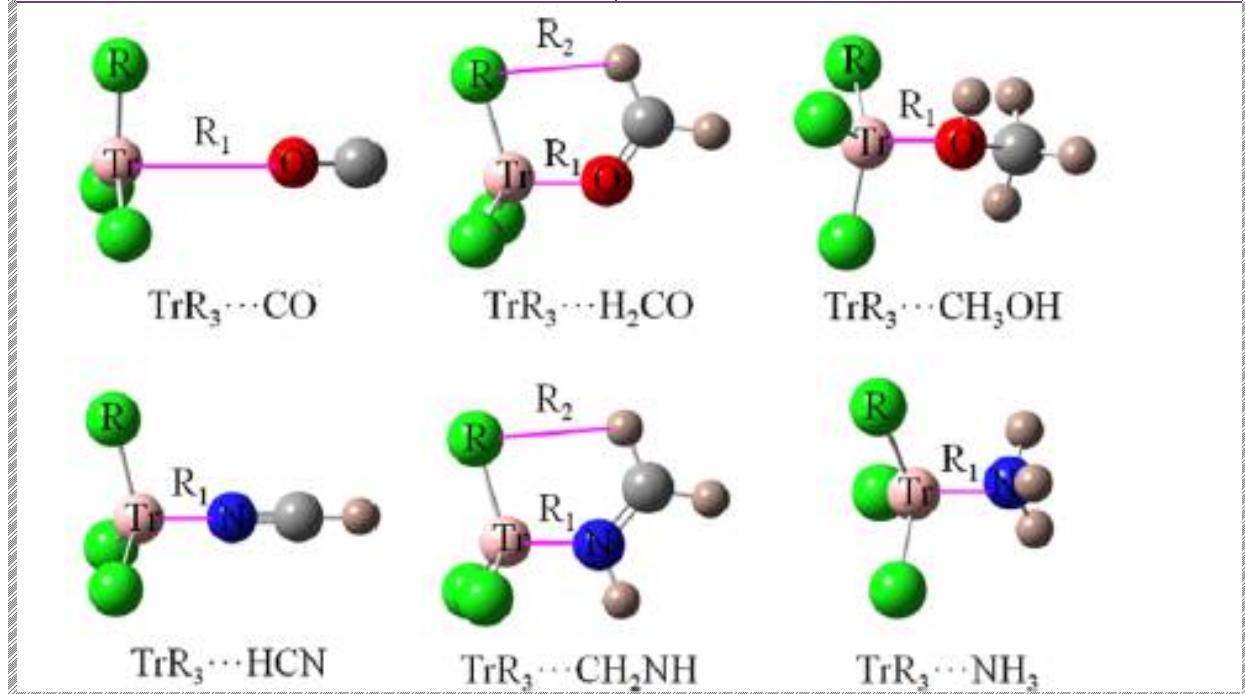
**Triel Bond**

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Opt Geometry -Triel complex

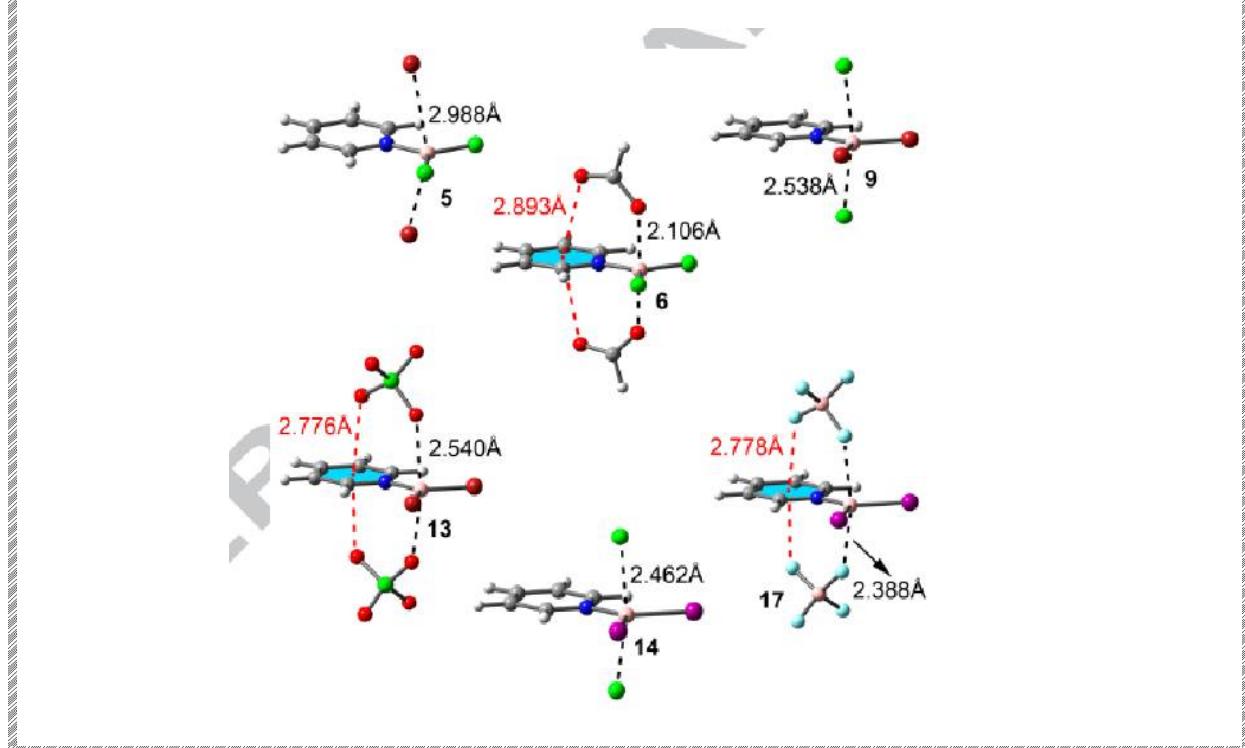
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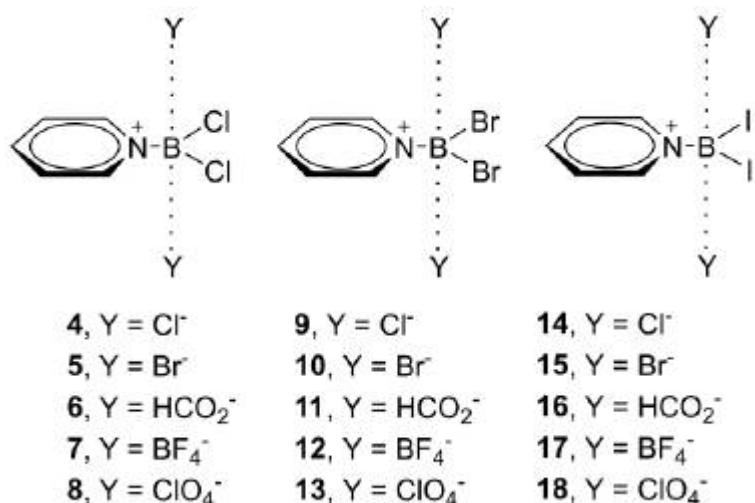
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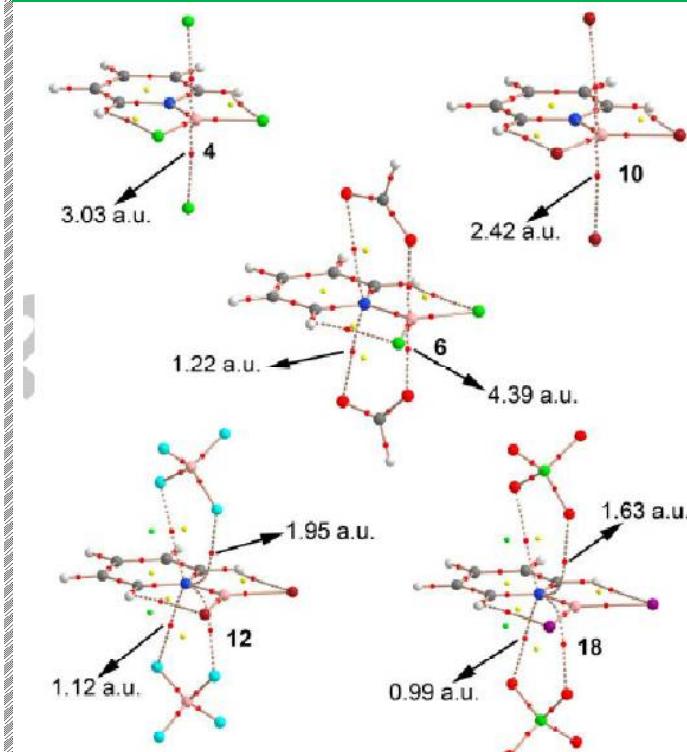


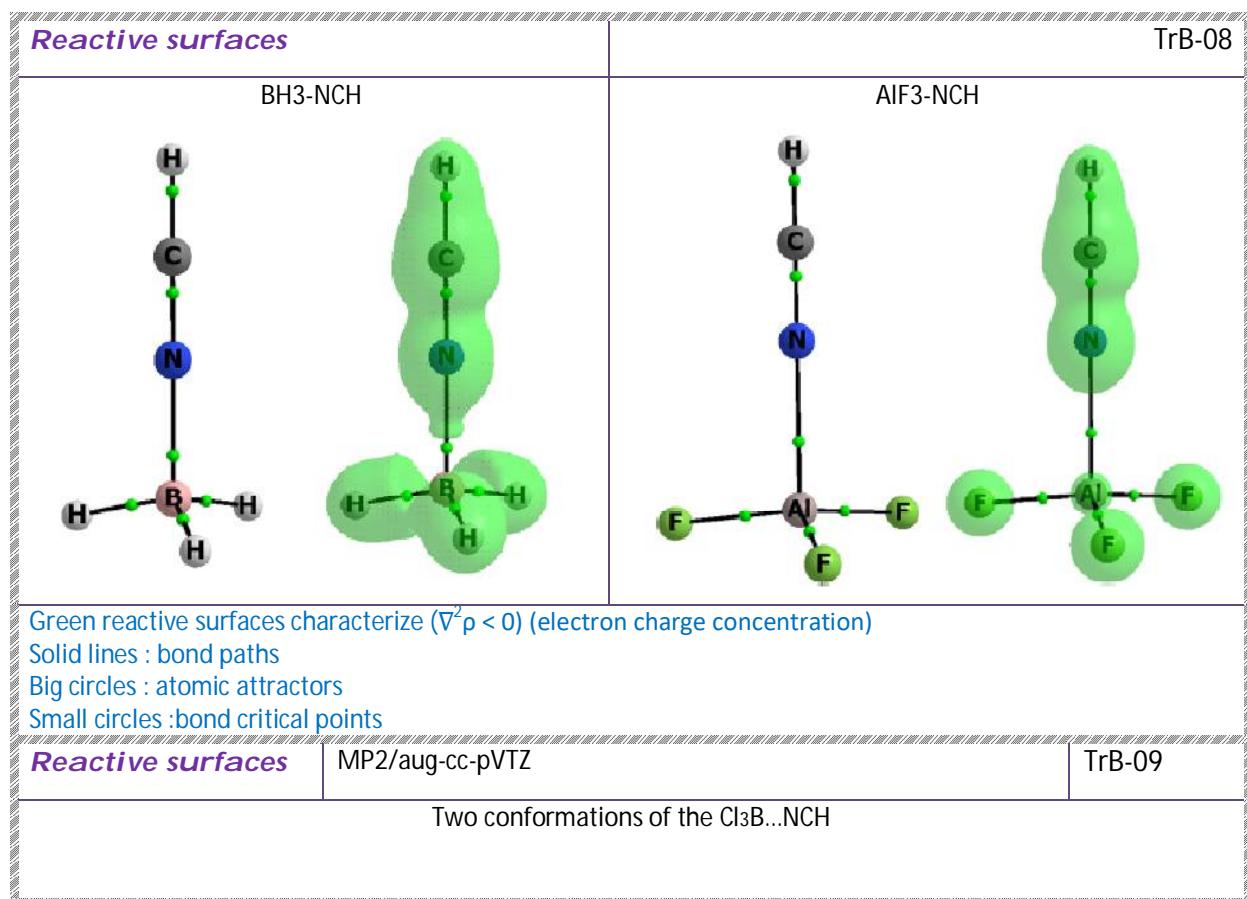
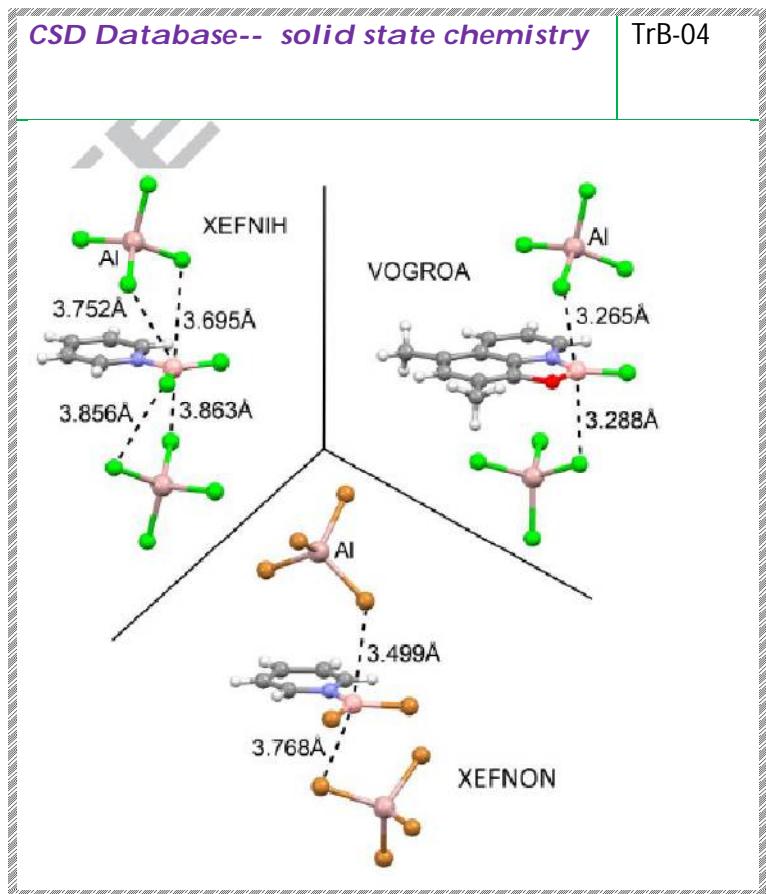
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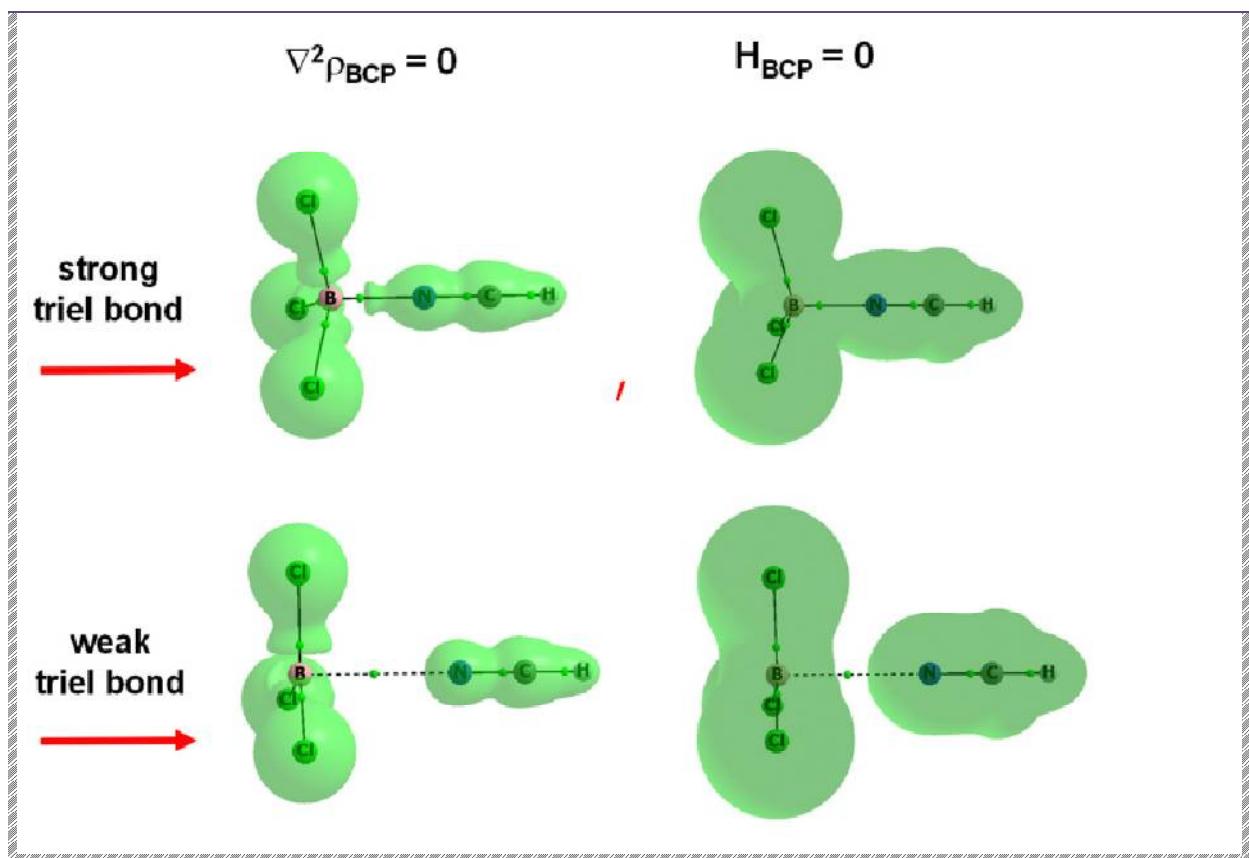


Distribution of critical points and bond paths for complexes

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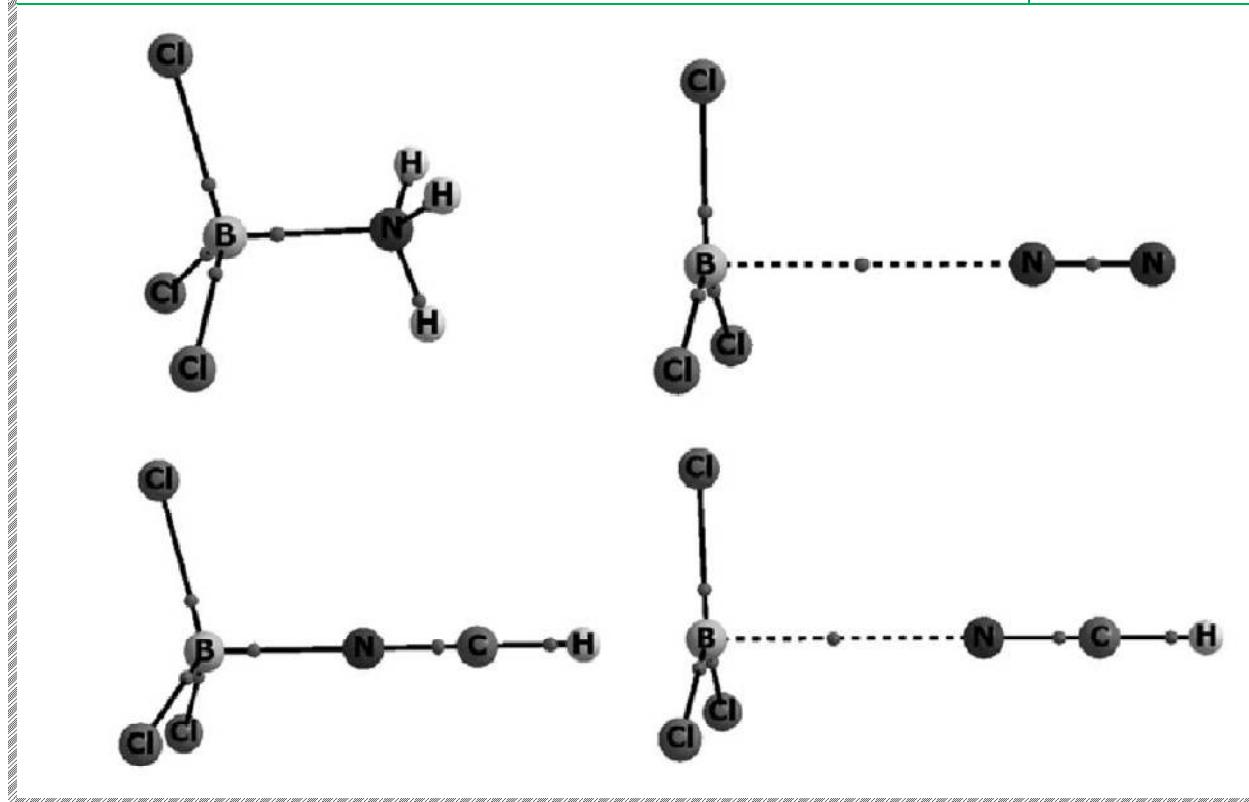




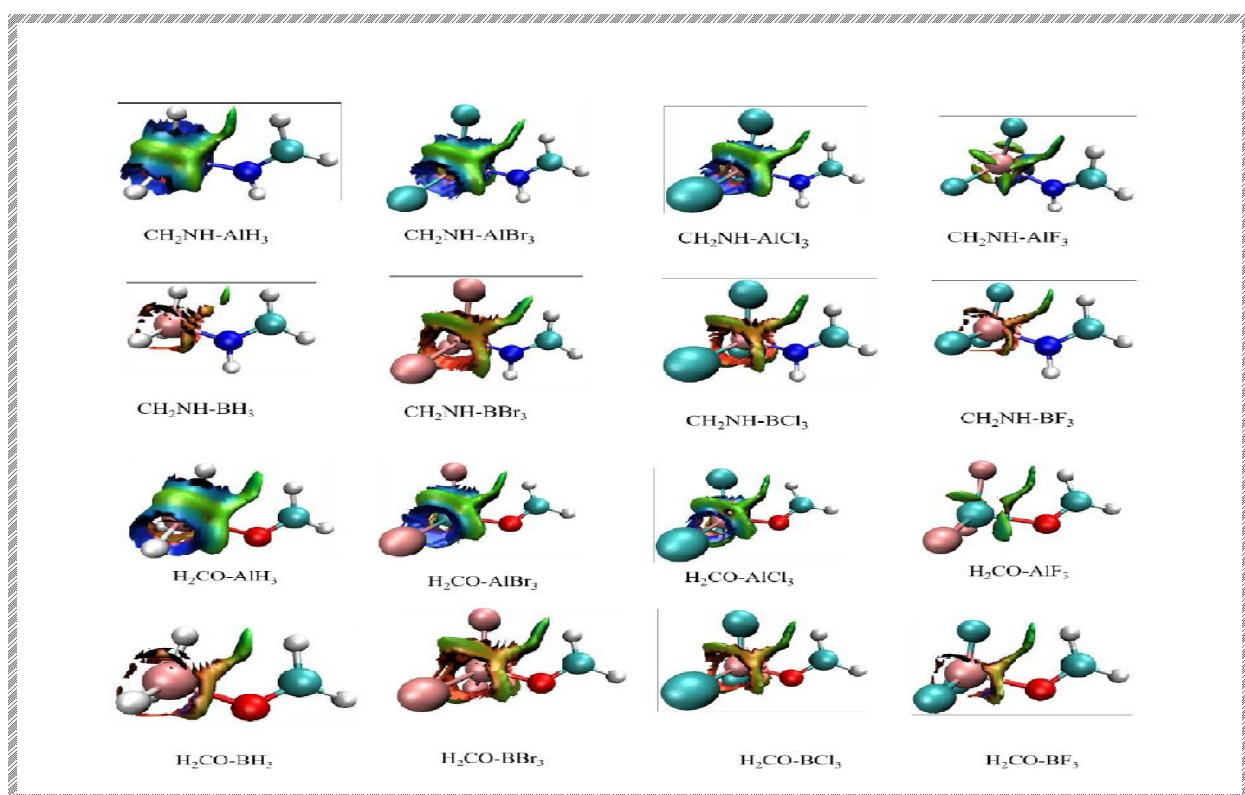
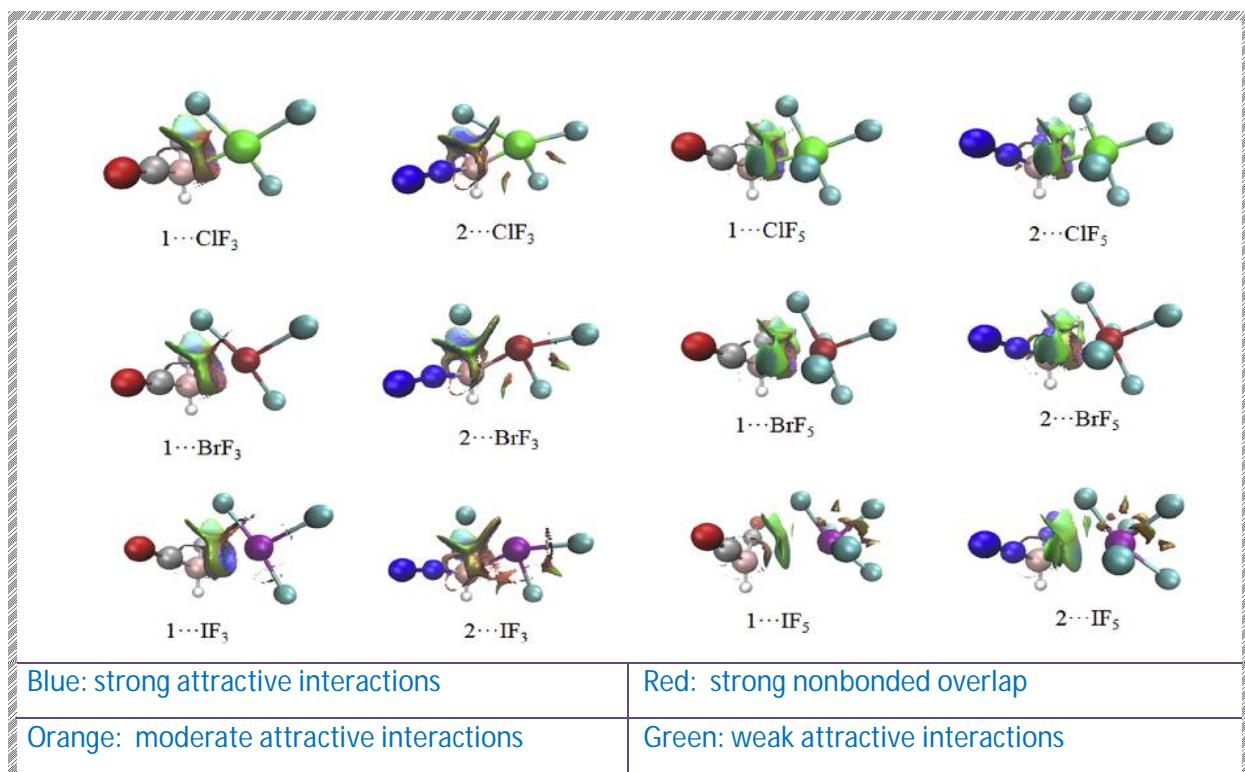


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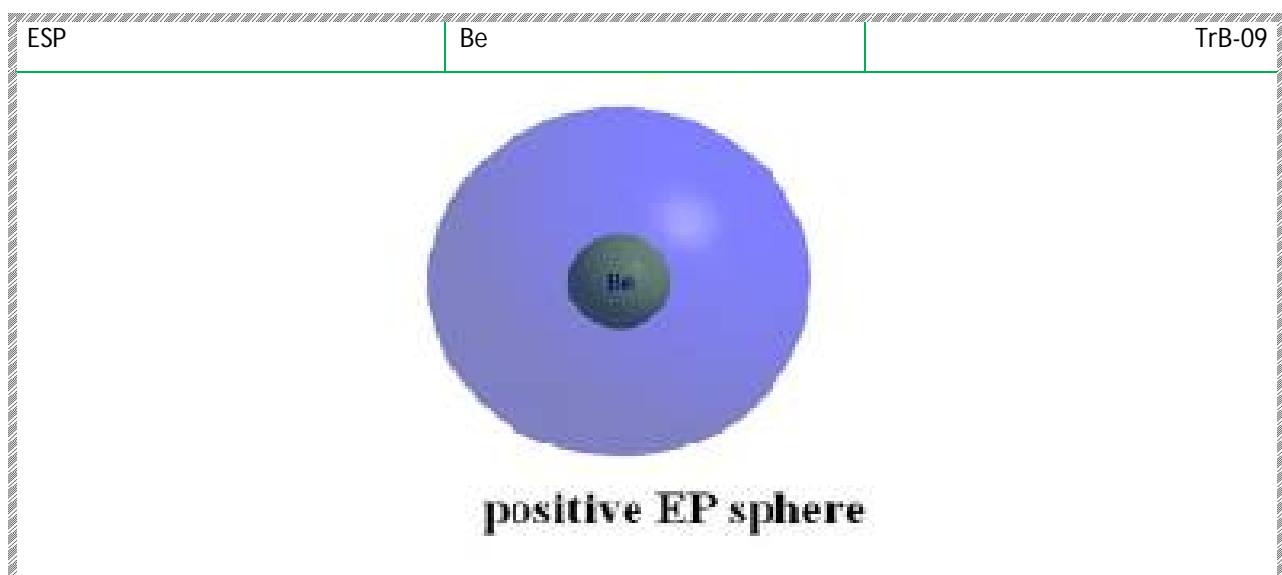
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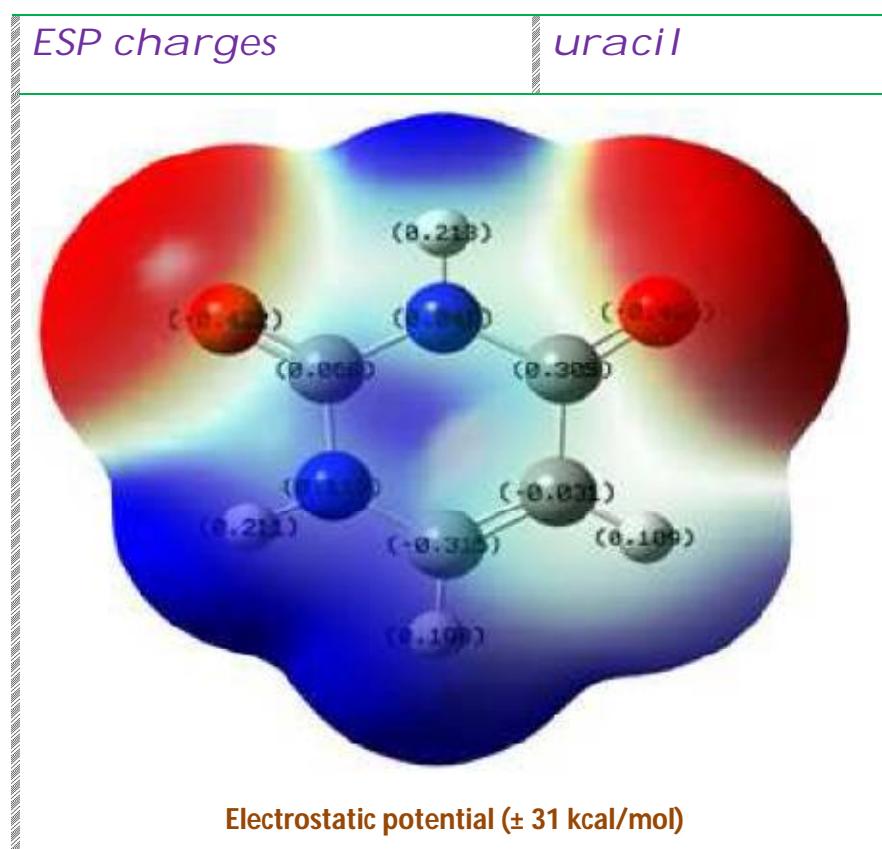
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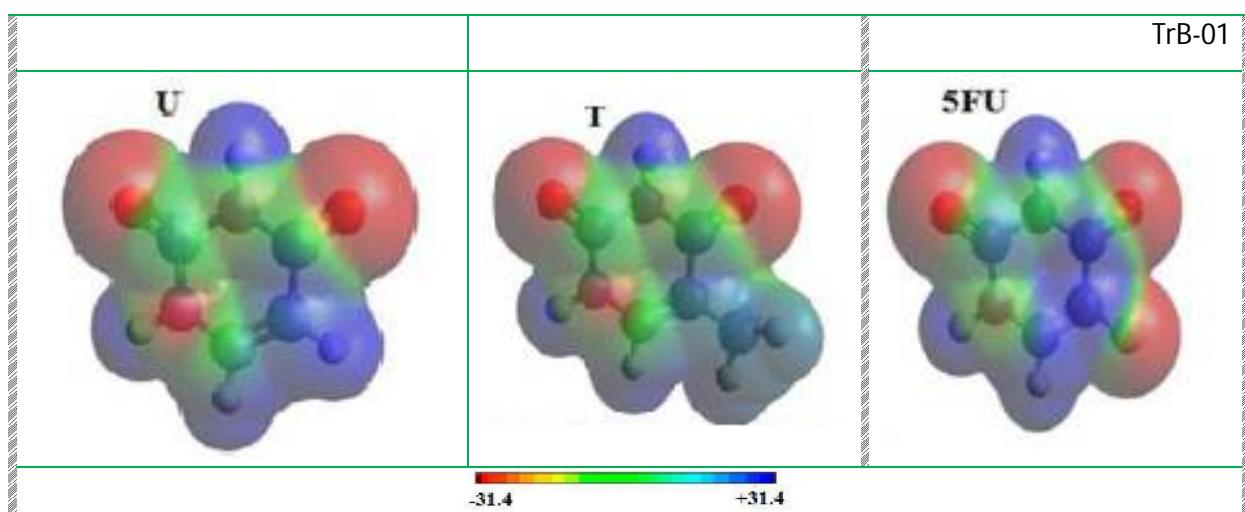
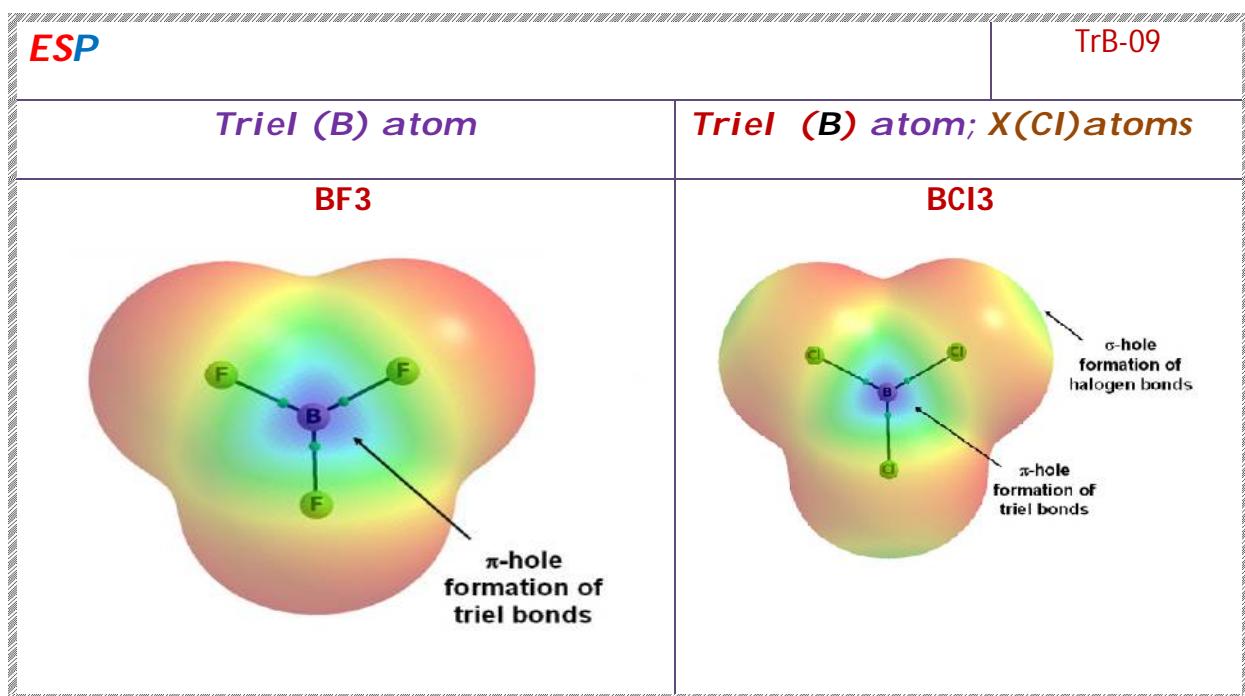
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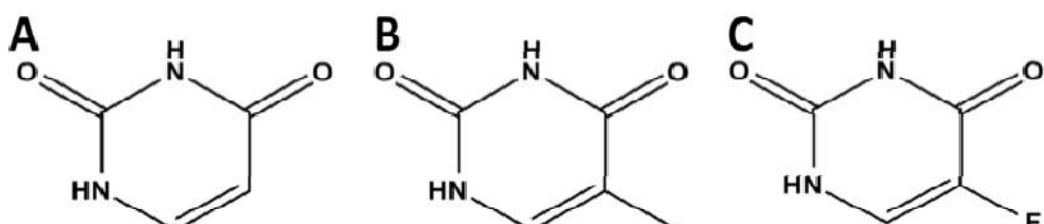
Atomic Charges (based on ESP) of a molecule

