

## Switching from Electride-like Molecule to Molecular Electride K- F<sub>6</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> Driven by Oriented External Electric Field

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**1** K-F<sub>6</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> in presence of  $F_z = -0.0050$  a.u.

C	1.24697476	0.66547996	-1.31793531
C	-1.24697411	0.66547898	-1.31793513
C	-0.00000006	-1.49263175	-1.22552652
C	0.00000030	1.43239708	-0.89849111
C	1.27166788	-0.76817414	-0.80499412
C	-1.27166886	-0.76817502	-0.80499387
K	-0.00000027	0.11576614	2.86378142
F	2.36562912	1.33056448	-0.86690618
F	0.00000021	1.60622740	0.48457302
F	1.37231170	-0.76709372	0.58528717
F	-2.36562805	1.33056371	-0.86690600
F	-0.00000004	-2.76253498	-0.69126230
F	-1.37231212	-0.76709399	0.58528762
H	0.00000026	2.43148167	-1.34117305
H	2.15229840	-1.29307505	-1.18328992
H	1.28175731	0.63893494	-2.41519395
H	-1.28175681	0.63893421	-2.41519372
H	-0.00000002	-1.58037950	-2.32009429
H	-2.15229958	-1.29307549	-1.18328989

**2** field-free K-F<sub>6</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

C	0.66216861	-1.32152344	1.24208816
C	0.66216861	-1.32152344	-1.24208816
C	-1.48729516	-1.23060891	0.00000000
C	1.43221990	-0.89230857	-0.00000000
C	-0.76836784	-0.79933186	1.27166289
C	-0.76836784	-0.79933186	-1.27166289
K	0.12588775	3.00935344	0.00000000
F	1.33230949	-0.90698097	2.37145402
F	1.60707508	0.48173815	-0.00000000
F	-0.76836784	0.58210212	1.37283347
F	1.33230949	-0.90698097	-2.37145402
F	-2.77148405	-0.73335129	-0.00000000
F	-0.76836784	0.58210212	-1.37283347
H	2.42931215	-1.34163264	-0.00000000
H	-1.29269410	-1.18441455	2.15079587
H	0.62381362	-2.41969489	1.25600140
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H	-1.54984498	-2.32775783	0.00000000
H	-1.29269410	-1.18441455	-2.15079587

**3** K-F<sub>6</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> in presence of  $F_z = 0.0030$  a.u.

C	1.23216925	0.65782825	-1.29229631
C	-1.23222138	0.65793012	-1.29217960
C	0.00006408	-1.47529155	-1.20184492
C	0.00004130	1.42820051	-0.87891962
C	1.26764602	-0.76542198	-0.78659772
C	-1.26757833	-0.76543128	-0.78678478
K	-0.00011362	0.10822439	2.62464269
F	2.36676873	1.33089688	-0.87794236
F	0.00005664	1.65185352	0.51792148
F	1.40927905	-0.78774479	0.62061121
F	-2.36674364	1.33089698	-0.87747204
F	0.00000018	-2.76479281	-0.70299112
F	-1.40933221	-0.78783955	0.62039842
H	0.00007646	2.42099297	-1.33898309
H	2.14379581	-1.28836810	-1.18151918
H	1.23276642	0.61199181	-2.40315639
H	-1.23310159	0.61228147	-2.40304666
H	0.00009332	-1.52422472	-2.31224877
H	-2.14366648	-1.28838717	-1.18184741

