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### Theoretical Prediction of Chiral Actinide Endohedral Borospherenes

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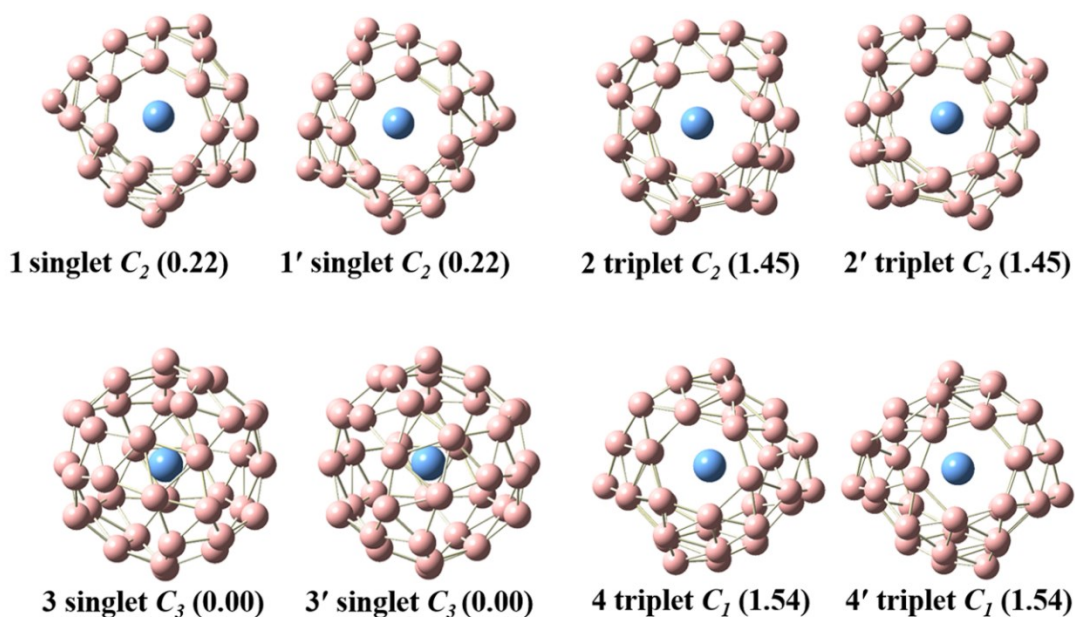
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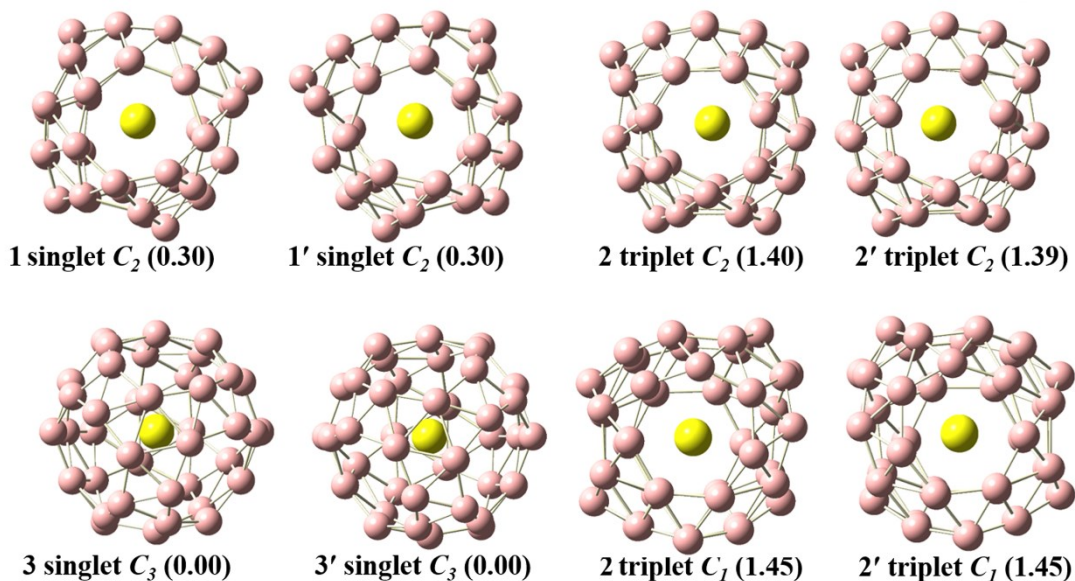
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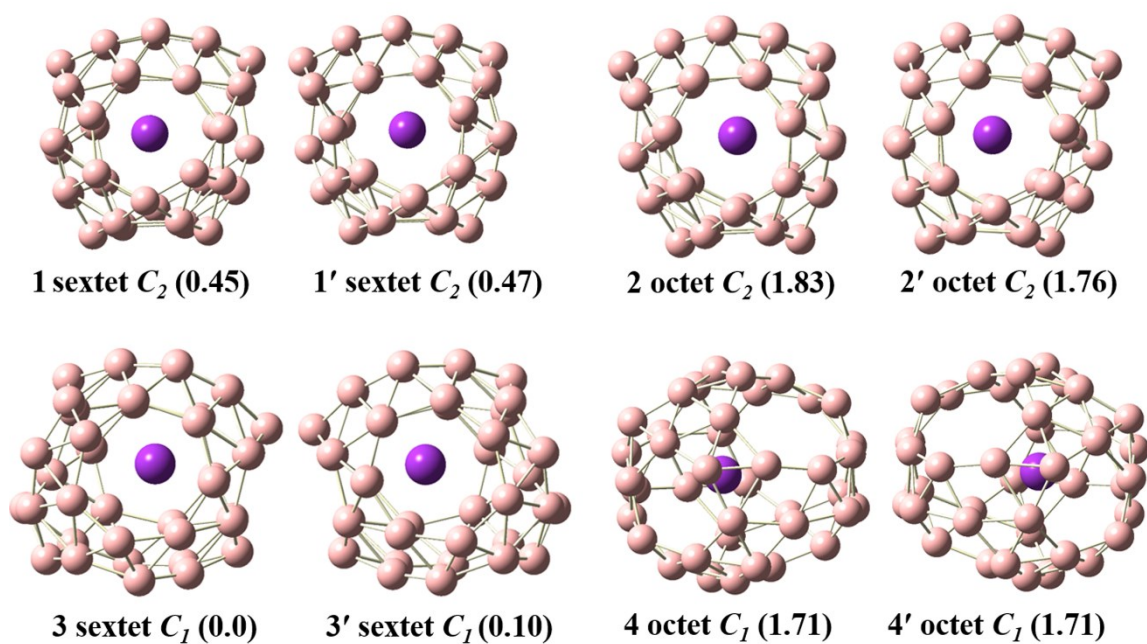
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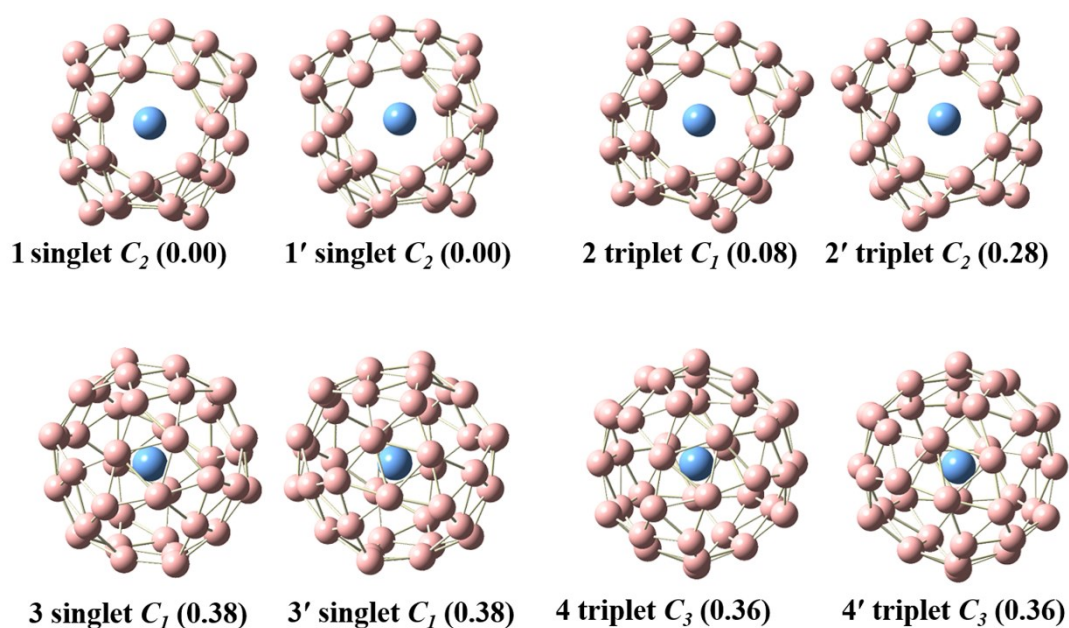
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**Figure S2.** Low-lying isomers of  $[\text{Th}@\text{B}_{39}]^{3+}$  with the relative energies (eV) at the PBE0/RECP/6-311+G\* levels. Light pink and yellow spheres represent B and Th, respectively. All the energies have been corrected for zero-point energies.

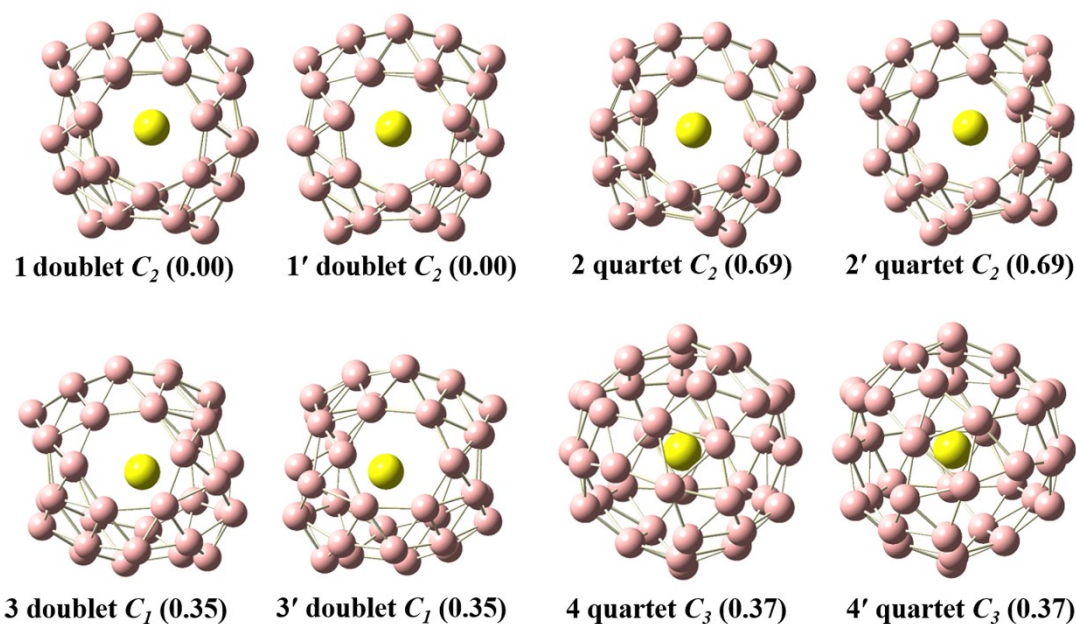


**Figure S3.** Low-lying isomers of  $[\text{Cf}@\text{B}_{39}]^{2+}$  with the relative energies (eV) at the PBE0/RECP/6-311+G\* levels. Light pink and yellow spheres represent B and Th, respectively. All the energies have been corrected for zero-point energies.

