

# Electronic Supplementary Material

## CAI<sub>4</sub>Be and CAI<sub>3</sub>Be<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>: Global minima with a planar pentacoordinate carbon atom

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**Cartesian coordinates of all the species studied in this work calculated at CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ level.**

CA<sub>14</sub>Be clusters

**1a**

C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.22529475
Be	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.91807898
Al	0.00000000	2.05833477	1.02973571
Al	0.00000000	-1.26220664	-1.39039053
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**2a**

C	-0.65360653	-1.07771756	0.00000000
Be	-1.47856540	0.32171428	0.00000000
Al	0.20614371	-1.24538399	1.72884138
Al	0.19228426	1.45084163	-1.27867802
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Al	0.20614371	-1.24538399	-1.72884138

**3a**

Al	0.00000000	1.91610961	-1.18186826
C	0.00000000	0.00004716	-0.64490420
Al	-1.65939364	-0.95803954	-1.18155379
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Be 0.00000000 0.00010556 1.01689277

Al 0.00000000 -0.00018423 3.51937427

**4a**

C 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.02251030

Be 0.00000000 0.00000000 -2.84745039

Al 0.00000000 1.56989217 -1.12582766

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Al 0.00000000 1.36975356 1.56154071

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**5a**

C -0.01963400 0.85143341 0.00000000

Be -1.12392427 -0.41062108 0.00000000

Al 1.07237325 -0.98768451 0.00000000

Al -1.50048476 2.12993825 0.00000000

Al -0.96819970 -2.97910750 0.00000000

Al 1.79043047 1.58784842 0.00000000

**6a**

C 1.04498785 -0.49250572 0.00000000

Be 1.13308762 -2.12367415 0.00000000

Al -0.91049426 -1.31974455 0.00000000

Al -2.82401031 0.83317071 0.00000000

Al 2.89313122 0.24040660 0.00000000

Al	0.00775187	1.16256210	0.00000000
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**7a**

Al	0.81877750	-1.52797365	0.00000000
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Al	-2.51868764	0.72275743	0.00000000
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Al	2.83338105	0.51222581	0.00000000
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Al	0.01759731	1.09288951	0.00000000
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C	-0.90712986	-0.70611161	0.00000000
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Be	-2.33364935	-1.48606647	0.00000000
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**8a**

C	1.36925901	-0.14194991	0.00000000
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Be	-0.00968203	0.71127817	0.00000000
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Al	0.34185651	-1.71904489	0.00000000
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Al	-2.10217618	-0.71132082	0.00000000
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Al	3.27359996	0.29847019	0.00000000
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Al	-2.14442928	1.97110625	0.00000000
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$\text{CAI}_3\text{Be}_2^-$  clusters

**1b**

Be	0.00000000	1.60108880	0.78194487
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Be	0.00000000	-1.60108880	0.78194487
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C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.15572797
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Al	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.37375828
Al	0.00000000	-1.29787359	-1.46892500
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**2b**

Be	0.00000000	0.96818486	-2.01790271
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C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.50660659
Al	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.52097579
Al	0.00000000	-2.05310406	-0.00708839
Al	0.00000000	2.05310406	-0.00708839

**3b**

Be	2.40165260	1.63548736	0.00000000
Be	0.38401131	1.91080491	0.00000000
C	0.03335591	0.28294120	0.00000000
Al	-0.75778754	-1.57218819	0.00000000
Al	-1.85987145	0.96727560	0.00000000
Al	1.76729118	-0.64750288	0.00000000

**4b**

Be	-0.52924986	-2.43843377	0.00000000
Be	0.96498681	-1.08361674	0.00000000
C	-0.72977377	-0.80450882	0.00000000
Al	-2.57306069	-0.16784616	0.00000000

Al 2.76677485 0.61218725 0.00000000

Al 0.01660067 1.06108525 0.00000000

**5b**

Be -0.97403443 -0.67486335 1.06397235

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C -0.51271828 0.56563534 0.00000000

Al -0.84686028 2.43844783 0.00000000

Al 1.48276906 0.12042731 0.00000000

Al 0.26982135 -2.34484578 0.00000000

**6b**

Be 1.04241316 -2.11696525 0.00000000

Be 0.01081314 0.90761983 0.00000000

C 0.95876622 -0.47727922 0.00000000

Al 2.64824315 0.46738595 0.00000000

Al -1.03556685 -1.18263283 0.00000000

Al -2.39553481 1.29697351 0.00000000

**7b**

Be 0.00000000 0.97903977 0.05803728

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C 0.00000000 0.00000000 1.36518956