**4** K-F<sub>6</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> in presence of  $F_z = 0.0050$  a.u.

C	1.24697476	0.66547996	-1.31793531
C	-1.24697411	0.66547898	-1.31793513
C	-0.00000006	-1.49263175	-1.22552652
C	0.00000030	1.43239708	-0.89849111
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F	-1.37231212	-0.76709399	0.58528762
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Field	Li- $F_6C_6H_6$		Na- $F_6C_6H_6$		K- $F_6C_6H_6$	
	$B_{C-F}$	$Q_{Li}$	$B_{C-F}$	$Q_{Na}$	$B_{C-F}$	$Q_K$
-55			2.545	0.043	2.789	0.034
-50	2.096	0.057	2.537	0.043	2.803	0.035
-45	2.104	0.057	2.550	0.044	2.815	0.036
-40	2.110	0.057	2.565	0.043	2.828	0.037
-35	2.117	0.057	2.580	0.043	2.840	0.038
-30	2.123	0.056	2.596	0.043	2.853	0.039
-25	2.130	0.056	2.612	0.007	2.891	0.039
-20	2.136	0.055	2.630	0.041	2.878	0.040
-15	2.142	0.054	2.650	0.040	2.891	0.041
-10	2.147	0.053	2.672	0.039	2.905	0.040
-5	2.154	0.052	2.699	0.038	2.917	0.040
0	2.154	0.051	2.727	0.036	2.928	0.039
5	2.155	0.050	2.764	0.034	2.940	0.038
10	2.156	0.049	2.809	0.031	2.950	0.036
15	2.159	0.048	2.875	0.028	2.950	0.034
20	-	-	-	-	2.929	0.032
25	2.100	0.332	-	-	2.950	0.035
30	2.162	0.312	-	-	2.609	0.890
35	1.900	0.911	3.557	0.008	2.615	0.898
40	1.903	0.912	2.628	0.339	2.624	0.904
45	1.907	0.913	2.748	0.330	2.631	0.909
50	1.910	0.913	2.325	0.932	2.639	0.912
55	1.914	0.914	2.330	0.935	2.649	0.915
60	1.918	0.913	2.337	0.938	2.658	0.918
65	1.922	0.913	2.344	0.940	2.668	0.917
70	1.926	0.913	2.351	0.942	2.678	0.922
80	1.935	0.913	2.367	0.945	2.701	0.925
90	1.944	0.913	2.384	0.947	2.727	0.928
100	1.955	0.910	2.404	0.950		

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Field	$E_{\text{tot}}$	$E_{\text{rel}}$	$E_{\text{int}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{HOMO}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{gap}}$	VIE	$\omega$
-55	-1429.1866	-20.18	-11.45	-0.151	2.684	4.207	$1.37 \times 10^9$
-50	-1429.1830	-17.91	-10.57	-0.146	2.747	4.103	$4.11 \times 10^8$
-45	-1429.1795	-15.75	-9.72	-0.142	2.816	4.002	$9.11 \times 10^7$
-40	-1429.1762	-13.67	-8.91	-0.138	2.891	3.902	$1.34 \times 10^7$
-35	-1429.1731	-11.69	-8.12	-0.134	2.970	3.806	$1.09 \times 10^6$
-30	-1429.1700	-9.79	-7.36	-0.131	3.053	3.712	$3.68 \times 10^4$
-25	-1429.1671	-7.95	-6.57	-0.128	3.148	3.640	$2.24 \times 10^2$
-20	-1429.1644	-6.23	-5.88	-0.123	3.216	3.529	$2.06 \times 10^{-1}$
-15	-1429.1617	-4.56	-5.18	-0.120	3.245	3.441	$9.75 \times 10^{-7}$
-10	-1429.1592	-2.97	-4.49	-0.116	3.140	3.354	$1.77 \times 10^{-17}$
-5	-1429.1567	-1.45	-3.81	-0.113	2.998	3.269	$5.73 \times 10^{-50}$
0	-1429.1544	0.00	-3.15	-0.109	2.849	3.186	
5	-1429.1523	1.37	-2.51	-0.106	2.696	3.104	$6.43 \times 10^{-45}$
10	-1429.1502	2.66	-1.89	-0.102	2.539	3.023	$1.80 \times 10^{-12}$
15	-1429.1483	3.86	-1.31	-0.099	2.375	2.941	$9.34 \times 10^{-2}$
20	-1429.1466	4.95	-0.78	-0.095	2.194	2.853	$2.01 \times 10^4$
25	-1429.1451	5.84	-0.41	-0.092	2.039	2.790	$2.15 \times 10^7$
30	-1429.1514	1.93	-6.69	-0.105	2.727	2.954	$2.03 \times 10^8$
35	-1429.1548	-0.25	-9.13	-0.108	2.889	3.018	$2.41 \times 10^9$
40	-1429.1584	-2.50	-11.66	-0.111	3.048	3.087	$1.48 \times 10^{10}$
45	-1429.1621	-4.83	-14.14	-0.114	3.201	3.157	$5.95 \times 10^{10}$
50	-1429.1660	-7.23	-16.66	-0.117	3.338	3.230	$1.77 \times 10^{11}$
55	-1429.1699	-9.69	-19.16	-0.120	3.438	3.304	$4.23 \times 10^{11}$
60	-1429.1739	-12.21	-21.71	-0.124	3.507	3.383	$8.57 \times 10^{11}$
65	-1429.1739	-12.20	-21.58	-0.123	3.503	3.348	$2.70 \times 10^{12}$
70	-1429.1822	-17.42	-26.64	-0.130	3.619	3.540	$2.55 \times 10^{12}$
80	-1429.1909	-22.86	-31.39	-0.137	3.730	3.703	$5.60 \times 10^{12}$
90	-1429.1999	-28.50	-35.73	-0.143	3.846	3.871	$1.11 \times 10^{13}$

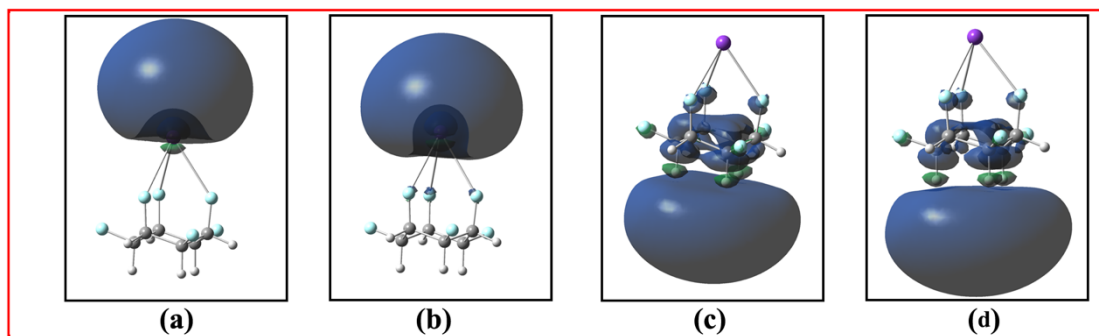
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Field	$E_{\text{tot}}$	$E_{\text{rel}}$	$E_{\text{int}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{HOMO}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{gap}}$	VIE	$\omega$
-45	-837.2796	-15.89	-11.78	-0.150	3.619	4.132	$3.09 \times 10^7$
-40	-837.2765	-13.93	-10.89	-0.147	3.697	4.052	$3.35 \times 10^6$
-35	-837.2734	-12.03	-10.02	-0.144	3.776	3.974	$1.85 \times 10^5$
-30	-837.2705	-10.17	-9.17	-0.142	3.845	3.897	$3.77 \times 10^3$
-25	-837.2676	-8.36	-8.33	-0.139	3.853	3.820	$1.57 \times 10^1$
-20	-837.2648	-6.60	-7.49	-0.136	3.760	3.744	$4.01 \times 10^{-3}$
-15	-837.2621	-4.88	-6.66	-0.133	3.639	3.669	$3.81 \times 10^{-9}$
-10	-837.2594	-3.21	-5.84	-0.130	3.510	3.593	$2.91 \times 10^{-21}$
-5	-837.2568	-1.58	-5.02	-0.127	3.382	3.523	$5.70 \times 10^{-58}$
0	-837.2543	0.00	-4.22	-0.124	3.237	3.443	
5	-837.2518	1.53	-3.43	-0.121	3.089	3.365	$5.79 \times 10^{-53}$
10	-837.2495	3.01	-2.66	-0.118	2.939	3.289	$1.79 \times 10^{-16}$
15	-837.2472	4.43	-1.92	-0.114	2.764	3.201	$2.71 \times 10^{-4}$
25	-837.2471	4.50	-3.35	-0.101	2.146	3.151	$2.04 \times 10^5$
30	-837.2452	5.70	-2.49	-0.101	2.146	3.141	$2.70 \times 10^7$
35	-837.2574	-1.93	-14.37	-0.122	3.479	3.440	$4.46 \times 10^7$
40	-837.2596	-3.34	-15.99	-0.124	3.599	3.482	$5.62 \times 10^8$
45	-837.2620	-4.83	-17.71	-0.127	3.718	3.529	$3.87 \times 10^9$
50	-837.2644	-6.38	-19.45	-0.129	3.832	3.577	$1.77 \times 10^{10}$
55	-837.2671	-8.02	-21.33	-0.131	3.945	3.634	$5.81 \times 10^{10}$
60	-837.2697	-9.70	-23.18	-0.134	4.043	3.689	$1.57 \times 10^{11}$
65	-837.2725	-11.45	-25.08	-0.136	4.127	3.749	$3.54 \times 10^{11}$
70	-837.2754	-13.27	-27.08	-0.139	4.175	3.814	$6.92 \times 10^{11}$
80	-837.2814	-17.02	-31.02	-0.145	4.221	3.942	$2.05 \times 10^{12}$
90	-837.2878	-21.01	-35.09	-0.150	4.267	4.082	$4.53 \times 10^{12}$