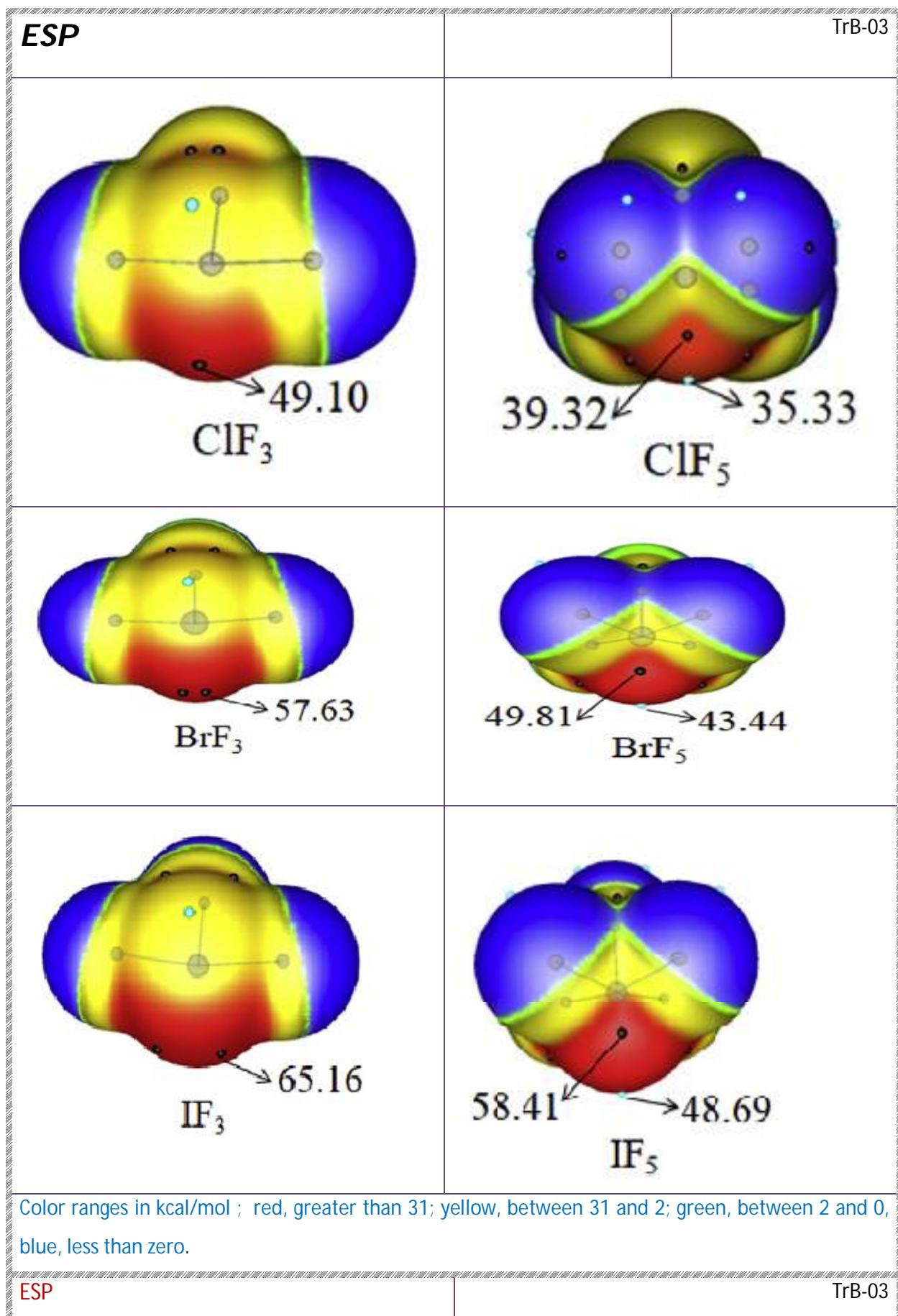


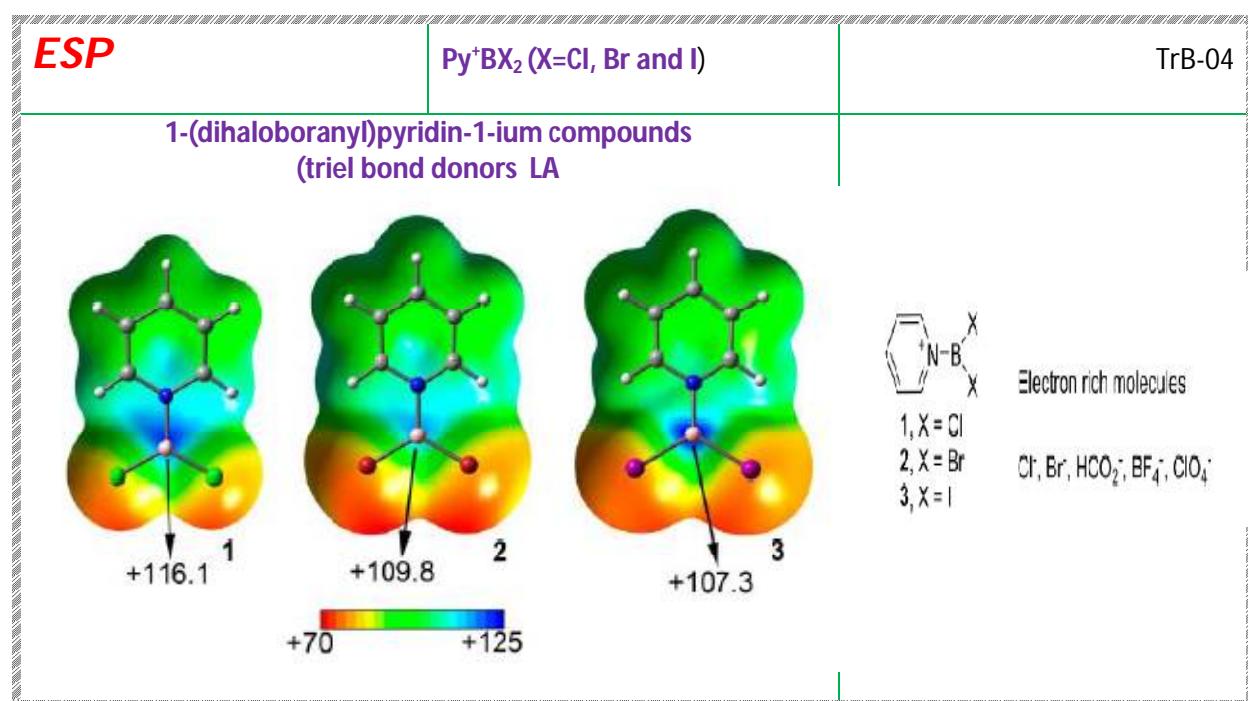
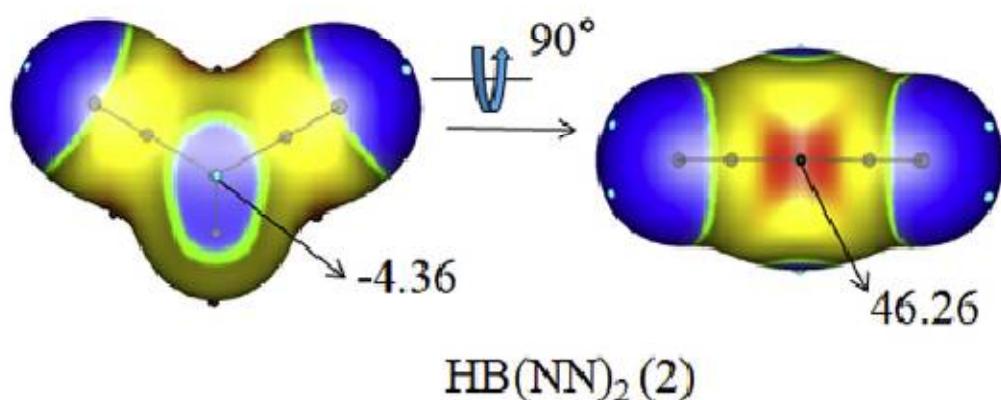
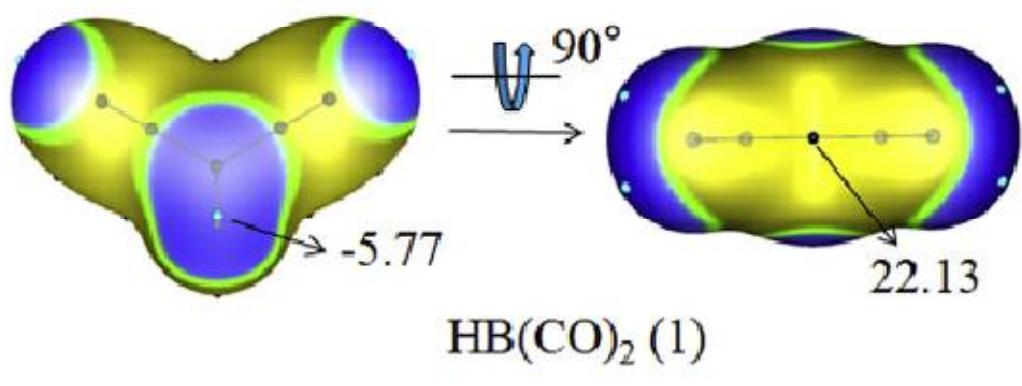
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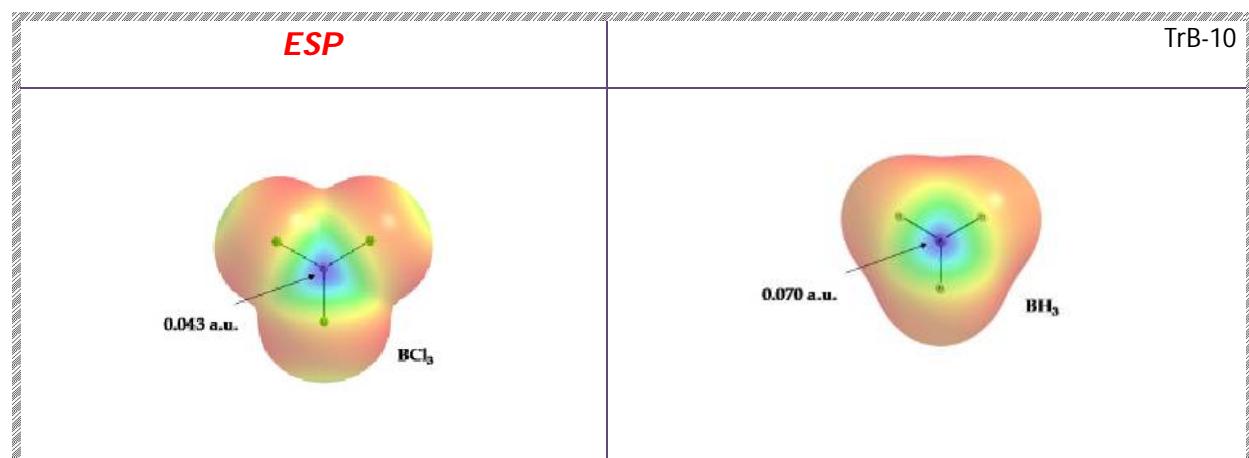
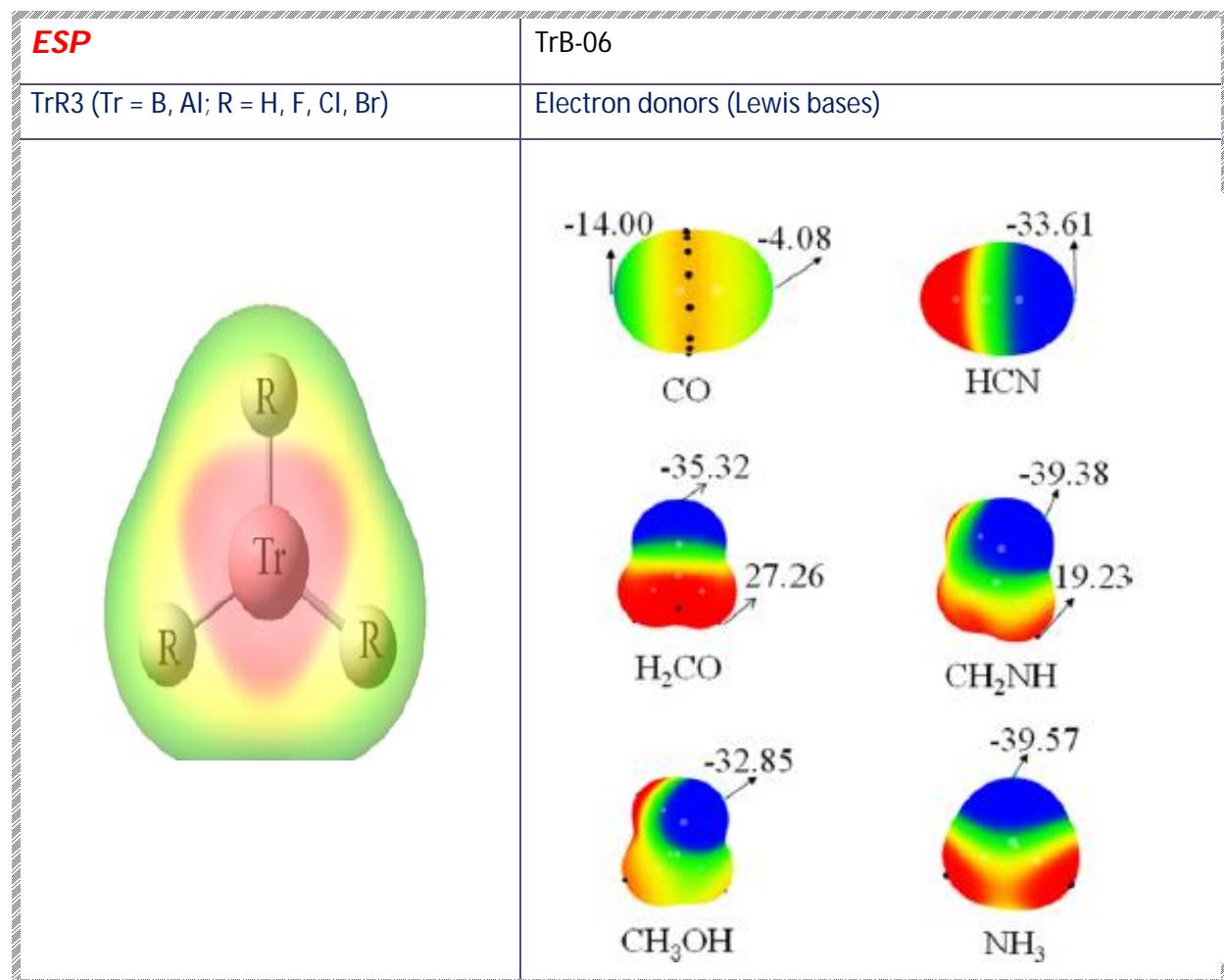