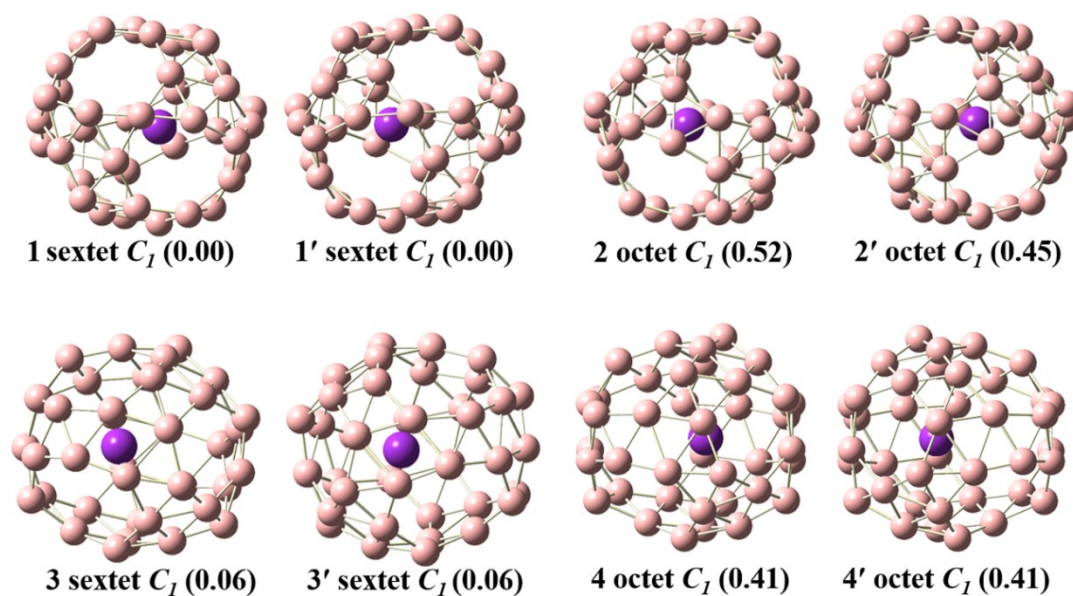


**Figure S4.** Low-lying isomers of  $\text{Ac}@\text{B}_{39}$  with the relative energies (eV) at the PBE0/RECP/6-311+G\* levels. Light pink and blue spheres represent B and Ac, respectively. All the energies have been corrected for zero-point energies.

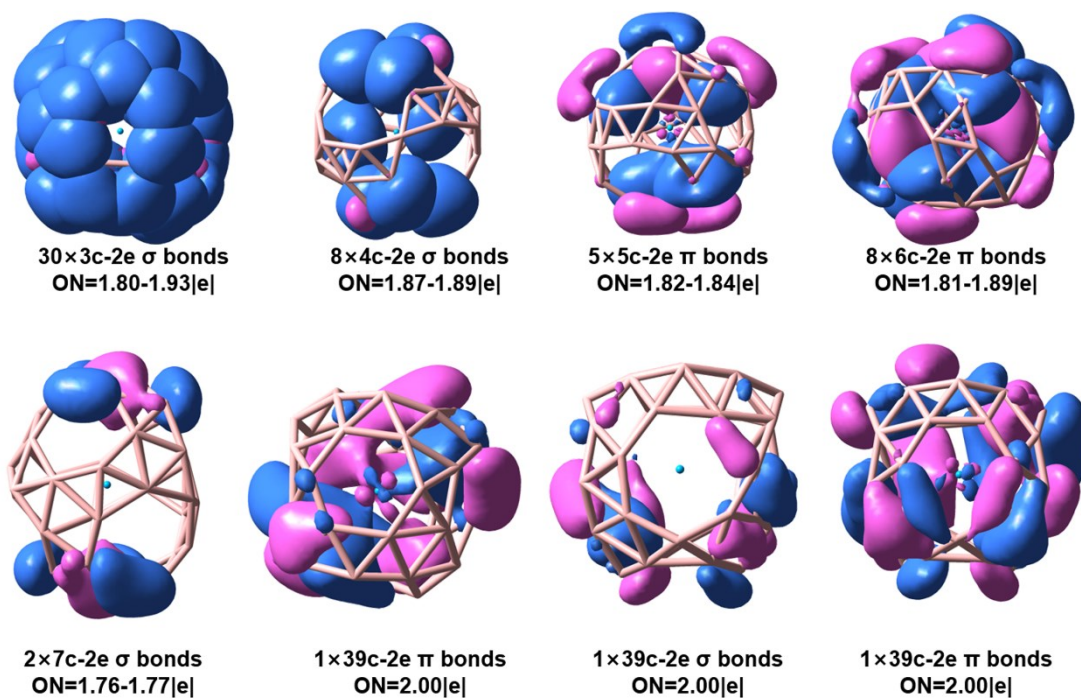




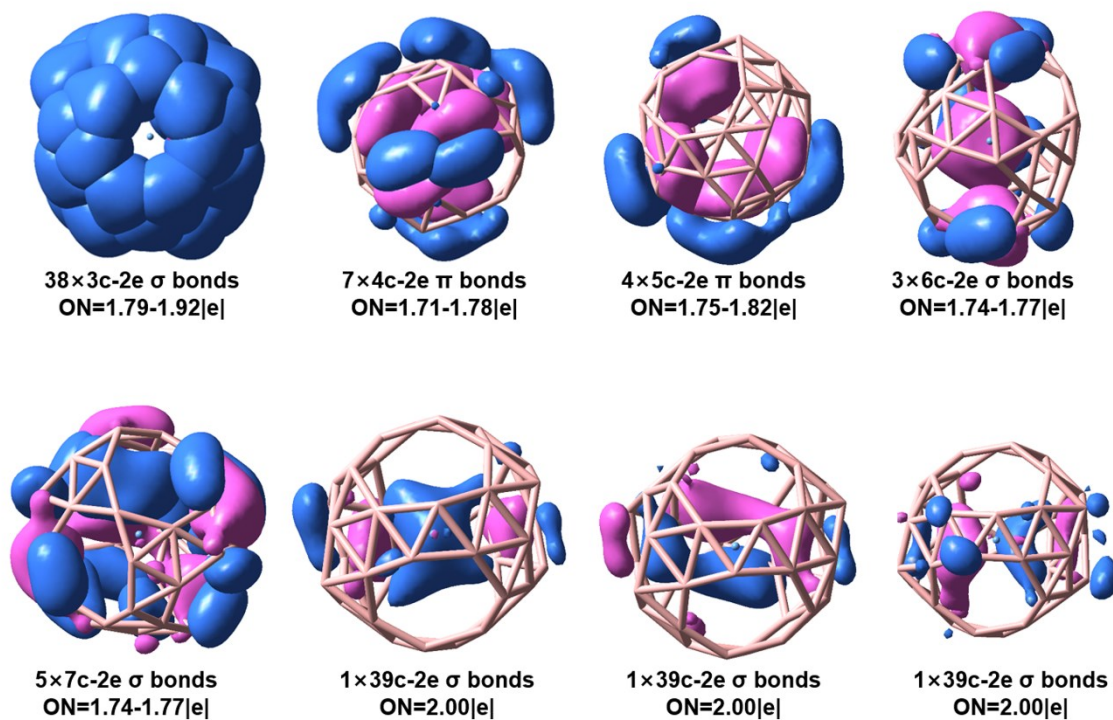
**Figure S5.** Low-lying isomers of Th@B<sub>39</sub> with the relative energies (eV) at the PBE0/RECP/6-311+G\* levels. Light pink and yellow spheres represent B and Th, respectively. All the energies have been corrected for zero-point energies.