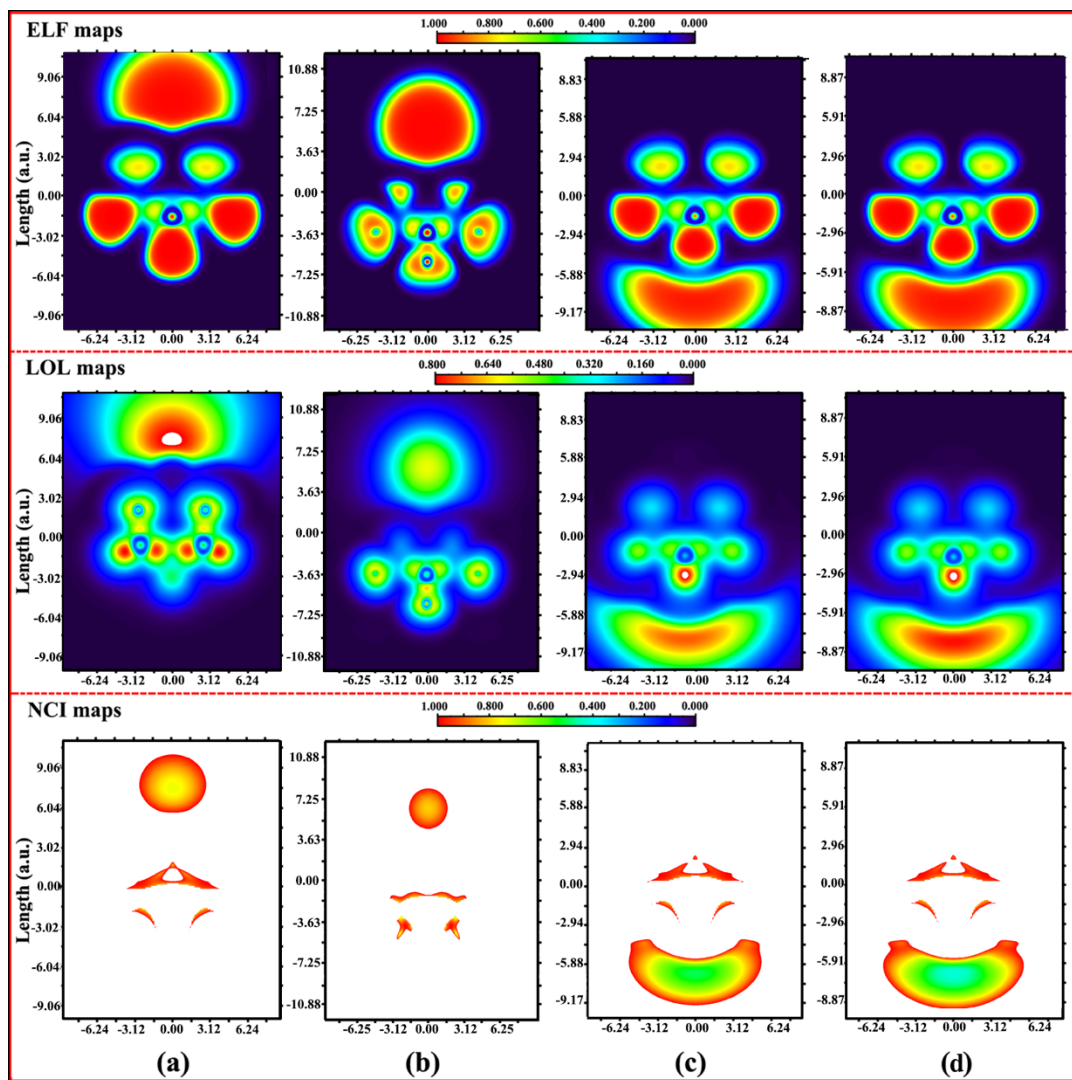
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Field	$E_{\text{tot}}$	$E_{\text{rel}}$	$E_{\text{int}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{HOMO}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{gap}}$	VIE	$\omega$
-55	-991.6934	-18.37	-9.10	-0.164	3.383	4.605	
-50	-991.6903	-16.40	-8.33	-0.161	3.464	4.502	$1.92 \times 10^7$
-45	-991.6873	-14.50	-7.59	-0.158	3.547	4.403	$3.03 \times 10^6$
-40	-991.6844	-12.67	-6.87	-0.155	3.634	4.310	$2.82 \times 10^5$
-35	-991.6815	-10.89	-6.16	-0.152	3.722	4.219	$1.27 \times 10^4$
-30	-991.6788	-9.17	-5.47	-0.149	3.811	4.133	$1.89 \times 10^2$
-25	-991.6702	-3.80	-1.87	-0.182	-9.470	4.979	$1.18 \times 10^{-7}$
-20	-991.6736	-5.89	-4.13	-0.143	3.962	3.968	$5.86 \times 10^{-5}$
-15	-991.6711	-4.34	-3.48	-0.140	3.943	3.890	$1.46 \times 10^{-11}$
-10	-991.6687	-2.84	-2.85	-0.138	3.851	3.815	$6.91 \times 10^{-25}$