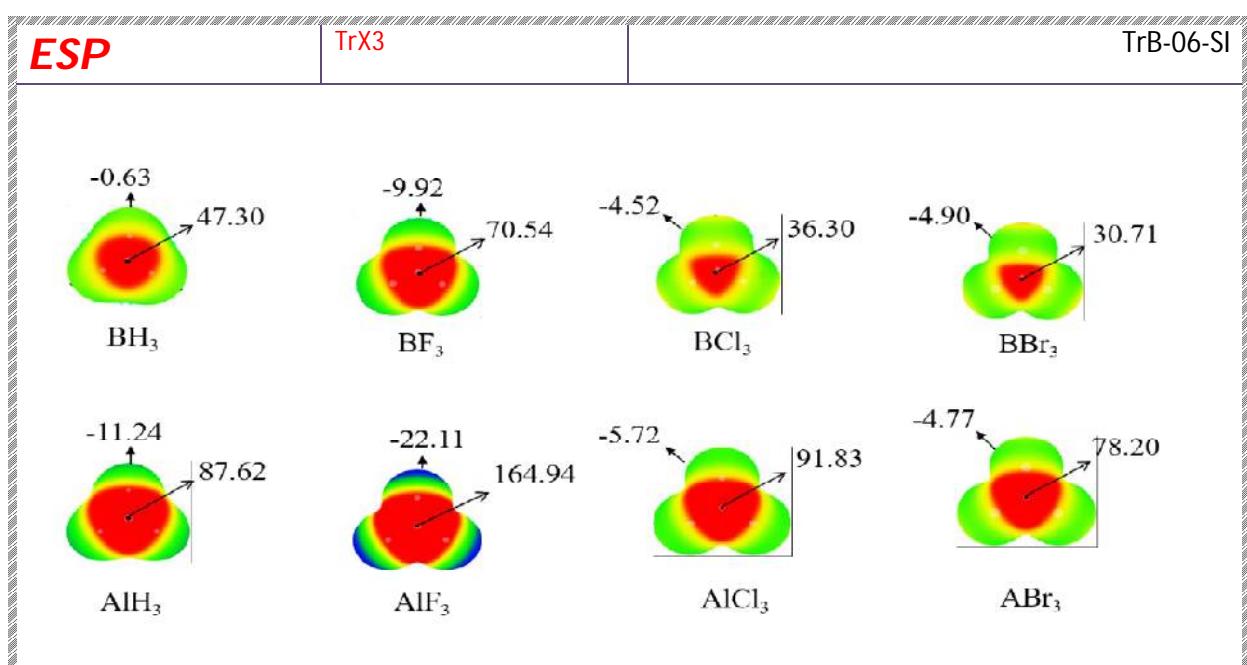
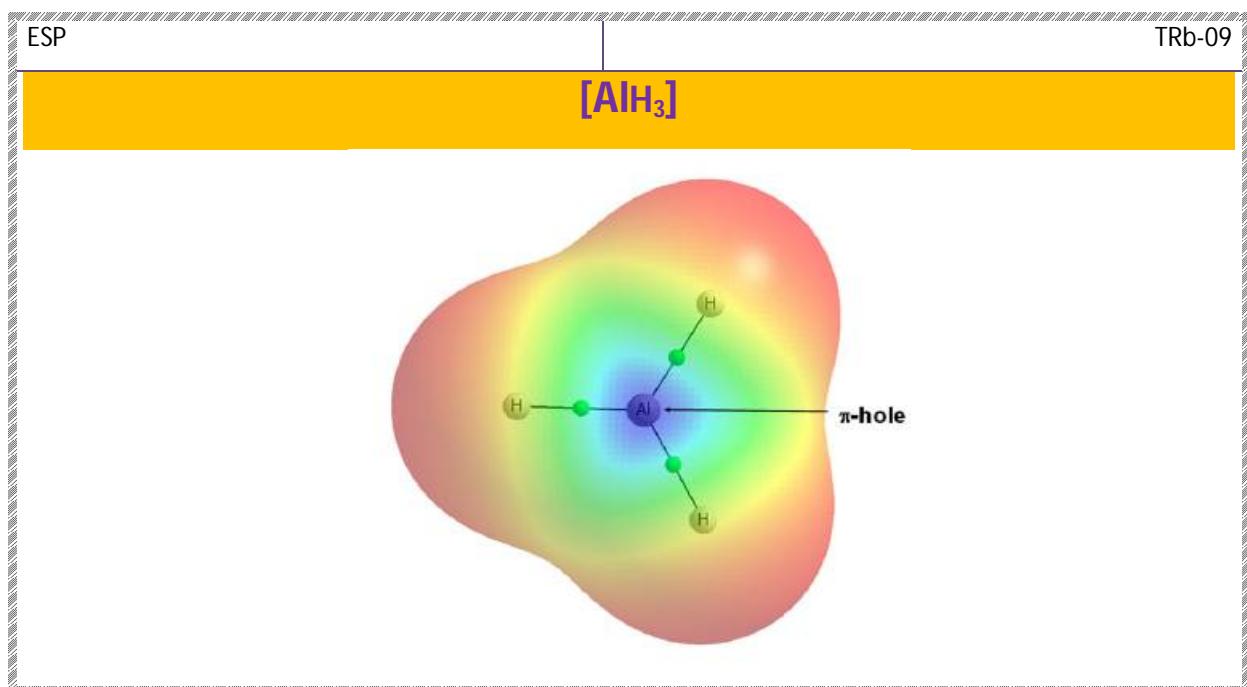
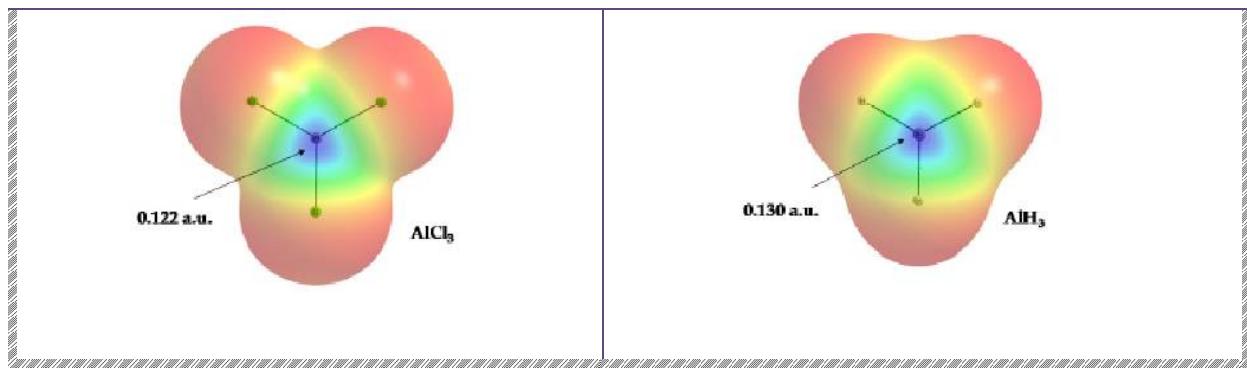
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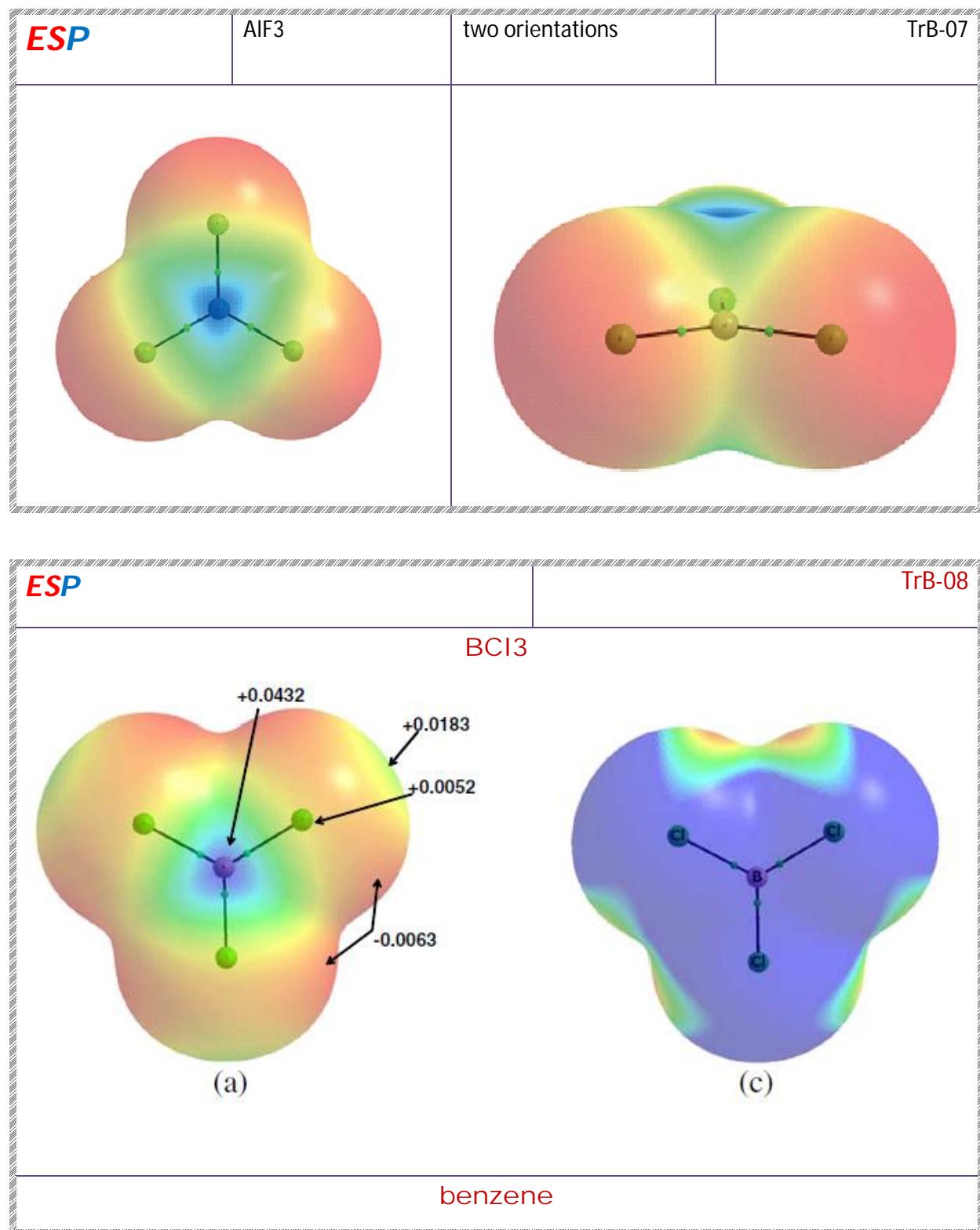


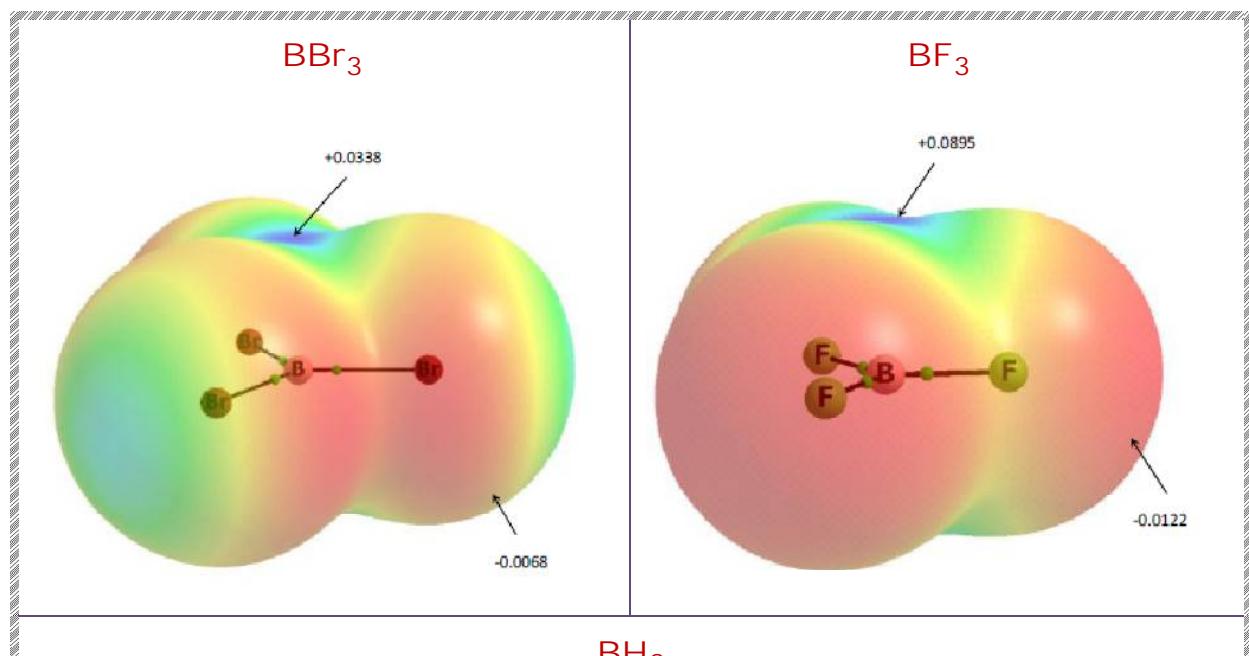
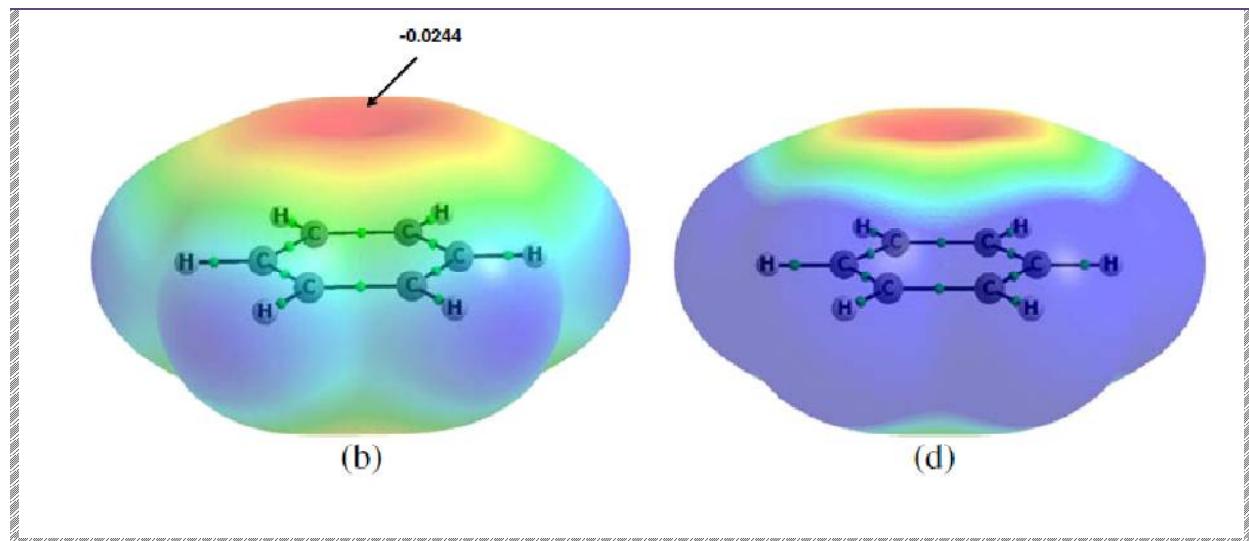


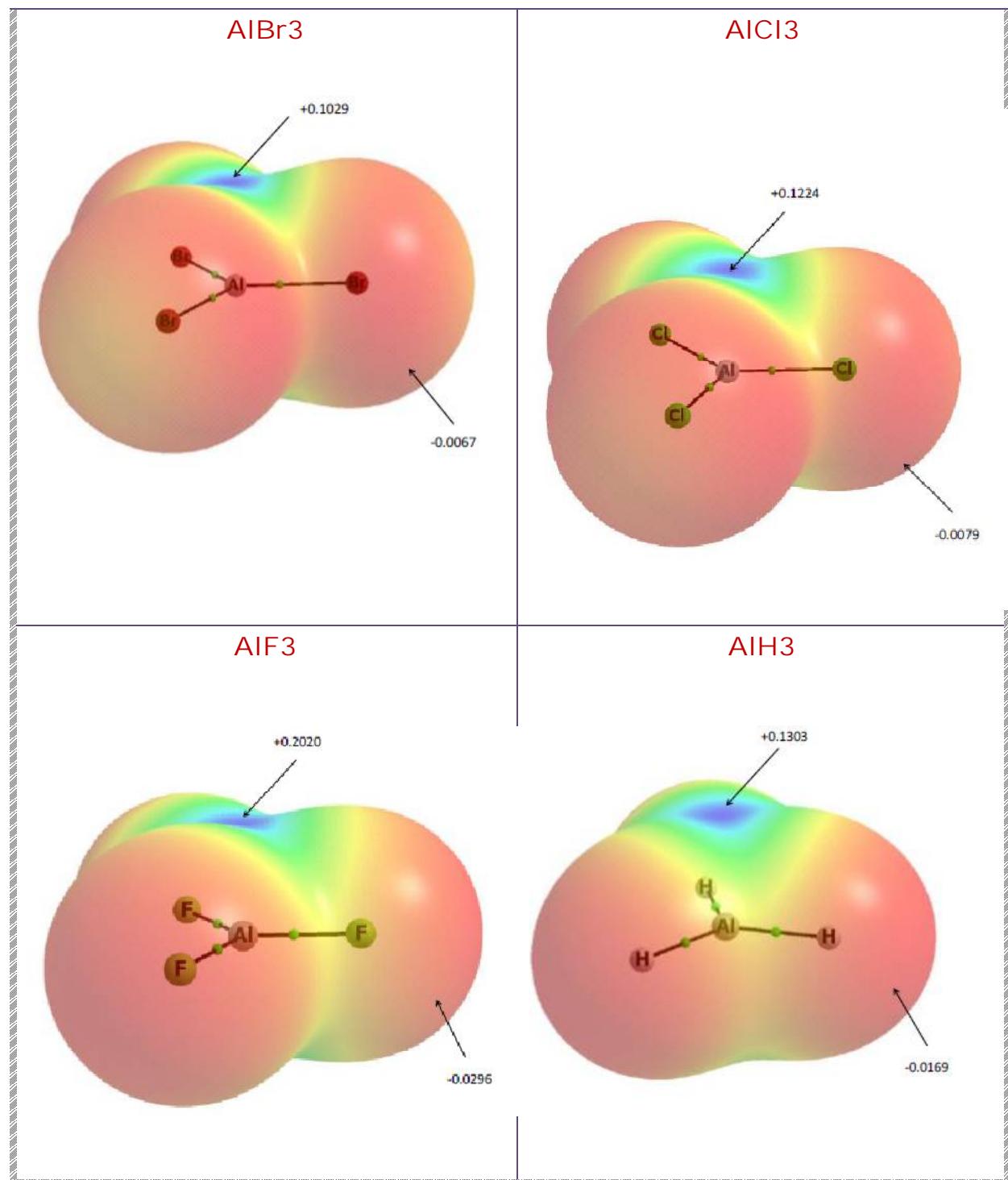




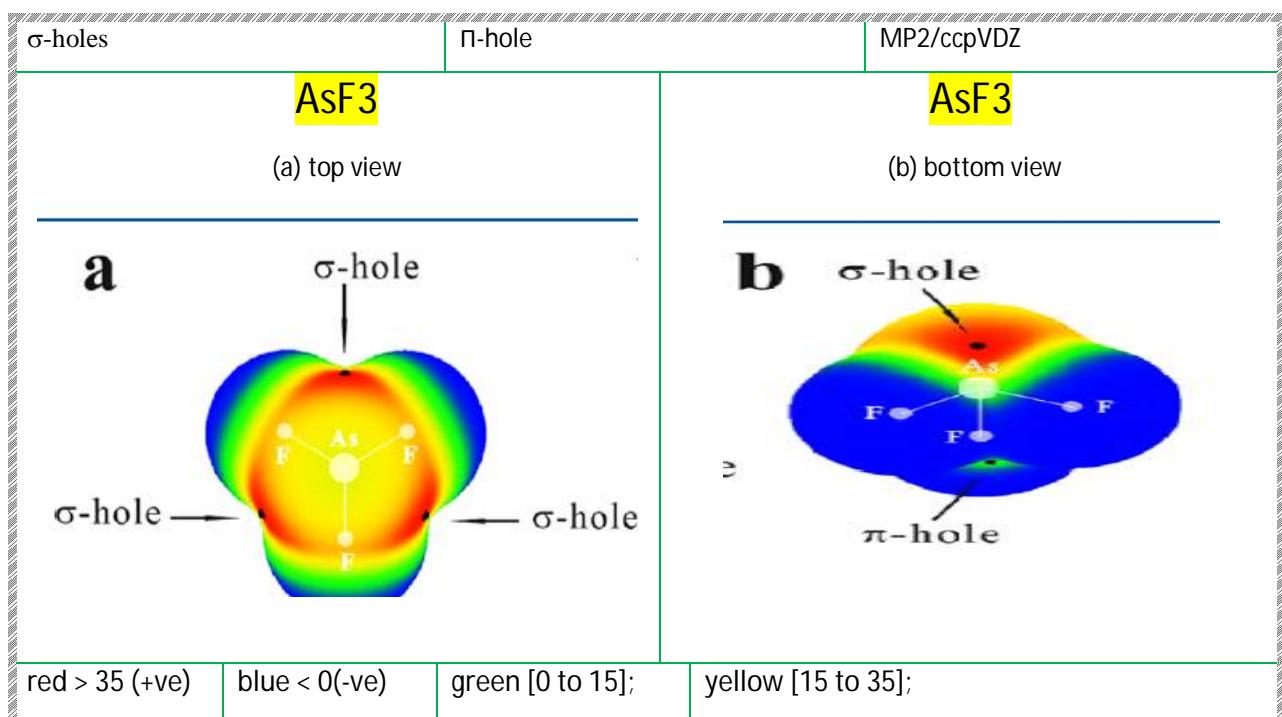






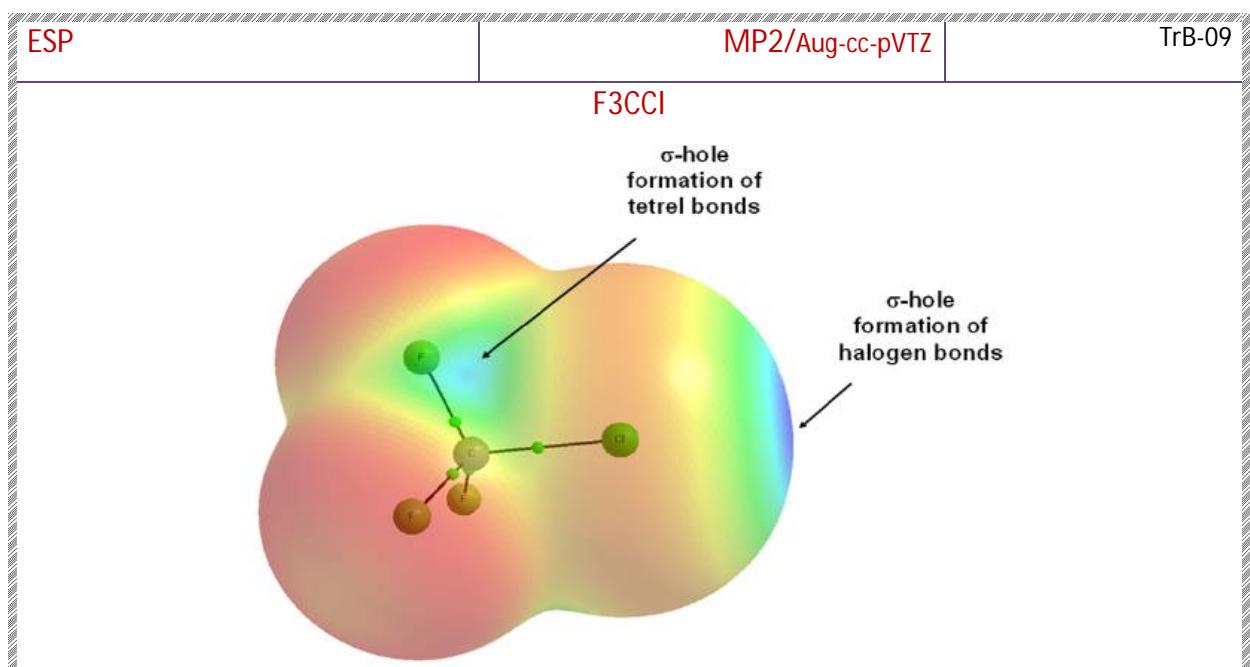


Sup Inf 2.3: σ -hole in Single Molecules

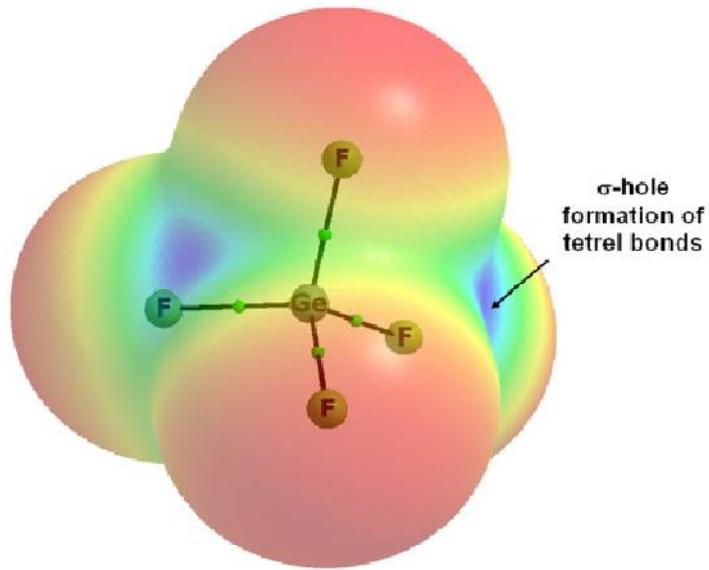


How Many Pnicogen Bonds can be Formed to a Central Atom Simultaneously?

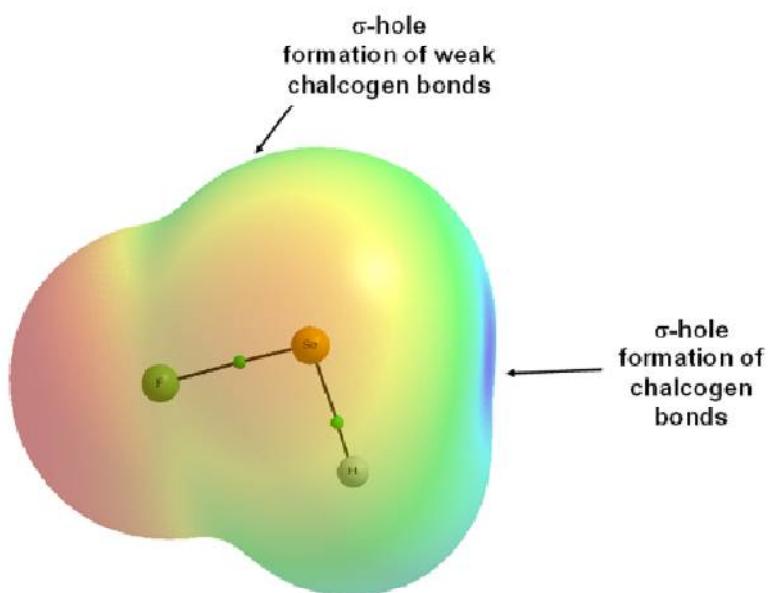
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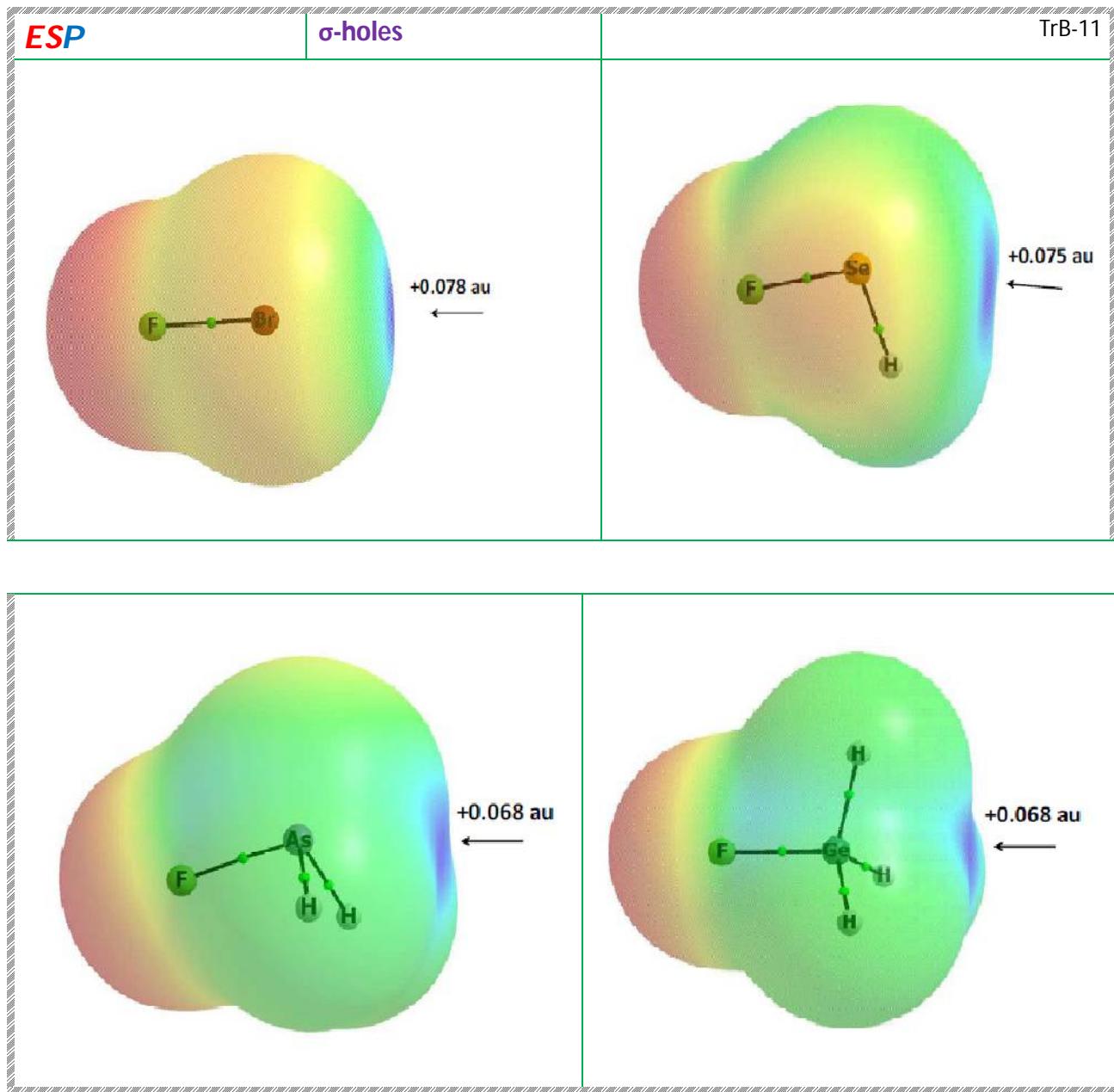
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SeFH

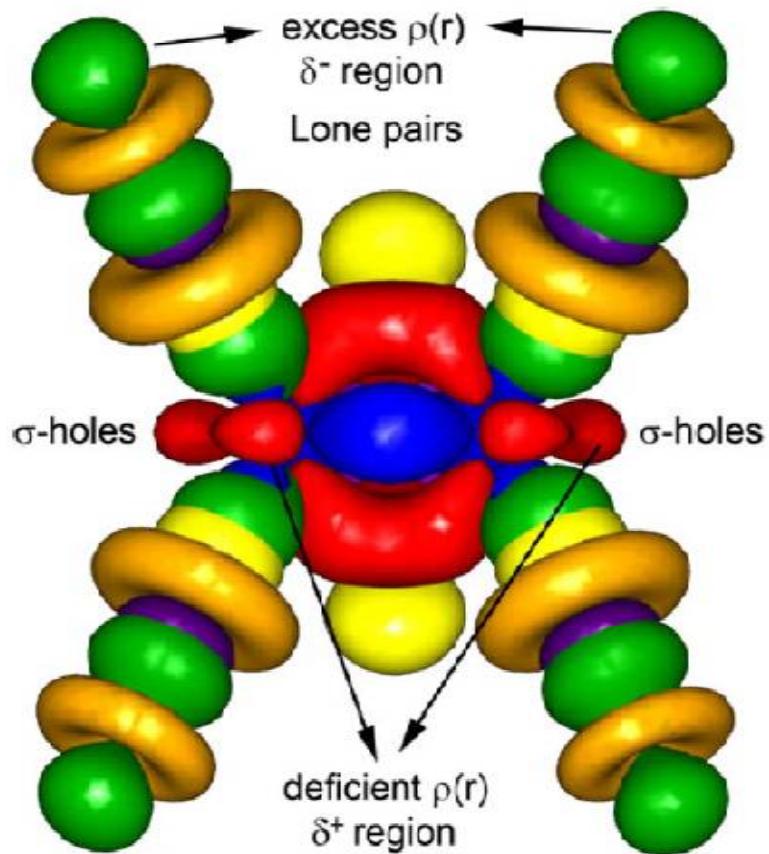


maximum positive EP (blue); minimum negative EP (red)



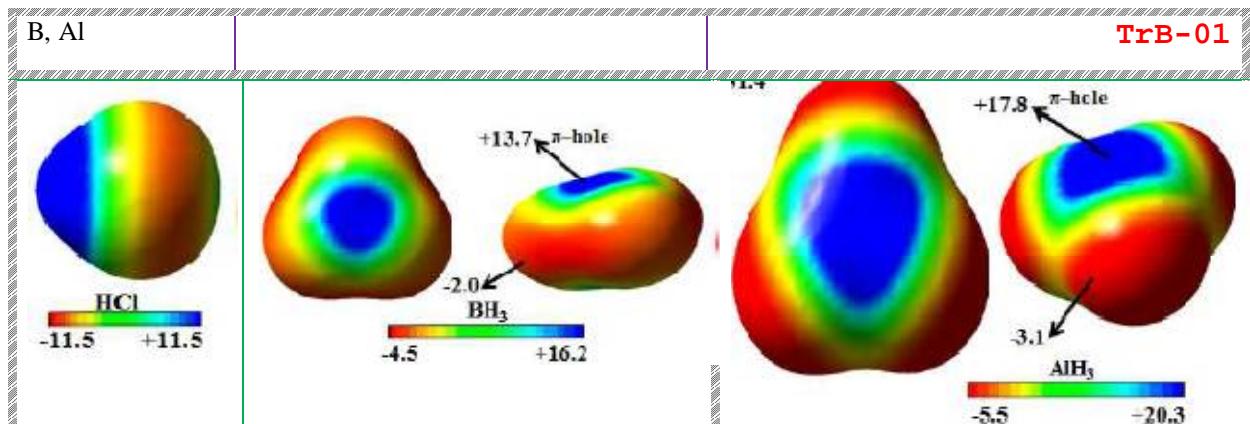
1,1,2,2-tetracyanocyclopropane (TCCP)

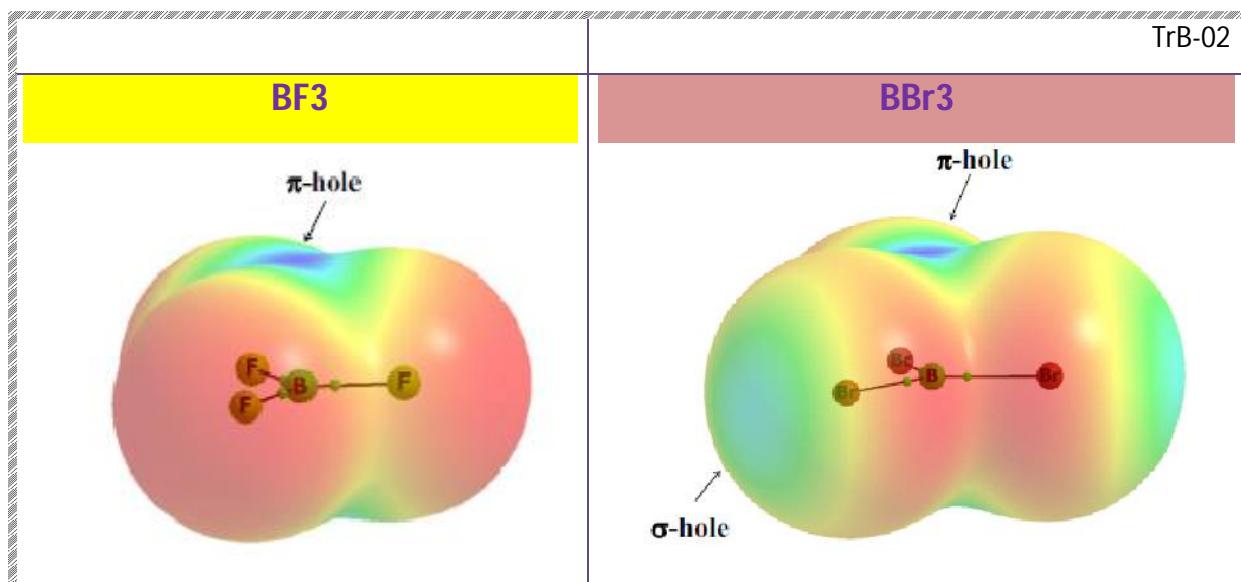
octupoles, quadrupoles, and dipoles



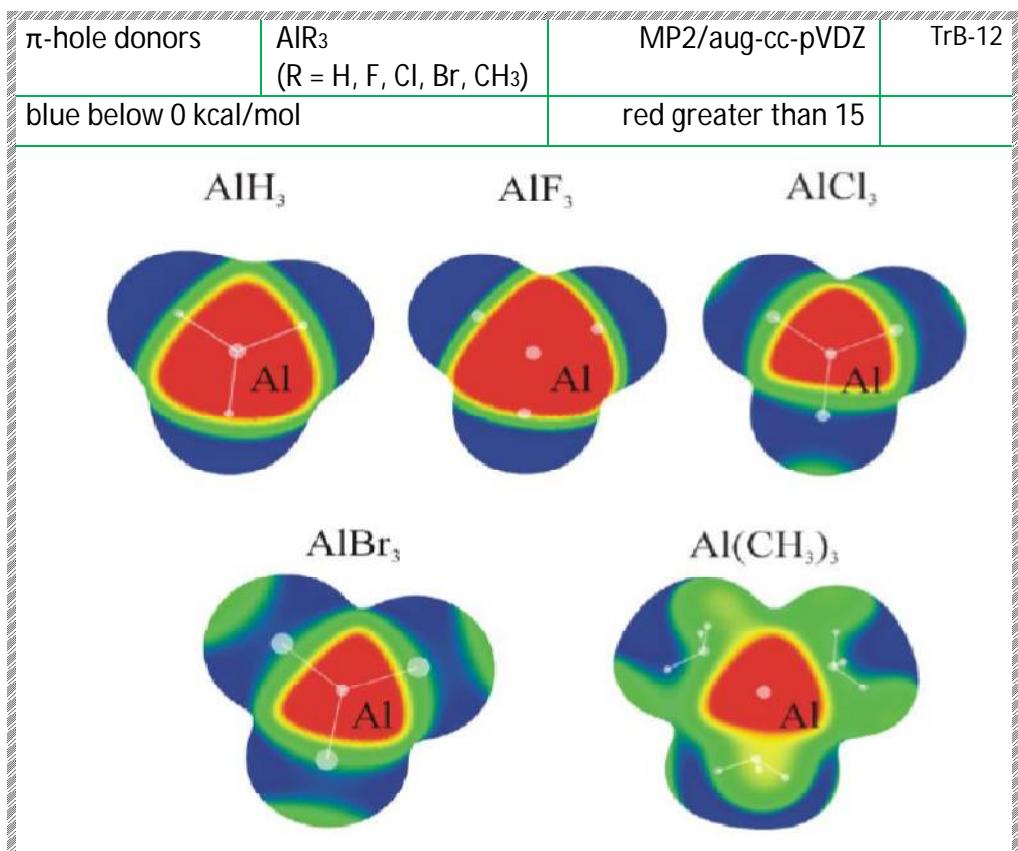
Blue, green, and violet indicate positive (electron excess, δ^-),
red, orange, and yellow indicate negative (electron deficiency, δ^+)