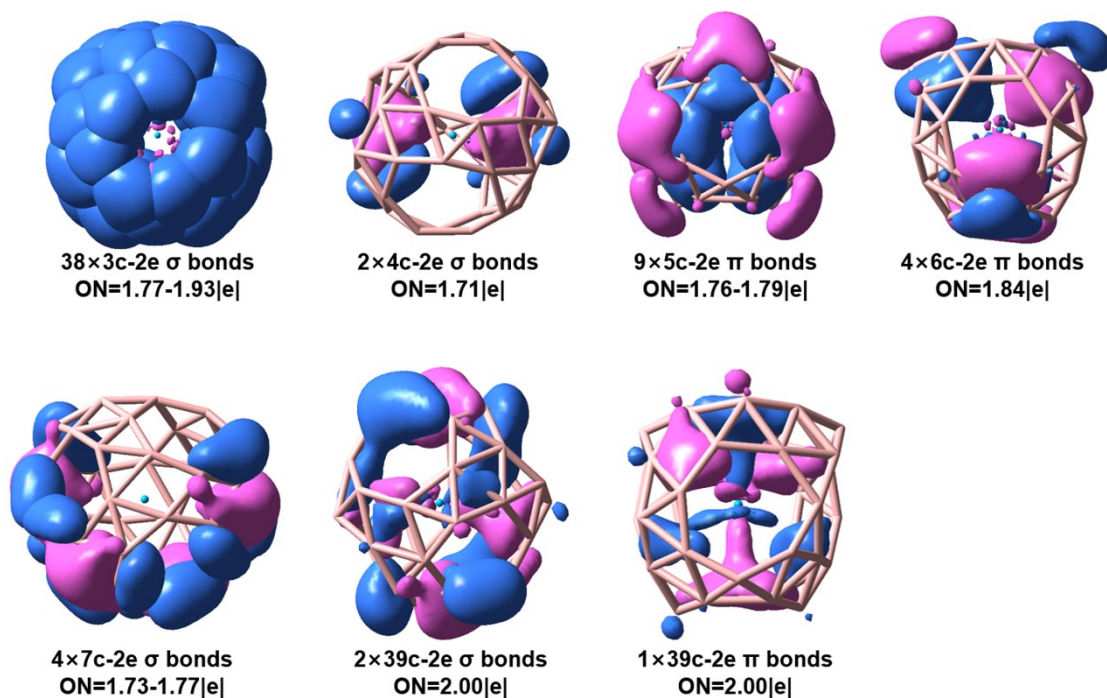
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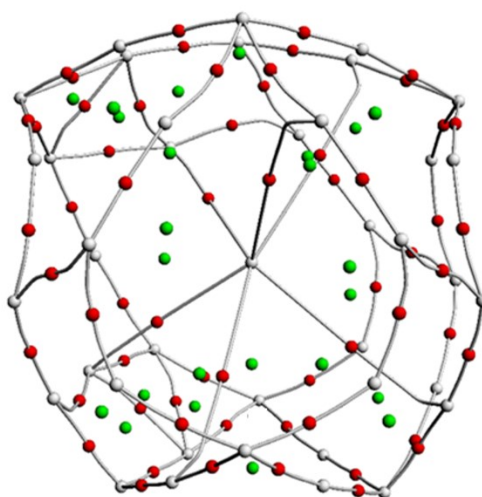
**Figure S7.** Bonding pattern of  $C_2 [Th@B_{39}]^{3+}$  from AdNDP analysis with the occupation numbers (ONs) indicated at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level of theory.



**Figure S8.** Bonding pattern of  $C_2 Ac@B_{39}$  from AdNDP analysis with the ONs indicated at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level of theory.

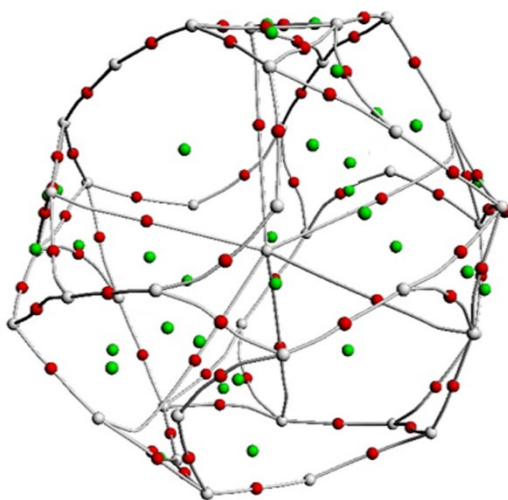


**Figure S9.** Bonding pattern of  $C_2$  Th@B<sub>39</sub> from AdNDP analysis with the ONs indicated at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level of theory.

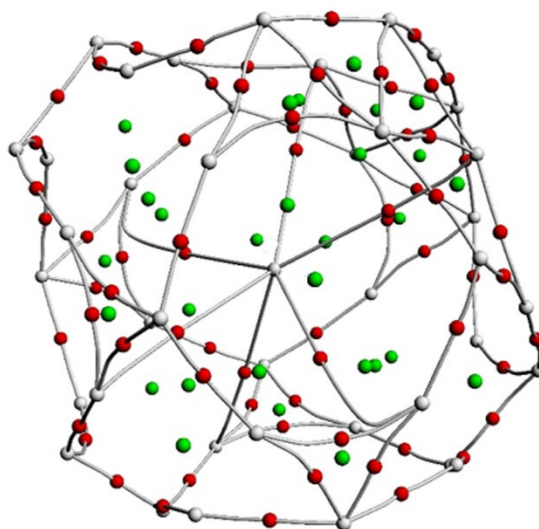


**Figure S10.** QTAIM analysis of  $C_2$  [Th@B<sub>39</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level of theory. Red points represent bond critical points, gray lines represent bond paths. Green points represent ring critical points, blue points represent cage critical points.

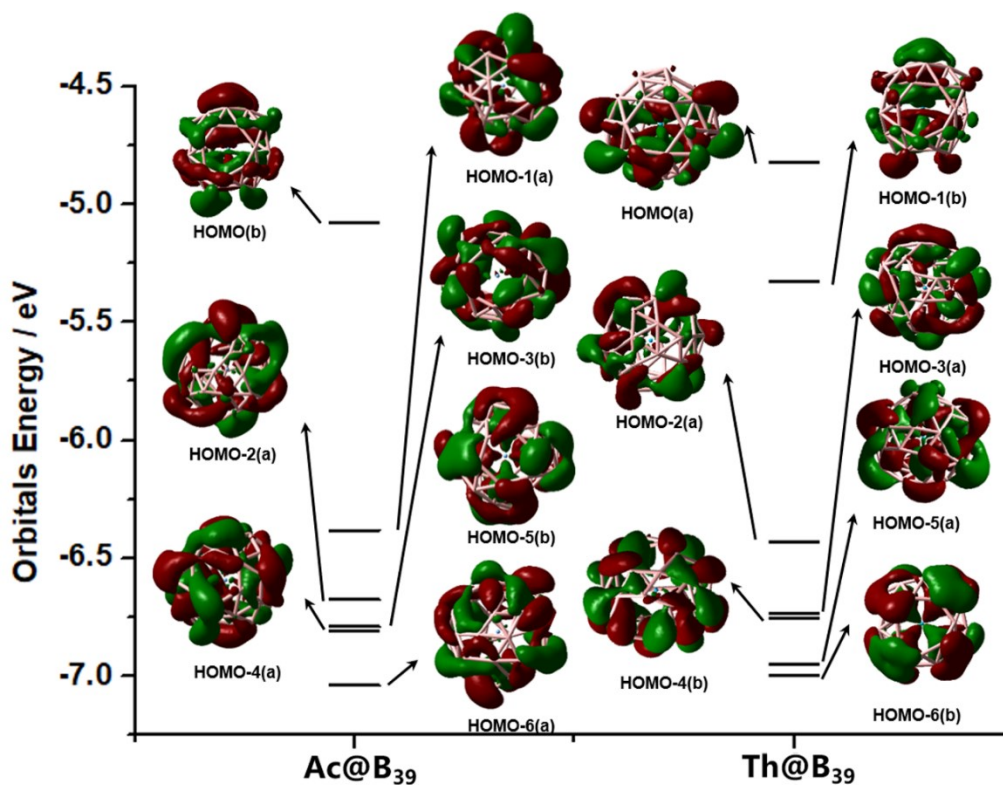




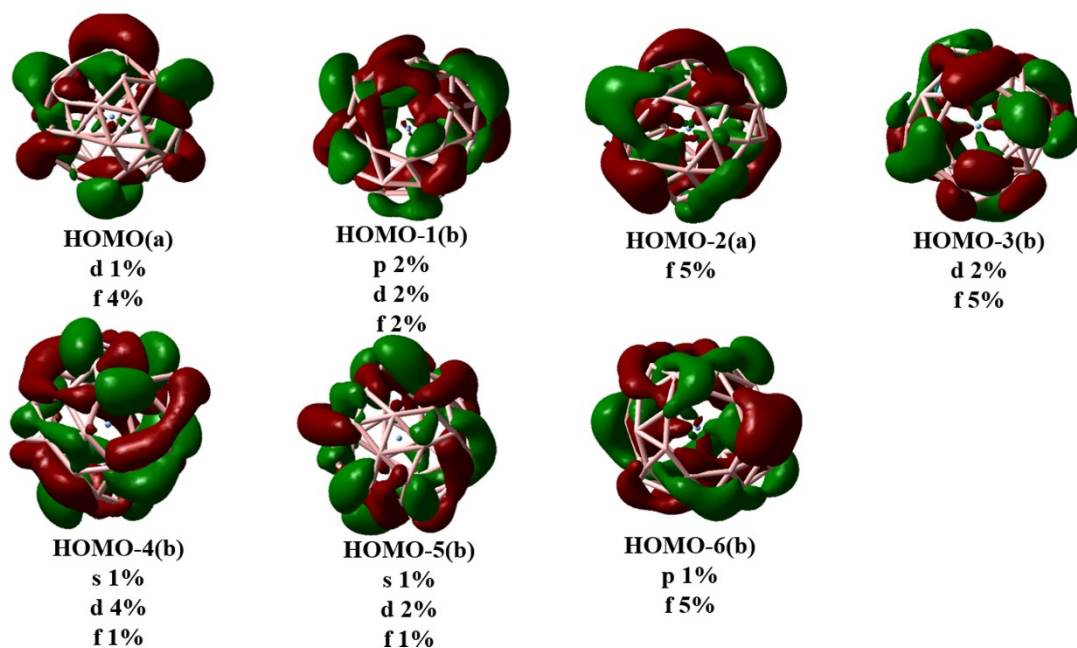
**Figure S11.** QTAIM analysis of C<sub>2</sub> Ac@B<sub>39</sub> at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level of theory.



**Figure S12.** QTAIM analysis of C<sub>2</sub> Th@B<sub>39</sub> at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level of theory.

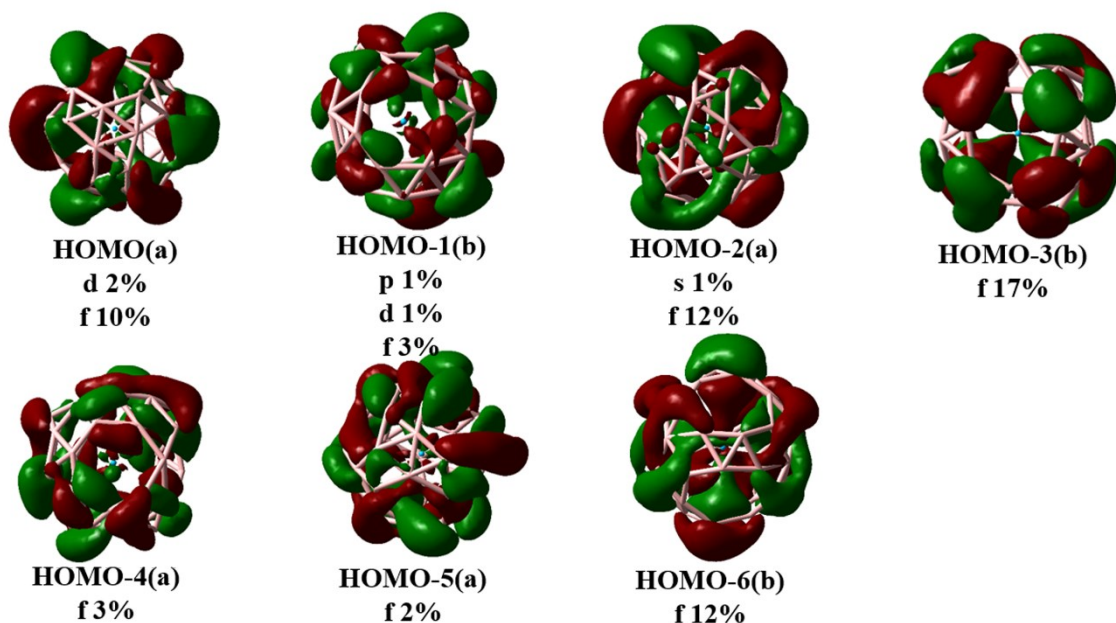


**Figure S13.** The frontier molecular orbitals of Ac@B<sub>39</sub> and Th@B<sub>39</sub> at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level of theory.

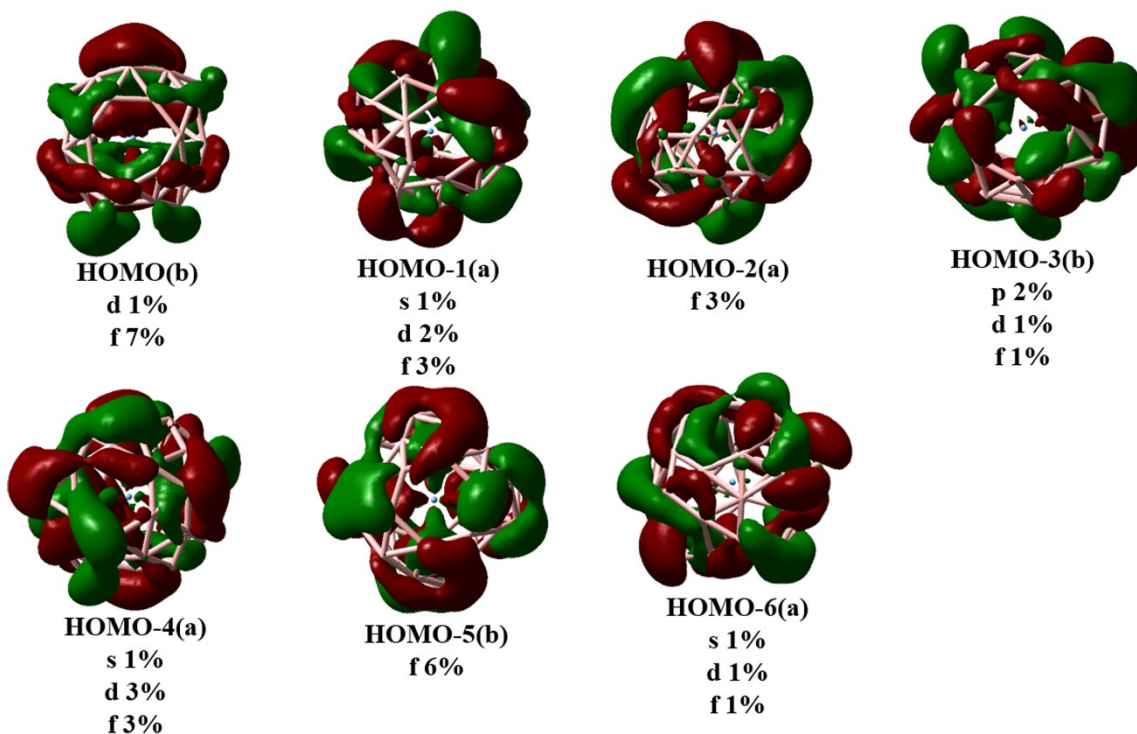


**Figure S14.** The composition of MO for [Ac@B<sub>39</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level of theory.

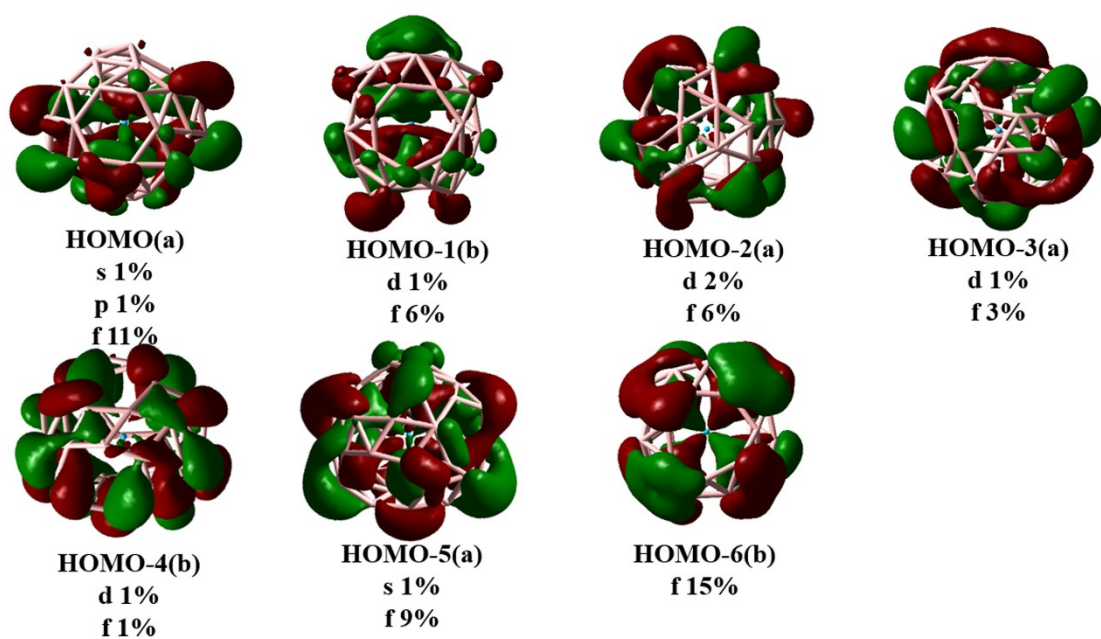




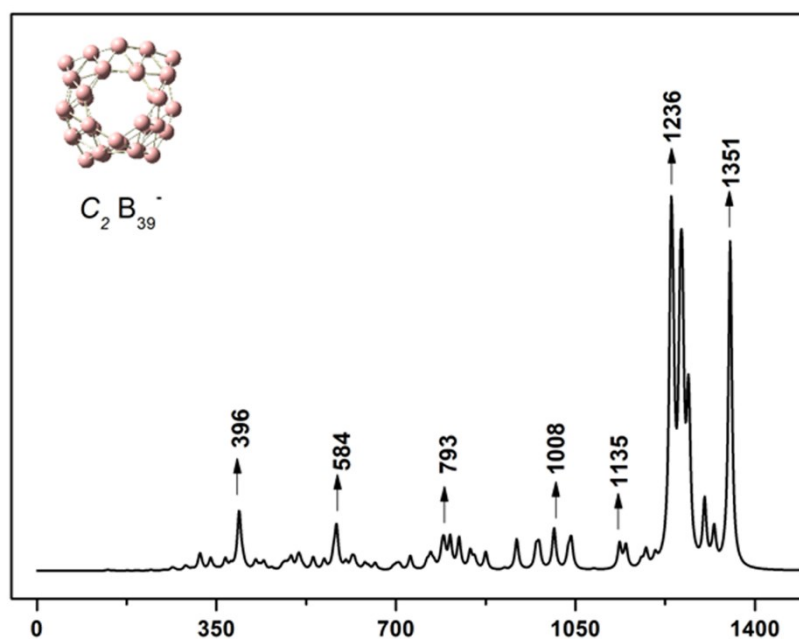
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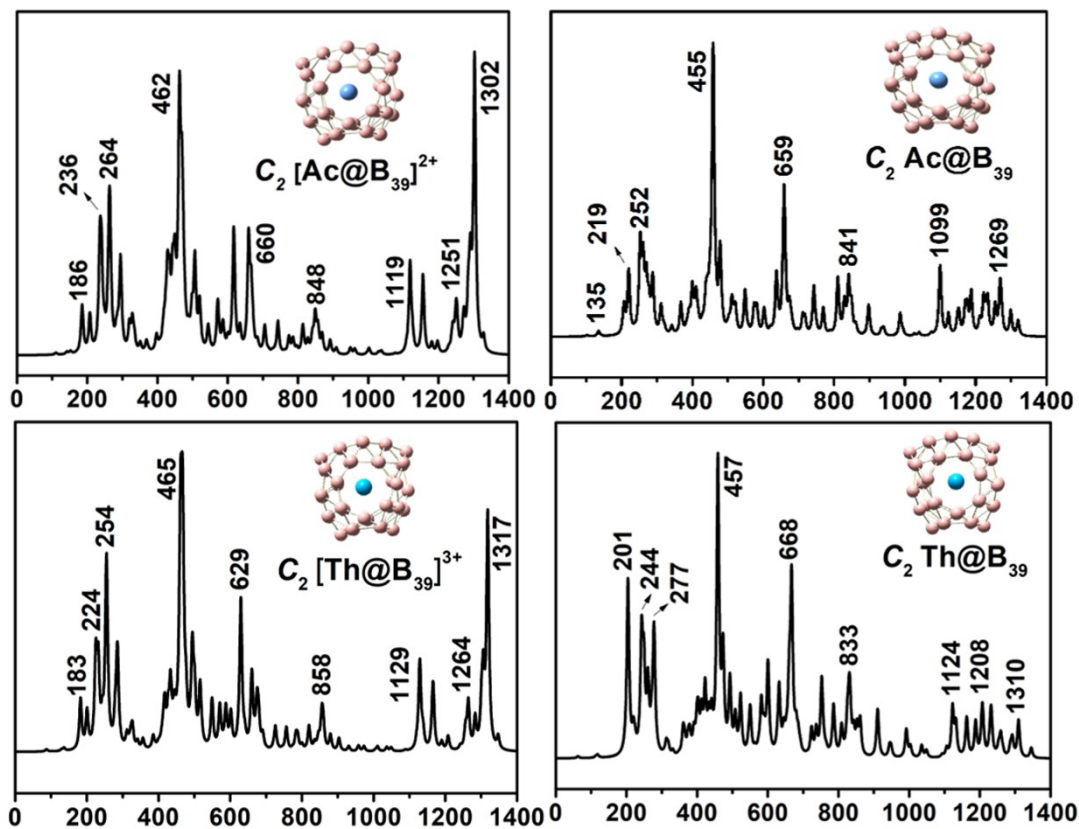
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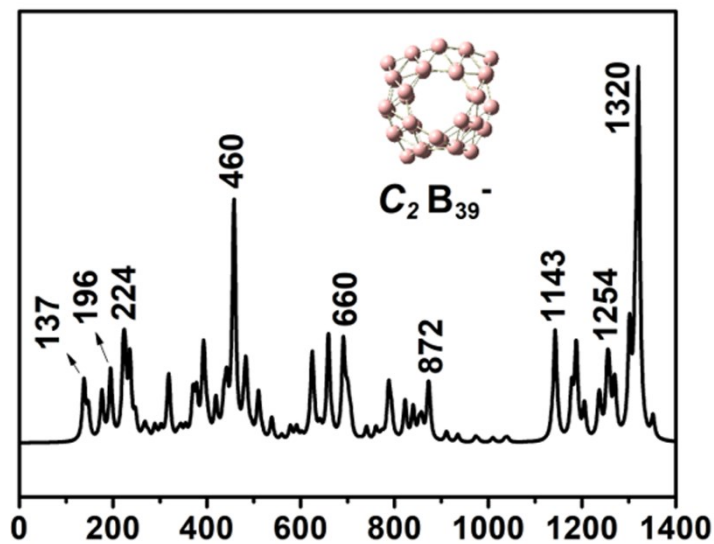
**Figure S17.** The composition of MO for Th@B<sub>39</sub> at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level of theory.