-5	-991.6664	-1.39	-2.23	-0.135	3.741	3.744	$3.28 \times 10^{-65}$
0	-991.6642	0.00	-1.62	-0.133	3.625	3.676	
5	-991.6620	1.33	-1.03	-0.130	3.512	3.614	$6.13 \times 10^{-61}$
10	-991.6600	2.60	-0.47	-0.128	3.404	3.558	$1.06 \times 10^{-20}$
15	-991.6581	3.80	0.06	-0.127	3.312	3.516	$1.61 \times 10^{-7}$
35	-991.6523	7.48	1.20	-0.125	3.121	3.467	$3.44 \times 10^7$
40	-991.6516	7.86	1.37	-0.099	1.983	3.049	$1.99 \times 10^{10}$
45	-991.6507	8.43	1.57	-0.100	1.953	3.044	$1.31 \times 10^{11}$
50	-991.6626	0.97	-7.83	-0.121	3.228	3.309	$1.06 \times 10^{11}$
55	-991.6661	-1.23	-10.27	-0.123	3.371	3.375	$2.80 \times 10^{11}$
60	-991.6697	-3.49	-12.77	-0.126	3.515	3.446	$6.10 \times 10^{11}$
65	-991.6734	-5.79	-15.27	-0.129	3.660	3.517	$1.17 \times 10^{12}$
70	-991.6772	-8.16	-17.78	-0.132	3.801	3.590	$2.02 \times 10^{12}$
80	-991.6849	-13.04	-22.81	-0.138	4.079	3.742	$4.78 \times 10^{12}$
90	-991.6930	-18.11	-27.82	-0.144	4.197	3.899	$9.07 \times 10^{12}$

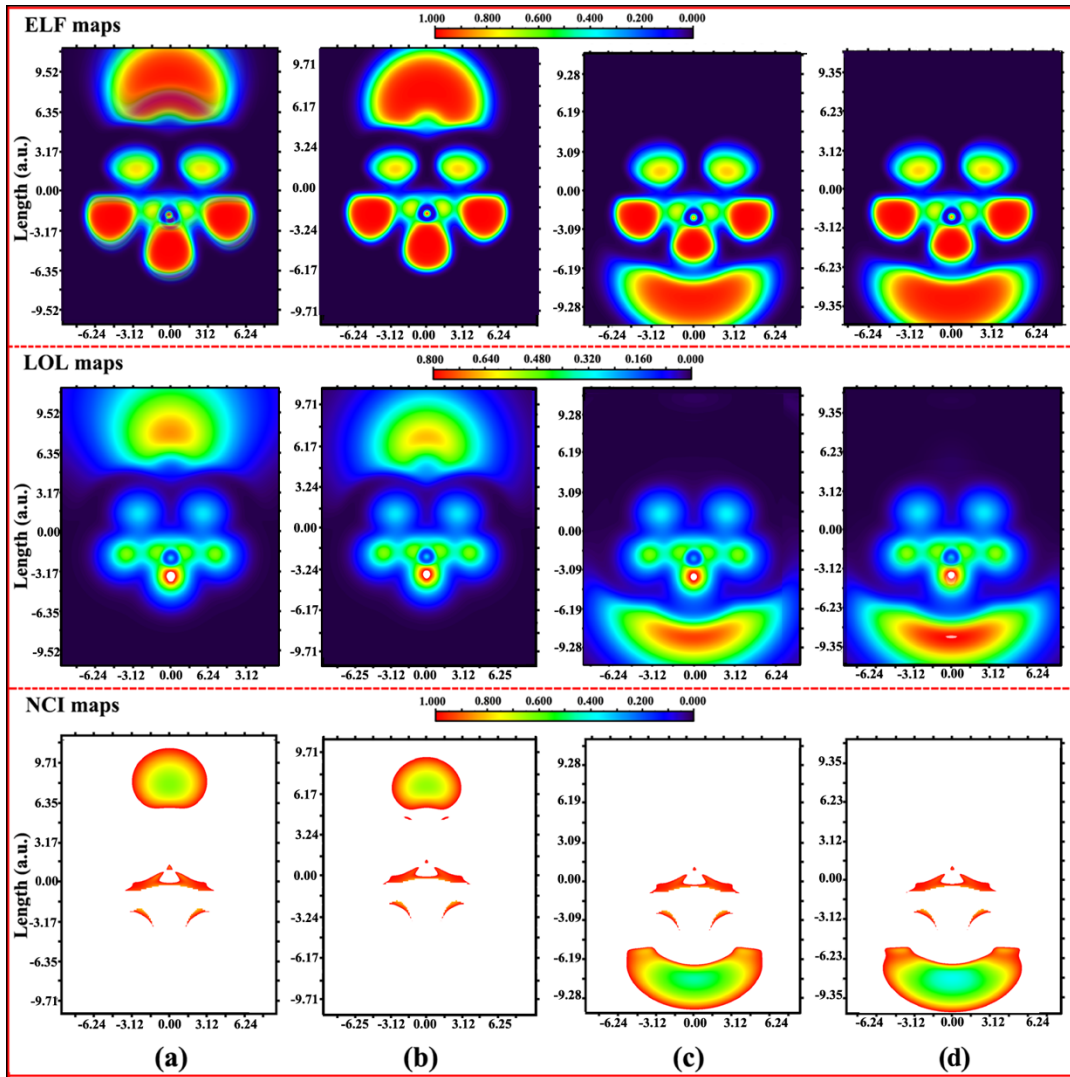




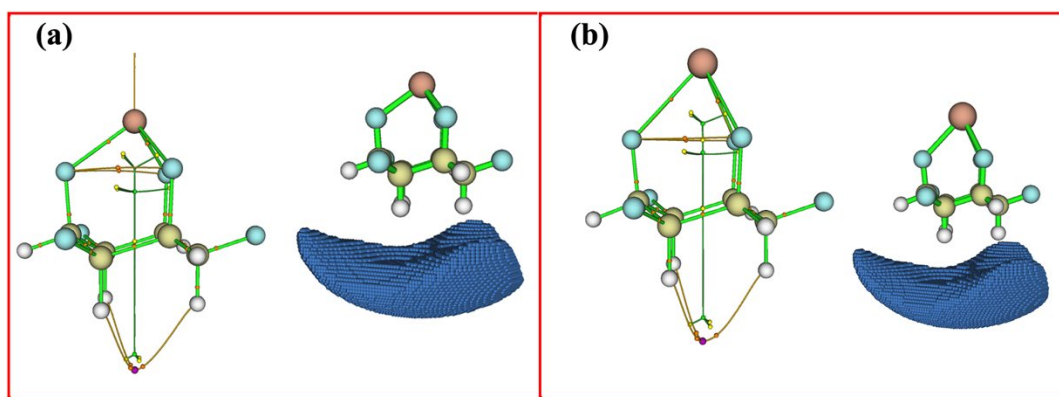
**Fig. S1.** Spin density maps of K-F<sub>6</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>. (a) for **4**, (b) for **1**, (c) for **2**, (d) for **3**.



**Fig. S2.** ELF, LOL, and NCI maps for Li-F<sub>6</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> optimized in presence of OEEF. (a) for **4** ( $F_z = -0.0050$ ), (b) for **1** ( $F_z = 0$ ), (c) for **2** ( $F_z = 0.0050$ ), (d) for **3** ( $F_z = 0.0080$ ).



**Fig. S3.** ELF, LOL, and NCI maps for Na-F<sub>6</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> optimized in presence of OEEF. (a) for **4** ( $F_z = -0.0050$ ), (b) for **1** ( $F_z = 0$ ), (c) for **2** ( $F_z = 0.0035$ ), (d) for **3** ( $F_z = 0.0070$ ).



**Fig. S4.** QTAIM topological analysis and corresponding basin representations of Li-F<sub>6</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>⋯e<sup>-</sup> (a,  $F_z = 0.0080$ ) and Na-F<sub>6</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (b,  $F_z = 0.0070$  a. u.).