Al 0.00000000 0.00000000 3.25324650

Al -1.24216473 0.00000000 -1.96006530

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**8b**

Be 0.58734194 -1.51209209 0.00000000

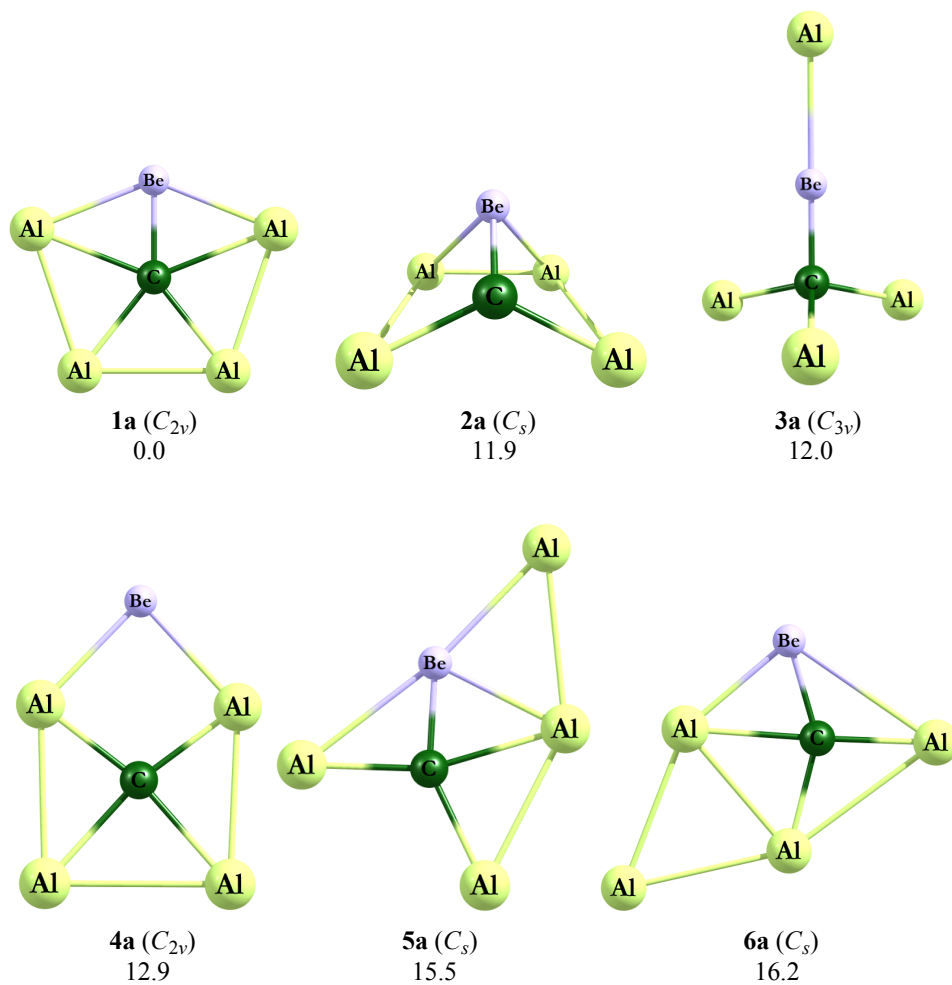
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C 1.45231272 -0.13295220 0.00000000

Al -1.72969258 -1.27623254 0.00000000

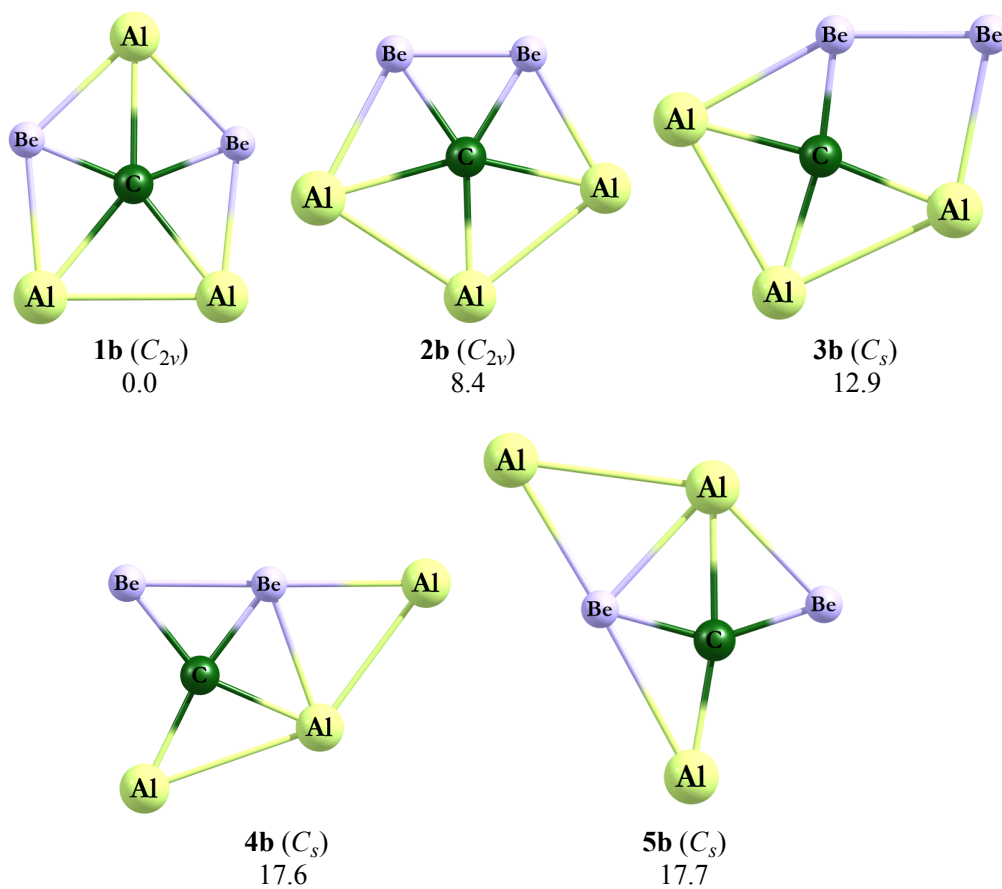
Al 3.29835026 0.31707293 0.00000000

Al -2.41157278 1.30402575 0.00000000



**Figure SM-1.** Most stable isomers of  $CA_4Be$  optimized at the CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory.





**Figure SM-2.** Most stable isomers of  $CA_3Be_2^-$  optimized at the CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory.