## Supporting Information

# for <br> Switching On Emission in Zn (II) <br> Coordination Complexes by Tempering $\mathrm{N}_{\text {amido }}$ Character 

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## Experimental Details

## General considerations

Air-sensitive manipulations were carried either in a $\mathrm{N}_{2}$-filled glovebox or using standard Schlenk techniques under Ar. Chloroformamidinium chloride, \{Citation\} (4-aminophenyl)(2-tertbutyl)phenanthridine $\left.\quad{ }^{\left({ }^{(B u} \mathbf{L u}\right.} \mathbf{L}\right)^{1}$ and bis(4-aminophenyl)(2-tert-butyl)phenanthridine zinc(II) $\left(\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\right)^{1}$ were synthesized according to literature procedure. Diethyl zinc $(1.0 \mathrm{M}$ in $n$ hexanes), tetramethyl urea ( $99 \%$ purity), palladium(II) acetate ( $98 \%$ purity), and DPEPhos (98 \% purity) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Sodium hydroxide ( 97 \% purity) and zinc dichloride ( $97 \%$ purity) were purchased from Fisher Scientific. Oxalyl chloride (98 \% purity) was purchased from Thermo Scientific. 2-bromopyrimidine ( $98 \%$ purity) was purchased from Combi Blocks. Triethylamine ( $99 \%$ purity) was purchased from Millipore. All other reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. For moisturesensitive manipulations, organic solvents were dried and distilled using appropriate drying agents. 1D and 2D NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 400 or 500 MHz spectrometers. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were referenced to residual solvent peaks. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded using a Bruker microOTOF-QIII mass spectrometer.

Absorption spectra were measured on an Agilent Technologies Cary series UV-Vis-NIR spectrometer. Emission spectra in solution were measured using either a Photo Technology International Xenoflash fluorimeter or Jobin Yvon FluoroMax-2 spectrometer, in quartz cuvettes of 1 cm pathlength. Spectral data are corrected for the wavelength dependence of the detector, a Hamamatsu R928 photomultiplier tube (PMT). Fluorescence quantum yields in solution were measured using fluorescein in 0.1 M aqueous $\mathrm{NaOH}(\Phi=0.90)$ and cross-checked with aqueous $\left[\mathrm{Ru}(\mathrm{bpy})_{3}\right] \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(\Phi=0.04)$. Fluorescence lifetimes were measured by time-correlated single-photon counting, following excitation at 405 nm with a pulsed laser diode. The emitted light was detected at $90^{\circ}$ using an R928 PMT Peltier-cooled to $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, after passage through a monochromator. The estimated uncertainty in the lifetimes is $\pm 10 \%$ or better. The fluorescence spectra in the solid state were recorded using an integrating sphere attached to a Jobin Yvon Fluorolog instrument through optical fibres. Finely powdered samples were contained within Spectralon sample holders of 10 mm diameter. Quantum yields were determined using a sample of finely powedered $\mathrm{BaSO}_{4}$ as a non-emissive blank.

## Preparation of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2-trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine, ${ }^{{ }^{\mathrm{CF}} \mathbf{~}} \mathbf{L} 1$

A solution of 4-amino-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( $0.39 \mathrm{~g}, 1.5$ $\mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile ( 10 mL ) was added dropwise under positive pressure of argon to chloroformamidinium chloride $(0.26 \mathrm{~g}, 1.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ in a Teflonstoppered flask and stirred for $\sim 5 \mathrm{~min}$. Triethylamine ( $0.21 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was then added also under positive pressure and the mixture was heated in an oil bath set to $80{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The flask was then cooled to ambient temperature and an aqueous solution of $\mathrm{NaOH}(0.060 \mathrm{~g}, 1.5 \mathrm{mmol} ; 3 \mathrm{~mL}$
 $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ) was added and allowed to stir for $\sim 5 \mathrm{~min}$. The volatiles were removed in vacuo. The organic product was then taken up in ethyl acetate and washed with distilled water ( $3 \times 70 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), stirred over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}(10 \mathrm{~g})$, and dried in vacuo to leave a tacky dark brown solid. Isolated yield: $0.47 \mathrm{~g}(87 \%)$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ : $\delta 9.26(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C} 6 H), 8.56\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{11} H\right), 8.26$ $\left(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{1} H\right), 7.99\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{8} H\right), 7.81\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.4,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ;{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$; $\left.\mathrm{C}_{9} H\right), 7.67\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=7.4,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz} ;{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{10} H\right), 7.10\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{3} H\right), 2.73 \mathrm{ppm}(\mathrm{s}$, $\left.12 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{15} H_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): \delta 162.4\left(C_{14}\right), 153.1\left(C_{6}\right), 151.9\left(C_{12}\right)$, $139.6\left(C_{4}\right), 133.0\left(C_{13}\right), 131.0\left(C_{11}\right), 129.1\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=31.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, C_{2}\right), 128.7\left(C_{8}\right) 127.8\left(C_{10}\right) 126.6$ $\left(C_{5}\right), 124.7\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=273 \mathrm{~Hz}, C_{\mathrm{CF} 3}\right), 124.7\left(C_{7}\right), 122.4\left(C_{11}\right), 115.5\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=3 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{3}\right), 110.1(\mathrm{q}$, $\left.{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=4 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{1}\right)$, $39.7 \mathrm{ppm}\left(C_{15}\right) .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 377 \mathrm{MHz}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right):-62.1 \mathrm{ppm}\left(F_{\mathrm{CF} 3}\right)$. HRMS (APCI/MS, m/z) calculated for $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\left(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{4}\right) 361.1635$; found 361.1657.

## Preparation of (2-tert-butyl)(4-tetramethylguanidino)phenanthridine, ${ }^{\text {tBu }} \mathbf{L} 1$

A suspension of 4-amino-2-(tert-butyl)phenanthridine ( $0.37 \mathrm{~g}, 1.5$ $\mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile $(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added dropwise under positive pressure of argon to a Teflon-stoppered flask charged with chloroformamidinium chloride ( $0.26 \mathrm{~g}, 1.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and stirred for $\sim 5$ min. Triethylamine ( $0.21 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was then added under positive pressure of argon and the mixture was heated in an oil bath set to $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
 for 16 h . The flask was then cooled to ambient temperature and an aqueous solution of NaOH $\left(0.060 \mathrm{~g}, 1.5 \mathrm{mmol} ; 3 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$ was added and allowed to stir for $\sim 5 \mathrm{~min}$. The volatiles were removed in vacuo, and the organic product was then taken up in ethyl acetate and washed with distilled water ( 3 x 70 mL ), stirred over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}(10 \mathrm{~g})$, and dried in vacuo to leave a dark brown
powder. Isolated yield: $0.45 \mathrm{~g}(89 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): \delta 9.12\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}\right)$, $8.60\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{11} H\right), 8.09\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{1} H\right), 7.94\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{8} H\right), 7.76(\mathrm{ddd}$, $\left.{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.4,7.0 \mathrm{~Hz} ;{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C} 9 H\right), 7.60\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=7.4,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz} ;{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ;\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{C}_{10} H\right), 7.22\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{3} H\right), 2.74\left(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{15} H_{3}\right), 1.44 \mathrm{ppm}\left(\mathrm{s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{17} H_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, $\left.101 \mathrm{MHz}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): \delta 161.81\left(C_{14}\right), 150.8\left(C_{6}\right), 150.5\left(C_{2}\right), 136.5\left(C_{4}\right), 133.2\left(C_{13}\right), 130.2\left(C_{9}\right), 128.5$ $\left(C_{8}\right) 126.8\left(C_{10}\right) 126.6\left(C_{5}\right), 124.1\left(C_{7}\right), 122.2\left(C_{11}\right), 119.2\left(C_{3}\right), 110.2\left(C_{1}\right), 39.7\left(C_{15}\right), 35.1\left(C_{16}\right)$ $31.6\left(C_{17}\right) \mathrm{ppm}$. Not observed: $\mathrm{C}_{12}$. HR-MS ( $\mathrm{APCI} / \mathrm{MS}, \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ) calculated for $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\left(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{4}\right)$ 349.2387; found 349.2349.

## Preparation of (4-aminopyrimidino)(2-trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine, ${ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2$

$\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(0.017 \mathrm{~g}, 0.075 \mathrm{mmol})$ and DPEPhos ( $\left.0.083 \mathrm{~g}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol}\right)$ were combined with dry toluene ( 10 mL ) in a Teflon-stoppered flask and stirred for $\sim 5 \mathrm{~min}$. Under positive pressure of argon, 2-Bromopyrimidine ( 0.12 g , 0.75 mmol ) was added, followed by 4-amino-2(trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine $(0.20 \mathrm{~g}, 0.75 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{Cs}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.29 \mathrm{~g}$, 0.90 mmol ), with brief stirring ( $\sim 5 \mathrm{~min}$ ) following each addition. The
 mixture was then heated in an oil bath set to $130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 16 h , the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered over celite, and the solvents removed in vacuo. The residue was taken up in methanol and filtered, and the precipitate was washed thoroughly with methanol, leaving a purplebrown solid. Isolated yield: $0.11 \mathrm{~g}(42 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}, 22^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): \delta 10.00(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$; $\mathrm{N} H$ ), 9.22 (overlapped s, $2 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{1} H, \mathrm{C}_{6} H$ ), $8.57\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{15} H_{2}\right), 8.55\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.1\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{11} H\right), 8.33\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{3} H\right), 8.06\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{8} H\right), 7.87\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.4,7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$; $\left.{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{10} H\right), 7.72\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=7.9,7.0 \mathrm{~Hz} ;{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{9} H\right), 6.84\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=\right.$ $\left.4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{16} H\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 126 \mathrm{MHz}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): \delta 159.7\left(C_{14}\right), 158.1\left(C_{15}\right), 152.7$ $\left(C_{6}\right), 137.8\left(C_{12}\right), 134.7\left(C_{4}\right), 132.6\left(C_{13}\right), 131.7\left(C_{10}\right), 129.3\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=32 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{2}\right), 129.1\left(C_{8}\right)$, $128.3\left(C_{9}\right), 126.8\left(C_{7}\right), 124.6\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=273 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{\mathrm{CF} 3}\right), 123.5\left(C_{5}\right), 122.3\left(C_{11}\right), 113.4\left(C_{16}\right), 111.2$ $\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=5 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{3}\right), 110.6 \mathrm{ppm}\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=4 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{1}\right) .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 471 \mathrm{MHz}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right):-$ $62.0 \mathrm{ppm}\left(F_{\text {CF3 }}\right)$. HR-MS (APCI/MS, m/z) calculated for $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\left(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{4}\right) 341.1009$; found 341.1025 .

## Preparation of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2-trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc chloride, $\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathrm{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$

A solution of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2-trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( $0.14 \mathrm{~g}, 0.39 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dichloromethane ( 10 mL ) was added to a stirring solution of $\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ $(0.047 \mathrm{~g}, 0.35 \mathrm{mmol})$ in methanol $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ in a round bottom flask, and continued to stir at room temperature for 16 h . The solvents were then evaporated in vacuo and the residue taken up in methanol and filtered. The precipitate was washed thoroughly with methanol, leaving a bright yellow-green solid. Isolated yield: $0.091 \mathrm{~g}(46 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400\right.$
 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, 22^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): \delta 9.39(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C} 6 H), 8.66\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{11} H\right), 8.38\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{1} H\right), 8.21(\mathrm{~d}$, $\left.{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{8} H\right), 8.07\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.5,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ;{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{9} H\right), 7.88\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=\right.$ $\left.8.1,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz} ;{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{10} H\right), 6.99\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{3} H\right), 3.11\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{15} H_{3}\right), 2.93 \mathrm{ppm}(\mathrm{s}, 6 \mathrm{H} ;$ $\left.\mathrm{C}_{16} H_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): \delta 165.6\left(C_{14}\right), 154.8\left(C_{6}\right), 145.3\left(C_{12}\right), 135.4$ $\left(C_{13}\right), 134.4\left(C_{9}\right), 133.8\left(C_{4}\right) 130.8\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=32.7 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{2}\right), 130.7\left(C_{8}\right), 129.7\left(C_{10}\right), 126.6\left(C_{5}\right)$, $125.7\left(C_{7}\right), 124.0\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=276 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{\mathrm{CF} 3}\right), 122.7\left(C_{11}\right), 112.8\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=3 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{3}\right), 111.7\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=\right.$ $\left.4 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{1}\right), 41.1\left(C_{15}\right), 40.5 \mathrm{ppm}\left(C_{16}\right) .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 377 \mathrm{MHz}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right):-62.5 \mathrm{ppm}\left(F_{\mathrm{CF} 3}\right)$.

## Preparation of (2-tert-butyl)(4-tetramethylguanidino)phenanthridine zinc chloride, $\left.{ }^{\left({ }^{\text {Bu }} \mathrm{L}\right.} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$

A solution of (2-tert-butyl)(4-tetramethylguanidino)phenanthridine ( $0.11 \mathrm{~g}, 0.32 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dichloromethane $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to a stirring solution of $\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}(0.040$ $\mathrm{g}, 0.29 \mathrm{mmol})$ in methanol $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ in a round bottom flask, with stirring then continued at room temperature for 16 h . The solvents were next evaporated in vacuo and the residue taken up in methanol and filtered. The precipitate was washed thoroughly with methanol, leaving a bright green solid. Isolated yield: $0.79 \mathrm{~g}(56 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$,
 $\left.22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): \delta 9.23(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C} 6 H), 8.66\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{11} H\right), 8.14\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{1} H\right)$, $8.12\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{8} H\right), 7.98\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.5,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ;{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C} 9 H\right), 7.78$ (ddd, $\left.{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.0,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ;{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{10} H\right), 6.96\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{3} H\right), 3.08\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{15} H_{3}\right), 2.39(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H} ;$ $\left.\mathrm{C}_{16} H_{3}\right), 1.47 \mathrm{ppm}\left(\mathrm{s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{18} H_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): \delta 165.5\left(C_{14}\right), 152.2$ $\left(C_{6}\right), 152.0\left(C_{2}\right), 143.6\left(C_{12}\right), 133.7\left(C_{4}\right), 133.2\left(C_{9}\right), 132.8\left(C_{13}\right) 130.4\left(C_{8}\right) 128.6\left(C_{10}\right), 126.5\left(C_{5}\right)$, $125.3\left(C_{7}\right), 122.5\left(C_{11}\right), 116.0\left(C_{3}\right), 110.0\left(C_{1}\right), 40.9\left(C_{15}\right) 40.3\left(C_{16}\right), 35.5\left(C_{17}\right), 31.6\left(C_{18}\right) \mathrm{ppm}$.

## Preparation of $\boldsymbol{b i s}\left(4 \text {-aminopyrimidino)(2-trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc, }{ }^{\mathrm{CF} 3} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathbf{Z n}$

In a glovebox of $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere, a solution of (4-aminopyrimidino)(2-trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine $\quad(0.025 \mathrm{~g}$, $0.073 \mathrm{mmol})$ in benzene- $\mathrm{d}_{6}(1 \mathrm{~mL})$ was cooled to $-18{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Diethylzinc ( $0.038 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.035 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was then added to the frozen solution and the mixture allowed to warm to room temperature. Upon thawing, the solution was transferred to an NMR tube, and immediately following NMR analysis of the reactive compound, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, revealing a bright yellow solid.
 NMR showed that reaction conversion was quantitative ( $>95 \%$ ). Note: this compound is susceptible to proto-deligation and decomposes in the presence of protic solvents/impurities, including chloroform. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}, 22^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ): $\delta 10.58\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{1} \mathrm{H}_{2}\right), 8.55\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2}\right)$, $8.11\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{3} H_{2}\right), 8.05\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{15} H_{4}\right), 7.81\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{8} H_{2}\right), 7.17(\mathrm{~d}$, $\left.{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{11} H_{2}\right), 6.94\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=8.1,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz} ;{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{10} H_{2}\right), 6.90\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}\right.$ $\left.=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{9} H_{2}\right), 5.84\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{HH}}=4.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H} ; \mathrm{C}_{16} H_{2}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 126 \mathrm{MHz}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ : $\delta 165.8\left(C_{14}\right), 158.1\left(C_{15}\right), 151.3\left(C_{6}\right), 146.5\left(C_{13}\right), 136.5\left(C_{5}\right), 134.2\left(C_{7}\right), 132.7\left(C_{11}\right), 132.0$ $\left(C_{12}\right), 131.7\left(C_{4}\right), 129.6\left(C_{9}\right), 127.7\left(C_{10}\right), 125.8\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=103 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{2}\right), 122.7\left(C_{8}\right), 113.7\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}\right.$ $\left.=4 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{1}\right), 110.8\left(C_{16}\right), 107.3 \mathrm{ppm}\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=3 \mathrm{~Hz} ; C_{3}\right)$. Not observed: $C_{\mathrm{CF} 3} .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 471 \mathrm{MHz}, 2{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right):-61.8 \mathrm{ppm}\left(F_{\mathrm{CF} 3}\right)$.

## X-ray crystallography

Single crystals of each compound were selected using an optical microscope and were mounted on MiTeGen loops. Data collection was carried out using the Bruker D8 QUEST ECO diffractometer and Bruker APEX4 software. ${ }^{2}$ Structure solution was performed using XS, XT, and $\mathrm{XL}^{3}$ embedded in Olex2. ${ }^{4}$ Mercury was used to visualize solid-state structures. ${ }^{5}$ Details of growth, data collection, solution, and refinement specific to each crystal are given below.

## Crystal structure of ( ${ }^{\left({ }^{\text {F } 3} \mathbf{L} 1\right)} \mathbf{Z n C l}_{\mathbf{2}}$ (CCDC 2320600)

X-ray quality crystals of yellow, plate-like habit were obtained through slow cooling ( $60{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to 22 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) and slow evaporation of a saturated solution of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L 1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ in 3:1 methanol:water. The data collection was performed under a cold stream of nitrogen (150 K). Crystal structure parameters:
$\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Zn}(248.34 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mol})$ : monoclinic, space group $C 2 / c, a=31.5266(16) \AA, b=$ $16.1610(8) \AA, c=13.1152(6) \AA, \beta=114.276(2)^{\circ}, V=6091.3(5) \AA^{3}, Z=16$; crystal dimensions $0.39 \times 0.21 \times 0.05 \mathrm{~mm}$; diffractometer Bruker D8 QUEST ECO CMOS, Mo $\mathrm{K}_{\alpha}$ radiation, $2 \theta=$ 2.45 to $26.53^{\circ}, 55874$ reflections measured, 6320 unique ( $R_{\text {int }}=0.0684, R_{\text {sigma }}=0.0343$ ) which were used in all calculations, intrinsic phasing; $\mu(\mathrm{MoK} \alpha)=1.009 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$, absorption correction semiempirical (multi-scan); refinement with olex2.refine 1.5, 294 parameters, 73 restraints, the final $R_{1}$ was $0.0406(\mathrm{I}>2 \sigma(\mathrm{I}))$ and $w R_{2}$ was 0.0984 (all data), GooF $=1.0331$, residual electron density $0.54 \AA^{-3}$.

## Crystal structure of ( $\left.{ }^{\left({ }^{(F 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right.}\right)_{2} \mathbf{Z n}(\mathbf{C C D C} 2320601)$

X-ray quality crystals of yellow, block-habit were obtained through layering dry hexanes over a solution of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in tetrahydrofuran in a glovebox of $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere. The data collection was performed under a cold stream of nitrogen ( 168 K ). Crystal structure parameters $\mathrm{C}_{36} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{~N} 8 \mathrm{Zn}$, $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O} \quad(M=816.07 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mol}):$ monoclinic, space group $C 2 / c, a=22.2606(14) \AA, b=$ $21.5288(14) \AA, c=10.5400(7) \AA, \beta=115.087(2)^{\circ}, V=4574.7(5) \AA^{3}, Z=4$; crystal dimensions $0.22 \times 0.2 \times 0.09 \mathrm{~mm}$; diffractometer Bruker D8 QUEST ECO CMOS, Mo $\mathrm{K}_{\alpha}$ radiation, $2 \theta=2.77$ to $24.79^{\circ}$, 50165 reflections measured, 3912 unique ( $R_{\text {int }}=0.0594, \mathrm{R}_{\text {sigma }}=0.0249$ ) which were used in all calculations, intrinsic phasing; $\mu(\mathrm{MoK} \alpha)=0.598 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$, absorption correction semiempirical (multi-scan); refinement with SHELXL, 276 parameters, 75 restraints, the final $R_{1}$ was $0.0514\left(\mathrm{I}>2 \sigma(\mathrm{I})\right.$ ) and $w R_{2}$ was 0.1537 (all data), $\mathrm{GooF}=1.080$, residual electron density $0.71 \AA^{-3}$.

## Computational Modelling

All calculations were carried out on Orca v.5.0.1. ${ }^{6,7}$ within the framework of Kohn-Sham density functional theory (KS-DFT); restricted and unrestricted KS were used for closed-shell and openshell calculations, respectively. Solvent effects were accounted for implicitly using the SMD solvent model. ${ }^{8}$ Furthermore, we used the resolution-of-identity approximation to speed up all our calculations. Note that for the hybrid and range-separated functionals used in this study, we used the resolution-of-identity 'chains of spheres' approximation (RIJCOSX). Additional auxiliary basis sets were therefore used (def2/J). The ground state geometries of the complexes were
optimized at the M06-L/def2-SVP and B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theories in the gas phase and in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. The coordinates from the crystal structures of the complexes were used as initial inputs for the optimization. Subsequent frequency analyses on the optimized geometries did not show any imaginary frequencies indicating the structures are minima on the ground state potential energy surface. A comparison of the solid-state vs computationally optimized bond lengths and angles can be found in Tables S1-S3.

We then carried out natural bond orbital (NBO) analyses on the complexes using the NBO 7.0 program $^{9}$ to interrogate the bonding around the amido/imino nitrogen donors. Here, we used the geometries obtained using M06-L/def2-SVP both in the gas phase and in solution. We varied the amount of Hartree-Fock exchange to understand its impact on the bonding character. The following functionals were used M06-L (0\%), ${ }^{10}$ TPSSh (10\%), ${ }^{11}$ O3LYP (11.16\%), ${ }^{12}$ B3LYP ( $20 \%$ ), ${ }^{13}$ PBE0 (25\%), , ${ }^{14} \mathrm{M} 06$ (27\%), ${ }^{10}$ M06-2X (54\%), ${ }^{10}$ and CAM-B3LYP (range-separated; $\mathrm{HF} \%$ is variational). ${ }^{15}$ A larger basis set was also implemented, using the triple-zeta and doubly polarized def2-TZVPP basis set. A summary of the NBO results can be found in Figures S25 and S26, and a collection of the relevant NBO raw output data can be found in Tables S33-S120.

For the excited states, we used the B3LYP/def2-SVP level of theory to optimize the excited $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ states in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. We additionally optimized the geometries in $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, toluene and $n$ hexane. Time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) was used to optimize the $S_{1}$ state. Similarly, frequency analyses did not reveal any imaginary frequencies. We further performed TD-DFT on the ground state geometries to simulate the optical spectra of the complexes in the four solvents used in this study. The simulated optical spectra were generated using Multiwfn version $3.7^{16}$ applying 0.35 eV broadening (Figures S14, S16, and S19). Ground state molecular orbital isosurfaces were generated on Avogadro with isovalue of 0.04 . The electron-hole density maps were obtained from the changes in the electron densities obtained from the TDDFT calculations. To do this, we first generated molden files using the orca_2mkl module, which were subsequently fed into Multiwfn v.3.7. After choosing the electronic excitation of interest, we then created cube files that were opened on VESTA 3.5.8 to plot the relevant electron-hole density maps (isovalue $=0.001$ ). Spin density maps were generated using the orca_plot module and visualized using Gabedit. ${ }^{17}$ Orbital composition analysis (Hirshfeld method) ${ }^{18}$ and fragment contribution analysis were done using Multiwfn version 3.7. ${ }^{16}$ Mercury was used to visualize $\mathrm{S}_{0}, \mathrm{~S}_{1}$, and $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ states. ${ }^{5}$

## Electronic Absorption and Emission Spectroscopy Figures



Figure S1. Equimolar solutions (approx. 0.10 mM ) of proligands (a) in ambient light and (b) under UV irradiation ( 355 nm ). For each image, from left to right: ${ }^{\boldsymbol{i B u}} \mathbf{L} 1,{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 1,{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 2,{ }^{\boldsymbol{t B u}} \mathbf{L} 3$.

b


Figure S2. Equimolar solutions (approx. 0.10 mM ) of complexes (a) in ambient light and (b) under UV irradiation (355 nm). For each image, from left to right: ( $\left.{ }^{(\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$, $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$, $\left({ }^{\mathrm{CF} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn},\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$.
a



Figure S3. Molar absorptivity of (a) ${ }^{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{L} 1 /\left({ }^{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ and (b) ${ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2} /\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn} /{ }^{\boldsymbol{\mathrm { Bu }}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}$ /



Figure S4. Normalized UV-Vis absorption spectra of equimolar solutions ( $1.0 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M}$ ) of (a) $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ and $(\mathrm{b})\left({ }^{\mathbf{t B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in solvents of varying polarities at 295 K .


Figure S5. Emission spectra of equimolar solutions $\left(1.0 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M}\right)$ of (a) $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ and (b) $\left.{ }^{\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L 3}\right.}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in solvents of varying polarities at 295 K .


Figure S6. Emission and excitation spectra in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at 295 K (red and black lines respectively, registered at the $\lambda_{\mathrm{ex}}$ and $\lambda_{\mathrm{em}}$ values shown), and emission in EPA at 77 K (blue lines, at the same $\lambda_{e x}$ ), for the zinc complexes indicated (left) and for the corresponding proligands (right).


Figure S7. Normalized emission spectra in the solid state at $295 \mathrm{~K}:\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\left(\lambda_{\text {ex }}=380 \mathrm{~nm}\right.$, blue line), $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\left(\lambda_{\text {ex }}=400 \mathrm{~nm}\right.$, green line $)$, and $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\lambda_{\text {ex }}=400 \mathrm{~nm}\right.$, red line $)$.

Table S1. Comparison of selected photophysical properties of $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{II})$ systems.

| Compound | $\lambda_{\text {max }}$ (abs) | $\lambda_{\text {em }}$ | $\phi$ | Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| [(PNNP)Zn] ${ }_{2}$ | 425 (sh) | 525 | 0.93 | 1 |
| bis(bis-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine) Zn (II) $\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]_{2}$ | 341 | 450 | 0.50 | 2 |
| (meta-(2-hydroxyphenyl)benzoxazole di(anisyl)amino)Zn(II) | 400 | 500 | 0.50 | 3 |
| (para-(2-hydroxyphenyl)benzoxazole di(anisyl)amino)Zn(II) | 375 | 450 | 0.86 | 3 |
| heteroleptic bis(dipyrrinato)zinc(II) | 495 | 578 | 0.76 | 4 |
| $\left(\mathrm{N}^{\wedge} \mathrm{N}^{\wedge} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ | 366 | 593 | 0.06 | 5 |
| $\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ | 380 | 512 | 0.64 | this work |
| $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ | 383 | 530 | 0.41 | this work |
| $\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ | 436 | 595 | 0.26 | this work |

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Figure S8. Comparison of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ bond lengths of (a) ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$, (b) $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L 2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$, and (c) $\left.{ }^{\left({ }^{(B u} \mathbf{L} 3\right.}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in the solid state. Hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules omitted for clarity. Solidstate structure of $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{B} u} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ reproduced from Reference 1.



Figure S9. Torsion angles between ring fragments and phenanthridinyl planes in solid-state structures of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F}} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N})$ and $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} 3\right.}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})$. Hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules omitted for clarity. Solid-state structure of $\left({ }^{i \mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ reproduced from Reference 2.




Figure S10. Atomic labels for Tables S2-S5.

Table S2. Comparison of experimentally determined and calculated ${ }^{a}$ bond distances ( $\AA$ ) and angles ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) for ( ${ }^{\mathbf{C F 3} \mathbf{L} 1)} \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$. See Figure S 10 for numbering scheme.

| Bond/ $\AA$ | $\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathrm{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | XRD | DFT | $\|\Delta \mathbf{d}\|^{\text {b }}$ |
| N1-Zn | 2.017 | 2.085 | 0.068 |
| N4-Zn | 2.067 | 2.109 | 0.042 |
| N1-C5 | 1.340 | 1.341 | 0.001 |
| N1-C11 | 1.402 | 1.388 | 0.014 |
| N2-C5 | 1.347 | 1.362 | 0.015 |
| N2-C6a | 1.455 | 1.457 | 0.002 |
| N2-C6b | 1.451 | 1.459 | 0.008 |
| N3-C5 | 1.336 | 1.355 | 0.019 |
| N3-C7a | 1.459 | 1.460 | 0.001 |
| N3-C7b | 1.451 | 1.459 | 0.008 |
| C11-C12 | 1.370 | 1.400 | 0.030 |
| C11-C10 | 1.417 | 1.440 | 0.023 |
| N4-C9 | 1.297 | 1.306 | 0.009 |
| N4-C10 | 1.380 | 1.380 | 0.000 |
| MAD ${ }^{c}$ |  |  | 0.017 |
| Angle/( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) | XRD | DFT | $\mid \Delta$ angle ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |
| N1-Zn-N4 | 81.31 | 80.03 | 1.3 |
| C11-N1-Zn | 112.8 | 113.1 | 0.3 |
| C5-N1-Zn | 118.9 | 118.3 | 0.6 |
| $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9$ | 128.7 | 126.4 | 2.3 |
| Zn -N4-C10 | 112.1 | 112.7 | 0.6 |
| C11-N1-C5 | 119.8 | 124.0 | 4.2 |
| N1-C5-N2 | 122.4 | 123.0 | 0.6 |
| N1-C5-N3 | 117.8 | 118.3 | 0.5 |
| N2-C5-N3 | 119.7 | 118.5 | 1.2 |
| C5-N2-C6a | 126.4 | 121.4 | 5.0 |
| C5-N2-C6b | 123.1 | 122.9 | 0.2 |
| C6a-N2-C6b | 115.4 | 115.6 | 0.2 |
| C5-N3-C7a | 122.8 | 122.4 | 0.4 |
| C5-N3-C7b | 121.1 | 121.2 | 0.1 |
| C7a-N3-C7b | 115.7 | 115.2 | 0.5 |
| N1-C11-C12 | 124.2 | 125.1 | 0.9 |
| N1-C11-C10 | 116.6 | 117.1 | 0.5 |
| C10-C11-C12 | 119.2 | 117.7 | 1.5 |
| C11-C10-N4 | 116.5 | 116.9 | 0.4 |
| C10-N4-C9 | 119.1 | 120.7 | 1.6 |
| $\mathrm{MAD}^{c}$ |  |  | 1.1 |

${ }^{a}$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-svp def2/j)
${ }^{b}$ Absolute difference between experimentally determined and calculated bond distances or angles
${ }^{c}$ Mean absolute deviation

Table S3. Comparison of experimentally determined and calculated ${ }^{a}$ bond distances ( $\AA$ ) and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$. See Figure S 10 for numbering scheme.

| Bond/ ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | $\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathrm{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathbf{Z n}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | XRD | DFT | $\|\Delta \mathbf{d}\|^{b}$ |
| N1-Zn | 1.944 | 1.995 | 0.051 |
| N4-Zn | 2.097 | 2.126 | 0.029 |
| N1-C5 | 1.360 | 1.359 | 0.001 |
| N1-C11 | 1.375 | 1.373 | 0.002 |
| N2-C5 | 1.343 | 1.350 | 0.007 |
| N2-C6 | 1.335 | 1.335 | 0.000 |
| N3-C5 | 1.355 | 1.365 | 0.01 |
| N3-C7 | 1.328 | 1.326 | 0.002 |
| C6-C8 | 1.366 | 1.394 | 0.028 |
| C7-C8 | 1.378 | 1.402 | 0.024 |
| C11-C12 | 1.396 | 1.402 | 0.006 |
| C11-C10 | 1.439 | 1.451 | 0.012 |
| N4-C9 | 1.291 | 1.307 | 0.016 |
| N4-C10 | 1.391 | 1.379 | 0.012 |
| MAD ${ }^{c}$ |  |  | 0.014 |
| Angle/( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) | XRD | DFT | \| $\Delta$ angle ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |
| N1-Zn-N4 | 81.23 | 80.44 | 0.8 |
| C11-N1-Zn | 117.0 | 116.4 | 0.6 |
| C5-N1-Zn | 116.1 | 114.7 | 1.4 |
| Zn-N4-C9 | 129.5 | 128.2 | 1.3 |
| Zn -N4-C10 | 110.6 | 110.9 | 0.3 |
| C11-N1-C5 | 126.9 | 129.0 | 2.1 |
| N1-C5-N2 | 122.4 | 123.5 | 1.1 |
| N1-C5-N3 | 112.8 | 112.8 | 0.0 |
| N2-C5-N3 | 124.9 | 123.6 | 1.3 |
| C5-N2-C6 | 116.2 | 117.4 | 1.2 |
| N2-C6-C8 | 123.5 | 123.1 | 0.4 |
| C6-C8-C7 | 116.1 | 115.6 | 0.5 |
| C5-N3-C7 | 116.3 | 117.9 | 1.6 |
| N3-C7-C8 | 123.1 | 122.4 | 0.7 |
| N1-C11-C12 | 128.2 | 127.5 | 0.7 |
| N1-C11-C10 | 114.8 | 115.4 | 0.6 |
| C10-C11-C12 | 117.0 | 117.2 | 0.2 |
| C11-C10-N4 | 116.2 | 116.9 | 0.7 |
| C10-N4-C9 | 119.9 | 120.9 | 1.0 |
| MAD ${ }^{c}$ |  |  | 0.87 |

${ }^{a}$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-svp def2/j)
${ }^{b}$ Absolute difference between experimentally determined and calculated bond distances or angles
${ }^{c}$ Mean absolute deviation

Table S4. Comparison of experimentally determined and calculated ${ }^{a}$ bond distances ( $\AA$ ) and angles ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) for $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} 3\right.}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$. Solid state structure of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{(B u} \mathbf{L}\right.} \mathbf{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ reproduced from Reference ${ }^{1}$. See Figure S10 for numbering scheme.

| Bond/® | $\left({ }^{\left.\left({ }^{\text {Bu}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}}\right.$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | XRD | DFT | $\|\Delta \mathbf{d}\|^{b}$ |
| N1-Zn | 1.946 | 1.991 | 0.045 |
| N4-Zn | 2.060 | 2.075 | 0.015 |
| N1-C5 | 1.410 | 1.397 | 0.013 |
| N1-C11 | 1.372 | 1.371 | 0.001 |
| C2-C5 | 1.397 | 1.417 | 0.020 |
| C2-C6 | 1.388 | 1.398 | 0.010 |
| C3-C5 | 1.386 | 1.417 | 0.031 |
| C3-C7 | 1.384 | 1.396 | 0.012 |
| C6-C8 | 1.378 | 1.400 | 0.022 |
| C7-C8 | 1.390 | 1.401 | 0.011 |
| C11-C12 | 1.392 | 1.407 | 0.015 |
| C11-C10 | 1.435 | 1.450 | 0.015 |
| N4-C9 | 1.307 | 1.309 | 0.002 |
| N4-C10 | 1.382 | 1.378 | 0.004 |
| $\mathrm{MAD}^{c}$ |  |  | 0.015 |
| Angle/( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) | XRD | DFT | \| $\Delta$ angle $\left.\right\|^{\text {b }}$ |
| N1-Zn-N4 | 82.72 | 83.20 | 0.5 |
| C11-N1-Zn | 114.1 | 112.6 | 1.5 |
| C5-N1-Zn | 125.9 | 122.0 | 3.9 |
| Zn-N4-C9 | 129.4 | 128.9 | 0.5 |
| Zn-N4-C10 | 110.5 | 106.7 | 3.8 |
| C11-N1-C5 | 120.0 | 124.9 | 4.9 |
| N1-C5-C2 | 122.6 | 124.4 | 1.8 |
| N1-C5-C3 | 119.1 | 118.5 | 0.6 |
| C2-C5-C3 | 118.2 | 117.0 | 1.2 |
| C5-C2-C6 | 120.4 | 121.1 | 0.7 |
| C2-C6-C8 | 120.8 | 121.1 | 0.3 |
| C6-C8-C7 | 119.1 | 118.6 | 0.5 |
| C5-C3-C7 | 121.0 | 121.6 | 0.6 |
| C3-C7-C8 | 120.6 | 120.7 | 0.1 |
| N1-C11-C12 | 126.8 | 126.6 | 0.2 |
| N1-C11-C10 | 116.6 | 117.0 | 0.4 |
| C10-C11-C12 | 116.5 | 116.3 | 0.2 |
| C11-C10-N4 | 115.7 | 117.0 | 1.3 |
| C10-N4-C9 | 119.8 | 121.2 | 1.4 |
| $\mathrm{MAD}^{c}$ |  |  | 1.3 |

${ }^{a}$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-svp def2/j)
${ }^{b}$ Absolute difference between experimentally determined and calculated bond distances or angles
${ }^{c}$ Mean absolute deviation

Table S5. Comparison of solid-state structure bond distances $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ of complexes of varying $\mathrm{N}_{\text {amido }}$ character. Solid state structure of $\left({ }^{\mathrm{tBu}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ reproduced from Reference ${ }^{1}$. See Figure S10 for numbering scheme.

| Bond/® | $\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathbf{Z n C l}_{2}$ | $\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 2\right) 2 \mathrm{Zn}$ | $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathrm{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ | $\|\Delta \mathbf{d}\|^{a}$ | $\|\Delta \mathbf{d}\|^{b}$ | $\|\boldsymbol{\Delta d}\|^{c}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N1-Zn | 2.017 | 1.944 | 1.946 | 0.073 | 0.071 | 0.002 |
| N4-Zn | 2.067 | 2.097 | 2.060 | 0.03 | 0.007 | 0.037 |
| N1-C5 | 1.340 | 1.360 | 1.410 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.05 |
| N1-C11 | 1.402 | 1.375 | 1.372 | 0.027 | 0.03 | 0.003 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5 / \\ & \mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | 1.347 | 1.343 | 1.397 | 0.004 | 0.05 | 0.054 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 / \\ & \text { N2-C6 } \end{aligned}$ | n/a | 1.335 | 1.388 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 0.053 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3-C5/ } \\ & \text { N3-C5 } \end{aligned}$ | 1.336 | 1.355 | 1.386 | 0.019 | 0.05 | 0.031 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 / \\ & \text { N3-C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 1.328 | 1.384 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | 0.056 |
| N2-C6a | 1.455 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a |
| N2-C6b | 1.451 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| N3-C7a | 1.459 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a |
| N3-Cb | 1.451 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| C6-C8 | n/a | 1.366 | 1.378 | n/a | n/a | 0.012 |
| C7-C8 | n/a | 1.378 | 1.390 | n/a | n/a | 0.012 |
| C11-C12 | 1.370 | 1.396 | 1.392 | 0.026 | 0.022 | 0.004 |
| C11-C10 | 1.417 | 1.439 | 1.435 | 0.022 | 0.018 | 0.004 |
| N4-C9 | 1.297 | 1.291 | 1.307 | 0.006 | 0.01 | 0.016 |
| N4-C10 | 1.380 | 1.391 | 1.382 | 0.011 | 0.002 | 0.009 |
| $\mathrm{MAD}^{d}$ |  |  |  | 0.023 | 0.033 | 0.0245 |
| Angle/( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) | $\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathrm{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ | $\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 2\right) 2 \mathrm{Zn}$ | $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ | $\Delta \Delta$ angle $\left.\right\|^{a}$ | $\Delta$ angle ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | $\Delta$ angle ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| N1-Zn-N4 | 81.3 | 81.2 | 82.7 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| C11-N1-Zn | 112.8 | 117.0 | 114.1 | 4.2 | 1.3 | 2.9 |
| C5-N1-Zn | 118.9 | 116.1 | 125.9 | 2.8 | 7 | 9.8 |
| $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9$ | 128.7 | 129.5 | 129.4 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Zn-N4-C10 | 112.1 | 110.6 | 110.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 0.1 |
| C11-N1-C5 | 119.8 | 126.9 | 120.0 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 6.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { N1-C5-C2/ } \\ & \text { N1-C5-N2/ } \end{aligned}$ | 122.4 | 122.4 | 122.6 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { N1-C5-C3/ } \\ & \text { N1-C5-N3 } \end{aligned}$ | 117.8 | 112.8 | 119.1 | 5 | 1.3 | 6.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 3 / \\ & \mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{N} 3 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 119.7 | 124.9 | 118.2 | 5.2 | 1.5 | 6.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 / \\ & \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 116.2 | 120.4 | n/a | n/a | 4.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2-C6-C8/ } \\ & \text { N2-C6-C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 123.5 | 120.8 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 2.7 |
| C5-N2-C6a | 126.4 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |  |
| C5-N2-C6b | 123.1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |  |
| C6a-N2-C6b | 115.4 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |  |
| C5-N3-C7a | 122.8 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |  |
| C5-N3-C7b | 121.1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |  |
| C7a-N3-C7b | 115.7 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |  |
| C6-C8-C7 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 116.1 | 119.1 | n/a | n/a | 3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 / \\ & \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 116.3 | 121.0 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 4.7 |


| C3-C7-C8/ <br> N3-C7-C8 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 123.1 | 120.6 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 2.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N1-C11-C12 | 124.2 | 128.2 | 126.8 | 4 | 2.6 | 1.4 |
| N1-C11-C10 | 116.6 | 114.8 | 116.6 | 1.8 | 0 | 1.8 |
| C10-C11-C12 | 119.2 | 117.0 | 116.5 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 0.5 |
| C11-C10-N4 | 116.5 | 116.2 | 115.7 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| C10-N4-C9 | 119.1 | 119.9 | 119.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| MAD $^{d}$ |  |  |  | 2.557 | 1.571 | 2.942 |

${ }^{a}$ Absolute difference between solid-state structure bond distances or angles of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ and $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$
${ }^{b}$ Absolute difference between solid-state structure bond distances or angles of ( $\left.{ }^{\left({ }^{(53} \mathbf{L}\right.} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ and $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{(B u} \mathbf{L}\right.} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathbf{Z n}$
${ }^{c}$ Absolute difference between solid-state structure bond distances or angles of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ and $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} 3\right){ }_{2} \mathrm{Zn}}\right.$
${ }^{d}$ Mean absolute deviation





Figure S11. Select calculated bond distances $(\AA)$ at the $\mathrm{S} 0, \mathrm{~S} 1$, and T1 optimized ${ }^{a}$ geometries. $^{\text {g }}$. ${ }^{a}$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-svp def2/j)
a

b


C





Figure S12. Torsion angles between ring fragments and phenanthridinyl planes in (a) $S_{0}$, (b) $S_{1}$, and (c) $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ optimized geometies of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N})$ and $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})$. Hydrogens omitted for clarity.

## Computational Figures and Tables






Figure S13. Defined fragments for Tables S8, S10, S12, and S14. C=N sub-fragments are indicated in figure by bolded line and lettering.


Figure S14. Normalized experimental UV-Vis absorption spectrum (solid trace, dichloromethane), normalized TD-DFT simulated spectrum (dotted trace, FWHM $=0.35 \mathrm{eV}$, SMD "dichloromethane"), predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies ( $f_{\text {osc }}>0.07$ ), and
electron-hole density maps (yellow $=$ hole; blue $=$ electron; isosurface value $=0.001$ ) for the lowest-energy vertical electronic transitions of (a) $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ and $\left(\right.$ b) $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u} \mathbf{L} 1)} \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right.$.


Figure S15. Jablonski diagram for (a) ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ and (b) $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right)} \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right.$ along the $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}_{\text {guanidine }}$ bond at the equilibrium $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ and $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ optimized geometries, with electron-hole density maps (yellow $=$ hole; blue $=$ electron; isosurface value $=0.001$ ).

Table S6. TD-DFT predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies, oscillator strengths $\left(f_{\text {osc }}\right.$ $>0.07$ ), and MO pair contributions ( $>10 \%$ ) below 4 eV for ( ${ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{C 5}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2} \text { in dichloromethane. }}$ H=HOMO; L=LUMO

| No. | $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{e V})$ | $\boldsymbol{f}_{\text {ose }}$ | MO contributions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 3.26 | 0.22 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L} 97 \%$ |
| 2 | 3.71 | 0.07 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 48 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+149 \%$ |

Table S7. Fragment contributions to select ground-state MOs of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ in dichloromethane.

| MO | E (eV) | Zn (\%) | Phenanthridine (\%) |  |  | Guanidine (\%) |  | Cl (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | full | $\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{N}$ | $\mathbf{C F 3}$ | full | $\mathbf{C = N}$ |  |
| LUMO+1 | -1.55 | 0 | 93 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| LUMO | -2.14 | 1 | 95 | 33 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| HOMO | -6.33 | 1 | 63 | 4 | 1 | 31 | 22 | 2 |
| HOMO-1 | -7.01 | 0 | 98 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Table S8. TD-DFT predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies, oscillator strengths $\left(f_{\text {osc }}\right.$ $>0.07$ ), and MO pair contributions ( $>10 \%$ ) below 4 eV for $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2} \text { in dichloromethane. }}\right.$ H=HOMO; L=LUMO

| No. | $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{e V})$ | $\boldsymbol{f}_{\text {osc }}$ | MO contributions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 3.29 | 0.17 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L} 95 \%$ |
| 2 | 3.76 | 0.09 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 42 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+150 \%$ |

Table S9. Fragment contributions to select ground-state MOs of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u} u} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right)} \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right.$ in dichloromethane.

| MO | $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{e V})$ | Zn (\%) | Phenanthridine (\%) |  |  | Guanidine (\%) |  | $\mathbf{C l}$ (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | full | $\mathbf{C = N}$ | $\mathbf{t B u}$ | full | $\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{N}$ |  |
| LUMO+1 | -1.37 | 0 | 93 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| LUMO | -1.93 | 1 | 95 | 33 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| HOMO | -6.11 | 1 | 67 | 5 | 2 | 30 | 19 | 1 |
| HOMO-1 | -6.74 | 0 | 99 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |



Figure S16. Normalized experimental UV-Vis absorption spectrum (solid trace), normalized TDDFT simulated spectrum (dotted trace, FWHM $=0.35 \mathrm{eV}$ ), predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies ( $f_{\text {osc }}>0.05$ ), and electron-hole density maps (yellow $=$ hole; blue $=$ electron; isosurface value $=0.001$ ) for the lowest-energy vertical electronic transitions of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L 2}\right)_{2} \mathbf{Z n}$ in (a) dichloromethane, (b) diethyl ether, (c) toluene, and (d) n-hexane.


Figure S17. Jablonski diagram in the singlet manifold for $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ along the $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}_{\text {pyrimidine }}$ bond at the equilibrium $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ and $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ optimized geometries, with electron-hole density maps (yellow = hole; blue $=$ electron; isosurface value $=0.001$ ) in (a) dichloromethane, (b) diethyl ether, (c) toluene, and (d) n-hexane.


Figure S18. Jablonski diagram with $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ states for $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L 2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ along the $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}_{\text {pyrimidine }}$ bond at the equilibrium $\mathrm{S}_{0}, \mathrm{~S}_{1}$, and $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ optimized geometries, with spin density maps (isosurface value $=0.004$ ) in (a) dichloromethane, (b) toluene and (c) n-hexane.

Table S10. TD-DFT predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies, oscillator strengths $\left(f_{\text {osc }}\right.$ $>0.05$ ), and MO pair contributions ( $>10 \%$ ) for ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in dichloromethane. $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{HOMO}$; L=LUMO

| No. | $\mathbf{E ~ ( e V )}$ | $\boldsymbol{f}_{\text {ose }}$ | MO contributions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.84 | 0.23 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{49} \mathrm{\%}, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+149 \%$ |
| 2 | 2.85 | 0.21 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L} 53 \%, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+145 \%$ |
| 5 | 3.47 | 0.17 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+242 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+338 \%$ |
| 6 | 3.48 | 0.065 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+339 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+239 \%$ |
| 12 | 3.94 | 0.36 | $\mathrm{H}-3 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+136 \%, \mathrm{H}-2 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{39} \mathrm{\%}$ |

Table S11. Fragment contributions to select ground-state MOs of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in dichloromethane.

| MO | $\begin{gathered} E \\ (e V) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Zn} \\ (\%) \end{gathered}$ | Phen 1 (\%) |  |  | Pyrim 1 (\%) |  | Phen 2 (\%) |  |  | Pyrim 2 (\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | full | $\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{N}$ | CF3 | full | C-N | full | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}$ | CF3 | full | C-N |
| LUMO+3 | -1.41 | 0 | 40 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 51 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| LUMO+2 | -1.41 | 0 | 51 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 40 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| LUMO+1 | -2.04 | 1 | 49 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 47 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| LUMO | -2.05 | 1 | 47 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 49 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| HOMO | -5.77 | 2 | 26 | 2 | 0 | 30 | 13 | 23 | 3 | 0 | 23 | 11 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.78 | 2 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 11 | 26 | 4 | 0 | 26 | 13 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.91 | 0 | 49 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| HOMO-3 | -6.91 | 0 | 51 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Table S12. TD-DFT predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies, oscillator strengths $\left(f_{\text {osc }}\right.$ $>0.05$ ), and MO pair contributions ( $>10 \%$ ) for ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in diethyl ether. $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{HOMO} ; \mathrm{L}=\mathrm{LUMO}$

| No. | $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{e V})$ | $\boldsymbol{f}_{\text {ose }}$ | MO contributions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.79 | 0.21 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{49} \mathrm{\%}, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+149 \%$ |
| 2 | 2.80 | 0.19 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L} \mathrm{52} \mathrm{\%,H-1} \mathrm{\rightarrow L+145} \mathrm{\%}$ |
| 5 | 3.45 | 0.16 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+242 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+337 \%$ |
| 6 | 3.45 | 0.056 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+340 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+238 \%$ |
| 10 | 3.80 | 0.056 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+445 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+535 \%$ |
| 12 | 3.94 | 0.33 | $\mathrm{H}-3 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+136 \%, \mathrm{H}-2 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{39} \mathrm{\%}$ |

Table S13. Fragment contributions to select ground-state MOs of ( $\left.{ }^{(\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in diethyl ether.

| MO | $\begin{gathered} E \\ (\mathrm{eV}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Zn} \\ (\%) \end{gathered}$ | Phen 1 (\%) |  |  | Pyrim 1 (\%) |  | Phen 2 (\%) |  |  | Pyrim 2 (\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | full | $\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{N}$ | CF3 | full | C-N | full | $\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{N}$ | CF3 | full | C-N |
| LUMO+3 | -1.43 | 0 | 40 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 52 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| LUMO+2 | -1.43 | 0 | 52 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 39 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| LUMO+1 | -2.07 | 1 | 50 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 36 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| LUMO | -2.08 | 1 | 45 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 40 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| HOMO | -5.76 | 2 | 24 | 2 | 0 | 33 | 12 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 13 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.76 | 2 | 26 | 2 | 0 | 35 | 12 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 11 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.94 | 0 | 49 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 47 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| HOMO-3 | -6.94 | 0 | 50 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 47 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Table S14. TD-DFT predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies, oscillator strengths ( $f_{\text {osc }}$ $>0.05$ ), and MO pair contributions ( $>10 \%$ ) for ( $\left.{ }^{(\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in toluene. $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{HOMO}$; $\mathrm{L}=\mathrm{LUMO}$

| No. | E (eV) | $\boldsymbol{f}_{\text {osc }}$ | MO contributions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.72 | 0.22 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 49 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+148 \%$ |
| 2 | 2.73 | 0.20 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L} \mathrm{51} \mathrm{\%,H-1} \mathrm{\rightarrow L+146} \mathrm{\%}$ |
| 5 | 3.40 | 0.17 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+242 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+336 \%$ |
| 6 | 3.40 | 0.052 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+342 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+238 \%$ |
| 10 | 3.80 | 0.076 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+450 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+537 \%$ |
| 12 | 3.91 | 0.36 | $\mathrm{H}-3 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+132 \%, \mathrm{H}-2 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 25 \%, \mathrm{H}-4 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 16 \%$ |

Table S15. Fragment contributions to select ground-state MOs of ( $\left.{ }^{\left({ }^{\text {F }} \mathbf{~} \mathbf{L} 2\right.}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in toluene.

| MO | (eV) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Zn} \\ (\%) \end{gathered}$ | Phen 1 (\%) |  |  | Pyrim 1 (\%) |  | Phen 2 (\%) |  |  | Pyrim 2 (\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | full | $\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{N}$ | CF3 | full | C-N | full | $\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{N}$ | CF3 | full | C-N |
| LUMO+3 | -1.47 | 0 | 40 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 53 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| LUMO+2 | -1.47 | 0 | 54 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 39 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| LUMO+1 | -2.11 | 1 | 48 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| LUMO | -2.12 | 1 | 48 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| HOMO | -5.75 | 2 | 45 | 3 | 0 | 44 | 22 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.75 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 42 | 3 | 0 | 39 | 21 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.97 | 0 | 48 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 46 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| HOMO-3 | -6.98 | 0 | 49 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 46 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Table S16. TD-DFT predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies, oscillator strengths $\left(f_{\text {osc }}\right.$ $>0.05$ ), and MO pair contributions ( $>10 \%$ ) for ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L 2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in n-hexane. $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{HOMO} ; \mathrm{L}=\mathrm{LUMO}$

| No. | $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{e V})$ | $\boldsymbol{f}_{\text {ose }}$ | MO contributions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.69 | 0.20 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 48 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+148 \%$ |
| 2 | 2.70 | 0.18 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L} \mathrm{51} \mathrm{\%,H-1} \mathrm{\rightarrow L+146} \mathrm{\%}$ |
| 5 | 3.39 | 0.15 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+242 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+336 \%$ |
| 10 | 3.81 | 0.070 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+450 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+537 \%$ |
| 12 | 3.92 | 0.32 | $\mathrm{H}-4 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+139 \%, \mathrm{H}-5 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+135 \%$ |

Table S17. Fragment contributions to select ground-state MOs of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in n-hexane.

| MO | $\begin{gathered} \hline E \\ (\mathrm{eV}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Zn} \\ (\%) \end{gathered}$ | Phen 1 (\%) |  |  | Pyrim 1 (\%) |  | Phen 2 (\%) |  |  | Pyrim 2 (\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | full | $\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{N}$ | CF3 | full | C-N | full | $\mathbf{C = N}$ | CF3 | full | C-N |
| LUMO+3 | -1.49 | 0 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 71 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| LUMO+2 | -1.49 | 0 | 71 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| LUMO+1 | -2.13 | 1 | 47 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| LUMO | -2.15 | 1 | 49 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| HOMO | -5.74 | 2 | 30 | 2 | 0 | 30 | 15 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 9 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.75 | 2 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 10 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 30 | 15 |
| HOMO-2 | -7.00 | 0 | 41 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 43 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| HOMO-3 | -7.00 | 0 | 47 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 45 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 |



Figure S19. Normalized experimental UV-Vis absorption spectrum (solid trace), normalized TDDFT simulated spectrum (dotted trace, FWHM $=0.35 \mathrm{eV}$ ), predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies ( $f_{\text {osc }}>0.08$ ), and electron-hole density maps (yellow $=$ hole; blue $=$ electron; isosurface value $=0.001$ ) for the lowest-energy vertical electronic transitions of $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ (a) dichloromethane, (b) diethyl ether, (c) toluene, and (d) n-hexane.

 the equilibrium $S_{0}$ and $S_{1}$ optimized geometries, with electron-hole density maps (yellow = hole; blue $=$ electron; isosurface value $=0.001$ ) in (a) dichloromethane, (b) diethyl ether, (c) toluene, and (d) n-hexane.


Figure S21. Jablonski diagram with $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ states for $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L}\right.} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ along the $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}_{\text {phenyl }}$ bond at the equilibrium $S_{0}, S_{1}$, and $T_{1}$ optimized geometries, with spin density maps (isosurface value $=0.004$ ) in (a) dichloromethane, (b) toluene, and (c) n-hexane. Diethyl ether is omitted due to complications with calculations.

Table S18. TD-DFT predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies, oscillator strengths $\left(f_{\text {osc }}\right.$ $>0.08)$, and MO pair contributions ( $>10 \%$ ) for $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L 3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in dichloromethane. $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{HOMO}$; L=LUMO

| No. | E (eV) | $\boldsymbol{f}_{\text {ose }}$ | MO contributions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.45 | 0.19 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L} \mathrm{58} \mathrm{\%,H-1} \mathrm{\rightarrow L+140} \mathrm{\%}$ |
| 2 | 2.46 | 0.099 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{57} \mathrm{\%,H} \mathrm{\rightarrow L+142} \mathrm{\%}$ |
| 5 | 3.15 | 0.16 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+248 \%, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+346 \%$ |
| 9 | 3.83 | 0.16 | $\mathrm{H}-3 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{34} \mathrm{\%,H-2} \mathrm{\rightarrow L+130} \mathrm{\%}$ |
| 10 | 3.83 | 0.25 | $\mathrm{H}-2 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{34} \mathrm{\%,H-3} \mathrm{\rightarrow L+129} \mathrm{\%}$ |
| 11 | 3.92 | 0.26 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+453 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+538 \%$ |
| 12 | 3.93 | 0.55 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+458 \%, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+534 \%$ |
| 14 | 3.96 | 0.082 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+738 \%, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+627 \%, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+720 \%$ |

Table S19. Fragment contributions to select ground-state MOs of $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in dichloromethane.

| MO | $\begin{gathered} \text { E } \\ (\mathrm{eV}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Zn} \\ (\%) \end{gathered}$ | Phenan 1 (\%) |  |  | Phenyl 1 (\%) |  | Phenan 2 (\%) |  |  | Phenyl 2 (\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | full | $\mathbf{C = N}$ | CF3 | full | C-N | full | $\mathbf{C = N}$ | CF3 | full | C-N |
| LUMO+3 | -1.19 | 0 | 47 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 48 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| LUMO+2 | -1.20 | 0 | 48 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 47 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.83 | 2 | 48 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| LUMO | -1.86 | 2 | 48 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 46 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| HOMO | -5.18 | 2 | 27 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 15 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 13 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.19 | 3 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 12 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 28 | 15 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.61 | 0 | 50 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 48 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| HOMO-3 | -6.62 | 0 | 49 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 49 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

Table S20. TD-DFT predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies, oscillator strengths $\left(f_{\text {osc }}\right.$ $>0.08$ ), and MO pair contributions ( $>10 \%$ ) for $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathrm{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in diethyl ether. $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{HOMO} ; \mathrm{L}=\mathrm{LUMO}$

| No. | $\mathbf{E}(\mathrm{eV})$ | $\boldsymbol{f}_{\text {osc }}$ | MO contributions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.41 | 0.17 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L} 58 \%, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+140 \%$ |
| 2 | 2.42 | 0.09 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 57 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+142 \%$ |
| 5 | 3.12 | 0.15 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+249 \%, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+346 \%$ |
| 9 | 3.83 | 0.12 | $\mathrm{H}-3 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 41 \%, \mathrm{H}-2 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+135 \%$ |
| 10 | 3.83 | 0.27 | $\mathrm{H}-2 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 40 \%, \mathrm{H}-3 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+134 \%$ |
| 11 | 3.92 | 0.23 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+455 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+536 \%$ |
| 12 | 3.92 | 0.51 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+459 \%, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+532 \%$ |

Table S21. Fragment contributions to select ground-state MOs of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u} u} \mathbf{L} 3\right.}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in diethyl ether.

| MO | $\begin{gathered} E \\ (\mathrm{eV}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Zn} \\ (\%) \end{gathered}$ | Phenan 1 (\%) |  |  | Phenyl 1 (\%) |  | Phenan 2 (\%) |  |  | Phenyl 2 (\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | full | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}$ | CF3 | full | C-N | full | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}$ | CF3 | full | C-N |
| LUMO+3 | -1.20 | 0 | 47 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 44 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| LUMO+2 | -1.20 | 0 | 48 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 43 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.84 | 2 | 48 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| LUMO | -1.87 | 2 | 47 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 46 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| HOMO | -5.15 | 2 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 14 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 14 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.16 | 3 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 14 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 14 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.61 | 0 | 48 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 41 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| HOMO-3 | -6.61 | 0 | 48 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 42 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

Table S22. TD-DFT predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies, oscillator strengths ( $f_{\text {osc }}$ $>0.08$ ), and MO pair contributions ( $>10 \%$ ) for $\left({ }^{(t \mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in toluene. $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{HOMO}$; $\mathrm{L}=\mathrm{LUMO}$

| No. | E (eV) | $f_{\text {osc }}$ | MO contributions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.36 | 0.19 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L} 59 \%, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+1$ 40\% |
| 2 | 2.37 | 0.097 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 56 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+1$ 42\% |
| 5 | 3.08 | 0.16 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+2$ 50\%, $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+3$ 46\% |
| 9 | 3.81 | 0.13 | $\mathrm{H}-3 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 37 \%, \mathrm{H}-2 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+1$ 28\%, H-4 $\rightarrow$ L+1 14\%, H-5 $\rightarrow$ L 10\% |
| 10 | 3.81 | 0.32 | $\mathrm{H}-2 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 33 \%, \mathrm{H}-3 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+1$ 31\%, H-4 $\rightarrow$ L 15\%, H-5 $\rightarrow$ L+1 10\%, |
| 11 | 3.89 | 0.23 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+455 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+5$ 35\% |
| 12 | 3.89 | 0.51 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+459 \%, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+5$ 31\% |

Table S23. Fragment contributions to select ground-state MOs of $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in toluene.

| MO | E <br> $(\mathbf{e V})$ | Zn <br> $\mathbf{( \% )}$ | Pull |  |  | C=N | CF3 | full | C-N | full | C=N | CF3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | C-N |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LUMO+3 |  | 0 | 48 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 47 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| LUMO+2 | -1.21 | 0 | 47 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 48 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.86 | 2 | 48 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 48 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| LUMO | -1.89 | 2 | 48 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| HOMO | -5.11 | 2 | 24 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 14 | 24 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 14 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.13 | 3 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 14 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 14 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.61 | 1 | 43 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 43 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| HOMO-3 | -6.62 | 1 | 46 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 46 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 |

Table S24. TD-DFT predicted singlet-singlet vertical excitation energies, oscillator strengths $\left(f_{\text {osc }}\right.$ $>0.08)$, and MO pair contributions ( $>10 \%$ ) for $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in n-hexane. $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{HOMO} ; \mathrm{L}=\mathrm{LUMO}$

| No. | E (eV) | $f_{\text {osc }}$ | MO contributions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.34 | 0.17 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L} 60 \%, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+1$ 39\% |
| 2 | 2.35 | 0.088 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 56 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+1$ 42\% |
| 5 | 3.07 | 0.14 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+2 \mathrm{50} \mathrm{\%}, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+3$ 46\% |
| 9 | 3.81 | 0.11 | $\mathrm{H}-3 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 31 \%, \mathrm{H}-4 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+1$ 25\%, H-5 $\rightarrow$ L 17\%, H-2 $\rightarrow$ L+1 17\% |
| 10 | 3.82 | 0.28 | $\mathrm{H}-4 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L} 28 \%, \mathrm{H}-3 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+1$ 24\%, H-2 $\rightarrow$ L 20\%, H-5 $\rightarrow$ L+1 16\% |
| 11 | 3.90 | 0.18 | $\mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+454 \%, \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+5$ 34\% |
| 12 | 3.90 | 0.42 | $\mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{L}+457 \%, \mathrm{H}-1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~L}+5$ 29\% |



| MO | E | Zn |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (eV) | (\%) | full | C=N | CF3 | full | C-N | full | C=N | CF3 | full | C-N |
| LUMO+3 | -1.22 | 0 | 48 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 47 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| LUMO+2 | -1.22 | 0 | 48 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 48 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.87 | 2 | 48 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 48 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| LUMO | -1.90 | 2 | 48 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| HOMO | -5.10 | 2 | 24 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 14 | 24 | 2 | 2 | 28 | 14 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.11 | 3 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 14 | 23 | 2 | 2 | 28 | 14 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.61 | 1 | 37 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 4 | 38 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 4 |
| HOMO-3 | -6.61 | 1 | 43 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 44 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 2 |



Figure S22. Ground-state frontier molecular orbital energy level diagram and isosurfaces (isovalue $=0.04$ ) of the four complexes calculated in dichloromethane. From left to right: $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}(\mathrm{HOMO}-1$ to $\mathrm{LUMO}+1),\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}(\mathrm{HOMO}-1$ to $\mathrm{LUMO}+1),\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$



Figure S23. Ground-state frontier molecular orbital energy level diagram and isosurfaces (isovalue $=0.04$ ) of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L 2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{HOMO}-3$ to $\mathrm{LUMO}+3)$. From left to right: dichloromethane, diethyl ether, toluene, n-hexane.


Figure S24. Ground-state frontier molecular orbital energy level diagram and isosurfaces (isovalue $=0.04$ ) of $\left({ }^{t \mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L 3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{HOMO}-3$ to LUMO +3$)$. From left to right: dichloromethane, diethyl ether, toluene, n -hexane.

Table S26. Spin-orbit coupling matrix elements for $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ between the five lowest-lying excited triplet states with the ground state and two lowest-lying excited singlet states calculated in dichloromethane at the optimized ground state geometry.

| Root |  |  | $\langle\mathbf{T}\| \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{s o}} \mid \mathbf{S}>(\mathbf{R e}, \mathbf{I m}) \mathbf{c m}^{-1}$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{Z}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| 1 | 0 | $(0,-0.08)$ | $(0,0.12)$ | $(0,1.39)$ |
| 1 | 1 | $(0,0.04)$ | $(0,-0.23)$ | $(0,-0.04)$ |
| 1 | 2 | $(0,0.01)$ | $(0,-0.06)$ | $(0,-0.34)$ |
| 2 | 0 | $(0,-0.18)$ | $(0,1.1)$ | $(0,-0.18)$ |
| 2 | 1 | $(0,0)$ | $(0,0.05)$ | $(0,-0.32)$ |
| 2 | 2 | $(0,0.04)$ | $(0,-0.38)$ | $(0,0.04)$ |
| 3 | 0 | $(0,0)$ | $(0,0.08)$ | $(0,0.1)$ |
| 3 | 1 | $(0,0.05)$ | $(0,0.1)$ | $(0,0.02)$ |
| 3 | 2 | $(0,0.03)$ | $(0,0.1)$ | $(0,0.02)$ |
| 4 | 0 | $(0,0.02)$ | $(0,0.34)$ | $(0,-0.04)$ |
| 4 | 1 | $(0,-0.01)$ | $(0,-0.02)$ | $(0,0.25)$ |
| 4 | 2 | $(0,0.24)$ | $(0,0.33)$ | $(0,-0.03)$ |
| 5 | 0 | $(0,-0.05)$ | $(0,0.36)$ | $(0,-0.47)$ |
| 5 | 1 | $(0,-0.3)$ | $(0,-1.57)$ | $(0,-0.1)$ |
| 5 | 2 | $(0,0.79)$ | $(0,0.37)$ | $(0,0.19)$ |

Table S27. Spin-orbit coupling matrix elements for ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ between the five lowest-lying excited triplet states with the ground state and two lowest-lying excited singlet states calculated in diethyl ether at the optimized ground state geometry.

| Root |  | $\langle\mathbf{T}\| \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{S o}} \mid \mathbf{S}>\left(\mathbf{R e}, \mathbf{I m} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c m}^{-1}\right.$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{Z}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| 1 | 0 | $(0.00,-0.04)$ | $(0.00,-0.10)$ | $(-0.00,1.49)$ |
| 1 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.04)$ | $(0.00,0.23)$ | $(-0.00,-0.03)$ |
| 1 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.00)$ | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(-0.00,0.33)$ |
| 2 | 0 | $(0.00,0.20)$ | $(0.00,-1.17)$ | $(-0.00,-0.11)$ |
| 2 | 1 | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(0.00,0.01)$ | $(-0.00,-0.31)$ |
| 2 | 2 | $(0.00,0.05)$ | $(0.00,-0.39)$ | $(-0.00,-0.04)$ |
| 3 | 0 | $(0.00,0.01)$ | $(0.00,0.26)$ | $(-0.00,-0.10)$ |
| 3 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.02)$ | $(0.00,0.06)$ | $(-0.00,-0.19)$ |
| 3 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.22)$ | $(0.00,-0.25)$ | $(-0.00,0.18)$ |
| 4 | 0 | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(0.00,-0.32)$ | $(-0.00,-0.07)$ |
| 4 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.05)$ | $(0.00,0.03)$ | $(-0.00,0.17)$ |
| 4 | 2 | $(0.00,0.22)$ | $(0.00,0.28)$ | $(-0.00,0.19)$ |
| 5 | 0 | $(0.00,0.07)$ | $(0.00,-0.40)$ | $(-0.00,0.49)$ |
| 5 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.30)$ | $(0.00,-1.56)$ | $(-0.00,-0.11)$ |
| 5 | 2 | $(0.00,0.91)$ | $(0.00,0.38)$ | $(-0.00,0.20)$ |

Table S28. Spin-orbit coupling matrix elements for $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ between the five lowest-lying excited triplet states with the ground state and two lowest-lying excited singlet states calculated in toluene at the optimized ground state geometry.

| Root |  | $<\mathbf{T}\left\|\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{S o}}\right\| \mathbf{S}>\mathbf{( R e}, \mathbf{I m} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c m}^{-1}$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{Z}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| 1 | 0 | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(0.00,0.39)$ | $(-0.00,-1.53)$ |
| 1 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.05)$ | $(0.00,0.21)$ | $(-0.00,-0.10)$ |
| 1 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(0.00,0.09)$ | $(-0.00,-0.29)$ |
| 2 | 0 | $(0.00,0.22)$ | $(0.00,-1.20)$ | $(-0.00,-0.48)$ |
| 2 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(0.00,0.02)$ | $(-0.00,0.27)$ |
| 2 | 2 | $(0.00,0.05)$ | $(0.00,-0.35)$ | $(-0.00,-0.12)$ |
| 3 | 0 | $(0.00,0.01)$ | $(0.00,-0.35)$ | $(-0.00,0.08)$ |
| 3 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.00)$ | $(0.00,0.03)$ | $(-0.00,-0.21)$ |
| 3 | 2 | $(0.00,0.36)$ | $(0.00,0.34)$ | $(-0.00,-0.16)$ |
| 4 | 0 | $(0.00,-0.02)$ | $(0.00,0.36)$ | $(-0.00,0.07)$ |
| 4 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.08)$ | $(0.00,-0.04)$ | $(-0.00,0.14)$ |
| 4 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.32)$ | $(0.00,-0.31)$ | $(-0.00,-0.22)$ |
| 5 | 0 | $(0.00,-0.08)$ | $(0.00,0.43)$ | $(-0.00,-0.52)$ |
| 5 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.32)$ | $(0.00,-1.54)$ | $(-0.00,-0.13)$ |
| 5 | 2 | $(0.00,-1.01)$ | $(0.00,-0.39)$ | $(-0.00,-0.19)$ |

Table S29. Spin-orbit coupling matrix elements for ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ between the five lowest-lying excited triplet states with the ground state and two lowest-lying excited singlet states calculated in n-hexane at the optimized ground state geometry.

| Root |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ |
| 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 0 |
| 3 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 |
| 4 | 0 |
| 4 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 |
| 5 | 0 |
| 5 | 1 |
| 5 | 2 |


|  | $<\mathbf{T}\left\|\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{S o}}\right\| \mathbf{S}>\left(\mathbf{R e}, \mathbf{I m} \mathbf{\mathbf { c m } ^ { - 1 }}\right.$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{Z}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| $(0.00,-0.03)$ | $(0.00,0.51)$ | $(-0.00,-1.54)$ |
| $(0.00,-0.05)$ | $(0.00,0.21)$ | $(-0.00,-0.14)$ |
| $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(0.00,0.12)$ | $(-0.00,-0.27)$ |
| $(0.00,0.23)$ | $(0.00,0.23)$ | $(-0.00,-0.63)$ |
| $(0.00,-0.02)$ | $(0.00,0.03)$ | $(-0.00,0.26)$ |
| $(0.00,0.05)$ | $(0.00,-0.35)$ | $(-0.00,-0.15)$ |
| $(0.00,-0.03)$ | $(0.00,0.42)$ | $(-0.00,-0.06)$ |
| $(0.00,-0.02)$ | $(0.00,-0.02)$ | $(-0.00,0.22)$ |
| $(0.00,-0.51)$ | $(0.00,-0.42)$ | $(-0.00,0.14)$ |
| $(0.00,0.03)$ | $(0.00,-0.39)$ | $(-0.00,-0.06)$ |
| $(0.00,0.11)$ | $(0.00,0.11)$ | $(-0.00,-0.11)$ |
| $(0.00,0.42)$ | $(0.00,0.34)$ | $(-0.00,0.24)$ |
| $(0.00,0.08)$ | $(0.00,-0.41)$ | $(-0.00,0.55)$ |
| $(0.00,0.32)$ | $(0.00,1.54)$ | $(-0.00,0.13)$ |
| $(0.00,0.99)$ | $(0.00,0.34)$ | $(-0.00,0.18)$ |

Table S30. Spin-orbit coupling matrix elements for $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} 3\right.}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ between the five lowest-lying excited triplet states with the ground state and two lowest-lying excited singlet states calculated in dichloromethane at the optimized ground state geometry.

| Root |  | $\langle\mathbf{T}\| \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{S o}} \mid \mathbf{S}>\left(\mathbf{R e}, \mathbf{I m} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c m}^{-1}\right.$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{Z}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| 1 | 0 | $(0.00,-1.47)$ | $(0.00,0.91)$ | $(-0.00,-0.23)$ |
| 1 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.02)$ | $(0.00,0.09)$ | $(-0.00,0.03)$ |
| 1 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.13)$ | $(0.00,0.27)$ | $(-0.00,-0.24)$ |
| 2 | 0 | $(0.00,0.54)$ | $(0.00,2.48)$ | $(-0.00,-0.65)$ |
| 2 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.04)$ | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(-0.00,-0.03)$ |
| 2 | 2 | $(0.00,0.05)$ | $(0.00,0.77)$ | $(-0.00,-0.67)$ |
| 3 | 0 | $(0.00,1.42)$ | $(0.00,0.16)$ | $(-0.00,0.03)$ |
| 3 | 1 | $(0.00,0.02)$ | $(0.00,3.24)$ | $(-0.00,0.05)$ |
| 3 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.25)$ | $(0.00,-0.17)$ | $(-0.00,0.24)$ |
| 4 | 0 | $(0.00,0.04)$ | $(0.00,-3.53)$ | $(-0.00,-0.61)$ |
| 4 | 1 | $(0.00,0.01)$ | $(0.00,0.20)$ | $(-0.00,-0.13)$ |
| 4 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.03)$ | $(0.00,1.51)$ | $(-0.00,-4.75)$ |
| 5 | 0 | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(0.00,0.56)$ | $(-0.00,-0.55)$ |
| 5 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.33)$ | $(0.00,0.20)$ | $(-0.00,-0.10)$ |
| 5 | 2 | $(0.00,0.05)$ | $(0.00,0.45)$ | $(-0.00,-1.15)$ |

Table S31. Spin-orbit coupling matrix elements for $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L}\right.} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathbf{Z n}$ between the five lowest-lying excited triplet states with the ground state and two lowest-lying excited singlet states calculated in diethyl ether at the optimized ground state geometry.

| Root |  | $\langle\mathbf{T}\| \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{S O}} \mid \mathbf{S}>(\mathbf{R e}, \mathbf{I m}) \mathbf{c m}^{-1}$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{Z}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| 1 | 0 | $(0.00,1.56)$ | $(0.00,0.42)$ | $(-0.00,-0.11)$ |
| 1 | 1 | $(0.00,0.01)$ | $(0.00,0.07)$ | $(-0.00,0.08)$ |
| 1 | 2 | $(0.00,0.13)$ | $(0.00,0.12)$ | $(-0.00,-0.11)$ |
| 2 | 0 | $(0.00,0.24)$ | $(0.00,-2.67)$ | $(-0.00,0.71)$ |
| 2 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.04)$ | $(0.00,0.01)$ | $(-0.00,0.01)$ |
| 2 | 2 | $(0.00,0.02)$ | $(0.00,-0.80)$ | $(-0.00,0.71)$ |
| 3 | 0 | $(0.00,1.37)$ | $(0.00,0.04)$ | $(-0.00,0.01)$ |
| 3 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.00)$ | $(0.00,-3.40)$ | $(-0.00,0.08)$ |
| 3 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.20)$ | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(-0.00,0.05)$ |
| 4 | 0 | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(0.00,3.49)$ | $(-0.00,0.70)$ |
| 4 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.04)$ | $(0.00,0.03)$ | $(-0.00,0.01)$ |
| 4 | 2 | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(0.00,-1.50)$ | $(-0.00,4.87)$ |
| 5 | 0 | $(0.00,-0.02)$ | $(0.00,-0.84)$ | $(-0.00,0.49)$ |
| 5 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.31)$ | $(0.00,-0.05)$ | $(-0.00,0.03)$ |
| 5 | 2 | $(0.00,0.02)$ | $(0.00,-0.30)$ | $(-0.00,0.68)$ |

Table S32. Spin-orbit coupling matrix elements for $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L}\right.} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathbf{Z n}$ between the five lowest-lying excited triplet states with the ground state and two lowest-lying excited singlet states calculated in toluene at the optimized ground state geometry.

| Root |  | $<\mathbf{T}\left\|\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{S o}}\right\| \mathbf{S}>\left(\mathbf{R e}, \mathbf{I m} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c m}^{-1}\right.$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{Z}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| 1 | 0 | $(0.00,0.06)$ | $(0.00,-2.78)$ | $(-0.00,0.72)$ |
| 1 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.04)$ | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(-0.00,0.01)$ |
| 1 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.00)$ | $(0.00,0.78)$ | $(-0.00,-0.70)$ |
| 2 | 0 | $(0.00,1.59)$ | $(0.00,0.10)$ | $(-0.00,-0.03)$ |
| 2 | 1 | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(0.00,0.04)$ | $(-0.00,0.16)$ |
| 2 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.13)$ | $(0.00,-0.03)$ | $(-0.00,0.03)$ |
| 3 | 0 | $(0.00,1.33)$ | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(-0.00,-0.00)$ |
| 3 | 1 | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(0.00,-3.52)$ | $(-0.00,0.17)$ |
| 3 | 2 | $(0.00,0.18)$ | $(0.00,-0.00)$ | $(-0.00,0.02)$ |
| 4 | 0 | $(0.00,0.01)$ | $(0.00,3.45)$ | $(-0.00,0.83)$ |
| 4 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.06)$ | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(-0.00,-0.00)$ |
| 4 | 2 | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(0.00,1.51)$ | $(-0.00,-4.91)$ |
| 5 | 0 | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(0.00,0.96)$ | $(-0.00,-0.44)$ |
| 5 | 1 | $(0.00,0.28)$ | $(0.00,-0.02)$ | $(-0.00,0.01)$ |
| 5 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(0.00,-0.22)$ | $(-0.00,0.40)$ |

Table S33. Spin-orbit coupling matrix elements for $\left({ }^{(G \mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathbf{Z n}$ between the five lowest-lying excited triplet states with the ground state and two lowest-lying excited singlet states calculated in n-hexane at the optimized ground state geometry.

| Root |  | $<\mathbf{T}\left\|\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{S o}}\right\| \mathbf{S}>\left(\mathbf{R e}, \mathbf{I m} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c m}^{-1}\right.$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{Z}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| 1 | 0 | $(0.00,-0.08)$ | $(0.00,2.83)$ | $(-0.00,-0.73)$ |
| 1 | 1 | $(0.00,-0.04)$ | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(-0.00,0.01)$ |
| 1 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(0.00,0.79)$ | $(-0.00,-0.71)$ |
| 2 | 0 | $(0.00,-1.59)$ | $(0.00,-0.15)$ | $(-0.00,0.04)$ |
| 2 | 1 | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(0.00,0.03)$ | $(-0.00,0.21)$ |
| 2 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.13)$ | $(0.00,-0.04)$ | $(-0.00,0.04)$ |
| 3 | 0 | $(0.00,-1.31)$ | $(0.00,0.01)$ | $(-0.00,0.00)$ |
| 3 | 1 | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(0.00,-3.55)$ | $(-0.00,0.20)$ |
| 3 | 2 | $(0.00,0.16)$ | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(-0.00,0.01)$ |
| 4 | 0 | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(0.00,3.43)$ | $(-0.00,0.91)$ |
| 4 | 1 | $(0.00,0.07)$ | $(0.00,0.01)$ | $(-0.00,0.01)$ |
| 4 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.00)$ | $(0.00,-1.51)$ | $(-0.00,4.93)$ |
| 5 | 0 | $(0.00,0.00)$ | $(0.00,-1.51)$ | $(-0.00,0.43)$ |
| 5 | 1 | $(0.00,0.27)$ | $(0.00,-0.01)$ | $(-0.00,0.00)$ |
| 5 | 2 | $(0.00,-0.00)$ | $(0.00,-0.20)$ | $(-0.00,0.33)$ |



Figure S25. NBO results for complexes of varying $\mathrm{N}_{\text {amido }}$ character.
${ }^{a}$ For all functionals, gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j


Figure S26. Solvated NBO results for select complexes of varying $\mathrm{N}_{\text {amido }}$ character.
${ }^{a}$ For all functionals, SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j









Figure S27. Atomic labels for NBO tables. Top, from left to right: ( $\left.\left.{ }^{\mathrm{C} 3} \mathbf{} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2},{ }^{\left({ }^{183} \mathbf{L}\right.} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$,
 $\left({ }^{\mathrm{Me}} \mathrm{L} 4\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$.