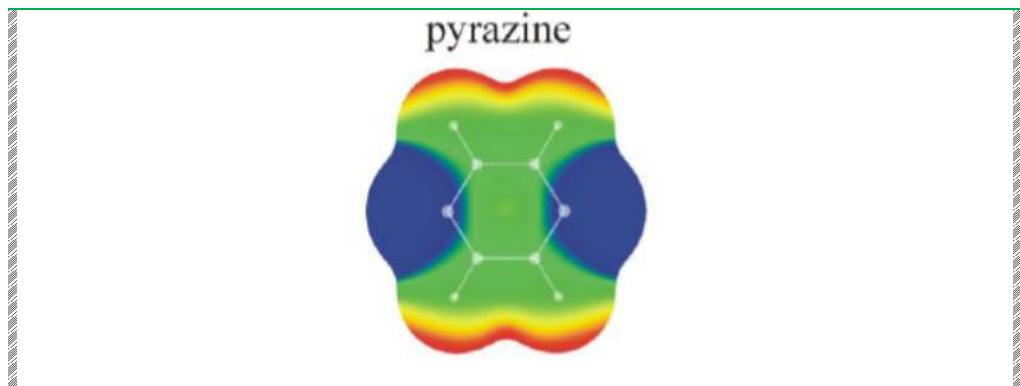
Sup Inf 3: π -hole in a molecule



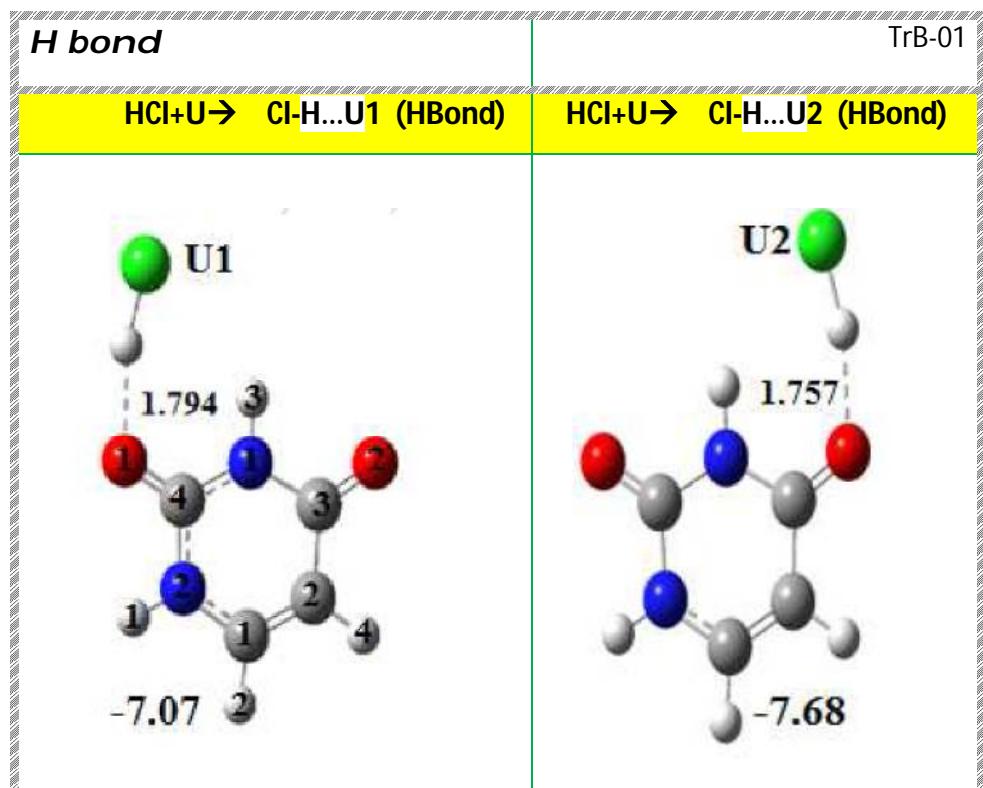
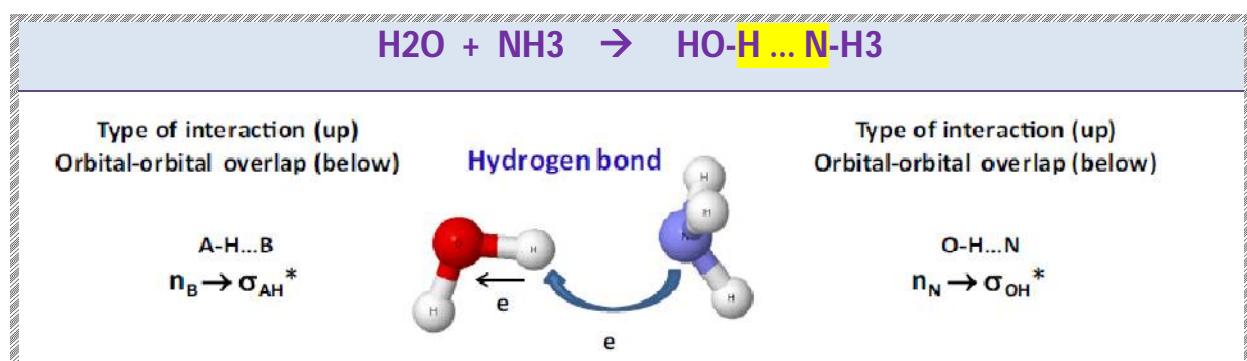


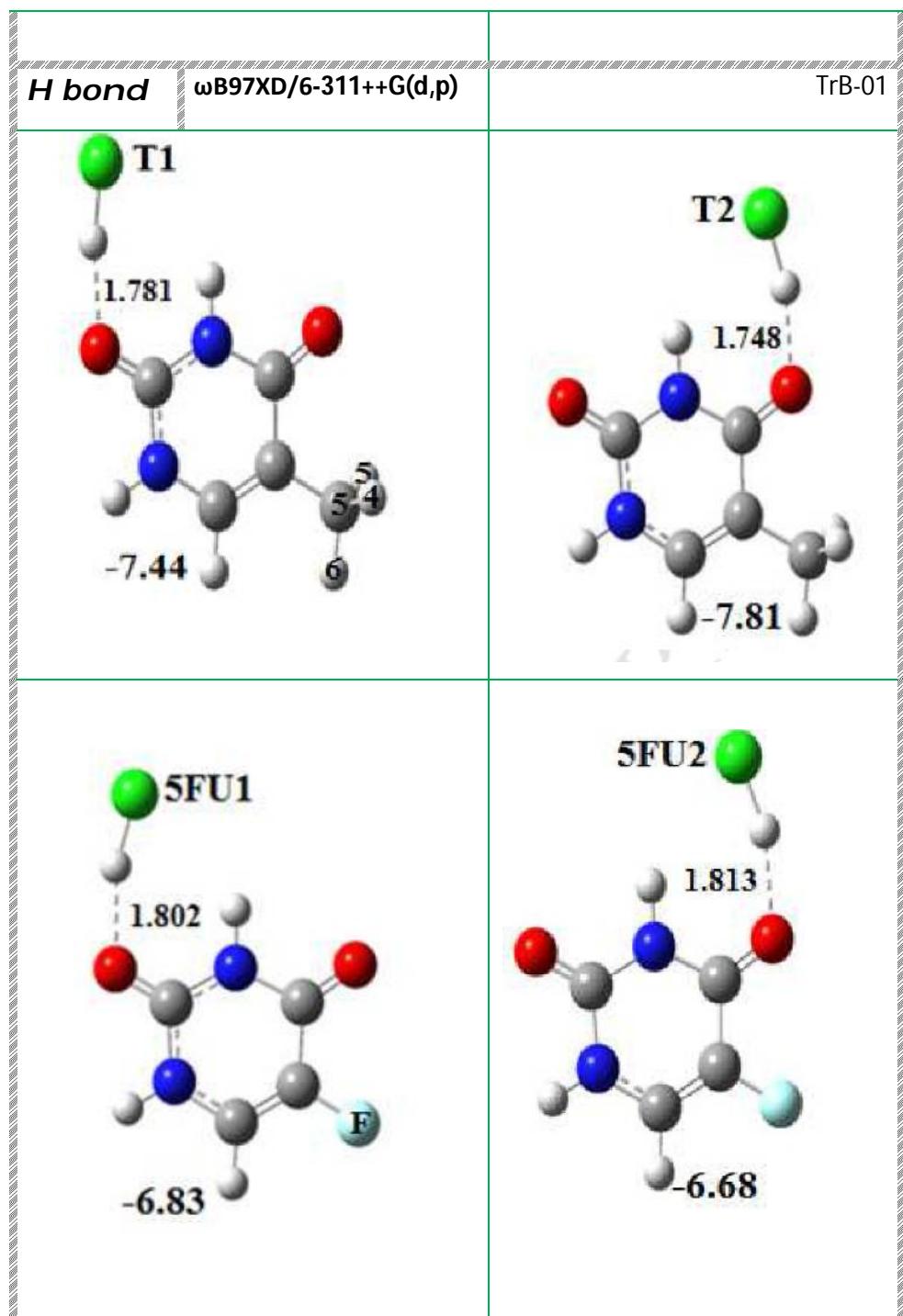
Symbol (graphic)	Correspond to
Solid lines	Bond paths
Big circles	Atomic attractors
Small circles	Bond critical points
Blue	+ve π
Red	-ve σ



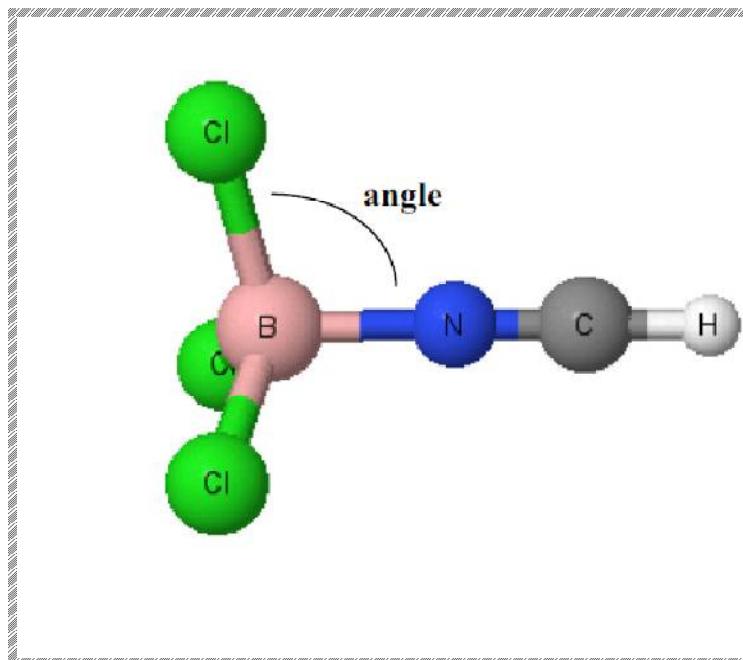
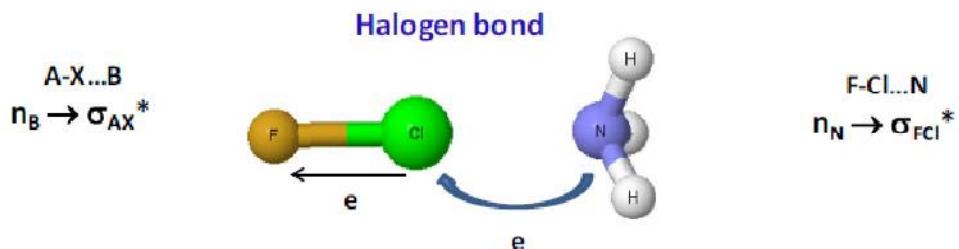


Sup Inf 4:H bond



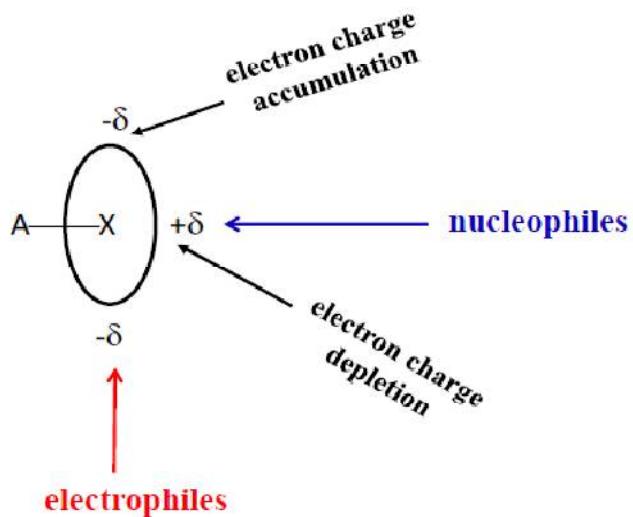


Sup Inf 5: Halogen (X) bond



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Dual role of halogen atom as
Lewis acid and Lewis base centre



Sup Inf 6: H- and X- bond

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Central atom – Lewis acid

Central atom – Lewis base



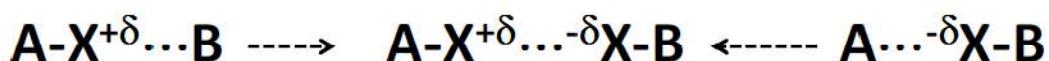
Hydrogen bond

Dihydrogen bond

Hydride bond



Halogen-hydride bond



Halogen bond

Dihalogen bond

Halide bond

*formation of
H-bond, X- bond, ... etc*