**Figure S18.** The infrared spectra of  $C_2 B_{39}^-$  at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level of theory.



**Figure S19.** The Raman spectra of  $[\text{An}@\text{B}_{39}]^{n+}$  at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level of theory.



**Figure S20.** The Raman spectra of  $\text{C}_2 \text{B}_{39}^-$  at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level of theory.



**Table S1.** Mayer bond orders (MBOs) of the An-B bonds for  $[\text{An}@B_{39}]^{n+}$  calculated by the PBE0 method.

Species	MBOs	Total MBOs
$C_2[\text{Ac}@B_{39}]^{2+}$	0.022 - 0.119	2.168
$C_2\text{Ac}@B_{39}$	0.048 - 0.115	3.230
$C_2[\text{Th}@B_{39}]^{3+}$	0.146 - 0.304	7.352
$C_2\text{Th}@B_{39}$	0.140 - 0.264	6.898

**Table S2.** The EDA results (kcal/mol) of  $\text{Th}@B_{39}$  with  $\text{Th}^{4+}$  and  $B_{39}^{4-}$  as the two fragments at the PBE/TZP/ZORA level of theory.

Species	$\Delta E_{\text{Pauli}}$	$\Delta E_{\text{elstat}}$	$\Delta E_{\text{steric}}$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$	$\Delta E_{\text{int}}$
$\text{Th}@B_{39}$	212.5	-1076.5 (49.9%)	-864.0	-1079.5 (50.1%)	-1943.5

**Table S3.** In the QTAIM analysis of  $C_2[\text{Ac}@B_{39}]^{2+}$ , density of electrons  $\rho$ , energy density  $H(r)$ , Laplacian of electron density  $\nabla^2\rho$ , and electron localization function ELF at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level.

Name	CP Path	Bond Distances	$\rho$	$H(r)$	$\nabla^2\rho$	ELF
$C_2[\text{Ac}@B_{39}]^{2+}$	1	2.987	0.02694	-0.00097	0.06686	0.134
	2	2.815	0.03388	-0.00387	0.07179	0.179
	3	3.012	0.02672	-0.00123	0.06130	0.147
	4	2.815	0.03388	-0.00387	0.07179	0.179
	5	3.012	0.02672	-0.00123	0.06130	0.147
	6	2.987	0.02694	-0.00097	0.06685	0.134

**Table S4.** In the QTAIM analysis of  $C_2 [Th@B_{39}]^{3+}$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $H(r)$ ,  $\nabla^2\rho$ , and ELF at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level.

Name	CP Path	Bond Distances	$\rho$	$H(r)$	$\nabla^2\rho$	ELF
$C_2 [Th@B_{39}]^{3+}$	1	2.971	0.03002	-0.00285	0.05971	0.180
	2	2.776	0.03947	-0.00728	0.06586	0.234
	3	2.983	0.03043	-0.00355	0.05351	0.202
	4	2.776	0.03947	-0.00728	0.06586	0.234
	5	2.983	0.03042	-0.00355	0.05351	0.202
	6	2.971	0.03002	-0.00285	0.05971	0.180

**Table S5.** In the QTAIM analysis of  $C_2 Ac@B_{39}$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $H(r)$ ,  $\nabla^2\rho$ , and ELF at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level.

Name	CP Path	Bond Distances	$\rho$	$H(r)$	$\nabla^2\rho$	ELF
$C_2 Ac@B_{39}$	1	3.009	0.02621	-0.00061	0.06865	0.122
	2	2.938	0.03032	-0.00235	0.06599	0.168
	3	2.824	0.03376	-0.00369	0.06956	0.187
	4	2.938	0.03032	-0.00235	0.06599	0.168
	5	2.824	0.03376	-0.00369	0.06956	0.187
	6	3.009	0.02621	-0.00061	0.06865	0.122

**Table S6.** In the QTAIM analysis of  $C_2$  Th@B<sub>39</sub>,  $\rho$ ,  $H(r)$ ,  $\nabla^2\rho$ , and ELF at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level.

Name	CP Path	Bond Distances	$\rho$	$H(r)$	$\nabla^2\rho$	ELF
$C_2$ Th@B <sub>39</sub>	1	2.990	0.02889	-0.00233	0.06539	0.149
	2	2.772	0.03944	-0.00721	0.06397	0.242
	3	2.908	0.03409	-0.00492	0.05870	0.216
	4	2.772	0.03944	-0.00721	0.06397	0.242
	5	2.908	0.03409	-0.00492	0.05870	0.216
	6	2.990	0.02889	-0.00233	0.06539	0.149

**Table S7.** The formation energy (kcal/mol) of  $[An@B_{39}]^{n+}$  at the PBE0/6-311+G\*/RECP level.

Reactions	Formation Energy
$Ac^{3+} + B_{39}^- = [Ac@B_{39}]^{2+}$	-529.1
$Ac^+ + B_{39}^- = Ac@B_{39}$	-212.5
$Th^{4+} + B_{39}^- = [Th@B_{39}]^{3+}$	-1009.2
$Th^+ + B_{39}^- = Th@B_{39}$	-296.8