Table S34. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the M06-L functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83456 | $s p^{2.30}$ | $s(30.32 \%) p(69.60 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98066 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.03\%): } s(35.06 \%) p(64.62 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.97\%): } s(35.11 \%) p(64.80 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.85196 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (74.22\%): } s(0.12 \%) p(99.74 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (25.78\%): } s(0.29 \%) p(99.50 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98049 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.15} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.87\%): } s(34.38 \%) p(65.33 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.13\%): } s(31.69 \%) p(68.22 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.68044 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98077 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.08} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.40\%): } s(35.64 \%) p(64.20 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.60\%): } s(32.39 \%) p(67.51 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98313 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.89} \text { at C6a } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.19\%): } s(32.22 \%) p(67.67 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.81\%): } s(25.71 \%) p(74.22 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98404 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.12} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.78} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.62\%): } s(32.01 \%) p(67.88 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (38.38\%): } s(26.47 \%) p(73.46 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.65321 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(2.78 \%) p(97.15 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97954 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.19\%): } s(35.49 \%) p(64.32 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.81\%): } s(32.13 \%) p(67.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.97996 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ s p^{2.87} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.98\%): } s(30.46 \%) p(69.42 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (38.02\%): } s(25.80 \%) p(74.13 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98497 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ s p^{2.92} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.23\%): } s(31.13 \%) p(68.75 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.77\%): } s(25.50 \%) p(74.43 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97853 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | C11 (50.60\%): $s(36.24 \%) p(63.64 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(49.40 \%): s(36.09 \%) p(63.74 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65401 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.89\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.88 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.11\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97226 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & s p^{2.12} \text { at C11 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.67\%): } s(34.01 \%) p(65.86 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.33\%): } s(31.99 \%) p(67.88 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87149 | $s p^{2.42}$ | $s(29.19 \%) p(70.78 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98871 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.65} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.91\%): } s(37.63 \%) p(62.03 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.09\%): } s(34.28 \%) p(65.62 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84705 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.43\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.57\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98163 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.02} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.91\%): } s(33.04 \%) p(66.65 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (41.09\%): } s(30.38 \%) p(69.54 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-L (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-L functional uses 0 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{19}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{\mathrm{AB}}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom B, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.


| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83499 | $s p^{2.50}$ | $s(28.58 \%) p(71.34 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98116 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.85\%): } s(36.05 \%) p(63.59 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.15\%): } s(35.05 \%) p(64.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.85365 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (74.39\%): } s(0.11 \%) p(99.75 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (25.61\%): } s(0.24 \%) p(99.56 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98091 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{1.84} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.59\%): $s(35.14 \%) p(64.55 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.41 \%): s(31.82 \%) p(68.08 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.68049 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98089 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 2(61.27 \%): s(35.65 \%) p(64.17 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(38.73 \%): s(32.50 \%) p(67.38 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98342 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.91} \text { at C6a } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.44\%): } s(32.20 \%) p(67.68 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.56\%): } s(25.58 \%) p(74.33 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98439 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.12} \text { at N2 } \\ s p^{2.79} \text { at C6b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.83\%): } s(31.99 \%) p(67.88 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (38.17\%): } s(26.37 \%) p(73.54 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.65192 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(2.51 \%) p(97.43 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97956 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.06\%): } s(35.57 \%) p(64.22 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.94\%): } s(32.11 \%) p(67.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98064 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.27} \text { at N3 } \\ s p^{2.89} \text { at C7a } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.21\%): } s(30.54 \%) p(69.33 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.79\%): } s(25.67 \%) p(74.24 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98547 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.20} \text { at N3 } \\ s p^{2.94} \text { at C7b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.49\%): } s(31.22 \%) p(68.66 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.51\%): } s(25.37 \%) p(74.54 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97790 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.75\%): } s(36.25 \%) p(63.64 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.25\%): } s(35.97 \%) p(63.86 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65477 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.41\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.59\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97223 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at C11 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.71\%): } s(33.96 \%) p(65.93 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.29\%): } s(31.85 \%) p(68.02 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87196 | $s p^{2.45}$ | $s(27.99 \%) p(71.99 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98877 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.61} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.84\%): } s(38.22 \%) p(61.41 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.16\%): } s(34.25 \%) p(65.63 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84686 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.55\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.45\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98235 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.96} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.67\%): } s(33.65 \%) p(66.03 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.33 \%): s(30.46 \%) p(69.44 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using TPSSh (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The TPSSh functional uses 10 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S36. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the O3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83262 | $s p^{2.52}$ | $s(28.40 \%) p(71.51 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98112 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.69 \%): s(36.15 \%) p(63.50 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(41.31 \%): s(35.02 \%) p(64.87 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.85224 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (74.20\%): } s(0.10 \%) p(99.77 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (25.80\%): } s(0.23 \%) p(99.58 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98082 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.13} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{1.83} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.43\%): } s(35.23 \%) p(64.47 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.57\%): } s(31.87 \%) p(68.04 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.67790 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98070 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 2(61.12 \%): s(35.59 \%) p(64.24 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(38.88 \%): s(32.56 \%) p(67.33 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma($ N2-C6a) | 1.98358 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.89} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.18\%): } s(32.22 \%) p(67.67 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.82\%): } s(25.67 \%) p(74.24 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98457 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.12} \text { at N2 } \\ s p^{2.78} \text { at C6b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.59\%): } s(32.04 \%) p(67.84 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (38.41\%): } s(26.45 \%) p(73.47 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.64944 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(2.42 \%) p(97.52 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97947 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (60.92\%): } s(35.53 \%) p(64.27 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (39.08\%): } s(32.10 \%) p(67.79 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98103 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.26} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.88} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.95\%): } s(30.63 \%) p(69.25 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (38.05\%): } s(25.75 \%) p(74.16 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98551 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ s p^{2.92} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.23\%): } s(31.25 \%) p(68.62 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.77\%): } s(25.46 \%) p(74.45 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97748 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.75\%): } s(36.24 \%) p(63.65 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.25\%): } s(35.92 \%) p(63.92 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65331 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.42\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.58\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97177 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at C11 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.69\%): } s(33.91 \%) p(65.98 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.31\%): } s(31.81 \%) p(68.08 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86998 | $s p^{2.45}$ | $s(27.87 \%) p(72.11 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98860 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4 \text { (59.72\%): } s(38.32 \%) p(61.31 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 9(40.28 \%): s(34.24 \%) p(65.63 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84779 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.49\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.51\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98214 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.96} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.27} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{N} 4(58.51 \%): s(33.67 \%) p(66.01 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.49 \%): s(30.53 \%) p(69.38 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using O3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The O3LYP functional uses 11.61 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{21}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S37. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83797 | $s p^{2.56}$ | $s(28.05 \%) p(71.86 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98138 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.81\%): } s(36.29 \%) p(63.34 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.19\%): } s(35.00 \%) p(64.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.85799 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (74.92\%): } s(0.10 \%) p(99.76 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (25.08\%): } s(0.22 \%) p(99.59 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98121 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.56\%): $s(35.43 \%) p(64.25 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.44 \%): s(31.84 \%) p(68.05 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.68743 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98103 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.24\%): } s(35.55 \%) p(64.26 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.76\%): } s(32.57 \%) p(67.31 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98389 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.88} \text { at C6a } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.32\%): } s(32.23 \%) p(67.65 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.68\%): } s(25.73 \%) p(74.17 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98482 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.12} \text { at N2 } \\ s p^{2.77} \text { at C6b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.75\%): } s(32.06 \%) p(67.81 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (38.25\%): } s(26.50 \%) p(73.41 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.65887 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(2.34 \%) p(97.60 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97978 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.03\%): } s(35.51 \%) p(64.27 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.97\%): } s(32.12 \%) p(67.76 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98152 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.26} \text { at N3 } \\ s p^{2.87} \text { at C7a } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.11\%): } s(30.68 \%) p(69.19 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.89\%): } s(25.81 \%) p(74.09 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98584 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.19} \text { at N3 } \\ s p^{2.91} \text { at C7b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.40\%): } s(31.30 \%) p(68.57 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.60\%): } s(25.53 \%) p(74.37 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97783 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.73\%): } s(36.24 \%) p(63.64 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.27\%): } s(35.98 \%) p(63.84 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65602 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.08\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.92\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97229 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.72\%): } s(33.91 \%) p(65.97 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.28\%): } s(31.82 \%) p(68.05 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87462 | $s p^{2.45}$ | $s(27.39 \%) p(72.59 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98855 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(59.81 \%): s(38.54 \%) p(61.07 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 9(40.19 \%): s(34.29 \%) p(65.58 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85028 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.66\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.34\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98237 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.94} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.27} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.68\%): } s(33.93 \%) p(65.73 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.32 \%): s(30.52 \%) p(69.38 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The B3LYP functional uses $20 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{22}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and forbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S38. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the PBE0 functional.

| NBO $^{b}$ | Occupancy $^{c}$ | Hybridization $^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using PBE0 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The PBE0 functional uses 25
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{14}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.


| NBO $^{b}$ | Occupancy $^{c}$ | Hybridization $^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06 functional uses $27 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S40. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the M06-2X functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.85336 | $s p^{2.65}$ | $s(27.36 \%) p(72.54 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98161 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.72} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.94\%): } s(36.67 \%) p(62.97 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.06\%): } s(34.96 \%) p(64.95 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86651 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (76.02\%): } s(0.11 \%) p(99.73 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (23.98\%): } s(0.24 \%) p(99.54 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98125 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{1.79} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.59\%): } s(35.72 \%) p(63.96 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.41\%): } s(31.84 \%) p(68.08 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.69821 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98108 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.06} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.44\%): } s(35.51 \%) p(64.31 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.56\%): } s(32.61 \%) p(67.29 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98373 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.90} \text { at C6a } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.64\%): } s(32.26 \%) p(67.62 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.36\%): } s(25.65 \%) p(74.27 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98461 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.12} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.78} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.02\%): } s(32.06 \%) p(67.82 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (37.98\%): } s(26.42 \%) p(73.51 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.67034 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(2.27 \%) p(97.65 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97986 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.23\%): } s(35.50 \%) p(64.30 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.77\%): } s(32.12 \%) p(67.78 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98146 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.25} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ s p^{2.89} \text { at C7a } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.42\%): } s(30.75 \%) p(69.12 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.58\%): } s(25.71 \%) p(74.21 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98583 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.19} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ s p^{2.93} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.66\%): } s(31.30 \%) p(68.57 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.34\%): } s(25.45 \%) p(74.47 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97829 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | C11 (50.72\%): $s(36.30 \%) p(63.59 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(49.28 \%): s(36.00 \%) p(63.82 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66363 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.88\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.12\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97303 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.78\%): } s(33.94 \%) p(65.95 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.22\%): } s(31.78 \%) p(68.10 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88916 | $s p^{2.71}$ | $s(26.95 \%) p(73.02 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98869 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.57} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.92\%): } s(38.71 \%) p(60.91 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.08\%): } s(34.23 \%) p(65.65 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85752 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.69\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.79 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.31\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98248 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.91} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.78\%): } s(34.20 \%) p(65.47 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.22 \%): s(30.47 \%) p(69.44 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S 0 geometry using M06-2X (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-2X functional uses $54 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S41. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the CAM-B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84523 | $s p^{2.68}$ | $s(27.16 \%) p(72.75 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98181 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.87\%): } s(36.73 \%) p(62.89 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.13\%): } s(34.94 \%) p(64.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86885 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (76.13\%): } s(0.13 \%) p(99.73 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (23.87\%): } s(0.21 \%) p(99.57 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98156 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.54\%): } s(35.85 \%) p(63.81 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 11(41.46 \%): s(31.82 \%) p(68.07 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.69995 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98149 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.06} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.30\%): } s(35.52 \%) p(64.28 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.70\%): } s(32.61 \%) p(67.27 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma($ N2-C6a) | 1.98436 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.89} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.38\%): } s(32.24 \%) p(67.63 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.62\%): } s(25.71 \%) p(74.19 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98526 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.11} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.78} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.80\%): } s(32.07 \%) p(67.79 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (38.20\%): } s(26.46 \%) p(73.44 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.67140 | n/a | $s(2.18 \%) p(97.75 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98015 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.08\%): } s(35.51 \%) p(64.27 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.92\%): } s(32.13 \%) p(67.74 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98233 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.24} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.88} \text { at C7a } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.18\%): } s(30.79 \%) p(69.07 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.82\%): } s(25.78 \%) p(74.12 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98632 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.19} \text { at N3 } \\ s p^{2.92} \text { at C7b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{N} 3(62.45 \%): s(31.35 \%) p(68.51 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b}(37.55 \%): s(25.51 \%) p(74.39 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97797 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 12 \end{aligned}$ | C11 (50.69\%): $s(36.28 \%) p(63.60 \%)$ C12 (49.31\%): $s(36.01 \%) p(63.80 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66410 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.69\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.89 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.31\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97308 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at C11 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{C} 10(50.78 \%): s(33.95 \%) p(65.92 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(49.22 \%): s(31.80 \%) p(68.06 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88134 | $s p^{2.45}$ | $s(26.72 \%) p(73.26 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98852 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.57} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.79\%): } s(38.81 \%) p(60.79 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.21\%): } s(34.28 \%) p(65.59 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85902 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.96\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.81 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.04\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98272 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.71\%): } s(34.33 \%) p(65.32 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.29 \%): s(30.45 \%) p(69.45 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using CAM-B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The CAM-B3LYP functional is a range-separated functional, and uses $19 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at short range, $33 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at intermediate range, and $65 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at long range. ${ }^{15}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S42. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the M06-L functional.

| NBO $^{b}$ | Occupancy $^{c}$ | Hybridization $^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-L (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-L functional uses $0 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{19}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S43. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the TPSSh functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83294 | $s p^{2.54}$ | $s(28.21 \%) p(71.72 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98135 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.00\%): } s(36.21 \%) p(63.44 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.00\%): } s(34.96 \%) p(64.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.85585 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (75.18\%): } s(0.12 \%) p(99.76 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (24.82\%): } s(0.21 \%) p(99.59 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98113 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.82} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.69\%): $s(35.36 \%) p(64.34 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.31 \%): s(31.82 \%) p(68.08 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.67009 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98071 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.06} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.06\%): } s(35.42 \%) p(64.40 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.94\%): } s(32.67 \%) p(67.22 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98339 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.90} \text { at C6a } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.39\%): } s(32.14 \%) p(67.74 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.61\%): } s(25.61 \%) p(74.30 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98373 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.09} \text { at N2 } \\ s p^{2.82} \text { at C6b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.26\%): } s(32.29 \%) p(67.59 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (37.74\%): } s(26.14 \%) p(73.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.65034 | n/a | $s(2.57 \%) p(97.37 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97970 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.11} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (60.99\%): } s(35.50 \%) p(64.30 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (39.01\%): } s(32.07 \%) p(67.82 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98047 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.26} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.91} \text { at C7a } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.38\%): } s(30.67 \%) p(69.20 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.62\%): } s(25.55 \%) p(74.35 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98569 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.92} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.32\%): } s(31.10 \%) p(68.77 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.68\%): } s(25.50 \%) p(74.40 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97750 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.83\%): } s(36.31 \%) p(63.58 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.17\%): } s(35.89 \%) p(63.94 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65385 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.91\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.09\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97251 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C10 (50.74\%): $s(33.92 \%) p(65.96 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(49.26 \%): s(31.80 \%) p(68.07 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86842 | $s p^{2.61}$ | $s(27.72 \%) p(72.26 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98880 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (60.01\%): } s(38.30 \%) p(61.33 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (39.99\%): } s(34.07 \%) p(65.81 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85179 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.52\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.48\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98264 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.95} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.81\%): } s(33.84 \%) p(65.84 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (41.19\%): } s(30.41 \%) p(69.49 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using TPSSh (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The TPSSh functional uses 10
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S44. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the O3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83061 | $s p^{2.56}$ | $s(28.03 \%) p(71.88 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98131 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.84\%): } s(36.32 \%) p(63.34 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.16\%): } s(34.94 \%) p(64.95 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.85393 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{N} 1(75.00 \%): s(0.10 \%) p(99.78 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 5(25.00 \%): s(0.20 \%) p(99.60 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98103 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.13} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.52\%): } s(35.43 \%) p(64.27 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.48\%): } s(31.87 \%) p(68.03 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.67734 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98051 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.05} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (60.91\%): } s(35.36 \%) p(64.46 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (39.09\%): } s(32.72 \%) p(67.17 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98357 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.11} \text { at N2 } \\ s p^{2.89} \text { at C6a } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.13\%): } s(32.15 \%) p(67.74 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.87\%): } s(25.70 \%) p(74.21 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98393 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.09} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.81} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.01\%): } s(32.33 \%) p(67.55 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (37.99\%): } s(26.23 \%) p(73.68 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.64766 | n/a | $s(2.47 \%) p(97.47 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97959 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.12} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (60.85\%): } s(35.46 \%) p(64.34 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (39.15\%): } s(32.05 \%) p(67.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98086 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.25} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.12\%): } s(30.76 \%) p(69.12 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.88\%): } s(25.65 \%) p(74.27 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98573 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ s p^{2.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.06\%): } s(31.14 \%) p(68.73 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.94\%): } s(25.60 \%) p(74.31 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97708 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.83\%): } s(36.30 \%) p(63.60 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.17\%): } s(35.84 \%) p(64.00 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65192 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.90\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.10\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97206 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & s p^{2.15} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.73\%): } s(33.88 \%) p(66.02 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.27\%): } s(31.76 \%) p(68.13 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86661 | $s p^{2.62}$ | $s(27.60 \%) p(72.38 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98863 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.59} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.88\%): } s(38.40 \%) p(61.24 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.12\%): } s(34.07 \%) p(65.81 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85261 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.41\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.59\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98242 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.94} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{N} 4(58.64 \%): s(33.86 \%) p(65.83 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.36 \%): s(30.48 \%) p(69.43 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using O3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The O3LYP functional uses 11.61 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{21}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{d}$, and f orbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S45. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( ${ }^{\mathbf{C F 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} 1)} \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83578 | $s p^{2.61}$ | $s(27.69 \%) p(72.22 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98155 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.95\%): } s(36.43 \%) p(63.20 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.05\%): } s(34.92 \%) p(64.96 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86028 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (75.69\%): } s(0.11 \%) p(99.77 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (24.31\%): } s(0.19 \%) p(99.62 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98140 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.67\%): } s(35.65 \%) p(64.04 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.33\%): } s(31.84 \%) p(68.05 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.67725 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98085 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.05} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.03\%): } s(35.33 \%) p(64.48 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.97\%): } s(32.73 \%) p(67.15 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98387 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.88} \text { at C6a } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.28\%): } s(32.16 \%) p(67.71 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.72\%): } s(25.77 \%) p(74.13 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98422 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.09} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.16\%): } s(32.34 \%) p(67.53 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (37.84\%): } s(26.29 \%) p(73.61 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.65761 | n/a | $s(2.39 \%) p(97.55 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97992 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.11} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (60.97\%): } s(35.45 \%) p(64.34 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (39.03\%): } s(32.07 \%) p(67.81 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98139 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.24} \text { at N3 } \\ s p^{2.89} \text { at C7a } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.28\%): } s(30.81 \%) p(69.06 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.72\%): } s(25.71 \%) p(74.19 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98605 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ s p^{2.89} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.21\%): } s(31.19 \%) p(68.68 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.79\%): } s(25.68 \%) p(74.23 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97744 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{C} 11(50.80 \%): s(36.29 \%) p(63.59 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(49.20 \%): s(35.91 \%) p(63.91 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65505 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.59\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.41\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97255 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at C11 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.74\%): } s(33.87 \%) p(66.00 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.26\%): } s(31.78 \%) p(68.09 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87092 | $s p^{2.69}$ | $s(27.13 \%) p(72.85 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98857 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.98\%): } s(38.62 \%) p(61.00 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.02\%): } s(34.12 \%) p(65.75 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85506 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.65\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.35\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98262 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.92} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.81\%): } s(34.11 \%) p(65.55 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (41.19\%): } s(30.47 \%) p(69.42 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The B3LYP functional uses 20
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{22}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S46. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the PBE0 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83794 | $s p^{2.61}$ | $s(27.62 \%) p(72.29 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98168 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.98 \%): s(36.51 \%) p(63.12 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(41.02 \%): s(34.91 \%) p(64.98 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86079 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (76.00\%): } s(0.12 \%) p(99.75 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (24.00\%): } s(0.20 \%) p(99.59 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98147 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.13} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.59\%): $s(35.63 \%) p(64.04 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.41 \%): s(31.87 \%) p(68.03 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.67812 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98093 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.05} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.04\%): } s(35.36 \%) p(64.44 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.96\%): } s(32.73 \%) p(67.16 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98392 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.89} \text { at C6a } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.24\%): } s(32.15 \%) p(67.72 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.76\%): } s(25.71 \%) p(74.19 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98425 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.09} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.81} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.12\%): } s(32.31 \%) p(67.56 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (37.88\%): } s(26.24 \%) p(73.67 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.65870 | n/a | $s(2.43 \%) p(97.50 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97997 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.11} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (60.97\%): } s(35.47 \%) p(64.31 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (39.03\%): } s(32.07 \%) p(67.81 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98135 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.24} \text { at N3 } \\ s p^{2.89} \text { at C7a } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.24\%): } s(30.79 \%) p(69.08 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.76\%): } s(25.65 \%) p(74.25 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98610 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.21} \text { at N3 } \\ s v^{2.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \end{gathered}$ | N 3 (62.16\%): $s(31.14 \%) p(68.73 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b}(37.84 \%): s(25.62 \%) p(74.29 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97757 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C11 (50.79\%): $s(36.29 \%) p(63.59 \%)$ C12 (49.21\%): $s(35.88 \%) p(63.93 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65628 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.62\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.38\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97277 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at C11 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.76\%): } s(33.90 \%) p(65.98 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.24\%): } s(31.76 \%) p(68.11 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87318 | $s p^{2.67}$ | $s(27.26 \%) p(72.72 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98879 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.59} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(59.93 \%): s(38.53 \%) p(61.08 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 9(40.07 \%): s(34.10 \%) p(65.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85577 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.79\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.21\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98280 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.93} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (58.71\%): } s(34.07 \%) p(65.59 \%) \\ \text { C10 (41.29\%): } s(30.46 \%) p(69.44 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using PBE0 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The PBE0 functional uses $25 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{14}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{\mathrm{AB}}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S47. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the M06 functional.

| NBO $^{b}$ | Occupancy $^{c}$ | Hybridization $^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using M06 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06 functional uses $27 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S48. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the M06-2X functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.85205 | $s p^{2.70}$ | $s(27.00 \%) p(72.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98178 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.87} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.09\%): } s(36.83 \%) p(62.81 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.91\%): } s(34.87 \%) p(65.04 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86873 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (76.78\%): } s(0.12 \%) p(99.74 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (23.22\%): } s(0.21 \%) p(99.56 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98142 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.77} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.69\%): } s(35.93 \%) p(63.76 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.31\%): } s(31.84 \%) p(68.08 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.68836 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98088 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.05} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{N} 2(61.23 \%): s(35.29 \%) p(64.53 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 5(38.77 \%): s(32.78 \%) p(67.13 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98370 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.89} \text { at C6a } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.59\%): } s(32.19 \%) p(67.69 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.41\%): } s(25.68 \%) p(74.24 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98397 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.09} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.82} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.47\%): } s(32.35 \%) p(67.53 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (37.53\%): } s(26.19 \%) p(73.73 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.66902 | n/a | $s(2.32 \%) p(97.60 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97996 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.12} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.17\%): } s(35.43 \%) p(64.36 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.83\%): } s(32.07 \%) p(67.83 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98130 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.23} \text { at N3 } \\ s p^{2.90} \text { at C7a } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.60\%): } s(30.88 \%) p(68.99 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.40\%): } s(25.60 \%) p(74.32 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98601 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ s p^{2.91} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.49\%): } s(31.19 \%) p(68.68 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.65\%): } s(25.58 \%) p(74.34 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97794 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | C11 (50.80\%): $s(36.35 \%) p(63.54 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(49.20 \%): s(35.93 \%) p(63.90 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66333 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.40\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.60\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97327 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & s p^{2.15} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.79\%): } s(33.91 \%) p(65.99 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.21\%): } s(31.74 \%) p(68.14 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88658 | $s p^{2.75}$ | $s(26.69 \%) p(73.29 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98872 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.57} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (60.11\%): } s(38.81 \%) p(60.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (39.89\%): } s(34.04 \%) p(65.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86154 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.78\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.80 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.22\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98273 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.90\%): } s(34.37 \%) p(65.30 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (41.10\%): } s(30.43 \%) p(69.48 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-2X (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-2X functional uses $54 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S49. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the CAM-B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84325 | $s p^{2.73}$ | $s(26.80 \%) p(73.11 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98195 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.70} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.87} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.01\%): } s(36.87 \%) p(62.75 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.99\%): } s(34.86 \%) p(65.02 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87117 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (76.90\%): } s(0.14 \%) p(99.73 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (23.10\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.59 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98172 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.76} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.66\%): $s(36.07 \%) p(63.59 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.34 \%): s(31.81 \%) p(68.08 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.68996 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98132 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.05} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.09\%): } s(35.30 \%) p(64.50 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.91\%): } s(32.77 \%) p(67.10 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma($ N2-C6a) | 1.98434 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.88} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.34\%): } s(32.17 \%) p(67.69 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.66\%): } s(25.74 \%) p(74.15 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98469 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.09} \text { at N2 } \\ s p^{2.81} \text { at C6b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.22\%): } s(32.35 \%) p(67.52 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (37.78\%): } s(26.25 \%) p(73.65 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.67036 | n/a | $s(2.22 \%) p(97.71 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98028 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.11} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.03\%): } s(35.45 \%) p(64.33 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.97\%): } s(32.08 \%) p(67.80 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98223 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.23} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ s p^{2.89} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.34\%): } s(30.92 \%) p(68.94 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.66\%): } s(25.68 \%) p(74.22 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98651 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ s p^{2.89} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} 3(62.26 \%): s(31.23 \%) p(68.62 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.74\%): } s(25.65 \%) p(74.24 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97762 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\text { C11 (50.77\%): } s(36.33 \%) p(63.55 \%)$ $\text { C12 (49.23\%): } s(35.94 \%) p(63.87 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66358 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.26\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.74\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97330 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at C11 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.79\%): } s(33.92 \%) p(65.96 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.21\%): } s(31.77 \%) p(68.10 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87784 | $s p^{2.78}$ | $s(26.46 \%) p(73.52 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98854 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.56} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.96\%): } s(38.89 \%) p(60.72 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.04\%): } s(34.09 \%) p(65.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86320 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (65.06\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (34.94\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98294 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.89} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(58.83 \%): s(34.51 \%) p(65.14 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.17 \%): s(30.41 \%) p(69.49 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using CAM-B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The CAM-B3LYP functional is a range-separated functional, and uses $19 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at short range, $33 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at intermediate range, and $65 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at long range. ${ }^{15}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S50. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the M06-L functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83269 | $s p^{2.29}$ | $s(30.35 \%) p(69.56 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98071 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.84} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.02\%): } s(35.14 \%) p(64.53 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.98\%): } s(35.20 \%) p(64.71 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86750 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (73.65\%): } s(0.19 \%) p(99.67 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (26.35\%): } s(0.35 \%) p(99.44 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.97991 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.92} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.03\%): } s(34.19 \%) p(65.53 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (40.97\%): } s(31.14 \%) p(68.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.68704 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98083 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.09} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 2(61.47 \%): s(35.57 \%) p(64.27 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(38.53 \%): s(32.29 \%) p(67.61 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98303 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.88} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.12\%): } s(32.20 \%) p(67.69 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.88\%): } s(25.78 \%) p(74.15 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98462 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.11} \text { at N2 } \\ s p^{2.75} \text { at C6b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 2(61.49 \%): s(32.10 \%) p(67.78 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (38.51\%): } s(26.64 \%) p(73.29 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.65904 | n/a | $s(3.20 \%) p(96.73 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97958 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.11} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 3(61.23 \%): s(35.36 \%) p(64.45 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(38.77 \%): s(32.09 \%) p(67.82 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.97991 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.87} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.92\%): } s(30.33 \%) p(69.55 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (38.08\%): } s(25.85 \%) p(74.09 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98482 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.23} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.91} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.15\%): } s(30.96 \%) p(68.92 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.85\%): } s(25.57 \%) p(74.36 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97726 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.82} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.84\%): } s(36.82 \%) p(63.07 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.16\%): } s(35.45 \%) p(64.37 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.67213 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.62\%): } s(0.03 \%) p(99.88 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.38\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.89 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97156 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.93} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & s p^{2.13} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.74\%): } s(34.08 \%) p(65.79 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.26\%): } s(31.95 \%) p(67.92 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87040 | $s p^{2.44}$ | $s(29.07 \%) p(70.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98868 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.65} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.91\%): } s(37.66 \%) p(62.00 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.09\%): } s(34.31 \%) p(65.59 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85216 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.03\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.97\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98137 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.01} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(58.97 \%): s(33.13 \%) p(66.58 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.03 \%): s(30.34 \%) p(69.57 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-L (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-L functional uses 0 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{19}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S51. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the TPSSh functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83320 | $s p^{2.49}$ | $s(28.61 \%) p(71.31 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98120 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.84} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.83\%): } s(36.14 \%) p(63.50 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.17\%): } s(35.15 \%) p(64.74 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86941 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (73.79\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.69 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (26.21\%): } s(0.29 \%) p(99.51 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98039 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.85} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.76\%): $s(34.96 \%) p(64.73 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.24 \%): s(31.26 \%) p(68.64 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.68732 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98098 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.34\%): } s(35.58 \%) p(64.24 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.66\%): } s(32.40 \%) p(67.49 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98332 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.90} \text { at C6a } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.37\%): } s(32.18 \%) p(67.70 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.63\%): } s(25.65 \%) p(74.26 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98498 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.11} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.76} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.68\%): } s(32.08 \%) p(67.79 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (38.32\%): } s(26.54 \%) p(73.37 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.65808 | n/a | $s(2.91 \%) p(97.03 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97965 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.11} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.09\%): } s(35.46 \%) p(64.34 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.91\%): } s(32.07 \%) p(67.82 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98062 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.28} \text { at N3 } \\ s p^{2.88} \text { at C7a } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.14\%): } s(30.42 \%) p(69.45 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.86\%): } s(25.72 \%) p(74.19 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98534 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.93} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.42\%): } s(31.06 \%) p(68.81 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.58\%): } s(25.44 \%) p(74.47 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97670 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.83} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.98\%): } s(36.82 \%) p(63.07 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.02\%): } s(35.33 \%) p(64.49 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.67280 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.19\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.89 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.81\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97149 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.93} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.78\%): } s(34.04 \%) p(65.85 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.22\%): } s(31.82 \%) p(68.05 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87078 | $s p^{2.59}$ | $s(27.87 \%) p(72.11 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98873 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(59.83 \%): s(38.25 \%) p(61.38 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 9(40.17 \%): s(34.29 \%) p(65.59 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85227 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.12\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.88\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98209 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.95} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (58.74\%): } s(33.74 \%) p(65.94 \%) \\ \text { C10 (41.26\%): } s(30.42 \%) p(69.48 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using TPSSh (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The TPSSh functional uses 10 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S52. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2} \text { with the O3LYP functional. }}\right.$

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83085 | $s p^{2.51}$ | $s(28.43 \%) p(71.47 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98116 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.84} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.68 \%): s(36.23 \%) p(63.41 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(41.32 \%): s(35.12 \%) p(64.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86849 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (73.59\%): } s(0.16 \%) p(99.71 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (26.41\%): } s(0.28 \%) p(99.53 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98030 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.84} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.19} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.59 \%): s(35.05 \%) p(64.65 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 11(41.41 \%): s(31.32 \%) p(68.59 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.68491 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98081 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 2(61.19 \%): s(35.52 \%) p(64.31 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(38.81 \%): s(32.46 \%) p(67.44 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98348 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.88} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 2(62.11 \%): s(32.19 \%) p(67.69 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.89\%): } s(25.74 \%) p(74.18 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98516 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.11} \text { at N2 } \\ s p^{2.75} \text { at C6b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 2(61.45 \%): s(32.13 \%) p(67.75 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (38.55\%): } s(26.62 \%) p(73.30 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.65568 | n/a | $s(2.81 \%) p(97.13 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97957 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.12} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (60.96\%): } s(35.42 \%) p(64.38 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (39.04\%): } s(32.05 \%) p(67.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98101 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.27} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.87} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.88\%): } s(30.51 \%) p(69.37 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (38.12\%): } s(25.80 \%) p(74.11 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98538 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.91} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.16\%): } s(31.10 \%) p(68.78 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.84\%): } s(25.53 \%) p(74.38 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97630 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.83} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.97\%): } s(36.80 \%) p(63.10 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.03\%): } s(35.28 \%) p(64.55 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.67176 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.24\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.76\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97106 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at C11 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.76\%): } s(33.99 \%) p(65.91 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.24\%): } s(31.79 \%) p(68.09 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86882 | $s p^{2.60}$ | $s(27.75 \%) p(72.23 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98856 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(59.71 \%): s(38.35 \%) p(61.29 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 9(40.29 \%): s(34.29 \%) p(65.59 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85325 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.06\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.94\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98187 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.95} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(58.58 \%): s(33.76 \%) p(65.93 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.42 \%): s(30.49 \%) p(69.42 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using O3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The O3LYP functional uses 11.61 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{21}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S53. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u} u} \mathbf{L} 1\right)} \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right.$ with the B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83631 | $s p^{2.56}$ | $s(28.07 \%) p(71.84 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98142 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.79\%): } s(36.38 \%) p(63.25 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.21\%): } s(35.10 \%) p(64.78 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87368 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (74.28\%): } s(0.17 \%) p(99.70 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (25.72\%): } s(0.26 \%) p(99.55 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98071 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.83} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.19} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.73 \%): s(35.26 \%) p(64.42 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 11(41.27 \%): s(31.29 \%) p(68.60 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.69436 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98113 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.31\%): } s(35.48 \%) p(64.33 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.69\%): } s(32.47 \%) p(67.41 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98380 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.87} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.25\%): } s(32.20 \%) p(67.67 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.75\%): } s(25.80 \%) p(74.10 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98539 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.11} \text { at N2 } \\ s p^{2.75} \text { at C6b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.60\%): } s(32.15 \%) p(67.72 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (38.40\%): } s(26.67 \%) p(73.24 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.66500 | n/a | $s(2.71 \%) p(97.23 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97988 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.11} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.07\%): } s(35.40 \%) p(64.39 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.93\%): } s(32.07 \%) p(67.81 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98151 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.27} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.86} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.05\%): } s(30.57 \%) p(69.30 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.95\%): } s(25.86 \%) p(74.04 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98572 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.32\%): } s(31.15 \%) p(68.71 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.68\%): } s(25.60 \%) p(74.30 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97664 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.82} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | C11 (50.96\%): $s(36.80 \%) p(63.09 \%)$ <br> C12 (49.04\%): $s(35.33 \%) p(64.47 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.67459 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | C11 (46.87\%): $s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(53.13 \%): s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97155 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at C11 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.79\%): } s(33.99 \%) p(65.89 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.21\%): } s(31.80 \%) p(68.07 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87345 | $s p^{2.67}$ | $s(27.26 \%) p(72.72 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98850 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.80\%): } s(38.57 \%) p(61.04 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.20\%): } s(34.33 \%) p(65.53 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85575 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.20\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.80\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98210 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.93} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.75\%): } s(34.02 \%) p(65.65 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.25 \%): s(30.47 \%) p(69.42 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The B3LYP functional uses $20 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{22}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S54. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{[\mathbf{B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the PBE0 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83821 | $s p^{2.57}$ | $s(28.00 \%) p(71.90 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98154 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.82 \%): s(36.43 \%) p(63.18 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(41.18 \%): s(35.10 \%) p(64.79 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87417 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (74.57\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.68 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (25.43\%): } s(0.27 \%) p(99.52 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98076 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.83} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.19} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.66 \%): s(35.25 \%) p(64.42 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 11(41.34 \%): s(31.31 \%) p(68.59 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.69507 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98121 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.32\%): } s(35.52 \%) p(64.29 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.68\%): } s(32.46 \%) p(67.42 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98384 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.88} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.23\%): } s(32.20 \%) p(67.67 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.77\%): } s(25.74 \%) p(74.16 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98544 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.11} \text { at N2 } \\ s p^{2.75} \text { at C6b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 2(61.55 \%): s(32.12 \%) p(67.75 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (38.45\%): } s(26.63 \%) p(73.28 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.66633 | n/a | $s(2.75 \%) p(97.18 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97995 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.11} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.08\%): } s(35.43 \%) p(64.35 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.92\%): } s(32.07 \%) p(67.81 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98149 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.27} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.87} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.00\%): } s(30.55 \%) p(69.32 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (38.00\%): } s(25.81 \%) p(74.10 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98577 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.91} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.26\%): } s(31.10 \%) p(68.76 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.74\%): } s(25.55 \%) p(74.35 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97672 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.83} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.94\%): } s(36.82 \%) p(63.08 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.06\%): } s(35.31 \%) p(64.50 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.67573 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{C} 11(46.89 \%): s(0.02 \%) p(99.89 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(53.11 \%): s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97175 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at C11 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.81\%): } s(34.02 \%) p(65.87 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.19\%): } s(31.78 \%) p(68.09 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87532 | $s p^{2.65}$ | $s(27.39 \%) p(72.59 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98870 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.59} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(59.75 \%): s(38.48 \%) p(61.13 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 9(40.25 \%): s(34.33 \%) p(65.55 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85662 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.30\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.70\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98225 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.93} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (58.66\%): } s(33.98 \%) p(65.68 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.34 \%): s(30.46 \%) p(69.44 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using PBE0 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The PBE0 functional uses 25 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{14}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S55. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( ${ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2} \text { with the M06 functional. }}$

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83458 | $s p^{2.54}$ | $s(28.24 \%) p(71.65 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98124 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.03\%): } s(36.21 \%) p(63.48 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.97\%): } s(35.12 \%) p(64.80 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87742 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (74.98\%): } s(0.22 \%) p(99.63 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (25.02\%): } s(0.29 \%) p(99.49 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98036 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.83} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (59.00\%): $s(35.22 \%) p(64.51 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.00 \%): s(31.22 \%) p(68.70 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.70357 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98088 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.49\%): } s(35.50 \%) p(64.36 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.51\%): } s(32.45 \%) p(67.45 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98342 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.88} \text { at C6a } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.40\%): } s(32.22 \%) p(67.68 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.60\%): } s(25.77 \%) p(74.16 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98496 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.11} \text { at N2 } \\ s p^{2.75} \text { at C6b } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.74\%): } s(32.14 \%) p(67.76 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (38.26\%): } s(26.63 \%) p(73.30 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.67463 | n/a | $s(2.68 \%) p(97.24 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97951 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.12} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.25\%): } s(35.44 \%) p(64.40 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.75\%): } s(32.07 \%) p(67.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98112 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.27} \text { at N3 } \\ s p^{2.87} \text { at C7a } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.20\%): } s(30.58 \%) p(69.31 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.80\%): } s(25.83 \%) p(74.10 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98539 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.91} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.46\%): } s(31.15 \%) p(68.74 \%) \\ & \text { C7b (37.54\%): } s(25.57 \%) p(74.35 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97640 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.82} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.87\%): } s(36.85 \%) p(63.05 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.13\%): } s(35.40 \%) p(64.43 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.67744 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.28\%): } s(0.03 \%) p(99.89 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.72\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97166 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.93} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.77\%): } s(34.04 \%) p(65.85 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.23\%): } s(31.84 \%) p(68.04 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87149 | $s p^{2.65}$ | $s(27.41 \%) p(72.56 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98851 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.59} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(59.86 \%): s(38.42 \%) p(61.26 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 9(40.14 \%): s(34.42 \%) p(65.48 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86011 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.85\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.80 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.15\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98169 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.93} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.97\%): } s(34.05 \%) p(65.67 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (41.03\%): } s(30.41 \%) p(69.51 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06 functional uses $27 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.


| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.85191 | $s p^{2.65}$ | $s(27.36 \%) p(72.54 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98164 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.92\%): } s(36.75 \%) p(62.88 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.08\%): } s(35.05 \%) p(64.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.88150 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (75.31\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.66 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (24.69\%): } s(0.29 \%) p(99.49 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98073 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.79\%): } s(35.58 \%) p(64.11 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.21\%): } s(31.26 \%) p(68.66 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.70539 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98148 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.51\%): } s(35.44 \%) p(64.38 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.49\%): } s(32.51 \%) p(67.39 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98365 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.89} \text { at C6a } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.57\%): } s(32.24 \%) p(67.64 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.43\%): } s(25.71 \%) p(74.21 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98517 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.11} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.76} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 2(61.87 \%): s(32.15 \%) p(67.73 \%) \\ & \text { C6b (38.13\%): } s(26.59 \%) p(73.33 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.67668 | n/a | $s(2.63 \%) p(97.29 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.97999 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.12} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.27\%): } s(35.39 \%) p(64.40 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.73\%): } s(32.07 \%) p(67.83 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98148 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.26} \text { at N3 } \\ s p^{2.88} \text { at C7a } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.35\%): } s(30.65 \%) p(69.23 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.65\%): } s(25.76 \%) p(74.16 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98572 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ s p^{2.92} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N3 (62.58\%): } s(31.16 \%) p(68.72 \%) \\ \text { C7b (37.42\%): } s(25.52 \%) p(74.40 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97699 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.83} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.01\%): } s(36.91 \%) p(62.99 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.99\%): } s(35.28 \%) p(64.53 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.68206 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.71\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.29\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97225 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & s p^{2.15} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C10 (50.85\%): } s(34.03 \%) p(65.87 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (49.15\%): } s(31.75 \%) p(68.13 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88835 | $s p^{2.73}$ | $s(26.83 \%) p(73.14 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98862 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.57} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.90\%): } s(38.73 \%) p(60.89 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.10\%): } s(34.28 \%) p(65.61 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86271 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.19\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.79 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.81\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98218 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.86\%): } s(34.40 \%) p(65.38 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.14 \%): s(30.42 \%) p(69.50 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S 0 geometry using M06-2X (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-2X functional uses $54 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S57. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{t B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ with the CAM-B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84386 | $s p^{2.68}$ | $s(27.16 \%) p(72.75 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98184 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.85\%): } s(36.81 \%) p(62.80 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.15\%): } s(35.05 \%) p(64.83 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.88346 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (75.43\%): } s(0.21 \%) p(99.65 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (24.57\%): } s(0.26 \%) p(99.53 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98108 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.79} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.74\%): } s(35.70 \%) p(63.97 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.26\%): } s(31.25 \%) p(68.64 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.70690 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98159 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.07} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (61.37\%): } s(35.45 \%) p(64.35 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.63\%): } s(32.51 \%) p(67.37 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma($ N2-C6a) | 1.98427 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.88} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (62.31\%): } s(32.21 \%) p(67.65 \%) \\ & \text { C6a (37.69\%): } s(25.77 \%) p(74.13 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98579 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.11} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ s p^{2.75} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N2 (61.65\%): } s(32.16 \%) p(67.70 \%) \\ \text { C6b (38.35\%): } s(26.63 \%) p(73.27 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.67749 | n/a | $s(2.53 \%) p(97.40 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98027 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.11} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (61.12\%): } s(35.41 \%) p(64.37 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (38.88\%): } s(32.08 \%) p(67.79 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{a})$ | 1.98234 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.25} \text { at N3 } \\ s p^{2.87} \text { at C7a } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (62.11\%): } s(30.69 \%) p(69.17 \%) \\ & \text { C7a (37.89\%): } s(25.82 \%) p(74.07 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | 1.98622 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.20} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.91} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{N} 3(62.38 \%): s(31.20 \%) p(68.65 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b}(37.62 \%): s(25.58 \%) p(74.32 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97679 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.82} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 12 \end{aligned}$ | C11 (50.94\%): $s(36.86 \%) p(63.03 \%)$ C12 (49.06\%): $s(35.34 \%) p(64.46 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.68288 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.46\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.89 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.54\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97232 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.93} \text { at C10 } \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at C11 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C 10 (50.85\%): $s(34.03 \%) p(65.84 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(49.15 \%): s(31.78 \%) p(68.08 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88028 | $s p^{2.76}$ | $s(26.59 \%) p(73.39 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98844 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.56} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.78\%): } s(38.84 \%) p(60.77 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.22\%): } s(34.32 \%) p(65.55 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86436 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.42\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.81 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.58\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98243 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.89} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.79\%): } s(34.43 \%) p(65.23 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (41.21\%): } s(30.39 \%) p(69.50 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using CAM-B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The CAM-B3LYP functional is a range-separated functional, and uses $19 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at short range, $33 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at intermediate range, and $65 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at long range. ${ }^{15}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S58. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{C F 3} \mathbf{L}\right.} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-L functional.

| NBO $^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82184 | $s p^{2.60}$ | $s(27.78 \%) p(72.20 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98430 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.34 \%): s(34.85 \%) p(64.92 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.66 \%): s(33.14 \%) p(66.78 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.81422 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (76.46\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (23.54\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.80 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98564 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.68} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.11} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.03\%): } s(37.23 \%) p(62.54 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (40.97\%): } s(32.11 \%) p(67.81 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.90026 | $s p^{1.92}$ | $s(34.22 \%) p(65.60 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98343 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (57.68\%): } s(31.09 \%) p(68.48 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.32\%): } s(34.39 \%) p(65.52 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98482 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.88} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.99} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.81\%): } s(34.56 \%) p(64.98 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.19\%): } s(33.47 \%) p(66.44 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75322 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (63.60\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.68 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (36.40\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.89354 | $s p^{1.94}$ | $s(33.97 \%) p(65.88 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98098 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.33} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.96} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 3(58.01 \%): s(29.93 \%) p(69.67 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(41.99 \%): s(32.35 \%) p(67.57 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98735 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.96} \text { at C7 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (58.91\%): } s(35.95 \%) p(63.60 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (41.09\%): } s(33.72 \%) p(66.18 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78624 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (63.29\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.70 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (36.71\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98865 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & s p^{1.62} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.54\%): } s(35.15 \%) p(64.67 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.46\%): } s(38.10 \%) p(61.74 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98759 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.88} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.35\%): } s(34.72 \%) p(65.10 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.65\%): } s(37.89 \%) p(61.95 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97802 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.99\%): } s(36.57 \%) p(63.32 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.01\%): } s(35.02 \%) p(64.81 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.62363 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.33\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.67\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97256 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.31\%): } s(31.26 \%) p(68.62 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.69\%): } s(33.81 \%) p(66.07 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87739 | $s p^{2.45}$ | $s(28.96 \%) p(71.00 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.98810 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.63} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.70\%): } s(37.82 \%) p(61.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.30\%): } s(34.46 \%) p(65.44 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85103 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.24\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.76\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98075 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.30} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.02\%): } s(32.09 \%) p(66.60 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (40.98\%): } s(30.30 \%) p(69.62 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-L (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-L functional uses 0
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{19}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{\mathrm{AB}}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and f orbitals from atom B, to their shared $\mathrm{NBO} \sigma_{\mathrm{AB}}$ or $\pi_{\mathrm{AB}} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from d and f orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S59. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( ${ }^{\left({ }^{\text {F }} \mathbf{} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} Z n}$ with the TPSSh functional.

| NBO $^{b}$ | Occupancy $^{c}$ | Hybridization $^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using TPSSh (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def $2 / \mathrm{j}$ ). The TPSSh functional uses 10
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{\mathrm{AB}}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and f orbitals from atom B, to their shared $\mathrm{NBO} \sigma_{\mathrm{AB}}$ or $\pi_{\mathrm{AB}} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from d and f orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S60. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the O3LYP functional.

| NBO $^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82080 | $s p^{2.86}$ | $s(25.88 \%) p(74.10 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98451 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.01 \%): s(35.79 \%) p(63.96 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.99 \%): s(32.98 \%) p(66.92 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.81607 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{N} 1(76.42 \%): s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(23.58 \%): s(0.00 \%) p(99.80 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98525 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.61} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.66\%): } s(38.18 \%) p(61.58 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.34\%): } s(32.24 \%) p(67.66 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.89989 | $s p^{2.06}$ | $s(32.61 \%) p(67.21 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98442 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.12} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 2(57.37 \%): s(31.87 \%) p(67.67 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(42.63 \%): s(34.55 \%) p(65.35 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98558 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.00} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.65\%): } s(35.39 \%) p(64.13 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.35\%): } s(33.34 \%) p(66.54 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75211 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (63.48\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.67 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (36.52\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.89241 | $s p^{2.07}$ | $s(32.50 \%) p(67.35 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98208 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.25} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.09} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (57.65\%): } s(30.62 \%) p(68.96 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.35\%): } s(32.34 \%) p(67.57 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98775 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.98} \text { at C7 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (58.74\%): } s(36.72 \%) p(62.81 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (41.26\%): } s(33.57 \%) p(66.31 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78465 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (63.05\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.70 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (36.95\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98799 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.63} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.55\%): } s(34.98 \%) p(64.84 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.45\%): } s(37.98 \%) p(61.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98701 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.89} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.39\%): } s(34.56 \%) p(65.26 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.61\%): } s(37.77 \%) p(62.08 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97670 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.87} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.14\%): } s(36.64 \%) p(63.25 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.86\%): } s(34.82 \%) p(65.01 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.62356 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.89\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.11\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97207 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.96} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.32\%): } s(31.05 \%) p(68.85 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.68\%): } s(33.69 \%) p(66.20 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87570 | $s p^{2.61}$ | $s(27.68 \%) p(72.29 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.98786 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.59} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.49\%): } s(38.47 \%) p(61.17 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.51\%): } s(34.42 \%) p(65.46 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85161 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.41\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.59\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98136 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.96} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at C10 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (58.62\%): } s(33.72 \%) p(65.96 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.38 \%): s(30.46 \%) p(69.45 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using O3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The O3LYP functional uses 11.61 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{21}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and f orbitals from atom B, to their shared $\mathrm{NBO} \sigma_{\mathrm{AB}}$ or $\pi_{\mathrm{AB}} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from d and f orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S61. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the B3LYP functional.

| NBO $^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82542 | $s p^{2.90}$ | $s(25.67 \%) p(74.32 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98458 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.07 \%): s(35.89 \%) p(63.85 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.93 \%): s(32.99 \%) p(66.90 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.82035 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{N} 1(77.22 \%): s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(22.78 \%): s(0.00 \%) p(99.81 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98533 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.75\%): } s(38.31 \%) p(61.44 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.25\%): } s(32.25 \%) p(67.64 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.90434 | $s p^{2.13}$ | $s(31.91 \%) p(67.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98457 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.09} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (57.52\%): } s(32.19 \%) p(67.33 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.48\%): } s(34.52 \%) p(65.37 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98609 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{1.99} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.78\%): } s(35.77 \%) p(63.73 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.22\%): } s(33.39 \%) p(66.48 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75163 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (63.98\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.68 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (36.02\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.89692 | $s p^{2.13}$ | $s(31.87 \%) p(67.99 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98240 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.09} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (57.81\%): } s(30.93 \%) p(68.62 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.19\%): } s(32.35 \%) p(67.55 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98801 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.69} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C7 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{N} 3(58.85 \%): s(37.05 \%) p(62.47 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 7(41.15 \%): s(33.62 \%) p(66.24 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78543 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (63.50\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.71 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (36.50\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98798 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & s p^{1.62} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.51\%): } s(35.01 \%) p(64.78 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.49\%): } s(38.05 \%) p(61.78 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98709 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.88} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.35\%): } s(34.59 \%) p(65.20 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.65\%): } s(37.83 \%) p(62.00 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97702 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.13\%): } s(36.61 \%) p(63.28 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.87\%): } s(34.89 \%) p(64.92 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.62598 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.44\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.56\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97261 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.96} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.29\%): } s(31.06 \%) p(68.82 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.71\%): } s(33.70 \%) p(66.17 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88070 | $s p^{2.67}$ | $s(27.21 \%) p(72.76 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.98779 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.58\%): } s(38.68 \%) p(60.94 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.42\%): } s(34.47 \%) p(65.40 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85387 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.49\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.51\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98159 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.93} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at C10 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{N} 4(58.79 \%): s(33.98 \%) p(65.67 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.21 \%): s(30.45 \%) p(69.45 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The B3LYP functional uses 20 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{22}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{\mathrm{AB}}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and f orbitals from atom B, to their shared $\mathrm{NBO} \sigma_{\mathrm{AB}}$ or $\pi_{\mathrm{AB}} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from d and f orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S62. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the PBE0 functional.

| NBO $^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82844 | $s p^{2.90}$ | $s(25.62 \%) p(74.37 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98484 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.08 \%): s(35.93 \%) p(63.80 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.92 \%): s(33.00 \%) p(66.90 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.82213 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | N1 (77.56\%): $s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(22.44 \%): s(0.00 \%) p(99.79 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98545 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.69\%): } s(38.31 \%) p(61.43 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.31\%): } s(32.26 \%) p(67.64 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.90459 | $s p^{2.10}$ | $s(32.22 \%) p(67.60 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98479 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (57.46\%): } s(32.08 \%) p(67.43 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.54\%): } s(34.52 \%) p(65.38 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98610 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{1.99} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.69\%): } s(35.55 \%) p(63.03 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.31\%): } s(33.36 \%) p(66.51 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75137 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (64.13\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.65 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (35.87\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.89734 | $s p^{2.11}$ | $s(32.10 \%) p(67.75 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98259 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.23} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.09} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 3(57.75 \%): s(30.84 \%) p(68.70 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(42.25 \%): s(32.35 \%) p(67.56 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98812 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.70} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C7 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (58.79\%): } s(36.89 \%) p(62.61 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (41.21\%): } s(33.60 \%) p(66.27 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78515 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (63.67\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.68 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (36.33\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98821 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.63} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.57\%): } s(34.98 \%) p(64.82 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.43\%): } s(37.97 \%) p(61.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98730 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.89} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.40\%): } s(34.56 \%) p(65.25 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.60\%): } s(37.76 \%) p(62.08 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97720 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.10\%): } s(36.62 \%) p(63.27 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.90\%): } s(34.87 \%) p(64.94 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.62749 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.39\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.61\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97279 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.96} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.27\%): } s(31.05 \%) p(68.83 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.73\%): } s(33.72 \%) p(66.16 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88191 | $s p^{2.65}$ | $s(27.36 \%) p(72.61 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.98801 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.52\%): } s(38.58 \%) p(61.03 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.48\%): } s(34.46 \%) p(65.41 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85470 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.64\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.81 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.36\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98177 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.94} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at C10 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (58.69\%): } s(33.92 \%) p(65.72 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.31 \%): s(30.44 \%) p(69.46 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using PBE0 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The PBE0 functional uses 25
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{14}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and f orbitals from atom B, to their shared $\mathrm{NBO} \sigma_{\mathrm{AB}}$ or $\pi_{\mathrm{AB}} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from d and f orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S63. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06 functional.

| NBO $^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81960 | $s p^{2.87}$ | $s(25.83 \%) p(74.15 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.55936 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98445 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at } 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.30\%): } s(35.80 \%) p(63.99 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.70\%): } s(33.06 \%) p(66.86 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98535 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.61} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.96\%): } s(38.24 \%) p(61.55 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.04\%): } s(32.22 \%) p(67.69 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.90261 | $s p^{2.08}$ | $s(32.35 \%) p(67.43 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98394 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (57.74\%): } s(32.08 \%) p(67.50 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.26\%): } s(34.50 \%) p(65.42 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C6) | 1.98555 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{1.99} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.83\%): } s(35.44 \%) p(64.11 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.17\%): } s(33.44 \%) p(66.47 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75275 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (64.89\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.64 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (35.11\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.89556 | $s p^{2.09}$ | $s(32.29 \%) p(67.52 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98177 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.23} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 3 \\ & s p^{2.09} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (58.02\%): } s(30.85 \%) p(68.76 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.98\%): } s(32.34 \%) p(67.59 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C7) | 1.98771 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.96} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (58.87\%): } s(36.71 \%) p(62.86 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (41.13\%): } s(33.71 \%) p(66.19 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78691 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (64.45\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.67 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (35.55\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98778 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.62} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (49.49\%): } s(38.09 \%) p(61.76 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (50.51\%): } s(35.05 \%) p(64.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98679 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.64} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (49.64\%): } s(37.84 \%) p(62.01 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (50.36\%): } s(34.64 \%) p(65.19 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97678 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.01\%): } s(36.59 \%) p(63.31 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.99\%): } s(35.00 \%) p(64.84 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.62792 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.85\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.15\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97228 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.96} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.30\%): } s(31.12 \%) p(68.77 \%) \\ & \text { C10 }(50.70 \%): s(33.74 \%) p(66.14 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87927 | $s p^{2.66}$ | $s(27.32 \%) p(72.63 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98779 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.59} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.65\%): } s(38.55 \%) p(61.12 \%) \\ & \text { C0 (40 35\%): s(34 55\%)n(65 36\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85836 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.10\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.80 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (39.90\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98120 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.93} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{N} 4(59.01 \%): s(34.01 \%) p(65.69 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(40.99 \%): s(30.38 \%) p(69.54 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06 functional uses $27 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} \cdot{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and forbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S64. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-2X functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84913 | $s p^{2.97}$ | $s(25.20 \%) p(74.78 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.56422 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98480 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.09\%): } s(36.19 \%) p(63.56 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.91\%): } s(32.96 \%) p(66.95 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98507 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.59} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.71\%): } s(38.49 \%) p(61.26 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 11(41.29 \%): s(32.27 \%) p(67.64 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.90970 | $s p^{2.16}$ | $s(31.59 \%) p(68.22 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98502 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.07} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (57.59\%): } s(32.39 \%) p(67.13 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.41\%): } s(34.58 \%) p(65.34 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98641 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{1.99} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.86\%): } s(35.89 \%) p(63.61 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.14\%): } s(33.36 \%) p(66.52 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.74943 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (64.38\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.62 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (35.62\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.90350 | $s p^{2.18}$ | $s(31.38 \%) p(68.46 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98290 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.19} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.09} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (57.93\%): } s(31.22 \%) p(68.34 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.07\%): } s(32.35 \%) p(67.57 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98826 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.67} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (58.94\%): } s(37.25 \%) p(62.26 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (41.06\%): } s(33.59 \%) p(66.29 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78600 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (63.94\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.65 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (36.06\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98822 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.63} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.54\%): } s(34.96 \%) p(64.85 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.46\%): } s(38.01 \%) p(61.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98735 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.89} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at } 77 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.36\%): } s(34.53 \%) p(65.28 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.64\%): } s(37.79 \%) p(62.05 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97763 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C11 (51.11\%): $s(36.63 \%) p(63.26 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(48.89 \%): s(34.94 \%) p(64.88 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.63427 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.84\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.16\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97340 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.96} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.19\%): } s(31.04 \%) p(68.85 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.81\%): } s(33.75 \%) p(66.14 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.89318 | $s p^{2.73}$ | $s(26.80 \%) p(73.16 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98794 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.57} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.68\%): } s(38.83 \%) p(60.79 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.32\%): } s(34.43 \%) p(65.46 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86067 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.56\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.79 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.44\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98180 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.91} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.91\%): } s(34.24 \%) p(65.42 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (41.09\%): } s(30.40 \%) p(69.52 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-2X (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-2X functional uses $54 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and forbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom A ( $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%$ ) and $\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S65. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\text {F }} \mathbf{~}\right.} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the CAM-B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83248 | $s p^{2.89}$ | $s(24.96 \%) p(75.02 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.56898 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98489 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{N} 1(59.04 \%): s(36.25 \%) p(63.48 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 5(40.96 \%): s(32.97 \%) p(66.92 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98526 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.58} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.70\%): } s(38.66 \%) p(61.07 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.30\%): } s(32.24 \%) p(67.65 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.90874 | $s p^{2.20}$ | $s(31.17 \%) p(68.65 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98512 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.05} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (57.56\%): } s(32.58 \%) p(66.92 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.44\%): } s(34.53 \%) p(65.36 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C6) | 1.98655 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.00} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.78\%): } s(36.12 \%) p(63.36 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.22\%): } s(33.34 \%) p(66.52 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75029 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (64.78\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.66 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (35.22\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.90193 | $s p^{2.21}$ | $s(31.15 \%) p(68.70 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98307 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.18} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.09} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (57.84\%): } s(31.32 \%) p(68.22 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.16\%): } s(32.36 \%) p(67.54 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98825 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.66} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (58.84\%): } s(37.37 \%) p(62.12 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (41.16\%): } s(33.58 \%) p(66.28 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78608 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (64.24\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.68 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (35.76\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98783 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.62} \text { at } 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.51\%): } s(34.98 \%) p(64.81 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.49\%): } s(38.06 \%) p(61.76 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98708 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.89} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.35\%): } s(34.56 \%) p(65.23 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.65\%): } s(37.83 \%) p(61.99 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97714 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{C} 11(51.09 \%): s(36.63 \%) p(63.26 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(48.91 \%): s(34.93 \%) p(64.87 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.63466 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.75\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.25\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97336 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.96} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.22\%): } s(31.05 \%) p(68.82 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.78\%): } s(33.74 \%) p(66.13 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88705 | $s p^{2.76}$ | $s(26.60 \%) p(73.37 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98770 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.56} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.54\%): } s(38.91 \%) p(60.69 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.46\%): } s(34.46 \%) p(65.41 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86193 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.71\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.81 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.29\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98194 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.82\%): } s(34.35 \%) p(65.28 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.18 \%): s(30.38 \%) p(69.51 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using CAM-B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The CAM-B3LYP functional is a range-separated functional, and uses $19 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at short range, $33 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at intermediate range, and $65 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at long range. ${ }^{15}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{d}$, and forbitals from atom B , to their shared $\mathrm{NBO} \sigma_{\mathrm{AB}}$ or $\pi_{\mathrm{AB}} \cdot{ }^{20}$ Contributions from d and f orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S66. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-L functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82237 | $s p^{2.60}$ | $s(27.75 \%) p(72.23 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98439 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.30\%): } s(34.79 \%) p(64.98 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.70\%): } s(33.08 \%) p(66.83 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.81909 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | N1 (76.40\%): $s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(23.60 \%): s(0.00 \%) p(99.80 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98565 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.67} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.12} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.07\%): } s(37.32 \%) p(62.46 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (40.93\%): } s(32.05 \%) p(67.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.90248 | $s p^{1.94}$ | $s(33.94 \%) p(65.88 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98378 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.19} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (57.76\%): } s(31.25 \%) p(68.32 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.24\%): } s(34.41 \%) p(65.51 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98500 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.00} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.99\%): } s(34.69 \%) p(64.86 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.01\%): } s(33.28 \%) p(66.62 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75701 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (64.49\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.69 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (35.51\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.89496 | $s p^{1.96}$ | $s(33.77 \%) p(66.08 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98144 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.31} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (58.04\%): } s(30.07 \%) p(69.53 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.96\%): } s(32.39 \%) p(67.53 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98749 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.98} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 3(59.07 \%): s(36.02 \%) p(63.54 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 7(40.93 \%): s(33.54 \%) p(66.36 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78850 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (64.08\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.71 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (35.92\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98873 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & s p^{1.62} \text { at } 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.44\%): } s(34.97 \%) p(64.84 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.56\%): } s(38.08 \%) p(61.76 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98758 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.89} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.29\%): } s(34.55 \%) p(65.27 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.71\%): } s(37.84 \%) p(62.00 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97779 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{C} 11(50.89 \%): s(36.55 \%) p(63.33 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(49.11 \%): s(35.07 \%) p(64.76 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.63950 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | C 11 (46.74\%): $s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(53.26 \%): s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97252 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.19} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.96} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.48\%): } s(31.33 \%) p(68.55 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.52\%): } s(33.70 \%) p(66.18 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87718 | $s p^{2.45}$ | $s(28.96 \%) p(71.00 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98809 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.63} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.84\%): } s(37.90 \%) p(61.76 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.16\%): } s(34.27 \%) p(65.63 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi$ (N4-C9) | 1.84913 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.34\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.66\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97252 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.02} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.92\%): } s(33.01 \%) p(66.67 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (41.08\%): } s(30.39 \%) p(69.53 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-L (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-L functional uses $0 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{19}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and f orbitals from atom B, to their shared $\mathrm{NBO} \sigma_{\mathrm{AB}}$ or $\pi_{\mathrm{AB}} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from d and f orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S67. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the TPSSh functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82218 | $s p^{2.82}$ | $s(26.18 \%) p(73.80 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98474 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.08\%): } s(35.57 \%) p(64.17 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.92\%): } s(32.98 \%) p(66.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.82168 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{N} 1(76.52 \%): s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(23.48 \%): s(0.00 \%) p(99.80 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98548 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.62} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.11} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{N} 1(58.82 \%): s(38.10 \%) p(61.65 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.18 \%): s(32.14 \%) p(67.76 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.90474 | $s p^{2.06}$ | $s(32.58 \%) p(67.26 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98472 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.12} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 2(57.73 \%): s(31.91 \%) p(67.63 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(42.27 \%): s(34.49 \%) p(65.41 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C6) | 1.98586 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.96\%): } s(35.39 \%) p(64.13 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.04\%): } s(33.14 \%) p(66.73 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75431 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (64.52\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.69 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (35.48\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.89582 | $s p^{2.07}$ | $s(32.49 \%) p(67.38 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98255 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.25} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (57.79\%): } s(30.66 \%) p(68.91 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.21\%): } s(32.40 \%) p(67.51 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98807 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.71} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.99} \text { at C7 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{N} 3(59.05 \%): s(36.70 \%) p(62.84 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 7(40.95 \%): s(33.39 \%) p(66.48 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78626 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (64.03\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.72 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (35.97\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98876 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.63} \text { at } 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.44\%): } s(34.84 \%) p(64.97 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.56\%): } s(37.99 \%) p(61.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98255 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.29\%): } s(34.42 \%) p(65.39 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.71\%): } s(37.76 \%) p(62.08 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97707 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.07\%): } s(36.61 \%) p(63.28 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.93\%): } s(34.93 \%) p(64.89 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64008 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.31\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.69\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97250 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.20} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.46\%): } s(31.18 \%) p(68.70 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.54\%): } s(33.62 \%) p(66.26 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87731 | $s p^{2.60}$ | $s(27.80 \%) p(72.17 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98811 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.59} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.78\%): } s(38.46 \%) p(61.17 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.22\%): } s(34.22 \%) p(65.65 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84868 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.61\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.39\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98190 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.97} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.67\%): } s(33.60 \%) p(66.06 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.33 \%): s(30.48 \%) p(69.42 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using TPSSh (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The TPSSh functional uses $10 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{\mathrm{AB}}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and f orbitals from atom B, to their shared $\mathrm{NBO} \sigma_{\mathrm{AB}}$ or $\pi_{\mathrm{AB}} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from d and f orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S6. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L 2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the O3LYP functional.

| $\mathrm{NBO}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82122 | $s p^{2.87}$ | $s(25.86 \%) p(74.13 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98461 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.97 \%): s(35.74 \%) p(64.01 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(41.03 \%): s(32.93 \%) p(66.97 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.82080 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (76.36\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (23.64\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.81 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98526 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.61} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { N1 (58.69\%): } s(38.26 \%) p(61.50 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.31\%): } s(32.19 \%) p(67.71 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.90188 | $s p^{2.08}$ | $s(32.38 \%) p(67.44 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98469 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (57.43\%): } s(31.99 \%) p(67.56 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.57\%): } s(34.56 \%) p(65.34 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C6) | 1.98576 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.85\%): } s(35.51 \%) p(64.01 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.15\%): } s(33.14 \%) p(66.74 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75524 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (64.36\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.68 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (35.64\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.89378 | $s p^{2.09}$ | $s(32.32 \%) p(67.53 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98243 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.24} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.09} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 3(57.68 \%): s(30.73 \%) p(68.85 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(42.32 \%): s(32.38 \%) p(67.53 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98791 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.70} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.99} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (58.92\%): } s(36.80 \%) p(62.74 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (41.08\%): } s(33.37 \%) p(66.50 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78670 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (63.85\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.71 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (36.15\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98819 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.63} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.45\%): } s(34.81 \%) p(65.01 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.55\%): } s(37.98 \%) p(61.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98713 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.90} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.65} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.31\%): } s(34.40 \%) p(65.43 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.69\%): } s(37.74 \%) p(62.11 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97654 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C11 (51.05\%): $s(36.63 \%) p(63.27 \%)$ <br> C12 (48.95\%): $s(34.87 \%) p(64.96 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.63934 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.38\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.62\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97204 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.49\%): } s(31.12 \%) p(68.78 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.51\%): } s(33.58 \%) p(66.31 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87537 | $s p^{2.61}$ | $s(27.67 \%) p(72.29 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98791 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.66\%): } s(38.57 \%) p(61.07 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.34\%): } s(34.21 \%) p(65.67 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84951 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.54\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.46\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98168 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.96} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.27} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.51\%): } s(33.62 \%) p(66.05 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.49 \%): s(30.54 \%) p(69.36 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using O3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The O3LYP functional uses $11.61 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{21}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and f orbitals from atom B, to their shared $\mathrm{NBO} \sigma_{\mathrm{AB}}$ or $\pi_{\mathrm{AB}} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from d and f orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S69. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the B3LYP functional.

| NBO $^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82588 | $s p^{2.90}$ | $s(25.64 \%) p(74.34 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98466 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.03 \%): s(35.83 \%) p(63.91 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.97 \%): s(32.94 \%) p(66.95 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.82511 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{N} 1(77.14 \%): s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(22.86 \%): s(0.00 \%) p(99.81 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98534 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.79\%): } s(38.39 \%) p(61.36 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.21\%): } s(32.19 \%) p(67.70 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.90611 | $s p^{2.15}$ | $s(31.69 \%) p(68.14 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98479 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.08} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 2(57.59 \%): s(32.31 \%) p(67.21 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(42.41 \%): s(34.53 \%) p(65.36 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98624 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.98\%): } s(35.88 \%) p(63.62 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.02\%): } s(33.20 \%) p(66.67 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75515 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (64.90\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.69 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (35.10\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.89808 | $s p^{2.15}$ | $s(31.70 \%) p(68.16 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98271 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (57.84\%): } s(31.04 \%) p(68.52 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.16\%): } s(32.39 \%) p(67.51 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98815 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.68} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.99} \text { at C7 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{N} 3(59.03 \%): s(37.11 \%) p(62.40 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 7(40.97 \%): s(33.43 \%) p(66.43 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78761 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (64.34\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.72 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (35.66\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98816 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.62} \text { at } 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.41\%): } s(34.85 \%) p(64.94 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.59\%): } s(38.05 \%) p(61.78 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98721 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.90} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.28\%): } s(34.44 \%) p(65.36 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.72\%): } s(37.80 \%) p(62.02 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97685 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.03\%): } s(36.59 \%) p(63.29 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.97\%): } s(34.95 \%) p(64.85 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64238 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.89\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.11\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97257 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.47\%): } s(31.13 \%) p(68.75 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.53\%): } s(33.59 \%) p(66.29 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88023 | $s p^{2.67}$ | $s(27.21 \%) p(72.76 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.98784 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.57} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.74\%): } s(38.78 \%) p(60.84 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.26\%): } s(34.27 \%) p(65.60 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85177 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.69\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.31\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98188 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.94} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.27} \text { at C10 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (58.68\%): } s(33.89 \%) p(65.77 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.32 \%): s(30.54 \%) p(69.36 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The B3LYP functional uses $20 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{22}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and f orbitals from atom B, to their shared $\mathrm{NBO} \sigma_{\mathrm{AB}}$ or $\pi_{\mathrm{AB}} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from d and f orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S70. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{(F 3} \mathbf{L}\right.} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the PBE0 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82887 | $s p^{2.91}$ | $s(25.59 \%) p(74.39 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.55029 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98493 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.04\%): } s(35.88 \%) p(63.85 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.96\%): } s(32.95 \%) p(66.95 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98545 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.60} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.72\%): $s(38.39 \%) p(61.35 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.28 \%): s(32.20 \%) p(67.70 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.90638 | $s p^{2.12}$ | $s(32.00 \%) p(67.82 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98503 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.09} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (57.52\%): } s(32.19 \%) p(67.32 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.48\%): } s(34.54 \%) p(65.36 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98626 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.90\%): } s(35.67 \%) p(63.81 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.10\%): } s(33.16 \%) p(66.71 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75429 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (65.07\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.67 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (34.93\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.89349 | $s p^{2.13}$ | $s(31.92 \%) p(67.93 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98503 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.09} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (57.52\%): } s(32.19 \%) p(67.32 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.48\%): } s(34.54 \%) p(65.36 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C7) | 1.98827 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.69} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.99} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (58.97\%): } s(36.97 \%) p(62.53 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (41.03\%): } s(33.39 \%) p(66.47 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78714 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (64.54\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.69 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (35.46\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98841 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.63} \text { at } 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.46\%): } s(34.80 \%) p(65.00 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.54\%): } s(37.97 \%) p(61.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98743 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & s p^{1.65} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.33\%): } s(34.39 \%) p(65.42 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.67\%): } s(37.73 \%) p(62.10 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97704 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C 11 (51.01\%): $s(36.60 \%) p(63.29 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(48.99 \%): s(34.93 \%) p(64.89 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64397 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.89\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.11\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97277 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.45\%): } s(31.13 \%) p(68.76 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.55\%): } s(33.60 \%) p(66.28 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88150 | $s p^{2.66}$ | $s(27.35 \%) p(72.62 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98807 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.57} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.70\%): } s(38.68 \%) p(60.92 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.30\%): } s(34.25 \%) p(65.62 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi$ (N4-C9) | 1.85266 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.87\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.13\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98208 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.95} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.27} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(58.57 \%): s(33.83 \%) p(65.82 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.43 \%): s(30.53 \%) p(69.37 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using PBE0 (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The PBE0 functional uses $25 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{14}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{\mathrm{AB}}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} \cdot{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S71. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82004 | $s p^{2.88}$ | $s(25.79 \%) p(74.19 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.56231 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98452 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{N} 1(59.27 \%): s(35.74 \%) p(64.05 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 5(40.73 \%): s(33.00 \%) p(66.92 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98536 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.11} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{aligned}$ | N1 (59.00\%): $s(38.34 \%) p(61.45 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.00 \%): s(32.16 \%) p(67.76 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.90455 | $s p^{2.11}$ | $s(32.13 \%) p(67.66 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98417 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.09} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (57.80\%): } s(32.20 \%) p(67.39 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.20\%): } s(34.51 \%) p(65.41 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C6) | 1.98570 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.80} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.00} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (59.03\%): } s(35.56 \%) p(64.00 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (40.97\%): } s(33.25 \%) p(66.66 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75575 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (65.86\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.66 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (34.14\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.89679 | $s p^{2.11}$ | $s(32.11 \%) p(67.72 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98212 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.09} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 3(58.05 \%): s(30.97 \%) p(68.64 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(41.95 \%): s(32.38 \%) p(67.55 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98786 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.70} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.98} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 3(59.05 \%): s(36.97 \%) p(62.79 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 7(40.95 \%): s(33.53 \%) p(66.37 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78919 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (65.38\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.68 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (34.62\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98797 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.62} \text { at } 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.42\%): } s(34.89 \%) p(64.94 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.58\%): } s(38.09 \%) p(61.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98690 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.28\%): } s(34.48 \%) p(65.35 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.72\%): } s(37.81 \%) p(62.04 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97661 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 12 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{C} 11(50.92 \%): s(36.59 \%) p(63.31 \%)$ <br> C12 (49.08\%): $s(35.06 \%) p(64.78 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64542 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.33\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.67\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97221 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.20} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.48\%): } s(31.19 \%) p(68.70 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.52\%): } s(33.63 \%) p(66.26 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87873 | $s p^{2.66}$ | $s(27.31 \%) p(72.64 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98785 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.91} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.81\%): } s(38.65 \%) p(61.03 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.19\%): } s(34.35 \%) p(65.55 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85680 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.40\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.80 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.60\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98152 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.94} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.90\%): } s(33.93 \%) p(65.77 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (41.10\%): } s(30.47 \%) p(69.45 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using M06 (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06 functional uses $27 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p$, $d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and forbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.


| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84978 | $s p^{2.97}$ | $s(25.17 \%) p(74.81 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.56655 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98488 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.04} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.06\%): } s(36.13 \%) p(63.61 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.94\%): } s(32.90 \%) p(67.01 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98507 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.59} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.74\%): $s(38.57 \%) p(61.18 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.26 \%): s(32.20 \%) p(67.71 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.91136 | $s p^{2.18}$ | $s(31.36 \%) p(68.45 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98523 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.06} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (57.64\%): } s(32.49 \%) p(67.03 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.36\%): } s(34.60 \%) p(65.32 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98656 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (59.09\%): } s(36.02 \%) p(63.48 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (40.91\%): } s(33.14 \%) p(66.74 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75212 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (65.38\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.63 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (34.62\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.90447 | $s p^{2.20}$ | $s(31.19 \%) p(68.65 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98320 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.18} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (57.95\%): } s(31.32 \%) p(68.24 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.05\%): } s(32.39 \%) p(67.53 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C7) | 1.98839 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.66} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.99} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (59.15\%): } s(37.34 \%) p(62.17 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (40.85\%): } s(33.37 \%) p(66.51 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78784 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (64.86\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.66 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (35.14\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98844 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.63} \text { at } 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.43\%): } s(34.78 \%) p(65.02 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.57\%): } s(38.00 \%) p(61.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98750 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.90} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.28\%): } s(34.36 \%) p(65.45 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.72\%): } s(37.76 \%) p(62.08 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97746 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.01\%): } s(36.61 \%) p(63.28 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.99\%): } s(34.99 \%) p(64.83 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65133 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.37\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.63\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97338 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.39\%): } s(31.12 \%) p(68.77 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.61\%): } s(33.62 \%) p(66.27 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.89290 | $s p^{2.73}$ | $s(26.79 \%) p(73.17 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98800 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.56} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.87\%): } s(38.95 \%) p(60.67 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.13\%): } s(34.20 \%) p(65.68 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi$ (N4-C9) | 1.85866 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.85\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.79 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.15\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98209 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.92} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.77\%): } s(34.14 \%) p(65.52 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.23 \%): s(30.50 \%) p(69.41 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-2X (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-2X functional uses $54 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{\mathrm{AB}}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} \cdot{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S73. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of ( $\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the CAM-B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83300 | $s p^{3.01}$ | $s(24.93 \%) p(75.05 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.57089 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98497 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at } 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.00\%): } s(36.18 \%) p(63.54 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.00\%): } s(32.92 \%) p(66.97 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98526 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.57} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.74\%): } s(38.75 \%) p(60.98 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.26\%): } s(32.18 \%) p(67.71 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N2) | 1.91037 | $s p^{2.22}$ | $s(30.96 \%) p(68.86 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C5) | 1.98532 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.04} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (57.62\%): } s(32.69 \%) p(66.82 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.38\%): } s(34.54 \%) p(65.35 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma$ (N2-C6) | 1.98668 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at N2 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at } 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (58.99\%): } s(36.23 \%) p(63.25 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (41.01\%): } s(33.14 \%) p(66.72 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.75344 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2 (65.77\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.67 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (34.23\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N3) | 1.90294 | $s p^{2.22}$ | $s(30.99 \%) p(68.87 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N3-C5) | 1.98335 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.17} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (57.86\%): } s(31.42 \%) p(68.12 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (42.14\%): } s(32.40 \%) p(67.50 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98838 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.66} \text { at N3 } \\ & s p^{1.99} \text { at C7 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (59.03\%): } s(37.44 \%) p(62.06 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (40.97\%): } s(33.38 \%) p(66.48 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.78815 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N3 (65.15\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.70 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (34.85\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98802 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.62} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { C8 (50.41\%): } s(34.81 \%) p(64.97 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.59\%): } s(38.06 \%) p(61.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98721 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.90} \text { at C8 } \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C8 (50.28\%): } s(34.40 \%) p(65.40 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.72\%): } s(37.80 \%) p(62.02 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97697 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.99\%): } s(36.61 \%) p(63.27 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.01\%): } s(34.99 \%) p(64.81 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65180 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.27\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.73\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97332 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.42\%): } s(31.13 \%) p(68.75 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.58\%): } s(33.62 \%) p(66.25 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88647 | $s p^{2.76}$ | $s(26.59 \%) p(73.38 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98777 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.55} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.72\%): } s(39.03 \%) p(60.58 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.28\%): } s(34.25 \%) p(65.61 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85990 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.03\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.81 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.97\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98221 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.91} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(58.69 \%): s(34.25 \%) p(65.39 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.31 \%): s(30.48 \%) p(69.41 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using CAM-B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The CAM-B3LYP functional is a range-separated functional, and uses $19 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at short range, $33 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at intermediate range, and $65 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at long range. ${ }^{15}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda\left(\right.$ for example, $\left.\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}\right)$ have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared $N B O \sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} \cdot{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S74. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u} u} \mathbf{L} 3\right)}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-L functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.80939 | $s p^{2.18}$ | $s(31.48 \%) p(68.50 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.60384 | n/a | $s(0.07 \%) p(99.88 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98378 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.97} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.23} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.22\%): } s(33.65 \%) p(66.15 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.78\%): } s(30.94 \%) p(68.98 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98288 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.88} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.51\%): } s(34.68 \%) p(65.09 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.49\%): } s(32.41 \%) p(67.50 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97772 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.87} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.60\%): } s(35.10 \%) p(64.73 \%) \\ & \text { C5 }(50.40 \%): s(34.76 \%) p(65.13 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98213 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.75} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.23\%): } s(36.50 \%) p(63.33 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.77\%): } s(36.25 \%) p(63.60 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70484 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (52.02\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (47.98\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97754 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 3 \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.45\%): } s(35.32 \%) p(64.50 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.55\%): } s(34.20 \%) p(65.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62648 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.77\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.23\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98321 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 3(50.25 \%): s(36.43 \%) p(63.39 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 7(49.75 \%): s(36.08 \%) p(63.76 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98417 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.15\%): } s(36.01 \%) p(63.82 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.85\%): } s(35.73 \%) p(64.11 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98402 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.10\%): } s(36.02 \%) p(63.81 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.90\%): } s(35.74 \%) p(64.10 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67304 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.16\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.84\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97698 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.87} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.94\%): } s(36.30 \%) p(63.59 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.06\%): } s(34.76 \%) p(65.06 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.63613 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (44.36\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (55.64\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97095 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.20} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.09\%): } s(31.21 \%) p(68.66 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.91\%): } s(34.01 \%) p(65.87 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86702 | $s p^{2.43}$ | $s(29.12 \%) p(70.86 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98844 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.66} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.97\%): } s(37.45 \%) p(62.24 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.03\%): } s(34.02 \%) p(65.89 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86261 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.68\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.32\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98149 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.99} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.34} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.48\%): } s(33.31 \%) p(66.42 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (40.52\%): } s(29.90 \%) p(70.03 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-L (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-L functional uses 0 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{19}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S75. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{~} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the TPSSh functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.80893 | $s p^{2.37}$ | $s(29.70 \%) p(70.27 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.61047 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(0.07 \%) p(99.88 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98428 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.89} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.22} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.00\%): } s(34.50 \%) p(65.28 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.00\%): } s(31.02 \%) p(68.88 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98325 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.25\%): $s(35.61 \%) p(64.15 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.75 \%): s(32.48 \%) p(67.41 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97775 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.87} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.47\%): } s(34.94 \%) p(64.88 \%) \\ & \text { C5 }(50.53 \%): s(34.76 \%) p(65.13 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98200 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.76} \text { at } 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.24\%): } s(36.40 \%) p(63.42 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.76\%): } s(36.11 \%) p(63.72 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70324 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.83\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.17\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97766 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.30\%): } s(35.18 \%) p(64.64 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.70\%): } s(34.12 \%) p(65.77 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62719 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.29\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.71\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98307 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.27\%): } s(36.31 \%) p(63.51 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.73\%): } s(35.93 \%) p(63.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98432 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.14\%): } s(35.88 \%) p(63.94 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.86\%): } s(35.61 \%) p(64.21 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98364 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.08\%): } s(35.96 \%) p(63.86 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.92\%): } s(35.70 \%) p(64.12 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67297 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.20\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.80\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97605 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.10\%): } s(36.35 \%) p(63.54 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.90\%): } s(34.66 \%) p(65.15 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.63577 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (44.82\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (55.18\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97063 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.08\%): } s(31.00 \%) p(68.88 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.92\%): } s(33.96 \%) p(65.93 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86723 | $s p^{2.58}$ | $s(27.91 \%) p(72.07 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98843 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.91\%): } s(38.40 \%) p(61.25 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.09\%): } s(34.11 \%) p(65.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86265 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.80\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.20\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98196 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.92} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.33} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.27\%): } s(34.14 \%) p(65.56 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (40.73\%): } s(29.98 \%) p(69.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using TPSSh (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The TPSSh functional uses 10
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S76. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} 3\right)}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the O3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.80815 | $s p^{2.40}$ | $s(29.41 \%) p(70.56 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.60716 | n/a | $s(0.06 \%) p(99.89 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98429 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.88} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.22} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.85\%): } s(34.65 \%) p(65.14 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.15\%): } s(31.06 \%) p(68.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98316 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.79} \text { at N1 } \\ s p^{2.07} \text { at C11 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.13\%): } s(35.74 \%) p(64.01 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.87\%): } s(32.53 \%) p(67.36 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97733 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.87} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.47\%): } s(34.90 \%) p(64.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.53\%): } s(34.77 \%) p(65.13 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98150 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.23\%): } s(36.38 \%) p(63.45 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.77\%): } s(36.09 \%) p(63.75 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70356 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.77\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.23\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97717 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at } 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.31\%): } s(35.15 \%) p(64.69 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.69\%): } s(34.07 \%) p(65.82 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62685 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.28\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.72\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98256 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.27\%): } s(36.30 \%) p(63.53 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.73\%): } s(35.90 \%) p(63.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98374 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.14\%): } s(35.87 \%) p(63.96 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.86\%): } s(35.59 \%) p(64.24 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98360 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.08\%): } s(35.88 \%) p(63.96 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.92\%): } s(35.61 \%) p(64.23 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67379 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.30\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.70\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97605 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.08\%): } s(36.34 \%) p(63.56 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.92\%): } s(34.58 \%) p(65.25 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.63506 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (45.02\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (54.98\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97062 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.11\%): } s(31.06 \%) p(68.83 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.89\%): } s(33.90 \%) p(66.00 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86538 | $s p^{2.60}$ | $s(27.77 \%) p(72.22 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98834 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.61} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.76\%): } s(38.13 \%) p(61.54 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.24\%): } s(34.01 \%) p(65.88 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86369 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.78\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.22\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98204 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.93} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.32} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.10\%): } s(33.98 \%) p(65.72 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (40.90\%): } s(30.06 \%) p(69.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using O3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The O3LYP functional uses 11.61 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{21}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S77. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} 3\right)}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81183 | $s p^{2.44}$ | $s(29.08 \%) p(70.89 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.62131 | n/a | $s(0.07 \%) p(99.88 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98457 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.94\%): } s(34.83 \%) p(64.94 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.06\%): } s(31.09 \%) p(68.80 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98343 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.22\%): } s(35.90 \%) p(63.84 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.78\%): } s(32.55 \%) p(67.33 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97752 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 2 \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.50\%): } s(34.96 \%) p(64.85 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.50\%): } s(34.72 \%) p(65.16 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98185 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.76} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.23\%): } s(36.43 \%) p(63.38 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.77\%): } s(36.13 \%) p(63.69 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70328 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.94\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.06\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97750 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.33\%): } s(35.20 \%) p(64.60 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.67\%): } s(34.06 \%) p(65.82 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62671 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.66\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.34\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98284 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.25\%): } s(36.34 \%) p(63.47 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.75\%): } s(35.96 \%) p(63.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98384 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.14\%): } s(35.91 \%) p(63.90 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.86\%): } s(35.64 \%) p(64.18 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98371 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.08\%): } s(35.92 \%) p(63.89 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.92\%): } s(35.65 \%) p(64.17 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67455 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.13\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.87\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97634 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.07\%): } s(36.31 \%) p(63.58 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.93\%): } s(34.64 \%) p(65.16 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.63757 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (44.36\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (55.64\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97118 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.06\%): } s(31.04 \%) p(68.83 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.94\%): } s(33.91 \%) p(65.97 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87037 | $s p^{2.66}$ | $s(27.31 \%) p(72.68 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98827 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(59.84 \%): s(38.33 \%) p(61.32 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 9(40.16 \%): s(34.06 \%) p(65.81 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi$ (N4-C9) | 1.86588 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.85\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.15\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98226 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.91} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.32} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{N} 4(59.27 \%): s(34.24 \%) p(65.44 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(40.73 \%): s(30.05 \%) p(69.85 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The B3LYP functional uses 20 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{22}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S78. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{BB}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L 3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the PBE0 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81558 | $s p^{2.44}$ | $s(29.03 \%) p(70.94 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.62561 | n/a | $s(0.07 \%) p(99.88 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98475 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.21} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.90\%): } s(34.87 \%) p(64.90 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.10\%): } s(31.09 \%) p(68.80 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98357 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.16\%): $s(35.91 \%) p(63.83 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.84 \%): s(32.56 \%) p(67.33 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97780 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.53\%): } s(34.94 \%) p(64.88 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.47\%): } s(34.73 \%) p(65.16 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98194 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(50.24 \%): s(36.37 \%) p(63.45 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 6(49.76 \%): s(36.10 \%) p(63.73 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70297 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.98\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.02\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97776 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.35\%): } s(35.18 \%) p(64.63 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.65\%): } s(34.06 \%) p(65.82 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62719 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.67\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.33\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98296 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 3 \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.27\%): } s(36.29 \%) p(63.53 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.73\%): } s(35.92 \%) p(63.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98407 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.14\%): } s(35.86 \%) p(63.96 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.86\%): } s(35.59 \%) p(64.23 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98394 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.07\%): } s(35.87 \%) p(63.95 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.93\%): } s(35.60 \%) p(64.22 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67432 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.10\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.90\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97648 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{C} 11(51.04 \%): s(36.33 \%) p(63.56 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(48.96 \%): s(34.60 \%) p(65.20 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.63888 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{C} 11(44.30 \%): s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(55.70 \%): s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97135 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.03\%): } s(31.03 \%) p(68.85 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.97\%): } s(33.93 \%) p(65.95 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87229 | $s p^{2.64}$ | $s(27.45 \%) p(72.53 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98850 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.61} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.78\%): } s(38.23 \%) p(61.41 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.22\%): } s(34.05 \%) p(65.83 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86650 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.98\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.02\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 0)$ | 1.98243 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.92} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.33} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (59.17\%): } s(34.19 \%) p(65.49 \%) \\ \text { C10 (40.83\%): } s(30.03 \%) p(69.87 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using PBE0 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The PBE0 functional uses 25 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{14}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S79. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{(t \mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.80780 | $s p^{2.42}$ | $s(29.26 \%) p(70.72 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.63460 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(0.08 \%) p(99.85 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98440 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.22} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.23\%): } s(34.80 \%) p(65.01 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.77\%): } s(31.06 \%) p(68.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98333 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.79} \text { at N1 } \\ s p^{2.07} \text { at C11 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.43 \%): s(35.75 \%) p(64.04 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 11(41.57 \%): s(32.52 \%) p(67.38 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97705 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.59\%): } s(35.08 \%) p(64.76 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.41\%): } s(34.73 \%) p(65.16 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98156 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.76} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.20\%): } s(36.41 \%) p(63.42 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.80\%): } s(36.21 \%) p(63.64 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70283 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (52.25\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (47.75\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97710 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.41\%): } s(35.32 \%) p(64.51 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.59\%): } s(34.09 \%) p(65.80 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62772 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (53.02\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (46.98\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98263 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.22\%): } s(36.32 \%) p(63.52 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.78\%): } s(36.03 \%) p(63.81 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98350 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.15\%): } s(35.93 \%) p(63.91 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.85\%): } s(35.67 \%) p(64.18 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98339 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.09\%): } s(35.94 \%) p(63.90 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.91\%): } s(35.68 \%) p(64.17 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67390 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (47.91\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.09\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97604 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.98\%): } s(36.32 \%) p(63.58 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.02\%): } s(34.69 \%) p(65.13 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64011 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (43.42\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (56.58\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97086 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.07\%): } s(31.07 \%) p(68.81 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.93\%): } s(33.96 \%) p(65.93 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86833 | $s p^{2.64}$ | $s(27.44 \%) p(72.53 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98829 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.61} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.92\%): } s(38.19 \%) p(61.52 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.08\%): } s(34.14 \%) p(65.77 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.87004 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.44\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.56\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98194 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.91} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.33} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.50\%): } s(34.26 \%) p(65.47 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(40.50 \%): s(29.98 \%) p(69.94 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06 functional uses $27 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S80. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{L 3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-2X functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83539 | $s p^{2.51}$ | $s(28.47 \%) p(71.50 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.64322 | n/a | $s(0.04 \%) p(99.89 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98488 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.21} \text { at } 5 \end{aligned}$ | N 1 (58.94\%): $s(35.22 \%) p(64.56 \%)$ C 5 (41.06\%): $s(31.13 \%) p(68.79 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98351 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{N} 1(58.21 \%): s(36.15 \%) p(63.60 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.79 \%): s(32.58 \%) p(67.32 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97800 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.52\%): } s(34.97 \%) p(64.86 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.48\%): } s(34.71 \%) p(65.19 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98224 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at } 6 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.23\%): } s(36.36 \%) p(63.46 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.77\%): } s(36.10 \%) p(63.74 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70225 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (52.06\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (47.94\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97800 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.31\%): } s(35.21 \%) p(64.61 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.69\%): } s(34.06 \%) p(65.83 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62899 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.91\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.09\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98319 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.25\%): } s(36.26 \%) p(63.56 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.75\%): } s(35.93 \%) p(63.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98421 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.14\%): } s(35.86 \%) p(63.97 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.86\%): } s(35.59 \%) p(64.25 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98407 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.07\%): } s(35.85 \%) p(63.97 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.93\%): } s(35.60 \%) p(64.23 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67529 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.01\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.99\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97674 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.08\%): } s(36.38 \%) p(63.52 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.92\%): } s(34.60 \%) p(65.21 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64397 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (43.70\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (56.30\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97194 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.23} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (48.94\%): } s(30.97 \%) p(68.91 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (51.06\%): } s(33.97 \%) p(65.93 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88594 | $s p^{2.71}$ | $s(26.92 \%) p(73.06 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98841 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.59} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.91\%): } s(38.46 \%) p(61.19 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.09\%): } s(34.03 \%) p(65.86 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.87186 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.85\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.15\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98240 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.89} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.33} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.39\%): } s(34.50 \%) p(65.19 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (40.61\%): } s(29.99 \%) p(69.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-2X (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-2X functional uses $54 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms $A$ and $B$, and $c_{A}$ and $c_{B}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms $A$ and $B$. If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S81. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{I B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{L 3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the CAM-B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81921 | $s p^{2.55}$ | $s(28.15 \%) p(71.82 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.64835 | n/a | $s(0.07 \%) p(99.88 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98511 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.21} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.90\%): } s(35.33 \%) p(64.43 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.10\%): } s(31.10 \%) p(68.79 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98375 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.75} \text { at N1 } \\ s p^{2.07} \text { at C11 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.16 \%): s(36.33 \%) p(63.40 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 11(41.84 \%): s(32.55 \%) p(67.33 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97802 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.55\%): } s(34.97 \%) p(64.83 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.45\%): } s(34.73 \%) p(65.16 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98192 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.76} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.23\%): } s(36.41 \%) p(63.39 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.77\%): } s(36.11 \%) p(63.71 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70191 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (52.18\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (47.82\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97803 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.36\%): } s(35.22 \%) p(64.59 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.64\%): } s(34.05 \%) p(65.83 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62730 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (53.12\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (46.88\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98285 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.25\%): } s(36.31 \%) p(63.50 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.75\%): } s(35.94 \%) p(63.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98382 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.14\%): } s(35.89 \%) p(63.92 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.86\%): } s(35.62 \%) p(64.20 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98373 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.07\%): } s(35.89 \%) p(63.92 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.93\%): } s(35.63 \%) p(64.18 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67570 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (47.90\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.10\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97653 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.04\%): } s(36.34 \%) p(63.55 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.96\%): } s(34.65 \%) p(65.15 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64470 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | C11 (43.35\%): $s(0.00 \%) p(99.90 \%)$ <br> C12 (56.65\%): $s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97203 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (48.98\%): } s(31.01 \%) p(68.86 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (51.02\%): } s(33.97 \%) p(65.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87748 | $s p^{2.75}$ | $s(26.68 \%) p(73.31 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98823 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.79\%): } s(38.56 \%) p(61.08 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.21\%): } s(34.07 \%) p(65.81 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.87353 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.98\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.02\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98260 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.88} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.33} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{N} 4(59.31 \%): s(34.64 \%) p(65.03 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(40.69 \%): s(29.97 \%) p(69.92 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using CAM-B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The CAM-B3LYP functional is a range-separated functional, and uses $19 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at short range, $33 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at intermediate range, and $65 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at long range. ${ }^{15}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and forbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S82. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B B u}} \mathbf{L 3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-L functional.

| NBO ${ }^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81111 | $s p^{2.18}$ | $s(31.41 \%) p(68.57 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.60880 | n/a | $s(0.10 \%) p(99.84 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98383 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.97} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.22} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.11\%): } s(33.58 \%) p(66.22 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.89\%): } s(31.02 \%) p(68.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98283 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.87} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.09} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.58\%): } s(34.80 \%) p(64.97 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.42\%): } s(32.33 \%) p(67.58 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97805 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(49.59 \%): s(35.00 \%) p(64.82 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(50.41 \%): s(34.72 \%) p(65.16 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98224 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.76} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { C2 (50.22\%): } s(36.43 \%) p(63.40 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.78\%): } s(36.14 \%) p(63.70 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70514 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.93\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.07\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97785 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.49\%): } s(35.26 \%) p(64.56 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.51\%): } s(34.16 \%) p(65.72 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62661 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (53.06\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (46.94\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98329 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 3 \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.26\%): } s(36.36 \%) p(63.46 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.74\%): } s(35.98 \%) p(63.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98437 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.12\%): } s(35.91 \%) p(63.91 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.88\%): } s(35.64 \%) p(64.20 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98423 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.11\%): } s(35.94 \%) p(63.88 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.89\%): } s(35.65 \%) p(64.19 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67794 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.02\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.98\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97700 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.96\%): } s(36.33 \%) p(63.57 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.04\%): } s(34.65 \%) p(65.17 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64755 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | C11 (44.36\%): $s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ C12 (55.64\%): $s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97095 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.19} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.20\%): } s(31.27 \%) p(68.60 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.80\%): } s(33.93 \%) p(65.95 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86668 | $s p^{2.43}$ | $s(29.15 \%) p(70.83 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98848 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.66} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (60.08\%): } s(37.50 \%) p(62.19 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (39.92\%): } s(33.84 \%) p(66.06 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86174 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.51\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.49\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 0)$ | 1.98183 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.00} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.34} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (59.37\%): } s(33.22 \%) p(66.50 \%) \\ \text { C10 (40.63\%): } s(29.95 \%) p(69.97 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-L (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-L functional uses $0 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{19}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S83. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the TPSSh functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81076 | $s p^{2.38}$ | $s(29.62 \%) p(70.35 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.61582 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(0.10 \%) p(99.85 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98436 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.90} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.21} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.89\%): } s(34.43 \%) p(65.35 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.11\%): } s(31.10 \%) p(68.80 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98322 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.79} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.32\%): $s(35.73 \%) p(64.03 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.68 \%): s(32.40 \%) p(67.49 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97825 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.44\%): } s(34.82 \%) p(65.00 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.56\%): } s(34.74 \%) p(65.15 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98212 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(50.24 \%): s(36.32 \%) p(63.49 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 6(49.76 \%): s(35.99 \%) p(63.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70270 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.69\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.31\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97796 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.33\%): } s(35.10 \%) p(64.72 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.67\%): } s(34.07 \%) p(65.82 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98316 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.28\%): } s(36.24 \%) p(63.58 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.72\%): } s(35.82 \%) p(64.00 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.69983 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.73\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (48.27\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98455 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.11\%): } s(35.76 \%) p(64.05 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.89\%): } s(35.51 \%) p(64.31 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98442 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.10\%): } s(35.80 \%) p(64.02 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.90\%): } s(35.52 \%) p(64.31 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (C31) | 1.04616 | n/a | $s(0.00 \%) p(99.95 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97651 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C 11 (51.14\%): $s(36.38 \%) p(63.51 \%)$ C 12 (48.86\%): $s(34.49 \%) p(65.32 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64701 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (45.00\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (55.00\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97106 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.17\%): } s(31.14 \%) p(68.74 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.83\%): } s(33.88 \%) p(66.01 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86686 | $s p^{2.58}$ | $s(27.93 \%) p(72.06 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98858 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.62} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (60.01\%): } s(38.07 \%) p(61.59 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (39.99\%): } s(33.81 \%) p(66.07 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86186 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.72\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.28\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98257 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.94} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.33} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{N} 4(59.15 \%): s(33.88 \%) p(65.82 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 10(40.85 \%): s(30.03 \%) p(69.88 \%)$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using TPSSh (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The TPSSh functional uses $10 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{d}$, and f orbitals from atom B , to their shared $\mathrm{NBO} \sigma_{\mathrm{AB}}$ or $\pi_{\mathrm{AB}}{ }^{20}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from d and f orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S84. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{L 3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the O3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81000 | $s p^{2.41}$ | $s(29.34 \%) p(70.63 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.61221 | n/a | $s(0.09 \%) p(99.86 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98434 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.88} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.21} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.74\%): } s(34.59 \%) p(65.20 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.26\%): } s(31.13 \%) p(68.77 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98313 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} 1(58.19 \%): s(35.85 \%) p(63.90 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 11(41.81 \%): s(32.42 \%) p(67.44 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97770 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(49.44 \%): s(34.78 \%) p(65.05 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(50.56 \%): s(34.73 \%) p(65.16 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98163 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.23\%): } s(36.30 \%) p(63.53 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.77\%): } s(35.97 \%) p(63.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70301 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.60\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.40\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97754 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.34\%): } s(35.06 \%) p(64.77 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.66\%): } s(34.03 \%) p(65.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62735 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.50\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.50\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98265 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.28\%): } s(36.22 \%) p(63.61 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.72\%): } s(35.80 \%) p(64.04 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98400 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.11\%): } s(35.75 \%) p(64.08 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.89\%): } s(35.49 \%) p(64.35 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98387 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C8 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.09\%): } s(35.79 \%) p(64.04 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.91\%): } s(35.50 \%) p(64.34 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67905 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.21\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.79\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97608 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.13\%): } s(36.37 \%) p(63.53 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.87\%): } s(34.44 \%) p(65.39 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64562 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (45.19\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (54.81\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97068 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.20\%): } s(31.10 \%) p(68.79 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.80\%): } s(33.83 \%) p(66.07 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86514 | $s p^{2.60}$ | $s(27.78 \%) p(72.20 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98840 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.61} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.89\%): } s(38.19 \%) p(61.48 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.11\%): } s(33.81 \%) p(66.07 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi$ (N4-C9) | 1.86292 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.64\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.36\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98238 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.94} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.32} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.98\%): } s(33.90 \%) p(65.80 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.02 \%): s(30.10 \%) p(69.81 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using O3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The O3LYP functional uses $11.61 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{21}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S85. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{L 3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81367 | $s p^{2.45}$ | $s(29.02 \%) p(70.96 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.62637 | n/a | $s(0.10 \%) p(99.85 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98460 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.82\%): } s(34.75 \%) p(65.03 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.18\%): } s(31.17 \%) p(68.72 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98340 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{N} 1(58.29 \%): s(36.02 \%) p(63.72 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.71 \%): s(32.47 \%) p(67.41 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97784 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(49.48 \%): s(34.84 \%) p(64.96 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(50.52 \%): s(34.69 \%) p(65.20 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98196 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at } 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.22\%): } s(36.35 \%) p(63.46 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.78\%): } s(36.02 \%) p(63.81 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70278 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.78\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.22\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97782 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.37\%): } s(35.13 \%) p(64.67 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.63\%): } s(34.01 \%) p(65.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62686 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.93\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.07\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98291 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.26\%): } s(36.27 \%) p(63.55 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.74\%): } s(35.86 \%) p(63.96 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98405 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.11\%): } s(35.81 \%) p(64.00 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.89\%): } s(35.54 \%) p(64.28 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98393 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.09\%): } s(35.84 \%) p(63.97 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.91\%): } s(35.55 \%) p(64.27 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67996 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.01\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.99\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97635 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.11\%): } s(36.34 \%) p(63.55 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.89\%): } s(34.51 \%) p(65.29 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64854 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (44.51\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (55.49\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97119 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.17\%): } s(31.10 \%) p(68.77 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.83\%): } s(33.84 \%) p(66.05 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86995 | $s p^{2.66}$ | $s(27.33 \%) p(72.66 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98834 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.97\%): } s(38.40 \%) p(61.25 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.03\%): } s(33.88 \%) p(65.99 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86510 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.78\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.22\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98257 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.92} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.32} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (59.15\%): } s(34.16 \%) p(65.53 \%) \\ \text { C10 (40.85\%): } s(30.10 \%) p(69.80 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The B3LYP functional uses $20 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{22}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S86. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the PBE0 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81745 | $s p^{2.45}$ | $s(28.96 \%) p(71.01 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.63057 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(0.09 \%) p(99.85 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98479 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.79\%): } s(34.80 \%) p(64.97 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.21\%): } s(31.17 \%) p(68.73 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98355 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.22\%): } s(36.03 \%) p(63.71 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.78\%): } s(32.47 \%) p(67.41 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97813 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.50\%): } s(34.81 \%) p(65.00 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.50\%): } s(34.70 \%) p(65.19 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98207 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.24\%): } s(36.29 \%) p(63.52 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.76\%): } s(35.97 \%) p(63.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70206 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.85\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.15\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97808 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at } 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.38\%): } s(35.10 \%) p(64.71 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.62\%): } s(34.02 \%) p(65.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62815 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.89\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.11\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98304 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.28\%): } s(36.21 \%) p(63.60 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.72\%): } s(35.80 \%) p(64.02 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98431 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.11\%): } s(35.74 \%) p(64.07 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.89\%): } s(35.49 \%) p(64.34 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98418 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.09\%): } s(35.78 \%) p(64.04 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.91\%): } s(35.49 \%) p(64.33 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67909 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.01\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.99\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97649 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.09\%): } s(36.36 \%) p(63.53 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.91\%): } s(34.47 \%) p(65.34 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65006 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (44.47\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (55.53\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97138 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.15\%): } s(31.08 \%) p(68.79 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.85\%): } s(33.85 \%) p(66.03 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87193 | $s p^{2.64}$ | $s(27.47 \%) p(72.52 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98857 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.92\%): } s(38.30 \%) p(61.34 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.08\%): } s(33.85 \%) p(66.03 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86570 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.95\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.05\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98276 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.92} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.32} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (59.04\%): } s(34.10 \%) p(65.57 \%) \\ \text { C10 (40.96\%): } s(30.08 \%) p(69.82 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using PBE0 (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The PBE0 functional uses $25 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{14}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S87. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u} u} \mathbf{L 3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.80959 | $s p^{2.43}$ | $s(29.16 \%) p(70.81 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.64041 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(0.12 \%) p(99.82 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98442 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.21} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.12\%): } s(34.72 \%) p(65.09 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.88\%): } s(31.14 \%) p(68.78 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98331 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.51 \%): s(35.89 \%) p(63.89 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 11(41.49 \%): s(32.43 \%) p(67.48 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97730 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(49.57 \%): s(34.97 \%) p(64.86 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(50.43 \%): s(34.70 \%) p(65.20 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98167 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.21\%): } s(36.34 \%) p(63.49 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.79\%): } s(36.09 \%) p(63.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70203 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (52.19\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (47.81\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97737 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at C3 } \\ & s^{1.93} \text { at } \end{aligned}$ | $\text { C3 (49.45\%): } s(35.25 \%) p(64.58 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62941 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (53.32\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (46.68\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98270 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 3(50.24 \%): s(36.26 \%) p(63.58 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 7(49.76 \%): s(35.93 \%) p(63.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98371 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.12\%): } s(35.82 \%) p(64.02 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.88\%): } s(35.57 \%) p(64.28 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98358 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.11\%): } s(35.86 \%) p(63.98 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.89\%): } s(35.57 \%) p(64.27 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67803 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (47.79\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.21\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97603 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.01\%): } s(36.36 \%) p(63.55 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.99\%): } s(34.57 \%) p(65.26 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65233 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (43.55\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (56.45\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97084 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.19\%): } s(31.13 \%) p(68.75 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.81\%): } s(33.87 \%) p(66.02 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86763 | $s p^{2.64}$ | $s(27.45 \%) p(72.53 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98836 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.61} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (60.05\%): } s(38.26 \%) p(61.45 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (39.95\%): } s(33.95 \%) p(65.96 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86970 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.51\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.49\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98226 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.92} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.33} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.38\%): } s(34.19 \%) p(65.55 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (40.62\%): } s(30.03 \%) p(69.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using M06 (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06 functional uses $27 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S88. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u} u} \mathbf{L} 3\right.}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-2X functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83696 | $s p^{2.52}$ | $s(28.42 \%) p(71.55 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.64833 | n/a | $s(0.06 \%) p(99.87 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98489 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.20} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.83 \%): s(35.14 \%) p(64.64 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(41.17 \%): s(31.20 \%) p(68.72 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98348 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{aligned}$ | N1 (58.28\%): $s(36.27 \%) p(63.47 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.72 \%): s(32.49 \%) p(67.42 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97827 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.48\%): } s(34.84 \%) p(64.98 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.52\%): } s(34.68 \%) p(65.22 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98235 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(50.25 \%): s(36.29 \%) p(63.53 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 6(49.75 \%): s(35.96 \%) p(63.88 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70105 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.98\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.02\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97827 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.34\%): } s(35.12 \%) p(64.70 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.66\%): } s(34.02 \%) p(65.87 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.63046 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (53.13\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (46.87\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98326 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.28\%): } s(36.19 \%) p(63.63 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.72\%): } s(35.81 \%) p(64.02 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98443 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.11\%): } s(35.74 \%) p(64.09 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.89\%): } s(35.48 \%) p(64.36 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98429 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.10\%): } s(35.77 \%) p(64.06 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.90\%): } s(35.48 \%) p(64.35 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67921 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (47.93\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.07\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97673 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C 11 (51.13\%): $s(36.41 \%) p(63.50 \%)$ <br> C12 (48.87\%): $s(34.47 \%) p(65.35 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65589 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (43.87\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (56.13\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97194 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.07\%): } s(31.04 \%) p(68.85 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.93\%): } s(33.87 \%) p(66.03 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88562 | $s p^{2.71}$ | $s(26.93 \%) p(73.05 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98849 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (60.08\%): } s(38.55 \%) p(61.10 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (39.92\%): } s(33.81 \%) p(66.08 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.87103 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.91\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.84 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.09\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98271 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.90} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.32} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.24\%): } s(34.40 \%) p(65.29 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (40.76\%): } s(30.05 \%) p(69.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-2X (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-2X functional uses $54 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S89. Solvated NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u} u} \mathbf{L} 3\right.}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the CAM-B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82111 | $s p^{2.56}$ | $s(28.09 \%) p(71.88 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.65342 | n/a | $s(0.10 \%) p(99.85 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98511 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.78\%): } s(35.24 \%) p(64.52 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.22\%): } s(31.18 \%) p(68.71 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98372 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.74} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.24\%): } s(36.46 \%) p(63.27 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.76\%): } s(32.46 \%) p(67.42 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97829 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(49.52 \%): s(34.85 \%) p(64.95 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(50.48 \%): s(34.69 \%) p(65.19 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98204 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { C2 (50.23\%): } s(36.33 \%) p(63.47 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.77\%): } s(35.99 \%) p(63.83 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70085 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (52.05\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (47.95\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97830 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.40\%): } s(35.14 \%) p(64.66 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.60\%): } s(34.00 \%) p(65.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62799 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (53.40\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (46.60\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98292 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.26\%): } s(36.24 \%) p(63.57 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.74\%): } s(35.83 \%) p(63.98 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98404 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.11\%): } s(35.78 \%) p(64.03 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.89\%): } s(35.52 \%) p(64.30 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98393 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.79} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 7(50.09 \%): s(35.81 \%) p(64.00 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.91\%): } s(35.52 \%) p(64.29 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.68053 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (47.79\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.21\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97653 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.89} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.08\%): } s(36.37 \%) p(63.52 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.92\%): } s(34.52 \%) p(65.28 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65623 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (43.56\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (56.44\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97203 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.10\%): } s(31.07 \%) p(68.79 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.90\%): } s(33.88 \%) p(66.00 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87690 | $s p^{2.75}$ | $s(26.69 \%) p(73.30 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98832 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.94\%): } s(38.64 \%) p(60.99 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.06\%): } s(33.86 \%) p(66.00 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.87280 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.05\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.95\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98288 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.89} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.33} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.18\%): } s(34.54 \%) p(65.13 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (40.82\%): } s(30.03 \%) p(69.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in solution at the optimized S0 geometry using CAM-B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The CAM-B3LYP functional is a range-separated functional, and uses $19 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at short range, $33 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at intermediate range, and $65 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at long range. ${ }^{15}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and forbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S90. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{M e}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{3}^{\mathbf{M e}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-L functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81477 | $s p^{2.23}$ | $s(30.94 \%) p(69.04 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.60621 | n/a | $s(0.05 \%) p(99.89 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98380 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.23} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.27 \%): s(33.95 \%) p(65.84 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.73 \%): s(30.95 \%) p(68.96 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98284 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.61\%): } s(34.94 \%) p(64.83 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.39\%): } s(32.41 \%) p(67.50 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97734 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.61\%): } s(35.11 \%) p(64.71 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.39\%): } s(34.73 \%) p(65.15 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98211 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.75} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { C2 (50.22\%): } s(36.50 \%) p(63.33 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.78\%): } s(36.27 \%) p(63.57 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70618 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (52.06\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (47.94\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97750 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.45\%): } s(35.35 \%) p(64.47 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.55\%): } s(34.20 \%) p(65.67 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62631 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.79\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.21\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98313 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.25\%): } s(36.38 \%) p(63.45 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.75\%): } s(36.10 \%) p(63.74 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98416 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.15\%): } s(36.01 \%) p(63.82 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.85\%): } s(35.72 \%) p(64.12 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98403 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.09\%): } s(36.02 \%) p(63.81 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.91\%): } s(35.75 \%) p(64.09 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67382 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.10\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.90\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97725 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.88\%): } s(36.05 \%) p(63.84 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.12\%): } s(35.02 \%) p(64.80 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.63884 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (44.53\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (55.47\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97095 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.17} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.10\%): } s(31.47 \%) p(68.40 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.90\%): } s(33.91 \%) p(65.97 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86727 | $s p^{2.47}$ | $s(28.84 \%) p(71.13 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98753 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.65} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{2.04} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.71\%): } s(37.65 \%) p(62.04 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.29\%): } s(32.87 \%) p(67.03 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85386 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.03\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.97\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98131 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.99} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.33} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.58\%): } s(33.34 \%) p(66.38 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (40.42\%): } s(30.01 \%) p(69.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-L (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-L functional uses 0 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{19}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S91. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{M e}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{3}^{\mathbf{M e} e}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the TPSSh functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81409 | $s p^{2.42}$ | $s(29.21 \%) p(70.76 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.61272 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(0.05 \%) p(99.90 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98419 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.87} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.22} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.06\%): } s(34.78 \%) p(65.00 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.94\%): } s(31.03 \%) p(68.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98310 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.36\%): } s(35.84 \%) p(63.91 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.64\%): } s(32.48 \%) p(67.41 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97742 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.46\%): } s(34.94 \%) p(64.87 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.54\%): } s(34.74 \%) p(65.15 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98196 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.76} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.24\%): } s(36.41 \%) p(63.41 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.76\%): } s(36.14 \%) p(63.70 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70434 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.86\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.14\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97768 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.29\%): } s(35.20 \%) p(64.62 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.71\%): } s(34.12 \%) p(65.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62681 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.29\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.71\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98300 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 3 \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.27\%): } s(36.27 \%) p(63.56 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.73\%): } s(35.94 \%) p(63.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98431 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.15\%): } s(35.87 \%) p(63.95 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.85\%): } s(35.61 \%) p(64.22 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98420 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.07\%): } s(35.89 \%) p(63.93 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.93\%): } s(35.63 \%) p(64.20 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67406 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.21\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.79\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97683 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.04\%): } s(36.10 \%) p(63.79 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.96\%): } s(34.89 \%) p(64.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.63882 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | C11 (44.94\%): $s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ <br> C12 (55.06\%): $s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97093 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.19} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.07\%): } s(31.35 \%) p(68.53 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.93\%): } s(33.85 \%) p(66.04 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86647 | $s p^{2.63}$ | $s(27.57 \%) p(72.42 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98757 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.51\%): } s(38.31 \%) p(61.35 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.49\%): } s(32.93 \%) p(66.95 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85470 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.82\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.18\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 0)$ | 1.98153 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.99} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.32} \text { at C10 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (59.38\%): } s(33.96 \%) p(65.75 \%) \\ \text { C10 (40.62\%): } s(30.10 \%) p(69.80 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using TPSSh (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The TPSSh functional uses 10
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S92. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{M e}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{3}^{\mathbf{M e}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the O3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81331 | $s p^{2.45}$ | $s(28.94 \%) p(71.03 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.60961 | n/a | $s(0.05 \%) p(99.90 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98418 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.22} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.91\%): } s(34.93 \%) p(64.86 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.09\%): } s(31.07 \%) p(68.84 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98297 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.77} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.24\%): } s(35.96 \%) p(63.79 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.76\%): } s(32.52 \%) p(67.38 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97701 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.87} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(49.46 \%): s(34.90 \%) p(64.93 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(50.54 \%): s(34.75 \%) p(65.15 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98145 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.76} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { C2 (50.23\%): } s(36.38 \%) p(63.44 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.77\%): } s(36.11 \%) p(63.73 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70459 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.79\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.21\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97720 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.30\%): } s(35.16 \%) p(64.67 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.70\%): } s(34.08 \%) p(65.82 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62651 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.27\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.73\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98248 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.27\%): } s(36.26 \%) p(63.58 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.73\%): } s(35.91 \%) p(63.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98373 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.14\%): } s(35.87 \%) p(63.97 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.86\%): } s(35.59 \%) p(64.25 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98363 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at C8 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.07\%): } s(35.88 \%) p(63.95 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.93\%): } s(35.61 \%) p(64.23 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67436 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.27\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.73\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97638 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.87} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.02\%): } s(36.10 \%) p(63.80 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.98\%): } s(34.84 \%) p(65.00 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.63859 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (45.02\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (54.98\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97056 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.19} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.11\%): } s(31.31 \%) p(68.58 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.89\%): } s(33.81 \%) p(66.09 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86463 | $s p^{2.64}$ | $s(27.44 \%) p(72.54 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98742 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.59} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.40\%): } s(38.41 \%) p(61.25 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.60\%): } s(32.94 \%) p(66.95 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi$ (N4-C9) | 1.85538 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.85\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.15\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98129 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.93} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.31} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{N} 4(59.21 \%): s(33.98 \%) p(65.73 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(40.79 \%): s(30.17 \%) p(69.74 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using O3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The O3LYP functional uses 11.61 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{21}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S93. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\text {Me }} \mathbf{L} 3^{\mathbf{M e}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81718 | $s p^{2.49}$ | $s(28.63 \%) p(71.35 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.62314 | n/a | $s(0.04 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98444 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.21} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.99\%): } s(35.10 \%) p(64.68 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.01\%): } s(31.10 \%) p(68.79 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98323 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.76} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.33\%): } s(36.11 \%) p(63.63 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.67\%): } s(32.53 \%) p(67.35 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97719 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.50\%): } s(34.96 \%) p(64.85 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.50\%): } s(34.71 \%) p(65.17 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98180 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.76} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.22\%): } s(36.44 \%) p(63.37 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.78\%): } s(36.16 \%) p(63.67 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70428 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.97\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.03\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97753 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.32\%): } s(35.22 \%) p(64.59 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.68\%): } s(34.07 \%) p(65.81 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62629 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.66\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.34\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98277 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.26\%): } s(36.30 \%) p(63.52 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.74\%): } s(35.97 \%) p(63.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98383 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.14\%): } s(35.91 \%) p(63.90 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.86\%): } s(35.63 \%) p(64.19 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98373 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at C8 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.07\%): } s(35.92 \%) p(63.89 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.93\%): } s(35.65 \%) p(64.16 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67507 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.09\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.91\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97670 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.00\%): } s(36.08 \%) p(63.81 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.00\%): } s(34.90 \%) p(64.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64069 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (44.39\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (55.61\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97113 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.19} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.07\%): } s(31.30 \%) p(68.57 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.93\%): } s(33.83 \%) p(66.06 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86992 | $s p^{2.70}$ | $s(27.02 \%) p(72.97 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98740 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.49\%): } s(38.58 \%) p(61.07 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.51\%): } s(32.94 \%) p(66.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi$ (N4-C9) | 1.85774 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.00\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.00\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98159 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.91} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.31} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (59.39\%): } s(34.24 \%) p(65.46 \%) \\ \text { C10 (40.61\%): } s(30.15 \%) p(69.74 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The B3LYP functional uses 20 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{22}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms $A$ and $B$, and $c_{A}$ and $c_{B}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms $A$ and $B$. If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S94. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{M e}} \mathbf{L} 3^{\mathbf{M e}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the PBE0 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82096 | $s p^{2.50}$ | $s(28.56 \%) p(71.41 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.62756 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(0.05 \%) p(99.90 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98460 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.21} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.95 \%): s(35.14 \%) p(64.63 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(41.05 \%): s(31.10 \%) p(68.80 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98335 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.27\%): } s(36.13 \%) p(63.61 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.73\%): } s(32.54 \%) p(67.34 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97746 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.86} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.52\%): } s(34.94 \%) p(64.87 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.48\%): } s(34.71 \%) p(65.17 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98190 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.76} \text { at } 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.23\%): } s(36.37 \%) p(63.44 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.77\%): } s(36.12 \%) p(63.71 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70396 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (52.01\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (47.99\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97777 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.34\%): } s(35.20 \%) p(64.62 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.66\%): } s(34.07 \%) p(65.81 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62672 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.66\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.34\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98289 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.27\%): } s(36.24 \%) p(63.57 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.73\%): } s(35.93 \%) p(63.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98407 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.14\%): } s(35.86 \%) p(63.96 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.86\%): } s(35.59 \%) p(64.24 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98396 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.07\%): } s(35.87 \%) p(63.95 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.93\%): } s(35.61 \%) p(64.21 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67481 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (48.07\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.93\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97682 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C11 (50.98\%): $s(36.09 \%) p(63.80 \%)$ <br> C12 (49.02\%): $s(34.87 \%) p(64.94 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64185 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (44.36\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (55.64\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97129 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.19} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.05\%): } s(31.29 \%) p(68.59 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.95\%): } s(33.84 \%) p(66.05 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87152 | $s p^{2.69}$ | $s(27.09 \%) p(72.90 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98761 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(59.45 \%): s(38.56 \%) p(61.08 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 9(40.55 \%): s(32.97 \%) p(66.92 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi$ (N4-C9) | 1.85875 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.10\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.90\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98169 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.92} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.31} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{N} 4(59.28 \%): s(34.19 \%) p(65.50 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 10(40.72 \%): s(30.15 \%) p(69.76 \%)$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using PBE0 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The PBE0 functional uses 25 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{14}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S95. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\text {Me }} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{3}^{\mathrm{Me}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.81339 | $s p^{2.48}$ | $s(28.75 \%) p(71.22 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.63612 | n/a | $s(0.05 \%) p(99.88 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98429 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.22} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.29 \%): s(35.09 \%) p(64.71 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.71 \%): s(31.07 \%) p(68.84 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98316 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.77} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.55\%): } s(35.99 \%) p(63.80 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.45\%): } s(32.50 \%) p(67.41 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97663 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.60\%): } s(35.09 \%) p(64.75 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.40\%): } s(34.72 \%) p(65.18 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98154 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.76} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.19\%): } s(36.41 \%) p(63.42 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.81\%): } s(36.24 \%) p(63.62 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70394 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (52.29\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (47.71\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97705 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.82} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.42\%): } s(35.35 \%) p(64.48 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.58\%): } s(34.10 \%) p(65.79 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62726 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (53.03\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (46.97\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98255 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.21\%): } s(36.27 \%) p(63.57 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.79\%): } s(36.06 \%) p(63.79 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98350 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.15\%): } s(35.93 \%) p(63.91 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.85\%): } s(35.66 \%) p(64.18 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98340 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.08\%): } s(35.93 \%) p(63.90 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.92\%): } s(35.69 \%) p(64.16 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67434 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (47.86\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.14\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97641 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.91\%): } s(36.07 \%) p(63.83 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.09\%): } s(34.98 \%) p(64.85 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64266 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (43.57\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (56.43\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97079 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.19} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.08\%): } s(31.35 \%) p(68.53 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.92\%): } s(33.86 \%) p(66.03 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.86836 | $s p^{2.69}$ | $s(27.08 \%) p(72.90 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98740 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.59} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.66\%): } s(38.50 \%) p(61.21 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.34\%): } s(32.96 \%) p(66.95 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86262 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.73\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.27\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98155 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.91} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.32} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.61\%): } s(34.28 \%) p(65.46 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (40.39\%): } s(30.08 \%) p(69.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06 functional uses $27 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S96. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{M e}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{3}^{\mathbf{M e}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-2X functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84154 | $s p^{2.57}$ | $s(28.04 \%) p(71.93 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.64418 | n/a | $s(0.03 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98461 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.00\%): } s(35.47 \%) p(64.31 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (41.00\%): } s(31.13 \%) p(68.79 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98320 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.74} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.32\%): } s(36.35 \%) p(63.40 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.68\%): } s(32.56 \%) p(67.34 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97761 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.83} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (49.52\%): } s(34.98 \%) p(64.85 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.48\%): } s(34.70 \%) p(65.20 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98221 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.76} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (50.23\%): } s(36.36 \%) p(63.46 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.77\%): } s(36.13 \%) p(63.71 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70318 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (52.11\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (47.89\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97799 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 3 \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.31\%): } s(35.23 \%) p(64.60 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.69\%): } s(34.07 \%) p(65.82 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62827 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (52.91\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.09\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98313 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at } 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.26\%): } s(36.22 \%) p(63.61 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.74\%): } s(35.95 \%) p(63.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98421 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.81} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.14\%): } s(35.85 \%) p(63.97 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.86\%): } s(35.58 \%) p(64.26 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98408 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 7 \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (50.07\%): } s(35.85 \%) p(63.97 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.93\%): } s(35.60 \%) p(64.23 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67559 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (47.97\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.03\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97716 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (51.02\%): } s(36.13 \%) p(63.77 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (48.98\%): } s(34.88 \%) p(64.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64551 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (43.87\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (56.13\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97182 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.20} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (48.96\%): } s(31.24 \%) p(68.64 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (51.04\%): } s(33.87 \%) p(66.03 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88574 | $s p^{2.77}$ | $s(26.55 \%) p(73.43 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98749 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.57} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{2.04} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.61\%): } s(38.83 \%) p(60.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.39\%): } s(32.91 \%) p(66.99 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86514 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (63.91\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (36.09\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98158 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.89} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.32} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.50\%): } s(34.47 \%) p(65.23 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (40.50\%): } s(30.10 \%) p(69.82 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-2X (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-2X functional uses $54 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms $A$ and $B$, and $c_{A}$ and $c_{B}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms $A$ and $B$. If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and $f$ orbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S97. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{M e}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{3}^{\mathbf{M e}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the CAM-B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.82481 | $s p^{2.61}$ | $s(27.72 \%) p(72.25 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (N1) | 1.64981 | n/a | $s(0.04 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98489 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(58.95 \%): s(35.59 \%) p(64.17 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(41.05 \%): s(31.10 \%) p(68.79 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98347 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.73} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.27\%): } s(36.53 \%) p(63.20 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.73\%): } s(32.53 \%) p(67.35 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97768 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.88} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(49.54 \%): s(34.97 \%) p(64.83 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(50.46 \%): s(34.71 \%) p(65.17 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98188 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{1.76} \text { at C6 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { C2 (50.22\%): } s(36.42 \%) p(63.39 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (49.78\%): } s(36.14 \%) p(63.69 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.70280 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (52.21\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (47.79\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97804 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.35\%): } s(35.23 \%) p(64.57 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.65\%): } s(34.06 \%) p(65.82 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.62675 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (53.12\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (46.88\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 7)$ | 1.98279 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.25\%): } s(36.27 \%) p(63.54 \%) \\ & \text { C7 (49.75\%): } s(35.95 \%) p(63.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98382 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (50.14\%): } s(35.89 \%) p(63.92 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.86\%): } s(35.61 \%) p(64.21 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98375 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C7 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 7(50.07 \%): s(35.89 \%) p(63.91 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (49.93\%): } s(35.63 \%) p(64.18 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.67613 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C7 (47.86\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.93 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.14\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.94 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97692 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.86} \text { at C12 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.98\%): } s(36.11 \%) p(63.78 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.02\%): } s(34.91 \%) p(64.89 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64732 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (43.43\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (56.57\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97197 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.19} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.00\%): } s(31.27 \%) p(68.60 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (51.00\%): } s(33.88 \%) p(66.00 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.87689 | $s p^{2.80}$ | $s(26.31 \%) p(73.67 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98743 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.56} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{2.03} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.48\%): } s(38.90 \%) p(60.74 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.52\%): } s(32.92 \%) p(66.96 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.86648 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (64.21\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.85 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (35.79\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98189 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.88} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.32} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.43\%): } s(34.63 \%) p(65.05 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (40.57\%): } s(30.08 \%) p(69.82 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using CAM-B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The CAM-B3LYP functional is a range-separated functional, and uses $19 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at short range, $33 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at intermediate range, and $65 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at long range. ${ }^{15}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy ( $0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2$ ) is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) \cdot{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and forbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S98. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\text {F }} 3\right.} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-L functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84126 | $s p^{2.35}$ | $s(29.86 \%) p(70.11 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98732 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.63} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.81\%): } s(37.86 \%) p(61.84 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.19\%): } s(33.19 \%) p(66.72 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.85812 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (70.41\%): } s(0.08 \%) p(99.78 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (29.59\%): } s(0.13 \%) p(99.70 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98192 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.11} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.15} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.27\%): $s(32.05 \%) p(67.68 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.73 \%): s(31.71 \%) p(68.21 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98404 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.18} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(51.83 \%): s(25.91 \%) p(73.94 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(48.17 \%): s(31.45 \%) p(68.48 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97761 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.84} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.98\%): } s(35.22 \%) p(64.59 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.02\%): } s(35.21 \%) p(64.71 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98633 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.90} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.52\%): } s(34.36 \%) p(65.45 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.48\%): } s(37.38 \%) p(62.52 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.63358 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (67.89\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (32.11\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98547 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.16} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.92} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.50\%): } s(31.59 \%) p(68.32 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.50\%): } s(25.48 \%) p(74.36 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99359 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.73} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.13\%): } s(31.09 \%) p(68.81 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.87\%): } s(36.44 \%) p(63.12 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95984 | n/a | $s(58.05 \%) p(41.88 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (07) | 1.88638 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(5.46 \%) p(94.41 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (07) | 1.57135 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.78 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97730 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.98\%): } s(35.93 \%) p(63.97 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (50.02\%): } s(34.44 \%) p(65.39 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64782 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.63\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.37\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97462 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.09} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | C11 (49.39\%): $s(32.28 \%) p(67.60 \%)$ <br> C10 (50.61\%): $s(33.92 \%) p(65.94 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88662 | $s p^{2.16}$ | $s(31.67 \%) p(68.25 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98633 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.72} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.00\%): } s(36.59 \%) p(63.09 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.00\%): } s(33.86 \%) p(66.04 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi$ (N4-C9) | 1.84619 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.90\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.10\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98145 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.15} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.31} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{N} 4(58.48 \%): s(31.61 \%) p(68.09 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.52 \%): s(30.17 \%) p(69.75 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-L (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-L functional uses 0
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{19}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S99. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the TPSSh functional.

| NBO $^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84094 | $s p^{2.53}$ | $s(28.29 \%) p(71.68 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98736 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.57} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.59 \%): s(38.72 \%) p(60.94 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.41 \%): s(33.22 \%) p(66.66 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86062 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(70.16 \%): s(0.07 \%) p(99.79 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(29.84 \%): s(0.10 \%) p(99.75 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98219 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.04} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (58.01\%): } s(32.76 \%) p(66.95 \%) \\ \text { C11 (41.99\%): } s(31.82 \%) p(68.09 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98387 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.88} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.16} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.34\%): } s(25.73 \%) p(74.11 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (48.66\%): } s(31.60 \%) p(68.34 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97714 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.82\%): } s(35.17 \%) p(64.64 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.18\%): } s(35.07 \%) p(64.85 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98567 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.91} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.68} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.38\%): } s(34.27 \%) p(65.54 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.62\%): } s(37.34 \%) p(62.56 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.63303 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (67.61\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (32.39\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98525 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.15} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.94} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (48.05\%): } s(31.70 \%) p(68.23 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.95\%): } s(25.34 \%) p(74.49 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99358 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.22} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.66} \text { at } \mathrm{O} 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.36\%): } s(31.04 \%) p(68.84 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.64\%): } s(37.46 \%) p(62.08 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95806 | n/a | $s(55.98 \%) p(43.94 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.88647 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(6.52 \%) p(93.36 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.56978 | n/a | $s(0.02 \%) p(99.78 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97662 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C 11 (50.17\%): $s(35.93 \%) p(63.97 \%)$ C 12 (49.83\%): $s(34.37 \%) p(65.45 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64900 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.17\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.83\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97442 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.38\%): } s(32.17 \%) p(67.71 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.62\%): } s(33.85 \%) p(66.02 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88565 | $s p^{2.27}$ | $s(30.52 \%) p(69.41 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98626 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.68} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.94\%): } s(37.15 \%) p(62.51 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.06\%): } s(33.84 \%) p(66.03 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84524 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.15\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.85\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98202 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.10} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.30} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{N} 4(58.22 \%): s(32.20 \%) p(67.47 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.78 \%): s(30.27 \%) p(69.63 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using TPSSh (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The TPSSh functional uses 10 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S100. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L 4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the O3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{\text {e }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83866 | $s p^{2.56}$ | $s(28.05 \%) p(71.92 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98724 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.56} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.46\%): } s(38.86 \%) p(60.80 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.54\%): } s(33.24 \%) p(66.65 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.85993 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (70.07\%): } s(0.06 \%) p(99.80 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (29.93\%): } s(0.09 \%) p(99.76 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98202 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.03} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at C11 } \end{aligned}$ | N1 (57.89\%): $s(32.86 \%) p(66.85 \%)$ C11 (42.11\%): $s(31.86 \%) p(68.05 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98352 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.88} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.16} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.53\%): } s(25.73 \%) p(74.13 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (48.47\%): } s(31.65 \%) p(68.30 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97664 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.84\%): } s(35.16 \%) p(64.67 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.16\%): } s(35.01 \%) p(64.92 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98522 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.91} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.68} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.41\%): } s(34.25 \%) p(65.57 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.59\%): } s(37.32 \%) p(62.60 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.63054 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (67.49\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (32.51\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98503 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.16} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.94} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { C6 (47.84\%): } s(31.67 \%) p(68.27 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.16\%): } s(25.36 \%) p(74.49 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99350 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.65} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.56\%): } s(31.10 \%) p(68.78 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.44\%): } s(37.53 \%) p(62.00 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95717 | n/a | $s(56.30 \%) p(43.63 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.88491 | n/a | $s(6.13 \%) p(93.74 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.56970 | n/a | $s(0.02 \%) p(99.77 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97612 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.15\%): } s(35.94 \%) p(63.97 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.85\%): } s(34.31 \%) p(65.35 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.64816 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (47.13\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (52.87\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97400 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.39\%): } s(32.12 \%) p(67.77 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.61\%): } s(33.82 \%) p(66.07 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88373 | $s p^{2.28}$ | $s(30.42 \%) p(69.50 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98599 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.68} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.81\%): } s(37.23 \%) p(62.44 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.19\%): } s(33.82 \%) p(66.05 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84617 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.09\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.81 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.91\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98177 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.09} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{N} 4 \text { (58.06\%): } s(32.22 \%) p(67.46 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.94 \%): s(30.32 \%) p(69.58 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using O3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The O3LYP functional uses 11.61 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{21}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S101. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\text {F3 }} \mathbf{L} 4\right)_{2} Z n}\right.$ with the B3LYP functional.

| NBO $^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84533 | $s p^{2.61}$ | $s(27.71 \%) p(72.26 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98722 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.55} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.57 \%): s(39.02 \%) p(60.63 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.43 \%): s(33.22 \%) p(66.66 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86389 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (70.71\%): } s(0.06 \%) p(99.80 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (29.29\%): } s(0.08 \%) p(99.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98233 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.02} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.14} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.00\%): $s(33.05 \%) p(66.65 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(42.00 \%): s(31.86 \%) p(68.04 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98394 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.16} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.46\%): } s(25.91 \%) p(73.93 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(48.54 \%): s(31.64 \%) p(68.29 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97700 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.81\%): } s(35.20 \%) p(64.60 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.19\%): } s(35.04 \%) p(64.87 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98515 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.91} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.68} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.36\%): } s(34.29 \%) p(65.51 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.64\%): } s(37.31 \%) p(62.59 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.63648 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (68.58\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (31.42\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98541 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.16} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.91} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.96\%): } s(31.65 \%) p(68.28 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.04\%): } s(25.53 \%) p(74.30 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99352 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.62} \text { at } \mathrm{O} 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.32\%): } s(31.11 \%) p(68.76 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.68\%): } s(37.98 \%) p(61.55 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95701 | n/a | $s(55.12 \%) p(44.80 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.89219 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(6.87 \%) p(93.02 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.57926 | n/a | $s(0.02 \%) p(99.78 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97651 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C 11 (50.13\%): $s(35.91 \%) p(63.99 \%)$ C 12 (49.87\%): $s(34.39 \%) p(65.42 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65025 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.84\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.16\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97442 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.37\%): } s(32.13 \%) p(67.74 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.63\%): } s(33.82 \%) p(66.05 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88890 | $s p^{2.34}$ | $s(29.89 \%) p(70.04 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98595 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.66} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.91\%): } s(37.47 \%) p(62.18 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.09\%): } s(33.87 \%) p(65.99 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84883 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.21\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.79\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98203 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.07} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.30} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{N} 4(58.24 \%): s(32.51 \%) p(67.15 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.76 \%): s(30.31 \%) p(69.59 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The B3LYP functional uses $20 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{22}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S102. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 4\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the PBE0 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84708 | $s p^{2.61}$ | $s(27.69 \%) p(72.28 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98740 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.55} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at } 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.55\%): } s(39.06 \%) p(60.58 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.45\%): } s(33.24 \%) p(66.65 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86532 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (70.96\%): } s(0.07 \%) p(99.78 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (29.04\%): } s(0.08 \%) p(99.75 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98244 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.02} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.13} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (57.91\%): } s(33.02 \%) p(66.67 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (42.09\%): } s(31.88 \%) p(68.02 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98400 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.86} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.16} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.51\%): } s(25.84 \%) p(74.00 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (48.49\%): } s(31.61 \%) p(68.33 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97706 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 3 \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.86\%): } s(35.18 \%) p(64.63 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.14\%): } s(35.06 \%) p(64.86 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98529 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.91} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.68} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.48\%): } s(34.27 \%) p(65.53 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.52\%): } s(37.31 \%) p(62.60 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.63672 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (69.03\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (30.97\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98548 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.16} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.92} \text { at C8 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.86\%): } s(31.64 \%) p(68.29 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.14\%): } s(25.44 \%) p(74.39 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99365 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.63} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.49\%): } s(31.14 \%) p(68.75 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.51\%): } s(37.89 \%) p(61.62 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95775 | n/a | $s(55.59 \%) p(44.33 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (07) | 1.89201 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(6.49 \%) p(93.39 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (07) | 1.57904 | n/a | $s(0.02 \%) p(99.77 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97663 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.11\%): } s(35.91 \%) p(64.00 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.89\%): } s(34.38 \%) p(65.44 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65181 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.82\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.18\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97459 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.35\%): } s(32.12 \%) p(67.75 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.65\%): } s(33.83 \%) p(66.04 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88872 | $s p^{2.33}$ | $s(30.05 \%) p(69.88 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98617 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.67} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.85\%): } s(37.37 \%) p(62.26 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.15\%): } s(33.87 \%) p(66.00 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84971 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.35\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.80 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.65\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98214 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.30} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (58.12\%): } s(32.44 \%) p(67.21 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.88 \%): s(30.31 \%) p(69.59 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using PBE0 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The PBE0 functional uses 25
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{14}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S103. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 4\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{\text {e }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84368 | $s p^{2.59}$ | $s(27.82 \%) p(72.15 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98723 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.56} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.79\%): } s(38.94 \%) p(60.77 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.21\%): } s(33.20 \%) p(66.71 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86794 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (71.97\%): } s(0.08 \%) p(99.76 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (28.03\%): } s(0.10 \%) p(99.72 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98221 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.02} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.14} \text { at C11 } \end{aligned}$ | N1 (58.25\%): $s(33.02 \%) p(66.72 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.75 \%): s(31.81 \%) p(68.11 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98371 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.84} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.16} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(51.67 \%): s(26.02 \%) p(73.83 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(48.33 \%): s(31.59 \%) p(68.34 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97679 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.88\%): } s(35.27 \%) p(64.56 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.12\%): } s(35.10 \%) p(64.83 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98530 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.90} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.68} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.51\%): } s(34.36 \%) p(65.45 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.49\%): } s(37.31 \%) p(62.60 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.63823 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (70.25\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (29.75\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98528 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.16} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.90} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.66\%): } s(31.58 \%) p(68.34 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.34\%): } s(25.60 \%) p(74.24 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99362 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.20} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.09\%): } s(31.18 \%) p(68.73 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.91\%): } s(37.73 \%) p(61.83 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95855 | n/a | $s(55.77 \%) p(44.15 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.89108 | n/a | $s(6.46 \%) p(93.40 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.58647 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.75 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97631 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.99\%): } s(35.91 \%) p(64.00 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (50.01\%): } s(34.47 \%) p(65.38 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65207 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.37\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.63\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97415 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.10} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.36\%): } s(32.19 \%) p(67.69 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.64\%): } s(33.88 \%) p(66.00 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88803 | $s p^{2.33}$ | $s(29.97 \%) p(69.94 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98589 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.67} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.97\%): } s(37.35 \%) p(62.34 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.03\%): } s(33.93 \%) p(65.97 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85400 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.80\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.79 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.20\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98166 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.06} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.31} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{N} 4 \text { (58.49\%): } s(32.56 \%) p(67.14 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.51 \%): s(30.23 \%) p(69.69 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06 functional uses $27 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S104. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L 4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-2X functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{\text {e }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.86365 | $s p^{2.69}$ | $s(27.12 \%) p(72.85 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98721 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.53} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at } 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.71\%): } s(39.41 \%) p(60.24 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.29\%): } s(33.13 \%) p(66.77 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87230 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (71.48\%): } s(0.08 \%) p(99.75 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (28.52\%): } s(0.09 \%) p(99.74 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98243 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.00} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.13} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (57.97\%): $s(33.25 \%) p(66.45 \%)$ C11 (42.03\%): $s(31.90 \%) p(68.02 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98438 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.86} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.16} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(51.38 \%): s(25.89 \%) p(73.97 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(48.62 \%): s(31.67 \%) p(68.27 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97710 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.84} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.85} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.79\%): } s(35.17 \%) p(64.65 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.21\%): } s(35.12 \%) p(64.81 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98483 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.91} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.68} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.44\%): } s(34.27 \%) p(65.55 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.56\%): } s(37.33 \%) p(62.58 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.64449 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (70.61\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (29.39\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98582 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.15} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.92} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (48.04\%): } s(31.69 \%) p(68.24 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (51.96\%): } s(25.44 \%) p(74.40 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99393 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.21} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.57} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.24\%): } s(31.08 \%) p(68.82 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.76\%): } s(38.71 \%) p(60.80 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95772 | n/a | $s(55.16 \%) p(44.76 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.90563 | n/a | $s(6.10 \%) p(93.77 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.58655 | n/a | $s(0.02 \%) p(99.74 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97701 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.90} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.10\%): } s(35.92 \%) p(63.99 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.90\%): } s(34.45 \%) p(65.38 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65791 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.56\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.44\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97497 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.11} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.30\%): } s(32.11 \%) p(67.78 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.70\%): } s(33.85 \%) p(66.03 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.90053 | $s p^{2.40}$ | $s(29.41 \%) p(70.51 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98621 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.64} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.95} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (59.02\%): } s(37.68 \%) p(61.96 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (40.98\%): } s(33.84 \%) p(66.04 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85696 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.23\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.77 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.77\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98215 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.04} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.30} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} 4(58.33 \%): s(32.78 \%) p(66.88 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(41.67 \%): s(30.28 \%) p(69.64 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S 0 geometry using M06-2X (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-2X functional uses $54 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S105. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 4\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the CAM-B3LYP functional.

| NBO $^{b}$ | Occupancy $^{c}$ | Hybridization $^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.85329 | $s p^{2.72}$ | $s(26.90 \%) p(73.07 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98722 | $s p^{1.52}$ at N 1 | $\mathrm{~N} 1(59.59 \%): s(39.47 \%) p(60.17 \%)$ |
|  |  | $s p^{2.01}$ at C 5 | $\mathrm{C} 5(40.41 \%): s(33.15 \%) p(66.73 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87425 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{N} 1(71.92 \%): s(0.08 \%) p(99.77 \%)$ |
|  |  |  | $\mathrm{C} 5(28.08 \%): s(0.07 \%) p(99.75 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98271 | $s p^{1.98}$ at N1 | $\mathrm{N} 1(57.95 \%): s(33.40 \%) p(66.29 \%)$ |
|  |  | $s p^{2.14}$ at C 11 | $\mathrm{C} 11(42.05 \%): s(31.86 \%) p(68.04 \%)$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using CAM-B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The CAM-B3LYP functional is a range-separated functional, and uses $19 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at short range, $33 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at intermediate range, and $65 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at long range. ${ }^{15}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom B, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S106. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{I B u} \mathbf{L} 4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-L functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{\text {e }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83908 | $s p^{2.31}$ | $s(30.21 \%) p(69.74 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98649 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.67} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.69\%): } s(37.34 \%) p(62.36 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.31\%): } s(33.06 \%) p(66.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87061 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (70.02\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.67 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (29.98\%): } s(0.25 \%) p(99.58 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98126 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.10} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.21} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.19\%): $s(32.14 \%) p(67.59 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.81 \%): s(31.14 \%) p(68.78 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98373 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.26} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(52.08 \%): s(25.97 \%) p(73.89 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(47.92 \%): s(30.63 \%) p(69.29 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97829 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.80} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 3(50.14 \%): s(35.60 \%) p(64.21 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(49.86 \%): s(36.02 \%) p(63.89 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98583 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.66} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.43\%): } s(33.91 \%) p(65.89 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.57\%): } s(37.51 \%) p(62.39 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.64582 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (67.94\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (32.06\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98636 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.13} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.83} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.32\%): } s(31.87 \%) p(68.04 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.68\%): } s(26.04 \%) p(73.79 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99333 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.26} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.29\%): } s(30.67 \%) p(69.23 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.71\%): } s(35.58 \%) p(64.00 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95992 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(58.02 \%) p(41.91 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.89031 | n/a | $s(6.36 \%) p(93.53 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.58118 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.80 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97550 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.19\%): } s(36.16 \%) p(63.75 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.81\%): } s(34.16 \%) p(65.66 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66357 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.22\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.78\%): } s(0.04 \%) p(99.87 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97282 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.06} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.18\%): } s(32.61 \%) p(67.25 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.82\%): } s(34.10 \%) p(65.75 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88963 | $s p^{2.03}$ | $s(32.99 \%) p(66.97 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98607 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.98} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.78\%): } s(35.28 \%) p(64.42 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.22\%): } s(33.57 \%) p(66.33 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84226 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.26\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.74\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98147 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.16} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.30} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.23\%): } s(31.60 \%) p(68.10 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (41.77\%): } s(30.26 \%) p(69.65 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-L (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-L functional uses 0
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{19}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S107. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{t B u}} \mathbf{L 4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the TPSSh functional.

| NBO $^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83910 | $s p^{2.49}$ | $s(28.64 \%) p(71.32 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98661 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.61} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.45 \%): s(38.21 \%) p(61.45 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.55 \%): s(33.12 \%) p(66.77 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87312 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (69.74\%): } s(0.16 \%) p(99.70 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (30.26\%): } s(0.19 \%) p(99.66 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98158 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.03} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (57.93\%): } s(32.86 \%) p(66.85 \%) \\ \text { C11 (42.07\%): } s(31.23 \%) p(68.67 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98353 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.87} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.25} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.60\%): } s(25.78 \%) p(74.07 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (48.40\%): } s(30.79 \%) p(69.15 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97779 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.99\%): } s(35.56 \%) p(64.25 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.01\%): } s(35.89 \%) p(64.03 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98515 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.28\%): } s(33.83 \%) p(65.98 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.72\%): } s(37.48 \%) p(62.44 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.64490 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (67.62\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (32.38\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98613 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.13} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.86} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.84\%): } s(31.97 \%) p(67.96 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.16\%): } s(25.89 \%) p(73.93 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99334 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.26} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.72} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.52\%): } s(30.63 \%) p(69.26 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.48\%): } s(36.58 \%) p(62.98 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95815 | n/a | $s(55.85 \%) p(44.08 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.89029 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(7.54 \%) p(92.36 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.57928 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.81 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97484 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C 11 (50.38\%): $s(36.17 \%) p(63.74 \%)$ C 12 (49.62\%): $s(34.07 \%) p(65.75 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66500 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.80\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.20\%): } s(0.04 \%) p(99.88 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97256 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.07} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.16\%): } s(32.51 \%) p(67.37 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.84\%): } s(34.04 \%) p(65.83 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88853 | $s p^{2.15}$ | $s(31.78 \%) p(68.18 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98610 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.98} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.72\%): } s(35.86 \%) p(63.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.28\%): } s(33.55 \%) p(66.32 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84135 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.51\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.49\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98200 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.09} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (57.99\%): } s(32.22 \%) p(67.46 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(42.01 \%): s(30.34 \%) p(69.55 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using TPSSh (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The TPSSh functional uses 10 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S108. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn} \text { with the O3LYP functional. }}\right.$

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83659 | $s p^{2.52}$ | $s(28.41 \%) p(71.54 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98651 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.31 \%): s(38.35 \%) p(61.31 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.69 \%): s(33.15 \%) p(66.74 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87282 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (69.65\%): } s(0.15 \%) p(99.71 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (30.35\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.67 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98142 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.03} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.19} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (57.80\%): } s(32.95 \%) p(66.76 \%) \\ \text { C11 (42.20\%): } s(31.28 \%) p(68.63 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98319 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.88} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 2 \\ & s p^{2.24} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.78\%): } s(25.77 \%) p(74.09 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (48.22\%): } s(30.82 \%) p(69.13 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97729 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{C} 3(50.01 \%): s(35.54 \%) p(64.28 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 5(49.99 \%): s(35.84 \%) p(64.09 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98464 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.32\%): } s(33.81 \%) p(66.01 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 6(48.68 \%): s(37.45 \%) p(62.47 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi$ (C3-C6) | 1.64303 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (67.50\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (32.50\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98589 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.13} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.85} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.64\%): } s(31.95 \%) p(67.99 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.36\%): } s(25.92 \%) p(73.92 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99325 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.25} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.72} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.73\%): } s(30.69 \%) p(69.20 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.27\%): } s(36.67 \%) p(62.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95721 | n/a | $s(56.20 \%) p(43.73 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.88895 | n/a | $s(7.10 \%) p(92.79 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.57910 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.80 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97434 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C 11 (50.36\%): $s(36.16 \%) p(63.76 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(49.64 \%): s(34.02 \%) p(65.81 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66436 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.82\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.18\%): } s(0.04 \%) p(99.89 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97210 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.08} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.18\%): } s(32.47 \%) p(67.42 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.82\%): } s(34.00 \%) p(65.88 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88679 | $s p^{2.15}$ | $s(31.69 \%) p(68.27 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98582 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.98} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.60\%): } s(35.94 \%) p(63.74 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.40\%): } s(33.54 \%) p(66.33 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84223 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.44\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.56\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98174 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.09} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 4(57.83 \%): s(32.23 \%) p(67.46 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(42.17 \%): s(30.40 \%) p(69.49 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using O3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The O3LYP functional uses 11.61 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{21}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.


| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{\text {e }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84339 | $s p^{2.56}$ | $s(28.04 \%) p(71.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98657 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.59} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.42 \%): s(38.53 \%) p(61.12 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.58 \%): s(33.13 \%) p(66.75 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87655 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (70.27\%): } s(0.15 \%) p(99.71 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (29.73\%): } s(0.16 \%) p(99.69 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98176 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.01} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.19} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | N1 (57.93\%): $s(33.15 \%) p(66.54 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(42.07 \%): s(31.28 \%) p(68.62 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98358 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.24} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(51.72 \%): s(25.95 \%) p(73.89 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(48.28 \%): s(30.82 \%) p(69.11 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97760 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.80} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.98\%): } s(35.58 \%) p(64.22 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.02\%): } s(35.85 \%) p(64.06 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98460 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.26\%): } s(33.86 \%) p(65.94 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.74\%): } s(37.44 \%) p(62.47 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.64794 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (68.57\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (31.43\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98623 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.13} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.83} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.76\%): } s(31.93 \%) p(68.00 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.24\%): } s(26.07 \%) p(73.74 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99329 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.25} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.68} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.49\%): } s(30.71 \%) p(69.17 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.51\%): } s(37.10 \%) p(62.45 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95715 | n/a | $s(54.86 \%) p(45.07 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.89597 | n/a | $s(8.02 \%) p(91.88 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.58856 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.80 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97479 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C 11 (50.35\%): $s(36.15 \%) p(63.76 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(49.65 \%): s(34.09 \%) p(65.72 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66702 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | C11 (46.48\%): $s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(53.52 \%): s(0.03 \%) p(99.89 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97253 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.08} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.15\%): } s(32.47 \%) p(67.40 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.85\%): } s(34.00 \%) p(65.86 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.89182 | $s p^{2.21}$ | $s(31.13 \%) p(68.83 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98580 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.70\%): } s(36.20 \%) p(63.47 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.30\%): } s(33.60 \%) p(66.27 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84491 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.51\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.49\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98197 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.06} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{N} 4(58.01 \%): s(32.53 \%) p(67.14 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.99 \%): s(30.39 \%) p(69.50 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The B3LYP functional uses $20 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{22}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S110. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} 4\right)}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the PBE0 functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84525 | $s p^{2.57}$ | $s(28.03 \%) p(71.92 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98672 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at } 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.41 \%): s(38.55 \%) p(61.08 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.59 \%): s(33.14 \%) p(66.74 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87778 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (70.51\%): } s(0.16 \%) p(99.69 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (29.49\%): } s(0.17 \%) p(99.66 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98186 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.01} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.19} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (57.84\%): } s(33.12 \%) p(66.56 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (42.16\%): } s(31.30 \%) p(68.61 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98363 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.86} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.24} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.76\%): } s(25.88 \%) p(73.97 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (48.24\%): } s(30.80 \%) p(69.14 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97766 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.04\%): } s(35.56 \%) p(64.24 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (49.96\%): } s(35.87 \%) p(64.05 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98477 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.38\%): } s(33.83 \%) p(65.97 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.62\%): } s(37.44 \%) p(62.47 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.64783 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (69.01\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (30.99\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98631 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.13} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.84} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.66\%): } s(31.92 \%) p(68.01 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.34\%): } s(25.98 \%) p(73.83 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99343 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.25} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.69} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.66\%): } s(30.73 \%) p(69.16 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.34\%): } s(37.01 \%) p(62.52 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95789 | n/a | $s(55.41 \%) p(44.52 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (07) | 1.89583 | n/a | $s(7.55 \%) p(92.34 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (07) | 1.58841 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.79 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97485 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.32\%): } s(36.15 \%) p(63.76 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.68\%): } s(34.06 \%) p(65.75 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66885 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.46\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.54\%): } s(0.04 \%) p(99.88 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97271 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.08} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.13\%): } s(32.46 \%) p(67.41 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.87\%): } s(34.02 \%) p(65.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.89264 | $s p^{2.19}$ | $s(31.29 \%) p(68.67 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98600 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.63\%): } s(36.10 \%) p(63.56 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.37\%): } s(33.60 \%) p(66.27 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84578 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.66\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.81 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.34\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98209 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.07} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (57.89\%): } s(32.46 \%) p(67.20 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (42.11\%): } s(30.39 \%) p(69.50 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using PBE0 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The PBE0 functional uses 25
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{14}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S111. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{I B u} \mathbf{L} 4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06 functional.

| NBO ${ }^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84204 | $s p^{2.55}$ | $s(28.16 \%) p(71.78 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98652 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.66 \%): s(38.39 \%) p(61.31 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.34 \%): s(33.10 \%) p(66.81 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87994 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (71.47\%): } s(0.19 \%) p(99.65 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (28.53\%): } s(0.20 \%) p(99.62 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98155 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.01} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.18\%): } s(33.14 \%) p(66.60 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 11(41.82 \%): s(31.23 \%) p(68.69 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98337 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.83} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.25} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.92\%): } s(26.06 \%) p(73.79 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (48.08\%): } s(30.79 \%) p(69.14 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97737 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.80} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.06\%): } s(35.65 \%) p(64.17 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (49.94\%): } s(35.88 \%) p(64.04 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98483 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.40\%): } s(33.92 \%) p(65.90 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.60\%): } s(37.44 \%) p(62.47 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.64874 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (70.17\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (29.83\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.88 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98614 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.14} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.82} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.49\%): } s(31.86 \%) p(68.06 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.51\%): } s(26.13 \%) p(73.69 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99341 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.25} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.70} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.27\%): } s(30.77 \%) p(69.14 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.73\%): } s(36.84 \%) p(62.74 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95878 | n/a | $s(55.54 \%) p(44.39 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (07) | 1.89473 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(7.59 \%) p(92.30 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (07) | 1.59620 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.78 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97446 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{C} 11(50.20 \%): s(36.16 \%) p(63.76 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(49.80 \%): s(34.16 \%) p(65.68 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66961 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (45.93\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (54.07\%): } s(0.04 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97217 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.14\%): } s(32.52 \%) p(67.36 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.86\%): } s(34.06 \%) p(65.81 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.89090 | $s p^{1.90}$ | $s(31.23 \%) p(68.71 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98565 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.77\%): } s(36.08 \%) p(63.63 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.23\%): } s(33.67 \%) p(66.24 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85015 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.04\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.80 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.96\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98154 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.06} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.30} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{N} 4 \text { (58.25\%): } s(32.56 \%) p(67.14 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.75 \%): s(30.32 \%) p(69.59 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06 functional uses $27 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S112. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} 4\right)}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-2X functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{\text {e }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.86136 | $s p^{2.65}$ | $s(27.38 \%) p(72.57 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98663 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.56} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at } 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.57\%): } s(38.94 \%) p(60.71 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.43\%): } s(33.04 \%) p(66.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.88457 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (70.99\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.65 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (29.01\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.65 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98194 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.99} \text { at N1 } \\ s p^{2.19} \text { at C11 } \end{gathered}$ | N1 (57.94\%): $s(33.39 \%) p(66.31 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(42.06 \%): s(31.29 \%) p(68.63 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98392 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.24} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(51.63 \%): s(25.93 \%) p(73.93 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(48.37 \%): s(30.88 \%) p(69.07 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97766 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.97\%): } s(35.56 \%) p(64.26 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.03\%): } s(35.90 \%) p(64.02 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98435 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.34\%): } s(33.83 \%) p(65.98 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.66\%): } s(37.46 \%) p(62.46 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.65426 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (70.55\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (29.45\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98667 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.13} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.84} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.84\%): } s(31.96 \%) p(67.98 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.16\%): } s(25.98 \%) p(73.85 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99376 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.26} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.63} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.42\%): } s(30.68 \%) p(69.23 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.58\%): } s(37.82 \%) p(61.71 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95796 | n/a | $s(54.90 \%) p(45.02 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.90938 | n/a | $s(7.26 \%) p(92.63 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.59601 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.77 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97522 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.36\%): } s(36.19 \%) p(63.72 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.64\%): } s(34.08 \%) p(65.74 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.67593 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.24\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.76\%): } s(0.04 \%) p(99.88 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97309 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.08} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.07\%): } s(32.43 \%) p(67.45 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.93\%): } s(34.03 \%) p(65.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.90351 | $s p^{2.26}$ | $s(30.65 \%) p(69.31 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98599 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.80\%): } s(36.42 \%) p(63.25 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.20\%): } s(33.58 \%) p(66.31 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85275 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.50\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.78 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.50\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98206 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.04} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{N} 4 \text { (58.11\%): } s(32.81 \%) p(66.87 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.89 \%): s(30.35 \%) p(69.56 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-2X (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-2X functional uses 54 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S113. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{(t \mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} 4\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the CAM-B3LYP functional.

| NBO $^{b}$ | Occupancy $^{c}$ | Hybridization $^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.85169 | $s p^{2.67}$ | $s(27.21 \%) p(72.74 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98665 | $s p^{1.56}$ at N 1 | $\mathrm{~N} 1(59.44 \%): s(38.96 \%) p(60.67 \%)$ |
|  |  | $s p^{2.02}$ at C 5 | $\mathrm{C} 5(40.56 \%): s(33.07 \%) p(66.80 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.88627 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{N} 1(71.41 \%): s(0.18 \%) p(99.67 \%)$ |
|  |  |  | $\mathrm{C} 5(28.59 \%): s(0.16 \%) p(99.67 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98218 | $s p^{1.97}$ at N1 | $\mathrm{N} 1(57.90 \%): s(33.52 \%) p(66.16 \%)$ |
|  |  | $s p^{2.19}$ at C 11 | $\mathrm{C} 11(42.10 \%): s(31.27 \%) p(68.63 \%)$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using CAM-B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The CAM-B3LYP functional is a range-separated functional, and uses $19 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at short range, $33 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at intermediate range, and $65 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at long range. ${ }^{15}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom B, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S114. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{M e}} \mathbf{L} 4\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-L functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{\text {e }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83925 | $s p^{2.31}$ | $s(30.22 \%) p(69.73 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98656 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.67} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.70\%): } s(37.36 \%) p(62.33 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.30\%): } s(33.05 \%) p(66.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.86924 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (70.04\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.67 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (29.96\%): } s(0.25 \%) p(99.58 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98131 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.11} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.20} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (58.20\%): $s(32.11 \%) p(67.61 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(41.80 \%): s(31.25 \%) p(68.67 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98378 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.26} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (52.06\%): } s(25.96 \%) p(73.90 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (47.94\%): } s(30.64 \%) p(69.29 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97835 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.80} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.77} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 3(50.14 \%): s(35.60 \%) p(64.21 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(49.86 \%): s(36.02 \%) p(63.88 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98586 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.66} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.43\%): } s(33.91 \%) p(65.89 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.57\%): } s(37.51 \%) p(62.39 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.64456 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (67.94\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (32.06\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98636 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.13} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.83} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.33\%): } s(31.87 \%) p(68.04 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.67\%): } s(26.03 \%) p(73.79 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99333 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.26} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.80} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.29\%): } s(30.67 \%) p(69.23 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.71\%): } s(35.58 \%) p(64.00 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95994 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(58.03 \%) p(41.91 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.89028 | n/a | $s(6.36 \%) p(93.54 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.58082 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.80 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97599 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C 11 (50.19\%): $s(35.96 \%) p(63.94 \%)$ C 12 (49.81\%): $s(34.17 \%) p(65.65 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65857 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | C11 (46.25\%): $s(0.02 \%) p(99.89 \%)$ C12 (53.75\%): $s(0.05 \%) p(99.86 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97296 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.05} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.16\%): } s(32.70 \%) p(67.17 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.84\%): } s(34.08 \%) p(65.77 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88961 | $s p^{2.03}$ | $s(33.00 \%) p(66.96 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98610 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.83} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.98} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.78\%): } s(35.28 \%) p(64.42 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.22\%): } s(33.57 \%) p(66.33 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84264 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.25\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.75\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98154 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.16} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.30} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.23\%): } s(31.59 \%) p(68.11 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (41.77\%): } s(30.31 \%) p(69.60 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06-L (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-L functional uses 0
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{19}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S115. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\text {Me }} \mathbf{L} 4\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the TPSSh functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{\text {e }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83920 | $s p^{2.49}$ | $s(28.65 \%) p(71.31 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98669 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.61} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at } 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.46\%): } s(38.23 \%) p(61.43 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.54\%): } s(33.11 \%) p(66.78 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87155 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (69.78\%): } s(0.16 \%) p(99.70 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (30.22\%): } s(0.19 \%) p(99.66 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98164 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.04} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.19} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | N1 (57.95\%): $s(32.83 \%) p(66.87 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(42.05 \%): s(31.34 \%) p(68.56 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98360 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.87} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.25} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(51.59 \%): s(25.78 \%) p(74.07 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(48.41 \%): s(30.79 \%) p(69.15 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97784 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.99\%): } s(35.56 \%) p(64.25 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.01\%): } s(35.89 \%) p(64.02 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98517 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.28\%): } s(33.82 \%) p(65.98 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.72\%): } s(37.47 \%) p(62.44 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.64334 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (67.63\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (32.37\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98613 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.12} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.86} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.86\%): } s(31.98 \%) p(67.95 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.14\%): } s(25.88 \%) p(73.94 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99334 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.26} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.72} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.52\%): } s(30.63 \%) p(69.26 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.48\%): } s(36.58 \%) p(62.98 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95817 | n/a | $s(55.85 \%) p(44.08 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.89026 | n/a | $s(7.55 \%) p(92.36 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.57883 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.81 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97540 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C 11 (50.38\%): $s(35.96 \%) p(63.94 \%)$ C 12 (49.62\%): $s(34.08 \%) p(65.73 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66017 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.78\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.22\%): } s(0.05 \%) p(99.87 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97267 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.06} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.14\%): } s(32.60 \%) p(67.28 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.86\%): } s(34.02 \%) p(65.85 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88851 | $s p^{2.14}$ | $s(31.80 \%) p(68.17 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98613 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.98} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.72\%): } s(35.86 \%) p(63.81 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.28\%): } s(33.55 \%) p(66.32 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84172 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.51\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.49\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98206 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.10} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at C10 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (57.99\%): } s(32.20 \%) p(67.48 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 10(42.01 \%): s(30.39 \%) p(69.50 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using TPSSh (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The TPSSh functional uses 10 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S116. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{M e}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the O3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.83665 | $s p^{2.52}$ | $s(28.42 \%) p(71.53 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98659 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at } 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.32\%): } s(38.37 \%) p(61.29 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.68\%): } s(33.14 \%) p(66.75 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87110 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (69.69\%): } s(0.15 \%) p(99.71 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (30.31\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.67 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98147 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.03} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.18} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (57.82\%): } s(32.93 \%) p(66.78 \%) \\ \text { C11 (42.18\%): } s(31.39 \%) p(68.52 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98325 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.88} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 2 \\ & s p^{2.24} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(51.76 \%): s(25.77 \%) p(74.10 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(48.24 \%): s(30.82 \%) p(69.13 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97733 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.01\%): } s(35.54 \%) p(64.28 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (49.99\%): } s(35.84 \%) p(64.08 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98466 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.32\%): } s(33.81 \%) p(66.01 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.68\%): } s(37.45 \%) p(62.48 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.64136 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (67.51\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (32.49\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.90 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98588 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.13} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.85} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.66\%): } s(31.96 \%) p(67.98 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.34\%): } s(25.91 \%) p(73.93 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99326 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.25} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.72} \text { at } \mathrm{O} 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.73\%): } s(30.69 \%) p(69.20 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.27\%): } s(36.66 \%) p(62.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95723 | n/a | $s(56.20 \%) p(43.73 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (07) | 1.88893 | n/a | $s(7.11 \%) p(92.79 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.57862 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.80 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97486 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{C} 11(50.35 \%): s(35.96 \%) p(63.95 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(49.65 \%): s(34.02 \%) p(65.80 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.65979 | n/a | C11 (46.75\%): $s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%)$ C12 (53.25\%): $s(0.05 \%) p(99.87 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97220 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.07} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.16\%): } s(32.56 \%) p(67.33 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.84\%): } s(33.98 \%) p(65.90 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.88675 | $s p^{2.15}$ | $s(31.70 \%) p(68.25 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98585 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.77} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.98} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.60\%): } s(35.94 \%) p(63.74 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.40\%): } s(33.54 \%) p(66.33 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84263 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.44\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.82 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.56\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98178 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.09} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (57.83\%): } s(32.21 \%) p(67.47 \%) \\ \text { C10 (42.17\%): } s(30.45 \%) p(69.45 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using O3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The O3LYP functional uses 11.61 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{21}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S117. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\mathbf{M e}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84344 | $s p^{2.56}$ | $s(28.05 \%) p(71.90 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98665 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.43 \%): s(38.55 \%) p(61.09 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.57 \%): s(33.13 \%) p(66.75 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87491 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (70.31\%): } s(0.14 \%) p(99.71 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(29.69 \%): s(0.17 \%) p(99.69 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98182 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.01} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.18} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (57.94\%): } s(33.12 \%) p(66.57 \%) \\ \text { C11 (42.06\%): } s(31.39 \%) p(68.51 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98364 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.24} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(51.70 \%): s(25.95 \%) p(73.89 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(48.30 \%): s(30.83 \%) p(69.11 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97764 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.80} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.98\%): } s(35.58 \%) p(64.22 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.02\%): } s(35.85 \%) p(64.06 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98462 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.26\%): } s(33.85 \%) p(65.94 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.74\%): } s(37.44 \%) p(62.47 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.64634 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (68.57\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (31.43\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98623 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.13} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.83} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.77\%): } s(31.93 \%) p(67.99 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.23\%): } s(26.07 \%) p(73.75 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99329 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.25} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.68} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.49\%): } s(30.71 \%) p(69.17 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.51\%): } s(37.09 \%) p(62.45 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95717 | n/a | $s(54.85 \%) p(45.07 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.89595 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(8.02 \%) p(91.88 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (07) | 1.58811 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.80 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97530 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | C 11 (50.34\%): $s(35.95 \%) p(63.96 \%)$ C 12 (49.66\%): $s(34.10 \%) p(65.70 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66217 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.42\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.58\%): } s(0.05 \%) p(99.88 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97265 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.07} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.13\%): } s(32.56 \%) p(67.31 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.87\%): } s(33.98 \%) p(65.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.89180 | $s p^{2.21}$ | $s(31.15 \%) p(68.81 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98583 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.75} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.70\%): } s(36.20 \%) p(63.46 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.30\%): } s(33.60 \%) p(66.27 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84534 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.51\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.83 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.49\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98201 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{N} 4(58.01 \%): s(32.51 \%) p(67.16 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.99 \%): s(30.43 \%) p(69.46 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The B3LYP functional uses $20 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{22}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S118. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\text {Me }} \mathbf{L 4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the PBE0 functional.

| NBO ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84533 | $s p^{2.56}$ | $s(28.04 \%) p(71.91 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98680 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.58} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.01} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.41 \%): s(38.57 \%) p(61.06 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.59 \%): s(33.14 \%) p(66.75 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87625 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (70.55\%): } s(0.16 \%) p(99.69 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (29.45\%): } s(0.17 \%) p(99.66 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98191 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.01} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.18} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N1 (57.86\%): } s(33.09 \%) p(66.59 \%) \\ \text { C11 (42.14\%): } s(31.41 \%) p(68.50 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98370 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.86} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.24} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(51.75 \%): s(25.88 \%) p(73.97 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(48.25 \%): s(30.80 \%) p(69.14 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97771 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.04\%): } s(35.56 \%) p(64.24 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (49.96\%): } s(35.87 \%) p(64.04 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98480 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.38\%): } s(33.83 \%) p(65.97 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.62\%): } s(37.44 \%) p(62.47 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.64636 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (69.02\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (30.98\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.89 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98631 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.13} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.84} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.67\%): } s(31.92 \%) p(68.01 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.33\%): } s(25.98 \%) p(73.84 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99343 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.25} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.69} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.66\%): } s(30.73 \%) p(69.16 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.34\%): } s(37.01 \%) p(62.52 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95791 | n/a | $s(55.41 \%) p(44.52 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.89582 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $s(7.56 \%) p(92.34 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (07) | 1.58800 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.79 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97537 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.32\%): } s(35.95 \%) p(63.96 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.68\%): } s(34.08 \%) p(65.73 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66402 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.41\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.59\%): } s(0.05 \%) p(99.87 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97283 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.07} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.11\%): } s(32.55 \%) p(67.32 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.89\%): } s(34.00 \%) p(65.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.89263 | $s p^{2.19}$ | $s(31.31 \%) p(68.65 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98603 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.63\%): } s(36.10 \%) p(63.55 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.37\%): } s(33.59 \%) p(66.28 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.84623 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.66\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.81 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.34\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.98215 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.28} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{N} 4(57.89 \%): s(32.44 \%) p(67.21 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(42.11 \%): s(30.43 \%) p(69.46 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using PBE0 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The PBE0 functional uses 25
\% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{14}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S119. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\text {Me }} \mathbf{L} 4\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06 functional.

| NBO ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{d}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.84214 | $s p^{2.55}$ | $s(28.17 \%) p(71.77 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98659 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.60} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} 1(59.67 \%): s(38.42 \%) p(61.29 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(40.33 \%): s(33.10 \%) p(66.81 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.87865 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (71.50\%): } s(0.19 \%) p(99.65 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (28.50\%): } s(0.20 \%) p(99.62 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98161 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.01} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 1 \\ s p^{2.19} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (58.20\%): } s(33.11 \%) p(66.63 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (41.80\%): } s(31.34 \%) p(68.58 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98343 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.83} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.25} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C2 (51.90\%): } s(26.06 \%) p(73.80 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (48.10\%): } s(30.79 \%) p(69.14 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97743 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.80} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (50.07\%): } s(35.65 \%) p(64.17 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (49.93\%): } s(35.88 \%) p(64.04 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98486 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.94} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.40\%): } s(33.91 \%) p(65.90 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.60\%): } s(37.44 \%) p(62.47 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.64763 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (70.18\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (29.82\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98614 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.14} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.82} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.50\%): } s(31.86 \%) p(68.06 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.50\%): } s(26.13 \%) p(73.69 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99341 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.25} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.70} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.26\%): } s(30.77 \%) p(69.14 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.74\%): } s(36.84 \%) p(62.74 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (07) | 1.95880 | n/a | $s(55.54 \%) p(44.39 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (07) | 1.89472 | n/a | $s(7.59 \%) p(92.29 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (07) | 1.59593 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.78 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97500 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{C} 11(50.19 \%): s(35.95 \%) p(63.97 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 12(49.81 \%): s(34.19 \%) p(65.65 \%)$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.66459 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (45.90\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (54.10\%): } s(0.05 \%) p(99.87 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97231 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.06} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.12\%): } s(32.62 \%) p(67.26 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.88\%): } s(34.03 \%) p(65.84 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.89088 | $s p^{2.20}$ | $s(31.24 \%) p(68.70 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98569 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.76} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.76\%): } s(36.08 \%) p(63.63 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.24\%): } s(33.67 \%) p(66.24 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85071 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (62.02\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.80 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (37.98\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.86 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98160 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.06} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{N} 4(58.25 \%): s(32.55 \%) p(67.16 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.75 \%): s(30.37 \%) p(69.55 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using M06 (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06 functional uses $27 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq \mathrm{x} \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S120 NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\text {Me }} \mathbf{L} 4\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the M06-2X functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{b}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{\text {e }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.86149 | $s p^{2.65}$ | $s(27.39 \%) p(72.56 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98670 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.56} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at } 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.58\%): } s(38.96 \%) p(60.69 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.42\%): } s(33.04 \%) p(66.86 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.88341 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (71.03\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.65 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (28.97\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.64 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98200 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.99} \text { at N1 } \\ s p^{2.18} \text { at C11 } \end{gathered}$ | N1 (57.95\%): $s(33.36 \%) p(66.33 \%)$ $\mathrm{C} 11(42.05 \%): s(31.40 \%) p(68.52 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98399 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.85} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.24} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(51.62 \%): s(25.93 \%) p(73.93 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(48.38 \%): s(30.88 \%) p(69.07 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97772 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.81} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.78} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.97\%): } s(35.56 \%) p(64.26 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.03\%): } s(35.91 \%) p(64.01 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98437 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.34\%): } s(33.83 \%) p(65.98 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.66\%): } s(37.46 \%) p(62.46 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.65312 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (70.56\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (29.44\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98667 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.13} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.84} \text { at C8 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.85\%): } s(31.96 \%) p(67.97 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.15\%): } s(25.98 \%) p(73.85 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99376 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.26} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.63} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.42\%): } s(30.68 \%) p(69.23 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.58\%): } s(37.81 \%) p(61.71 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95797 | n/a | $s(54.90 \%) p(45.02 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (O7) | 1.90938 | n/a | $s(7.26 \%) p(92.63 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.59570 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.77 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97576 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.93} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.36\%): } s(35.98 \%) p(63.93 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.64\%): } s(34.09 \%) p(65.73 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.67051 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (46.25\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.91 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (53.75\%): } s(0.05 \%) p(99.88 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97322 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.07} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.05\%): } s(32.53 \%) p(67.35 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.95\%): } s(34.01 \%) p(65.86 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.90351 | $s p^{2.26}$ | $s(30.66 \%) p(69.29 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98602 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.74} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.80\%): } s(36.42 \%) p(63.24 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.20\%): } s(33.58 \%) p(66.31 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85335 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.49\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.78 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.51\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98213 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.04} \text { at } \mathrm{N} 4 \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N4 (58.10\%): } s(32.79 \%) p(66.88 \%) \\ \mathrm{C} 10(41.90 \%): s(30.40 \%) p(69.51 \%) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S 0 geometry using M06-2X (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The M06-2X functional uses 54 \% Hartree-Fock exchange. ${ }^{23}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of $s, p, d$, and forbitals from atom $B$, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B} .{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

Table S121. NBO analysis ${ }^{a}$ of $\left({ }^{\text {Me }} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ with the CAM-B3LYP functional.

| $\mathbf{N B O}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | Occupancy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Hybridization ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Atomic Orbital Contributions (\%) ${ }^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lone pair 1 (N1) | 1.85171 | $s p^{2.67}$ | $s(27.22 \%) p(72.73 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N1-C5) | 1.98672 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.56} \text { at N1 } \\ & s p^{2.02} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (59.45\%): } s(38.99 \%) p(60.64 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (40.55\%): } s(33.07 \%) p(66.81 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.88489 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (71.46\%): } s(0.18 \%) p(99.67 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (28.54\%): } s(0.16 \%) p(99.67 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 11)$ | 1.98223 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{1.98} \text { at N1 } \\ s p^{2.18} \text { at C11 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N1 (57.92\%): } s(33.49 \%) p(66.18 \%) \\ & \text { C11 (42.08\%): } s(31.38 \%) p(68.52 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.98401 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.83} \text { at C2 } \\ & s p^{2.24} \text { at C5 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 2(51.73 \%): s(26.08 \%) p(73.75 \%) \\ & \mathrm{C} 5(48.27 \%): s(30.87 \%) p(69.06 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 5)$ | 1.97768 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.80} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.79} \text { at C5 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (49.99\%): } s(35.59 \%) p(64.20 \%) \\ & \text { C5 (50.01\%): } s(35.87 \%) p(64.04 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.98439 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.95} \text { at C3 } \\ & s p^{1.67} \text { at C6 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (51.27\%): } s(33.85 \%) p(65.94 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (48.73\%): } s(37.47 \%) p(62.43 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6)$ | 1.65697 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C3 (70.49\%): } s(0.01 \%) p(99.92 \%) \\ & \text { C6 (29.51\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.88 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 8)$ | 1.98662 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.13} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{2.82} \text { at } 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (47.78\%): } s(31.96 \%) p(67.96 \%) \\ & \text { C8 (52.22\%): } s(26.14 \%) p(73.66 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 7)$ | 1.99344 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.26} \text { at C6 } \\ & s p^{1.64} \text { at O7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C6 (35.48\%): } s(30.65 \%) p(69.23 \%) \\ & \text { O7 (64.52\%): } s(37.76 \%) p(61.78 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (O7) | 1.95705 | n/a | $s(53.19 \%) p(46.73 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 2 (07) | 1.90253 | n/a | $s(9.03 \%) p(90.87 \%)$ |
| Lone pair 3 (O7) | 1.59635 | n/a | $s(0.01 \%) p(99.79 \%)$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.97548 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.78} \text { at C11 } \\ & s p^{1.92} \text { at C12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (50.30\%): } s(35.97 \%) p(63.93 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (49.70\%): } s(34.14 \%) p(65.66 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12)$ | 1.67159 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (45.94\%): } s(0.02 \%) p(99.90 \%) \\ & \text { C12 (54.06\%): } s(0.04 \%) p(99.87 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10)$ | 1.97326 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{2.07} \text { at } \mathrm{C} 11 \\ & s p^{1.94} \text { at C10 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C11 (49.06\%): } s(32.54 \%) p(67.32 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (50.94\%): } s(34.02 \%) p(65.84 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| Lone pair 1 (N4) | 1.89760 | $s p^{2.28}$ | $s(30.45 \%) p(69.51 \%)$ |
| $\sigma$ (N4-C9) | 1.98576 | $\begin{aligned} & s p^{1.73} \text { at N4 } \\ & s p^{1.97} \text { at C9 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.66\%): } s(36.48 \%) p(63.17 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (41.34\%): } s(33.61 \%) p(66.25 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\pi(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 9)$ | 1.85466 | n/a | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (61.69\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.81 \%) \\ & \text { C9 (38.31\%): } s(0.00 \%) p(99.87 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\sigma(\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 10)$ | 1.98231 | $\begin{gathered} s p^{2.03} \text { at N4 } \\ s p^{2.29} \text { at C10 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N4 (58.03\%): } s(32.92 \%) p(66.73 \%) \\ & \text { C10 (41.97\%): } s(30.37 \%) p(69.52 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated in gas phase at the optimized S0 geometry using CAM-B3LYP (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j). The CAM-B3LYP functional is a range-separated functional, and uses $19 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at short range, $33 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at intermediate range, and $65 \%$ Hartree-Fock exchange at long range. ${ }^{15}$
${ }^{b}$ The general formulation of a sigma natural bond orbital (NBO) is $\sigma_{A B}=c_{A} h_{A}+c_{B} h_{B}$, where $h_{A}$ and $h_{B}$ are the atom-centered hybrid orbitals of atoms A and B , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{B}}$ are the normalized polarization coefficients of atoms A and B . If the natural ionicity of an NBO, given by $i_{A B}=\frac{\left(c A^{2}-c B^{2}\right)}{\left(c A^{2}+C B^{2}\right)}$, exceeds a fixed limit $\left(\left|i_{A B}\right|>0.95\right)$, this extremely polarized "bond" is identified instead as a lone pair. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{c}$ Orbital occupancy $(0 \leq x \leq 2)$ is the number of electrons in the specified NBO. Lower orbital occupancy values are indicative of stronger delocalization. ${ }^{20}$
${ }^{d}$ Hybridization of a given NBO is of the form $\mathrm{sp}^{\lambda}$, where $\lambda=\left(\frac{\% p}{\% s}\right) .{ }^{20}$ Hybridizations with a very high value of $\lambda$ (for example, $\mathrm{sp}^{\infty}$ ) have been denoted as non-applicable.
${ }^{e}$ Atomic orbital contributions denote the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom A, and the percent contribution of s, p, d, and forbitals from atom B, to their shared NBO $\sigma_{A B}$ or $\pi_{A B}{ }^{20}$ Contributions from $d$ and $f$ orbitals are negligible and are omitted for simplicity. The percent contributions from each atom $A\left(c_{A}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ and $B\left(c_{B}{ }^{2} \times 100 \%\right)$ to their shared NBO are also shown.

## NMR spectra

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Figure S28. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \quad \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \quad 22 \quad{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 1$ ).

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Figure S29. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR (377 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 1$ ).


Figure S30. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\left({ }^{\text {F3 }} \mathbf{L} 1\right.}$ ).


Figure S31. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HSQC NMR (101 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 1$ ).


Figure S32. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HMBC NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\mathrm{CF} 3} \mathbf{L} 1$ ).


Figure S33. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSY NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 1$ ).


Figure S34. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NOESY NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 1$ ).


Figure S35. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \quad \mathrm{NMR} \quad\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \quad \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \quad 22 \quad{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) \quad$ of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino) phenanthridine $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right)$.


| 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | $\stackrel{1}{120}$ | 110 | $\stackrel{1}{100}$ | 90 | ${ }_{80}$ | 70 | 60 | 50 | $\stackrel{1}{40}$ | 10 | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | 100 | $\mathrm{fl}_{1}$ (ppm) | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 |

Figure S36. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22 \quad{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino)phenanthridine $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right)$.


Figure S37. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HSQC NMR (101 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino)phenanthridine $\left({ }^{\mathbf{t B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right)$.


Figure S38. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{-13} \mathrm{C} \quad \mathrm{HMBC}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino)phenanthridine $\left(^{\left({ }^{(B u}\right.} \mathbf{L} 1\right)$.


Figure S39. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSY NMR (400 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino)phenanthridine $\left({ }^{(t \mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right)$.


Figure S40. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NOESY NMR (400 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino)phenanthridine $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right)$.


Figure S41. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \quad \mathrm{NMR} \quad\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \quad \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \quad 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ of (4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\mathbf{C 5 3}} \mathbf{L} 2$ ).

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Figure S42. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \quad \mathrm{NMR}\left(471 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ ) of (4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\mathbf{C 5 3}} \mathbf{L 2}$ ).

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Figure S43. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 2$ ).


Figure S44. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HSQC NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L 2}$ ).


Figure S45. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HMBC NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L 2}$ ).


Figure S46. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSY NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( $\left.{ }^{\left({ }^{C} 3\right.} \mathbf{L} 2\right)$.


Figure S47. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NOESY NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\left({ }^{C 5} \mathbf{L} 2\right.}$ ).


Figure S48. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \quad \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \quad 22 \quad{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc chloride ( $\left.\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right)$.


Figure S49. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \quad \mathrm{NMR}\left(377 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc chloride $\left(\left({ }^{(\mathbf{C F}} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right)$.



Figure S50. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc chloride ( $\left.\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right)$.


Figure S51. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HSQC NMR (101 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc chloride $\left(\left({ }^{(\mathbf{F} 3} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right)$.


Figure S52. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HMBC NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc chloride ( $\left.\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right)$.


Figure S53. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSY NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc chloride $\left(\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right)$.


Figure S54. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NOESY NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc chloride $\left(\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right)$.


Figure S55. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \quad \mathrm{NMR} \quad\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \quad \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \quad 22 \quad{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino) phenanthridine zinc chloride $\left.\left({ }^{(t \mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right)$.


Figure S56. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \quad \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22 \quad{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino) phenanthridine zinc chloride $\left({ }^{\left.\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u} u} \mathbf{L 1} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right)}\right.$.


Figure S57. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HSQC NMR (101 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino) phenanthridine zinc chloride $\left({ }^{\left.\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u} u} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right) \text {. }}\right.$


Figure S58. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{-13} \mathrm{C} \quad \mathrm{HMBC}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino)phenanthridine zinc chloride $\left(\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{L}\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right)$.


Figure S59. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSY NMR (400 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino) phenanthridine zinc chloride $\left(\left({ }^{\left.\left(\mathbf{B u}^{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right) \text {. }}\right.\right.$


Figure S60. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{-1} \mathrm{H}$ NOESY NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of (2-tert-butyl)(4-




Figure S61. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \quad \mathrm{NMR} \quad\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \quad \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, \quad 22 \quad{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) \quad$ of bis-(4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc $\left(\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\right)$.


Figure S62. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \quad$ NMR (377 MHz, $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of bis-(4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc $\left(\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\right)$.


Figure S63. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, \quad 22 \quad{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of bis-(4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc $\left(\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\right)$.


Figure S64. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HSQC NMR (101 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of bis-(4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc (( $\left.\left.{ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\right)$.


Figure S65. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HMBC NMR (101 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of bis-(4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc $\left(\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right){ }_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\right)$.


Figure S66. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSY NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of bis-(4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc $\left(\left({ }^{\mathrm{CF}} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\right)$.


Figure S67. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NOESY NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 22{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) of bis-(4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl) phenanthridine zinc $\left(\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right){ }_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\right)$.


Figure S68. Variable-temperature ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc chloride (zoom of tetramethyl region) ( $\left.\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L 2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\right)$.


Figure S69. Variable-temperature ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine zinc chloride (full spectra) ( $\left.\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\right)$.

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Figure S70. Variable-temperature ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino) phenanthridine zinc chloride (zoom of tetramethyl region) $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} 1\right)} \mathbf{Z n C l}_{2}\right)$.


Figure S71. Variable-temperature ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino)phenanthridine zinc chloride (full spectra) $\left({ }^{\left.\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\right) \text {. }}\right.$

## HRMS figures



Figure S72. APCI high-resolution mass spectrum of (4-tetramethylguanidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 1$ ).


Figure S73. APCI high-resolution mass spectrum of (2-tert-butyl)(4tetramethylguanidino) phenanthridine $\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L}\right.} \mathbf{L}\right)$.


Figure S74. APCI high-resolution mass spectrum of (4-aminopyrimidino)(2trifluoromethyl)phenanthridine ( ${ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L} 2$ ).

## Coordinates of optimized geometries

| ( ${ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L 1}$ ) $\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~S}_{0, \mathrm{eq}}\right)$ | M06-L (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Zn | 8.85735 | 10.12510 | 6.22951 |
| Cl | 8.44462 | 9.08804 | 4.33155 |
| Cl | 10.81542 | 10.20198 | 7.32627 |
| N | 7.73977 | 11.93012 | 6.14475 |
| N | 7.64754 | 9.98392 | 7.97050 |
| N | 8.52473 | 7.97841 | 8.69628 |
| N | 8.51987 | 9.78284 | 10.16841 |
| C | 6.85201 | 11.08474 | 8.19320 |
| C | 5.99416 | 11.25357 | 9.27797 |
| H | 5.93885 | 10.48605 | 10.05293 |
| C | 6.04258 | 13.25558 | 7.29158 |
| C | 5.21394 | 13.39427 | 8.42291 |
| H | 4.58044 | 14.27153 | 8.54688 |
| C | 6.87476 | 12.11167 | 7.19339 |
| C | 6.09946 | 14.22517 | 6.22013 |
| C | 5.20569 | 12.40687 | 9.39297 |
| C | 8.20005 | 9.27025 | 8.94436 |
| C | 5.32173 | 15.40045 | 6.18551 |
| H | 4.63255 | 15.62300 | 7.00147 |
| C | 7.96623 | 7.29962 | 7.54331 |
| H | 6.97239 | 7.69379 | 7.30912 |
| H | 8.59709 | 7.42622 | 6.64569 |
| H | 7.88610 | 6.22565 | 7.76103 |
| C | 6.98425 | 13.97322 | 5.13344 |
| F | 3.64445 | 13.66901 | 10.64408 |
| C | 5.41714 | 16.27987 | 5.12212 |
| H | 4.80442 | 17.18409 | 5.1544 |
| C | 7.78108 | 12.79322 | 5.16660 |


| H | 8.46629 | 12.57333 | 4.33936 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | 8.46313 | 8.99545 | 11.37756 |
| H | 7.84992 | 9.51789 | 12.13060 |
| H | 7.99832 | 8.02367 | 11.17812 |
| H | 9.45864 | 8.82314 | 11.81962 |
| C | 8.92267 | 11.16369 | 10.32000 |
| H | 9.21966 | 11.57141 | 9.34619 |
| H | 8.13082 | 11.79041 | 10.76765 |
| H | 9.80645 | 11.20698 | 10.97385 |
| F | 3.52158 | 11.51435 | 10.77483 |
| C | 9.74972 | 7.39949 | 9.21681 |
| H | 10.34098 | 8.15924 | 9.73680 |
| H | 9.55578 | 6.55120 | 9.89239 |
| H | 10.36200 | 7.04456 | 8.37525 |
| C | 4.36945 | 12.54492 | 10.63090 |
| C | 6.29068 | 16.02426 | 4.04970 |
| H | 6.35314 | 16.72759 | 3.21708 |
| C | 7.06560 | 14.88242 | 4.05667 |
| H | 7.75049 | 14.66547 | 3.23319 |
| F | 5.14606 | 12.55629 | 11.73277 |

( ${ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L 1}$ ) $\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~S}_{0, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

| Zn | 8.87197 | 10.20603 | 6.22852 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cl | 8.35755 | 9.04304 | 4.36848 |
| Cl | 11.03535 | 10.29404 | 6.88882 |
| N | 7.79920 | 12.01915 | 6.13694 |
| C | 7.84597 | 12.90009 | 5.17342 |
| H | 8.55934 | 12.72243 | 4.36111 |
| C | 7.01073 | 14.05991 | 5.13406 |
| C | 7.10651 | 14.98849 | 4.06796 |
| H | 7.83344 | 14.80729 | 3.27175 |
| C | 6.28839 | 16.10340 | 4.04421 |
| H | 6.35812 | 16.82284 | 3.22458 |
| C | 5.35780 | 16.31036 | 5.08633 |
| H | 4.71161 | 17.19198 | 5.06468 |
| C | 5.24947 | 15.41195 | 6.13759 |
| H | 4.51958 | 15.60131 | 6.92577 |
| C | 6.07362 | 14.26247 | 6.19000 |
| C | 6.02152 | 13.27243 | 7.25602 |
| C | 6.90817 | 12.16436 | 7.17993 |
| C | 6.91526 | 11.13847 | 8.18990 |
| C | 6.01460 | 11.26419 | 9.24981 |
| H | 5.97379 | 10.49654 | 10.02328 |
| C | 5.15085 | 12.37306 | 9.32752 |
| C | 5.14019 | 13.36406 | 8.35803 |
| H | 4.45413 | 14.20420 | 8.45128 |
| C | 4.25132 | 12.47448 | 10.53305 |
| F | 3.33965 | 13.45548 | 10.42367 |
| F | 3.57626 | 11.32847 | 10.75629 |
| F | 4.95992 | 12.72141 | 11.65803 |
| N | 7.77321 | 10.06515 | 7.99520 |
| C | 8.25827 | 9.30296 | 8.98681 |
| N | 8.50335 | 7.99483 | 8.73187 |
| C | 7.79586 | 7.28736 | 7.66982 |
| H | 6.83015 | 7.76661 | 7.46901 |
| H | 8.37427 | 7.27215 | 6.73025 |
| H | 7.62053 | 6.24812 | 7.99149 |
| C | 9.66054 | 7.29416 | 9.28085 |
| H | 10.32354 | 7.99392 | 9.80219 |
| H | 9.36594 | 6.48702 | 9.97214 |


| H | 10.22914 | 6.84762 | 8.44835 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | 8.58672 | 9.79944 | 10.21184 |
| C | 8.45717 | 9.02594 | 11.44183 |
| H | 7.88900 | 9.61951 | 12.17853 |
| H | 7.90766 | 8.09510 | 11.25592 |
| H | 9.43788 | 8.78186 | 11.88428 |
| C | 9.03996 | 11.17458 | 10.37732 |
| H | 9.40324 | 11.56803 | 9.41954 |
| H | 8.24633 | 11.83347 | 10.77102 |
| H | 9.87960 | 11.18396 | 11.09145 |

## ( $\left.{ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~S}_{1, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

| Zn | 9.17824 | 10.46120 | 6.26268 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cl | 9.04752 | 8.98536 | 4.56683 |
| Cl | 11.20504 | 10.72920 | 7.24829 |
| N | 7.92757 | 12.05570 | 6.12758 |
| N | 7.95844 | 10.18006 | 8.02427 |
| N | 8.38619 | 8.01187 | 8.72542 |
| N | 8.76615 | 9.78758 | 10.21467 |
| C | 7.05749 | 11.17467 | 8.19323 |
| C | 6.14432 | 11.25084 | 9.27359 |
| H | 6.15760 | 10.47917 | 10.04457 |
| C | 6.07502 | 13.21992 | 7.21596 |
| C | 5.18539 | 13.26093 | 8.32742 |
| H | 4.45360 | 14.06483 | 8.3911 |
| C | 7.01941 | 12.17950 | 7.13849 |
| C | 6.04360 | 14.23120 | 6.15177 |
| C | 5.21818 | 12.29740 | 9.33731 |
| C | 8.35315 | 9.31878 | 9.02115 |
| C | 5.16270 | 15.31850 | 6.11728 |
| H | 4.43735 | 15.46205 | 6.92075 |
| C | 7.54788 | 7.47317 | 7.64896 |
| H | 6.63441 | 8.07040 | 7.54307 |
| H | 8.09073 | 7.47496 | 6.68957 |
| H | 7.26803 | 6.44245 | 7.91197 |
| C | 6.99960 | 14.05647 | 5.07870 |
| F | 3.35534 | 13.32813 | 10.37678 |
| C | 5.18540 | 16.24202 | 5.05900 |
| H | 4.48766 | 17.08244 | 5.05224 |
| C | 7.89080 | 12.97518 | 5.11578 |
| H | 8.61097 | 12.83176 | 4.30605 |
| C | 8.69103 | 8.99726 | 11.44464 |
| H | 8.27864 | 9.64456 | 12.23440 |
| H | 8.02000 | 8.14148 | 11.30885 |
| H | 9.68266 | 8.64273 | 11.76722 |
| C | 9.28853 | 11.14834 | 10.37465 |
| H | 9.62579 | 11.53953 | 9.40775 |
| H | 8.53358 | 11.81542 | 10.82160 |
| H | 10.15770 | 11.10147 | 11.04814 |
| F | 3.64672 | 11.20834 | 10.72913 |
| C | 9.39791 | 7.09947 | 9.26310 |
| H | 10.22413 | 7.66804 | 9.70506 |
| H | 8.97795 | 6.40816 | 10.01023 |
| H | 9.79544 | 6.50914 | 8.42328 |
| C | 4.29053 | 12.37503 | 10.51835 |
| C | 6.11204 | 16.07418 | 4.00835 |
| H | 6.12967 | 16.79303 | 3.18344 |
| C | 7.00031 | 15.01132 | 4.00774 |
| H | 7.71804 | 14.88554 | 3.19251 |
| F | 4.96164 | 12.64520 | 11.66080 |
|  |  |  |  |


| $\left({ }^{\text {(Bu }} \mathbf{L 1} 1\right) \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~S}_{0, \mathrm{eq}}\right)$ M06-L (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zn | 8.77870 | 10.05365 | 6.18620 |
| Cl | 8.27089 | 8.97853 | 4.33184 |
| Cl | 10.79380 | 10.08421 | 7.18694 |
| N | 7.73826 | 11.89825 | 6.12699 |
| N | 7.62904 | 9.95715 | 7.96691 |
| N | 8.53203 | 7.97606 | 8.73006 |
| N | 8.59605 | 9.84137 | 10.12744 |
| C | 6.84763 | 11.07611 | 8.18608 |
| C | 5.99032 | 11.25436 | 9.26800 |
| H | 5.94615 | 10.46708 | 10.02536 |
| C | 6.06859 | 13.24577 | 7.29474 |
| C | 5.23515 | 13.38083 | 8.42384 |
| H | 4.61517 | 14.27141 | 8.51580 |
| C | 6.88523 | 12.09352 | 7.18333 |
| C | 6.14404 | 14.22394 | 6.23142 |
| C | 5.18637 | 12.40278 | 9.41083 |
| C | 8.22030 | 9.27985 | 8.93903 |
| C | 5.39264 | 15.41749 | 6.20749 |
| H | 4.71040 | 15.64766 | 7.02720 |
| C | 7.93214 | 7.26516 | 7.61825 |
| H | 6.92301 | 7.64123 | 7.42198 |
| H | 8.51771 | 7.38167 | 6.68871 |
| H | 7.87873 | 6.19498 | 7.86170 |
| C | 7.02211 | 13.96563 | 5.13989 |
| C | 3.50290 | 13.82770 | 10.66111 |
| C | 5.50557 | 16.30644 | 5.15397 |
| H | 4.91296 | 17.22418 | 5.15823 |
| C | 7.79289 | 12.76783 | 5.15529 |
| H | 8.46583 | 12.54053 | 4.32017 |
| C | 8.58977 | 9.10891 | 11.36994 |
| H | 8.00268 | 9.65684 | 12.12655 |
| H | 8.12589 | 8.12612 | 11.22949 |
| H | 9.60257 | 8.95992 | 11.78129 |
| C | 9.02113 | 11.22210 | 10.18822 |
| H | 9.30418 | 11.56358 | 9.18484 |
| H | 8.24815 | 11.89135 | 10.60591 |
| H | 9.91856 | 11.29174 | 10.82107 |
| C | 3.30136 | 11.35348 | 10.66905 |
| C | 9.78274 | 7.41723 | 9.20912 |
| H | 10.37955 | 8.18515 | 9.70992 |
| H | 9.62185 | 6.56707 | 9.89130 |
| H | 10.37475 | 7.07248 | 8.34858 |
| C | 4.29293 | 12.52233 | 10.64650 |
| C | 6.37194 | 16.04343 | 4.07752 |
| H | 6.44922 | 16.75369 | 3.25192 |
| C | 7.12109 | 14.88459 | 4.07270 |
| H | 7.80026 | 14.66102 | 3.24605 |
| C | 5.16890 | 12.47239 | 11.90439 |
| H | 2.82958 | 13.91293 | 9.79573 |
| H | 4.16028 | 14.70953 | 10.66716 |
| H | 2.87818 | 13.88179 | 11.56407 |
| H | 5.90266 | 13.29243 | 11.91493 |
| H | 5.72703 | 11.52791 | 11.98455 |
| H | 4.55239 | 12.56411 | 12.81129 |
| H | 2.65884 | 11.35686 | 9.77658 |
| H | 2.64795 | 11.41664 | 11.55226 |
| H | 3.80785 | 10.37861 | 10.70587 |


| ( ${ }^{\text {tBu}} \mathbf{L 1}$ ) $\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~S}_{0, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zn | 8.84287 | 10.16366 | 6.19944 |
| Cl | 8.27707 | 8.97220 | 4.37081 |
| Cl | 11.03286 | 10.22975 | 6.78513 |
| N | 7.81070 | 11.99389 | 6.11472 |
| N | 7.79254 | 10.05557 | 7.99645 |
| N | 8.52158 | 7.98464 | 8.73166 |
| N | 8.72762 | 9.81594 | 10.16739 |
| C | 6.96390 | 11.15760 | 8.20621 |
| C | 6.09008 | 11.31198 | 9.28395 |
| H | 6.07572 | 10.53978 | 10.05382 |
| C | 6.08666 | 13.28481 | 7.27958 |
| C | 5.22986 | 13.39128 | 8.40067 |
| H | 4.56632 | 14.24967 | 8.47030 |
| C | 6.95481 | 12.16535 | 7.18333 |
| C | 6.12766 | 14.26595 | 6.20364 |
| C | 5.21665 | 12.42115 | 9.40103 |
| C | 8.31654 | 9.30516 | 8.97247 |
| C | 5.32411 | 15.43185 | 6.16408 |
| H | 4.62301 | 15.64238 | 6.97269 |
| C | 7.74035 | 7.27485 | 7.72478 |
| H | 6.76717 | 7.76090 | 7.58467 |
| H | 8.25340 | 7.24756 | 6.74795 |
| H | 7.57811 | 6.23950 | 8.06577 |
| C | 7.02824 | 14.03895 | 5.12018 |
| C | 3.40355 | 13.77466 | 10.59994 |
| C | 5.41500 | 16.31972 | 5.10254 |
| H | 4.78441 | 17.21292 | 5.09357 |
| C | 7.84404 | 12.86426 | 5.14128 |
| H | 8.52698 | 12.66639 | 4.30782 |
| C | 8.66787 | 9.06500 | 11.41554 |
| H | 8.16334 | 9.67891 | 12.18114 |
| H | 8.09040 | 8.14199 | 11.28221 |
| H | 9.67168 | 8.80745 | 11.79473 |
| C | 9.22226 | 11.18222 | 10.27186 |
| H | 9.54818 | 11.53828 | 9.28642 |
| H | 8.46663 | 11.87476 | 10.68167 |
| H | 10.09597 | 11.18927 | 10.94393 |
| C | 3.33662 | 11.27553 | 10.62824 |
| C | 9.70555 | 7.27735 | 9.20973 |
| H | 10.40320 | 7.97239 | 9.69017 |
| H | 9.44817 | 6.47245 | 9.91857 |
| H | 10.22223 | 6.82624 | 8.34600 |
| C | 4.27440 | 12.50556 | 10.62083 |
| C | 6.30846 | 16.08695 | 4.03354 |
| H | 6.36552 | 16.79752 | 3.20513 |
| C | 7.10639 | 14.95741 | 4.04337 |
| H | 7.80462 | 14.75608 | 3.22638 |
| C | 5.11107 | 12.51657 | 11.92133 |
| H | 2.75191 | 13.81584 | 9.71263 |
| H | 4.01087 | 14.69373 | 10.62147 |
| H | 2.75120 | 13.78968 | 11.48776 |
| H | 5.80096 | 13.37642 | 11.94552 |
| H | 5.70861 | 11.59913 | 12.03693 |
| H | 4.44827 | 12.59118 | 12.79966 |
| H | 2.71931 | 11.23972 | 9.71539 |
| H | 2.65548 | 11.32043 | 11.49455 |
| H | 3.89594 | 10.32921 | 10.69502 |


| ( ${ }^{\text {Bu4 }} \mathbf{L 1}$ ) $\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~S}_{1, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zn | 8.99271 | 10.30373 | 6.14446 |
| Cl | 8.48543 | 8.84925 | 4.49477 |
| Cl | 11.12763 | 10.32505 | 6.91560 |
| N | 7.91328 | 12.01924 | 6.09102 |
| N | 7.91639 | 10.15905 | 8.01034 |
| N | 8.36731 | 8.02512 | 8.80839 |
| N | 8.88215 | 9.88178 | 10.14734 |
| C | 7.05327 | 11.18625 | 8.18725 |
| C | 6.16148 | 11.29717 | 9.28724 |
| H | 6.19045 | 10.51669 | 10.04884 |
| C | 6.13177 | 13.24919 | 7.23572 |
| C | 5.24888 | 13.30387 | 8.36228 |
| H | 4.54766 | 14.13376 | 8.41243 |
| C | 7.02866 | 12.17974 | 7.12808 |
| C | 6.12919 | 14.27973 | 6.19076 |
| C | 5.23934 | 12.34756 | 9.38942 |
| C | 8.36779 | 9.34943 | 9.01973 |
| C | 5.30852 | 15.41422 | 6.19442 |
| H | 4.61330 | 15.58378 | 7.01917 |
| C | 7.45495 | 7.43132 | 7.82696 |
| H | 6.54097 | 8.03183 | 7.74610 |
| H | 7.92804 | 7.37054 | 6.83304 |
| H | 7.18706 | 6.42088 | 8.16920 |
| C | 7.05409 | 14.07476 | 5.09325 |
| C | 3.33478 | 13.62865 | 10.50901 |
| C | 5.35564 | 16.35541 | 5.15120 |
| H | 4.70454 | 17.23214 | 5.17471 |
| C | 7.89078 | 12.95150 | 5.09284 |
| H | 8.58280 | 12.78833 | 4.26201 |
| C | 8.87775 | 9.17703 | 11.42925 |
| H | 8.53229 | 9.88209 | 12.20175 |
| H | 8.18317 | 8.32969 | 11.39652 |
| H | 9.88197 | 8.82025 | 11.70822 |
| C | 9.44617 | 11.23419 | 10.17054 |
| H | 9.74714 | 11.53230 | 9.15925 |
| H | 8.73274 | 11.96263 | 10.58889 |
| H | 10.34389 | 11.21742 | 10.80684 |
| C | 3.39241 | 11.12640 | 10.58438 |
| C | 9.41711 | 7.14227 | 9.32148 |
| H | 10.27620 | 7.73384 | 9.65836 |
| H | 9.05840 | 6.50380 | 10.14393 |
| H | 9.74743 | 6.49608 | 8.49382 |
| C | 4.26495 | 12.40429 | 10.58092 |
| C | 6.24863 | 16.15590 | 4.07600 |
| H | 6.28594 | 16.88707 | 3.26231 |
| C | 7.07951 | 15.04924 | 4.03709 |
| H | 7.77185 | 14.90158 | 3.20355 |
| C | 5.07182 | 12.47951 | 11.89864 |
| H | 2.71008 | 13.61635 | 9.60168 |
| H | 3.89926 | 14.57460 | 10.52534 |
| H | 2.65945 | 13.62721 | 11.37897 |
| H | 5.69762 | 13.38650 | 11.92668 |
| H | 5.73028 | 11.60581 | 12.02614 |
| H | 4.38557 | 12.51068 | 12.76089 |
| H | 2.80379 | 11.04842 | 9.65574 |
| H | 2.68986 | 11.14988 | 11.43365 |
| H | 4.00272 | 10.21452 | 10.67918 |

( $\left.{ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{0, \text { eq }}\right)$ M06-L (gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

| Zn | 10.04516 | 7.34683 | 2.39085 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | 9.51023 | 7.69062 | 4.26095 |
| N | 11.33713 | 5.98224 | 3.46464 |
| F | 9.08485 | 6.07313 | 9.26318 |
| N | 7.99012 | 9.03812 | 5.49407 |
| F | 11.16086 | 5.75514 | 9.75878 |
| N | 8.19417 | 9.08905 | 3.10638 |
| C | 8.54040 | 8.62557 | 4.33964 |
| C | 10.13043 | 7.00509 | 5.25816 |
| F | 10.43007 | 7.75067 | 9.38447 |
| C | 11.13582 | 6.07571 | 4.81661 |
| C | 11.87997 | 5.30229 | 5.73264 |
| C | 11.61605 | 5.44152 | 7.10233 |
| H | 12.16387 | 4.86656 | 7.83282 |
| C | 6.63244 | 10.51177 | 4.19343 |
| H | 5.86758 | 11.27169 | 4.14083 |
| C | 12.24052 | 5.17502 | 2.98972 |
| H | 12.35888 | 5.14779 | 1.90862 |
| C | 9.90677 | 7.10327 | 6.62857 |
| H | 9.15765 | 7.79010 | 6.99103 |
| C | 10.64640 | 6.32586 | 7.51882 |
| C | 7.05148 | 9.97129 | 5.39558 |
| H | 6.61279 | 10.30160 | 6.33407 |
| C | 13.05763 | 4.35211 | 3.80220 |
| C | 12.87904 | 4.40825 | 5.20604 |
| C | 7.25672 | 10.01510 | 3.05608 |
| H | 6.99101 | 10.37771 | 2.06657 |
| C | 14.63055 | 2.75908 | 5.43704 |
| H | 15.24632 | 2.13655 | 6.07347 |
| C | 14.02243 | 3.49810 | 3.24198 |
| H | 14.13781 | 3.47645 | 2.16491 |
| C | 10.33828 | 6.47321 | 8.97971 |
| C | 14.80173 | 2.70936 | 4.04821 |
| H | 15.54521 | 2.05185 | 3.61786 |
| C | 13.69227 | 3.58799 | 6.00425 |
| H | 13.58381 | 3.60564 | 7.07975 |
| N | 10.60978 | 7.67442 | 0.52629 |
| N | 8.66857 | 6.08689 | 1.30397 |
| F | 10.63280 | 7.39471 | -4.51712 |
| N | 12.21550 | 8.93528 | -0.69053 |
| F | 9.97064 | 5.35523 | -4.75770 |
| N | 12.01985 | 8.96259 | 1.69820 |
| C | 11.64081 | 8.54284 | 0.45893 |
| C | 9.94264 | 7.04506 | -0.47706 |
| F | 8.54931 | 6.96854 | -4.88303 |
| C | 8.87950 | 6.18047 | -0.04686 |
| C | 8.08704 | 5.46589 | -0.97286 |
| C | 8.36078 | 5.60627 | -2.33661 |
| H | 7.77840 | 5.07606 | -3.07663 |
| C | 13.67009 | 10.29570 | 0.62843 |
| H | 14.48333 | 11.00288 | 0.69017 |
| C | 7.71380 | 5.33623 | 1.77000 |
| H | 7.59088 | 5.30810 | 2.85061 |
| C | 10.17385 | 7.14919 | -1.84938 |
| H | 10.96488 | 7.79061 | -2.20151 |
| C | 9.38729 | 6.43456 | -2.74541 |
| C | 13.21433 | 9.80250 | -0.58049 |
| H | 13.67261 | 10.11695 | -1.51506 |


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| C | 6.84777 | 4.57348 | 0.94790 |
| C | 7.03255 | 4.63018 | -0.45468 |
| C | 13.01661 | 9.82371 | 1.75989 |
| H | 13.30776 | 10.15244 | 2.75409 |
| C | 5.18381 | 3.09386 | -0.70362 |
| H | 4.53343 | 2.51492 | -1.34666 |
| C | 5.83074 | 3.77651 | 1.49872 |
| H | 5.71147 | 3.75285 | 2.57532 |
| C | 9.64379 | 6.54738 | -4.22020 |
| C | 5.00651 | 3.04340 | 0.68401 |
| H | 4.22295 | 2.42920 | 1.10717 |
| C | 6.17302 | 3.86876 | -1.26159 |
| H | 6.28598 | 3.88889 | -2.33665 |


| $\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{0, \mathrm{eq}}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zn | 10.03615 | 7.15726 | 2.38825 |
| N | 9.52103 | 7.69030 | 4.23990 |
| N | 11.31461 | 5.86941 | 3.49471 |
| F | 9.19211 | 6.49485 | 9.36549 |
| N | 8.08959 | 9.15160 | 5.46932 |
| F | 11.23919 | 5.97220 | 9.83701 |
| N | 8.15180 | 9.07805 | 3.07889 |
| C | 8.56976 | 8.65814 | 4.30809 |
| C | 10.16686 | 7.04146 | 5.26254 |
| F | 10.72186 | 8.02013 | 9.36327 |
| C | 11.14388 | 6.05068 | 4.85123 |
| C | 11.88921 | 5.30096 | 5.79922 |
| C | 11.66719 | 5.52977 | 7.17752 |
| H | 12.22150 | 4.97096 | 7.92905 |
| C | 6.67296 | 10.59832 | 4.18283 |
| H | 5.91191 | 11.37860 | 4.13587 |
| C | 12.17585 | 4.99876 | 3.03783 |
| H | 12.26790 | 4.90164 | 1.95025 |
| C | 9.98675 | 7.22949 | 6.64061 |
| H | 9.26075 | 7.96606 | 6.97695 |
| C | 10.73262 | 6.47650 | 7.56721 |
| C | 7.15818 | 10.10509 | 5.39280 |
| H | 6.77975 | 10.49543 | 6.34597 |
| C | 12.98740 | 4.18470 | 3.88718 |
| C | 12.85002 | 4.32870 | 5.29932 |
| C | 7.22611 | 10.02601 | 3.02905 |
| H | 6.90381 | 10.35087 | 2.03186 |
| C | 14.55260 | 2.61119 | 5.58296 |
| H | 15.16655 | 1.99393 | 6.24439 |
| C | 13.90811 | 3.25374 | 3.34371 |
| H | 13.99241 | 3.16505 | 2.25714 |
| C | 10.47818 | 6.73456 | 9.03070 |
| C | 14.68323 | 2.47444 | 4.18273 |
| H | 15.39457 | 1.75524 | 3.76910 |
| C | 13.65758 | 3.51662 | 6.13247 |
| H | 13.58171 | 3.59762 | 7.21775 |
| N | 10.57467 | 7.68071 | 0.54132 |
| N | 8.69113 | 5.94683 | 1.27196 |
| F | 10.82474 | 6.58997 | -4.59573 |
| N | 12.09894 | 9.05550 | -0.67605 |
| F | 8.76906 | 6.10345 | -5.06917 |
| N | 12.01612 | 8.98273 | 1.71382 |
| C | 11.58155 | 8.59102 | 0.48107 |


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| C | 9.89204 | 7.07932 | -0.48635 |
| F | 9.31831 | 8.13819 | -4.57552 |
| C | 8.86497 | 6.13714 | -0.08297 |
| C | 8.07596 | 5.44164 | -1.03695 |
| C | 8.30338 | 5.67722 | -2.41322 |
| H | 7.71556 | 5.16027 | -3.16929 |
| C | 13.59560 | 10.40779 | 0.62257 |
| H | 14.40397 | 11.13848 | 0.67600 |
| C | 7.78661 | 5.11732 | 1.72170 |
| H | 7.69443 | 5.01045 | 2.80837 |
| C | 10.07678 | 7.27519 | -1.86272 |
| H | 10.84139 | 7.97454 | -2.19296 |
| C | 9.28668 | 6.57657 | -2.79527 |
| C | 13.08804 | 9.94829 | -0.59151 |
| H | 13.49659 | 10.31560 | -1.54139 |
| C | 6.92870 | 4.35947 | 0.86588 |
| C | 7.06686 | 4.51533 | -0.54495 |
| C | 12.99929 | 9.87041 | 1.77161 |
| H | 13.33421 | 10.17344 | 2.77152 |
| C | 5.27337 | 2.89550 | -0.84235 |
| H | 4.62413 | 2.32116 | -1.50872 |
| C | 5.96197 | 3.47184 | 1.40178 |
| H | 5.87826 | 3.37279 | 2.48751 |
| C | 9.54317 | 6.84549 | -4.25642 |
| C | 5.14201 | 2.74697 | 0.55660 |
| H | 4.39486 | 2.06154 | 0.96441 |
| C | 6.21335 | 3.75884 | -1.38453 |
| H | 6.28907 | 3.84952 | -2.46901 |

$\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L 2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{1, \mathrm{eq}}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Zn | 9.95754 | 6.97332 | 2.40522 |
| N | 9.56458 | 7.67490 | 4.22933 |
| N | 11.28406 | 5.76251 | 3.53376 |
| F | 9.28502 | 6.64567 | 9.39582 |
| N | 8.26831 | 9.28729 | 5.41772 |
| F | 11.34148 | 6.15739 | 9.86396 |
| N | 8.22600 | 9.06668 | 3.03334 |
| C | 8.67009 | 8.69742 | 4.27046 |
| C | 10.21497 | 7.05697 | 5.26745 |
| F | 10.80156 | 8.18390 | 9.32320 |
| C | 11.15483 | 6.01996 | 4.88338 |
| C | 11.90386 | 5.29856 | 5.85011 |
| C | 11.71172 | 5.59130 | 7.22086 |
| H | 12.26329 | 5.04895 | 7.98638 |
| C | 6.87808 | 10.73202 | 4.09799 |
| H | 6.15822 | 11.54910 | 4.03195 |
| C | 12.11086 | 4.84556 | 3.10273 |
| H | 12.16522 | 4.68175 | 2.02065 |
| C | 10.06636 | 7.31064 | 6.63874 |
| H | 9.36780 | 8.08138 | 6.95534 |
| C | 10.80572 | 6.57554 | 7.58456 |
| C | 7.38760 | 10.28629 | 5.31680 |
| H | 7.07265 | 10.75499 | 6.25777 |
| C | 12.93113 | 4.06312 | 3.97317 |
| C | 12.83465 | 4.28454 | 5.37833 |
| C | 7.35067 | 10.06082 | 2.96165 |
| H | 7.00457 | 10.34289 | 1.95931 |
| C | 14.51769 | 2.55600 | 5.70972 |


| H | 15.14072 | 1.96560 | 6.38698 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | 13.82084 | 3.08771 | 3.45616 |
| H | 13.87254 | 2.93960 | 2.37403 |
| C | 10.56605 | 6.88503 | 9.04011 |
| C | 14.60687 | 2.34122 | 4.31531 |
| H | 15.29487 | 1.58843 | 3.92259 |
| C | 13.65180 | 3.50486 | 6.23299 |
| H | 13.60783 | 3.64729 | 7.31364 |
| N | 10.53532 | 7.63888 | 0.54311 |
| N | 8.72215 | 5.85323 | 1.26039 |
| F | 10.04963 | 8.18205 | -4.49700 |
| N | 12.01503 | 9.10457 | -0.61981 |
| F | 9.98971 | 6.06060 | -4.92167 |
| N | 12.01516 | 8.84919 | 1.76259 |
| C | 11.54672 | 8.55939 | 0.52076 |
| C | 9.82789 | 7.09800 | -0.48975 |
| F | 8.15778 | 7.20346 | -4.90713 |
| C | 8.83336 | 6.11272 | -0.07852 |
| C | 8.03875 | 5.47389 | -1.05390 |
| C | 8.22165 | 5.82013 | -2.41695 |
| H | 7.60627 | 5.34070 | -3.17934 |
| C | 13.55114 | 10.35413 | 0.72575 |
| H | 14.36128 | 11.08052 | 0.80476 |
| C | 7.80259 | 4.93306 | 1.67179 |
| H | 7.74158 | 4.75865 | 2.74946 |
| C | 9.97396 | 7.40374 | -1.86056 |
| H | 10.71568 | 8.14191 | -2.15326 |
| C | 9.16915 | 6.76663 | -2.81331 |
| C | 13.00402 | 9.99007 | -0.50880 |
| H | 13.37969 | 10.43005 | -1.43977 |
| C | 6.96310 | 4.22626 | 0.79775 |
| C | 7.04980 | 4.47352 | -0.62367 |
| C | 13.00072 | 9.73301 | 1.85614 |
| H | 13.37181 | 9.96097 | 2.86187 |
| C | 5.28954 | 2.82161 | -1.01321 |
| H | 4.64639 | 2.28180 | -1.71199 |
| C | 6.01285 | 3.25937 | 1.26525 |
| H | 5.94235 | 3.06944 | 2.33995 |
| C | 9.34276 | 7.05940 | -4.27702 |
| C | 5.20017 | 2.57843 | 0.37340 |
| H | 4.48129 | 1.84398 | 0.74926 |
| C | 6.21235 | 3.76534 | -1.49371 |
| H | 6.26784 | 3.94104 | -2.57009 |
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$\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L 2}\right)_{2} Z n\left(\mathrm{~T}_{1, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

| Zn | 9.93363 | 6.94764 | 2.43083 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | 9.52135 | 7.60813 | 4.26512 |
| N | 11.25054 | 5.71580 | 3.54501 |
| F | 9.38297 | 6.65429 | 9.45112 |
| N | 8.19723 | 9.19030 | 5.46419 |
| F | 11.44961 | 6.16524 | 9.87039 |
| N | 8.14587 | 8.97040 | 3.08237 |
| C | 8.60585 | 8.61050 | 4.31563 |
| C | 10.20134 | 7.00609 | 5.29324 |
| F | 10.90119 | 8.18532 | 9.31846 |
| C | 11.14461 | 5.97763 | 4.89569 |
| C | 11.92135 | 5.27040 | 5.85105 |
| C | 11.75987 | 5.57554 | 7.22308 |
| H | 12.33566 | 5.04722 | 7.98053 |
| C | 6.76722 | 10.60298 | 4.15468 |


| H | 6.02874 | 11.40369 | 4.09347 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | 12.07543 | 4.80334 | 3.10177 |
| H | 12.11279 | 4.63800 | 2.01929 |
| C | 10.08263 | 7.27155 | 6.66518 |
| H | 9.38224 | 8.03736 | 6.99063 |
| C | 10.85450 | 6.55548 | 7.59955 |
| C | 7.29369 | 10.16865 | 5.37008 |
| H | 6.97340 | 10.62972 | 6.31293 |
| C | 12.91619 | 4.02917 | 3.95968 |
| C | 12.84850 | 4.25905 | 5.36546 |
| C | 7.24806 | 9.94375 | 3.01510 |
| H | 6.88990 | 10.21841 | 2.01505 |
| C | 14.54775 | 2.54200 | 5.67071 |
| H | 15.18843 | 1.95937 | 6.33815 |
| C | 13.79988 | 3.05514 | 3.43023 |
| H | 13.83008 | 2.89982 | 2.34830 |
| C | 10.65424 | 6.88416 | 9.05743 |
| C | 14.60772 | 2.31848 | 4.27682 |
| H | 15.29096 | 1.56668 | 3.87395 |
| C | 13.68875 | 3.48952 | 6.20657 |
| H | 13.66815 | 3.63809 | 7.28707 |
| N | 10.53651 | 7.62241 | 0.58905 |
| N | 8.68217 | 5.83925 | 1.24976 |
| F | 10.35213 | 8.02217 | -4.46990 |
| N | 12.06316 | 9.07908 | -0.52933 |
| F | 9.75836 | 5.99534 | -4.95679 |
| N | 11.99254 | 8.82664 | 1.84634 |
| C | 11.55850 | 8.53928 | 0.59479 |
| C | 9.85091 | 7.09386 | -0.44836 |
| F | 8.26256 | 7.54254 | -4.79464 |
| C | 8.82732 | 6.10589 | -0.05480 |
| C | 8.03523 | 5.47271 | -1.07091 |
| C | 8.25721 | 5.81891 | -2.40285 |
| H | 7.66307 | 5.34974 | -3.18916 |
| C | 13.57279 | 10.31638 | 0.85577 |
| H | 14.38708 | 11.03543 | 0.95771 |
| C | 7.74020 | 4.92358 | 1.66694 |
| H | 7.67021 | 4.75521 | 2.74402 |
| C | 10.02504 | 7.40071 | -1.82972 |
| H | 10.78139 | 8.13178 | -2.10297 |
| C | 9.24614 | 6.77958 | -2.78273 |
| C | 13.05770 | 9.95623 | -0.39152 |
| H | 13.46282 | 10.39136 | -1.31258 |
| C | 6.90669 | 4.23623 | 0.77105 |
| C | 7.02697 | 4.48886 | -0.64400 |
| C | 12.98345 | 9.70183 | 1.96872 |
| H | 13.32600 | 9.92767 | 2.98516 |
| C | 5.24683 | 2.87035 | -1.06815 |
| H | 4.60605 | 2.34338 | -1.77946 |
| C | 5.93520 | 3.28660 | 1.21984 |
| H | 5.84469 | 3.09653 | 2.29321 |
| C | 9.41123 | 7.09002 | -4.23871 |
| C | 5.12593 | 2.62135 | 0.31692 |
| H | 4.38802 | 1.89842 | 0.67680 |
| C | 6.18817 | 3.79387 | -1.53028 |
| H | 6.26449 | 3.97100 | -2.60539 |

( $\left.{ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} Z \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{0, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "diethyl ether"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)
$\begin{array}{llll}\mathrm{Zn} & 10.03478 & 7.17792 & 2.38893\end{array}$

| N | 9.51488 | 7.68745 | 4.24377 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | 11.31642 | 5.87843 | 3.49277 |
| F | 9.18439 | 6.46808 | 9.36404 |
| N | 8.07631 | 9.14018 | 5.47483 |
| F | 11.23387 | 5.95292 | 9.83387 |
| N | 8.14923 | 9.07760 | 3.08437 |
| C | 8.56211 | 8.65350 | 4.31361 |
| C | 10.16108 | 7.03708 | 5.26396 |
| F | 10.70709 | 8.00062 | 9.36895 |
| C | 11.14252 | 6.05220 | 4.84953 |
| C | 11.88947 | 5.30130 | 5.79570 |
| C | 11.66418 | 5.52356 | 7.17414 |
| H | 12.21934 | 4.96483 | 7.92504 |
| C | 6.66594 | 10.59247 | 4.18831 |
| H | 5.90521 | 11.37314 | 4.14156 |
| C | 12.18303 | 5.01513 | 3.03338 |
| H | 12.27804 | 4.92518 | 1.94528 |
| C | 9.97780 | 7.21881 | 6.64258 |
| H | 9.24840 | 7.95174 | 6.98000 |
| C | 10.72525 | 6.46517 | 7.56668 |
| C | 7.14541 | 10.09336 | 5.39844 |
| H | 6.76237 | 10.47853 | 6.35199 |
| C | 12.99682 | 4.20004 | 3.88009 |
| C | 12.85515 | 4.33584 | 5.29255 |
| C | 7.22408 | 10.02534 | 3.03421 |
| H | 6.90645 | 10.35387 | 2.03664 |
| C | 14.56454 | 2.62394 | 5.57159 |
| H | 15.17931 | 2.00576 | 6.23146 |
| C | 13.92330 | 3.27609 | 3.33467 |
| H | 14.01173 | 3.19313 | 2.24789 |
| C | 10.46877 | 6.71611 | 9.03158 |
| C | 14.69963 | 2.49558 | 4.17115 |
| H | 15.41530 | 1.78194 | 3.75526 |
| C | 13.66418 | 3.52242 | 6.12306 |
| H | 13.58487 | 3.59716 | 7.20852 |
| N | 10.58002 | 7.67651 | 0.53848 |
| N | 8.68733 | 5.95653 | 1.27373 |
| F | 10.83801 | 6.56241 | -4.59214 |
| N | 12.10941 | 9.04450 | -0.67995 |
| F | 8.78255 | 6.07482 | -5.06614 |
| N | 12.02055 | 8.97803 | 1.70988 |
| C | 11.58877 | 8.58448 | 0.47699 |
| C | 9.89782 | 7.07351 | -0.48729 |
| F | 9.33283 | 8.11213 | -4.58387 |
| C | 8.86577 | 6.13808 | -0.08141 |
| C | 8.07616 | 5.44085 | -1.03402 |
| C | 8.30871 | 5.66823 | -2.41040 |
| H | 7.72150 | 5.15038 | -3.16624 |
| C | 13.60136 | 10.40095 | 0.61917 |
| H | 14.40901 | 11.13250 | 0.67267 |
| C | 7.77710 | 5.13519 | 1.72570 |
| H | 7.68100 | 5.03653 | 2.81295 |
| C | 10.08731 | 7.26164 | -1.86424 |
| H | 10.85567 | 7.95674 | -2.19527 |
| C | 9.29697 | 6.56163 | -2.79476 |
| C | 13.09764 | 9.93736 | -0.59523 |
| H | 13.50883 | 10.30140 | -1.54535 |
| C | 6.91769 | 4.37608 | 0.87201 |
| C | 7.06145 | 4.52252 | -0.53920 |
| C | 13.00263 | 9.86610 | 1.76831 |
| H | 13.33467 | 10.17097 | 2.76869 |
| C | 5.26073 | 2.90960 | -0.83291 |


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| H | 4.61092 | 2.33441 | -1.49806 |
| C | 5.94447 | 3.49662 | 1.40945 |
| H | 5.85565 | 3.40427 | 2.49544 |
| C | 9.55678 | 6.82195 | -4.25745 |
| C | 5.12378 | 2.77054 | 0.56631 |
| H | 4.37174 | 2.09158 | 0.97601 |
| C | 6.20678 | 3.76482 | -1.37664 |
| H | 6.28667 | 3.84860 | -2.46135 |


| (CF3L2) ${ }_{2}$ Zn $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1, \text { eq }}\right)$ | B3LYP $($ SMD "diethyl ether"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Zn | 9.88616 | 6.99678 | 2.42339 |
| N | 9.52913 | 7.68226 | 4.25639 |
| N | 11.24623 | 5.78235 | 3.52304 |
| F | 9.37591 | 6.67991 | 9.42435 |
| N | 8.22238 | 9.26583 | 5.47124 |
| F | 11.43863 | 6.17837 | 9.84936 |
| N | 8.15633 | 9.06006 | 3.08587 |
| C | 8.62024 | 8.69081 | 4.31564 |
| C | 10.20819 | 7.07114 | 5.27896 |
| F | 10.90033 | 8.20836 | 9.32000 |
| C | 11.14763 | 6.04172 | 4.87435 |
| C | 11.92608 | 5.32890 | 5.82472 |
| C | 11.76397 | 5.62352 | 7.19848 |
| H | 12.33748 | 5.08583 | 7.95287 |
| C | 6.78497 | 10.68745 | 4.17782 |
| H | 6.04649 | 11.48876 | 4.12598 |
| C | 12.06817 | 4.87044 | 3.07409 |
| H | 12.09672 | 4.70471 | 1.99117 |
| C | 10.08984 | 7.32652 | 6.65298 |
| H | 9.39050 | 8.09098 | 6.98301 |
| C | 10.85756 | 6.60036 | 7.58197 |
| C | 7.32019 | 10.24625 | 5.38749 |
| H | 7.00826 | 10.70340 | 6.33514 |
| C | 12.91576 | 4.09596 | 3.92551 |
| C | 12.85308 | 4.32136 | 5.33193 |
| C | 7.25859 | 10.03451 | 3.03133 |
| H | 6.89540 | 10.31601 | 2.03488 |
| C | 14.55813 | 2.60694 | 5.62581 |
| H | 15.20303 | 2.02399 | 6.28886 |
| C | 13.79951 | 3.12541 | 3.38972 |
| H | 13.82498 | 2.97317 | 2.30718 |
| C | 10.64991 | 6.91176 | 9.04269 |
| C | 14.61301 | 2.38780 | 4.23043 |
| H | 15.29622 | 1.63887 | 3.82229 |
| C | 13.69832 | 3.55074 | 6.16743 |
| H | 13.68060 | 3.69685 | 7.24832 |
| N | 10.51441 | 7.63193 | 0.56717 |
| N | 8.66140 | 5.88037 | 1.27004 |
| F | 10.01027 | 8.18526 | -4.48093 |
| N | 12.06529 | 9.0288 | -0.59281 |
| F | 10.38699 | 6.07884 | -4.79009 |
| N | 11.96055 | 8.87336 | 1.79641 |
| C | 11.53871 | 8.53566 | 0.54945 |
| C | 9.83182 | 7.07166 | -0.47564 |
| F | 8.38094 | 6.85332 | -5.01289 |
| C | 8.81293 | 6.11039 | -0.07401 |
| C | 8.03852 | 5.46503 | -1.05643 |
| C | 8.26746 | 5.77891 | -2.42535 |
| H | 7.66626 | 5.29283 | -3.19421 |
| C | 13.56754 | 10.30307 | 0.76079 |
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| H | 14.38802 | 11.01745 | 0.84224 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | 7.71525 | 4.98329 | 1.66896 |
| H | 7.61731 | 4.83030 | 2.74730 |
| C | 10.02429 | 7.34497 | -1.84413 |
| H | 10.78449 | 8.06713 | -2.12969 |
| C | 9.23928 | 6.69751 | -2.81137 |
| C | 13.06547 | 9.89392 | -0.47890 |
| H | 13.48835 | 10.28472 | -1.41170 |
| C | 6.88956 | 4.27257 | 0.78543 |
| C | 7.02116 | 4.48928 | -0.63767 |
| C | 12.95717 | 9.74295 | 1.89277 |
| H | 13.28893 | 10.00999 | 2.90268 |
| C | 5.24662 | 2.85706 | -1.04473 |
| H | 4.61529 | 2.31296 | -1.75079 |
| C | 5.91055 | 3.33053 | 1.24430 |
| H | 5.80553 | 3.16377 | 2.31996 |
| C | 9.49937 | 6.95706 | -4.26891 |
| C | 5.11325 | 2.64440 | 0.34255 |
| H | 4.37184 | 1.92933 | 0.71192 |
| C | 6.19857 | 3.77676 | -1.51728 |
| H | 6.28824 | 3.92866 | -2.59487 |

$\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} Z n\left(\mathrm{~T}_{1, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "diethyl ether"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

| Zn | 9.91927 | 6.95589 | 2.43376 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | 9.51769 | 7.61022 | 4.27044 |
| N | 11.23945 | 5.71426 | 3.54497 |
| F | 9.40008 | 6.66864 | 9.45739 |
| N | 8.20682 | 9.20202 | 5.47074 |
| F | 11.46595 | 6.16800 | 9.86733 |
| N | 8.14365 | 8.97390 | 3.08999 |
| C | 8.60702 | 8.61672 | 4.32254 |
| C | 10.20077 | 7.00898 | 5.29573 |
| F | 10.92648 | 8.19099 | 9.31670 |
| C | 11.13992 | 5.97801 | 4.89543 |
| C | 11.91907 | 5.27011 | 5.84878 |
| C | 11.76386 | 5.57785 | 7.22050 |
| H | 12.34084 | 5.05005 | 7.97733 |
| C | 6.77874 | 10.61707 | 4.16245 |
| H | 6.04404 | 11.42134 | 4.10171 |
| C | 12.05988 | 4.79943 | 3.09950 |
| H | 12.09159 | 4.63279 | 2.01691 |
| C | 10.08839 | 7.27706 | 6.66789 |
| H | 9.39092 | 8.04542 | 6.99407 |
| C | 10.86229 | 6.56068 | 7.59957 |
| C | 7.30839 | 10.18428 | 5.37730 |
| H | 6.99493 | 10.64998 | 6.32028 |
| C | 12.90260 | 4.02385 | 3.95462 |
| C | 12.84125 | 4.25596 | 5.36024 |
| C | 7.25085 | 9.95124 | 3.02296 |
| H | 6.88976 | 10.22340 | 2.02319 |
| C | 14.53715 | 2.53440 | 5.66127 |
| H | 15.17877 | 1.95092 | 6.32713 |
| C | 13.78160 | 3.04650 | 3.42364 |
| H | 13.80757 | 2.88863 | 2.34189 |
| C | 10.67008 | 6.89180 | 9.05849 |
| C | 14.59085 | 2.30877 | 4.26761 |
| H | 15.27021 | 1.55445 | 3.86280 |
| C | 13.68300 | 3.48500 | 6.19865 |
| H | 13.66691 | 3.63514 | 7.27901 |
| N | 10.53220 | 7.62313 | 0.59201 |
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| N | 8.67907 | 5.83741 | 1.24922 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| F | 10.36083 | 8.01717 | -4.46845 |
| N | 12.05415 | 9.08656 | -0.52373 |
| F | 9.76436 | 5.99073 | -4.95523 |
| N | 11.98368 | 8.83032 | 1.85149 |
| C | 11.55071 | 8.54298 | 0.59943 |
| C | 9.85007 | 7.09301 | -0.44666 |
| F | 8.27050 | 7.54003 | -4.79344 |
| C | 8.82758 | 6.10282 | -0.05486 |
| C | 8.04026 | 5.46606 | -1.07261 |
| C | 8.26537 | 5.81215 | -2.40379 |
| H | 7.67496 | 5.34099 | -3.19161 |
| C | 13.55719 | 10.32876 | 0.86377 |
| H | 14.36807 | 11.05153 | 0.96713 |
| C | 7.73805 | 4.92015 | 1.66454 |
| H | 7.66420 | 4.75421 | 2.74171 |
| C | 10.02708 | 7.39968 | -1.82819 |
| H | 10.78192 | 8.13296 | -2.10001 |
| C | 9.25267 | 6.77578 | -2.78228 |
| C | 13.04424 | 9.96764 | -0.38425 |
| H | 13.44746 | 10.40548 | -1.30507 |
| C | 6.90948 | 4.22914 | 0.76723 |
| C | 7.03398 | 4.47995 | -0.64763 |
| C | 12.97008 | 9.70935 | 1.97556 |
| H | 13.31062 | 9.93464 | 2.99297 |
| C | 5.26010 | 2.85597 | -1.07509 |
| H | 4.62321 | 2.32605 | -1.78769 |
| C | 5.93906 | 3.27785 | 1.21408 |
| H | 5.84482 | 3.08935 | 2.28740 |
| C | 9.41875 | 7.08633 | -4.23842 |
| C | 5.13494 | 2.60902 | 0.30981 |
| H | 4.39761 | 1.88484 | 0.66830 |
| C | 6.20014 | 3.78105 | -1.53538 |
| H | 6.27904 | 3.95623 | -2.61047 |
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( $\left.{ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{0, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "toluene"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

| Zn | 10.03697 | 7.20854 | 2.38887 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | 9.50926 | 7.68682 | 4.24815 |
| N | 11.32077 | 5.89326 | 3.48950 |
| F | 9.17078 | 6.43353 | 9.35976 |
| N | 8.05817 | 9.12477 | 5.48141 |
| F | 11.22140 | 5.92161 | 9.82871 |
| N | 8.14745 | 9.07952 | 3.09130 |
| C | 8.55307 | 8.64887 | 4.32034 |
| C | 10.15454 | 7.03275 | 5.26513 |
| F | 10.68833 | 7.97089 | 9.37742 |
| C | 11.14150 | 6.05553 | 4.84652 |
| C | 11.88896 | 5.30098 | 5.79004 |
| C | 11.65818 | 5.51325 | 7.16868 |
| H | 12.21289 | 4.95316 | 7.91881 |
| C | 6.65228 | 10.58124 | 4.19546 |
| H | 5.88962 | 11.35993 | 4.14919 |
| C | 12.19340 | 5.03883 | 3.02645 |
| H | 12.29290 | 4.95979 | 1.93778 |
| C | 9.96587 | 7.20458 | 6.64448 |
| H | 9.23205 | 7.93259 | 6.98350 |
| C | 10.71393 | 6.44843 | 7.56518 |
| C | 7.12523 | 10.07488 | 5.40551 |
| H | 6.73481 | 10.45149 | 6.35947 |
| C | 13.00818 | 4.22007 | 3.86924 |


| C | 12.86017 | 4.34377 | 5.28220 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | 7.22010 | 10.02416 | 3.04101 |
| H | 6.90904 | 10.35809 | 2.04322 |
| C | 14.57585 | 2.63636 | 5.55442 |
| H | 15.19027 | 2.01541 | 6.21185 |
| C | 13.94109 | 3.30445 | 3.32096 |
| H | 14.03496 | 3.23040 | 2.23400 |
| C | 10.45391 | 6.68890 | 9.03203 |
| C | 14.71733 | 2.52024 | 4.15372 |
| H | 15.43766 | 1.81331 | 3.73469 |
| C | 13.66951 | 3.52651 | 6.10876 |
| H | 13.58475 | 3.59240 | 7.19429 |
| N | 10.58873 | 7.67372 | 0.53366 |
| N | 8.68467 | 5.97227 | 1.27712 |
| F | 10.85631 | 6.52309 | -4.58794 |
| N | 12.12490 | 9.03220 | -0.68660 |
| F | 8.80085 | 6.03453 | -5.06112 |
| N | 12.02290 | 8.98055 | 1.70294 |
| C | 11.59832 | 8.58021 | 0.47005 |
| C | 9.90738 | 7.06672 | -0.48886 |
| F | 9.35369 | 8.07509 | -4.59489 |
| C | 8.86897 | 6.14067 | -0.07849 |
| C | 8.07853 | 5.43987 | -1.02844 |
| C | 8.31773 | 5.65494 | -2.40518 |
| H | 7.73125 | 5.13535 | -3.16029 |
| C | 13.60923 | 10.39623 | 0.61259 |
| H | 14.41644 | 11.12815 | 0.66592 |
| C | 7.76749 | 5.16171 | 1.73287 |
| H | 7.66689 | 5.07496 | 2.82086 |
| C | 10.10329 | 7.24280 | -1.86666 |
| H | 10.87689 | 7.93148 | -2.19941 |
| C | 9.31231 | 6.54009 | -2.79373 |
| C | 13.11201 | 9.92513 | -0.60195 |
| H | 13.52787 | 10.28306 | -1.55234 |
| C | 6.90615 | 4.39973 | 0.88313 |
| C | 7.05677 | 4.53227 | -0.52877 |
| C | 13.00430 | 9.86835 | 1.76188 |
| H | 13.32995 | 10.17872 | 2.76263 |
| C | 5.24708 | 2.92742 | -0.81547 |
| H | 4.59665 | 2.35028 | -1.47817 |
| C | 5.92504 | 3.53111 | 1.42363 |
| H | 5.83038 | 3.44902 | 2.50994 |
| C | 9.57593 | 6.78818 | -4.25869 |
| C | 5.10341 | 2.80218 | 0.58421 |
| H | 4.34558 | 2.13185 | 0.99719 |
| C | 6.20057 | 3.77181 | -1.36226 |
| H | 6.28589 | 3.84581 | -2.44717 |
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| (CF3 $\mathbf{L 2})_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{1, \text { eq }}\right)$ | B3LYP (SMD "toluene"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zn | 9.85534 | 7.03100 | 2.43066 |
| N | 9.53834 | 7.70590 | 4.27227 |
| N | 11.20972 | 5.77727 | 3.51728 |
| F | 9.39949 | 6.66173 | 9.43595 |
| N | 8.31197 | 9.34566 | 5.49539 |
| F | 11.46152 | 6.14145 | 9.84158 |
| N | 8.19833 | 9.12150 | 3.11322 |
| C | 8.66798 | 8.74666 | 4.33897 |
| C | 10.21270 | 7.07802 | 5.28629 |
| F | 10.93509 | 8.17871 | 9.32832 |
| C | 11.12623 | 6.03075 | 4.86995 |


| C | 11.89479 | 5.29529 | 5.81169 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | 11.74709 | 5.58615 | 7.18741 |
| H | 12.31170 | 5.03488 | 7.93670 |
| C | 6.91381 | 10.81343 | 4.21110 |
| H | 6.20781 | 11.64369 | 4.16366 |
| C | 12.00716 | 4.84985 | 3.05783 |
| H | 12.02267 | 4.68874 | 1.97376 |
| C | 10.10916 | 7.32992 | 6.66218 |
| H | 9.43041 | 8.10971 | 6.99951 |
| C | 10.86538 | 6.58150 | 7.58205 |
| C | 7.44958 | 10.36055 | 5.41647 |
| H | 7.17119 | 10.83717 | 6.36503 |
| C | 12.84358 | 4.05139 | 3.89843 |
| C | 12.79558 | 4.27054 | 5.30640 |
| C | 7.34074 | 10.13093 | 3.06341 |
| H | 6.97200 | 10.41638 | 2.07012 |
| C | 14.46372 | 2.51616 | 5.57899 |
| H | 15.09957 | 1.91494 | 6.23435 |
| C | 13.70149 | 3.06399 | 3.35194 |
| H | 13.71629 | 2.91621 | 2.26855 |
| C | 10.67140 | 6.88672 | 9.04677 |
| C | 14.50397 | 2.30355 | 4.18236 |
| H | 15.16681 | 1.54153 | 3.76509 |
| C | 13.62936 | 3.47609 | 6.13110 |
| H | 13.62200 | 3.61666 | 7.21277 |
| N | 10.49707 | 7.65371 | 0.56868 |
| N | 8.65498 | 5.89604 | 1.27937 |
| F | 9.35375 | 8.18405 | -4.57337 |
| N | 11.96337 | 9.12884 | -0.59505 |
| F | 10.86357 | 6.63969 | -4.58946 |
| N | 11.91756 | 8.92740 | 1.79309 |
| C | 11.48317 | 8.59450 | 0.54802 |
| C | 9.83750 | 7.06238 | -0.47750 |
| F | 8.81108 | 6.14823 | -5.08533 |
| C | 8.82704 | 6.09524 | -0.07164 |
| C | 8.08481 | 5.41435 | -1.04747 |
| C | 8.34391 | 5.68839 | -2.42524 |
| H | 7.77480 | 5.16368 | -3.19163 |
| C | 13.42452 | 10.45958 | 0.75446 |
| H | 14.20713 | 11.21542 | 0.83410 |
| C | 7.71143 | 4.99694 | 1.67602 |
| H | 7.59412 | 4.86574 | 2.75549 |
| C | 10.05663 | 7.30049 | -1.84430 |
| H | 10.81375 | 8.02591 | -2.13395 |
| C | 9.30451 | 6.60571 | -2.81436 |
| C | 12.91859 | 10.04761 | -0.48318 |
| H | 13.30078 | 10.47754 | -1.41648 |
| C | 6.90873 | 4.25784 | 0.79520 |
| C | 7.06755 | 4.43999 | -0.62947 |
| C | 12.86967 | 9.84385 | 1.88671 |
| H | 13.21078 | 10.10490 | 2.89522 |
| C | 5.31264 | 2.78632 | -1.03184 |
| H | 4.69890 | 2.22130 | -1.73672 |
| C | 5.92762 | 3.31966 | 1.25749 |
| H | 5.80120 | 3.17824 | 2.33433 |
| C | 9.57620 | 6.88838 | -4.26491 |
| C | 5.15368 | 2.60646 | 0.35648 |
| H | 4.40977 | 1.89540 | 0.72832 |
| C | 6.26805 | 3.70164 | -1.50774 |
| H | 6.37668 | 3.82878 | -2.58665 |


| $\left({ }^{\text {CF3 }} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{T}_{1, \mathrm{eq}}\right) \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP}$ (SMD "toluene"/ d |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zn | 9.90509 | 6.97019 | 2.43600 |
| N | 9.51375 | 7.61289 | 4.27648 |
| N | 11.22865 | 5.71479 | 3.54488 |
| F | 9.41852 | 6.68518 | 9.46498 |
| N | 8.20833 | 9.20833 | 5.47728 |
| F | 11.48342 | 6.17121 | 9.86385 |
| N | 8.14445 | 8.97892 | 3.09689 |
| C | 8.60645 | 8.62195 | 4.32969 |
| C | 10.19961 | 7.01231 | 5.29867 |
| F | 10.95391 | 8.19731 | 9.31444 |
| C | 11.13495 | 5.97937 | 4.89517 |
| C | 11.91635 | 5.27023 | 5.84648 |
| C | 11.76742 | 5.58054 | 7.21780 |
| H | 12.34558 | 5.05352 | 7.97414 |
| C | 6.78267 | 10.62432 | 4.16823 |
| H | 6.04921 | 11.42960 | 4.10721 |
| C | 12.04447 | 4.79771 | 3.09701 |
| H | 12.07095 | 4.63084 | 2.01419 |
| C | 10.09346 | 7.28278 | 6.67109 |
| H | 9.39854 | 8.05329 | 6.99815 |
| C | 10.86974 | 6.56635 | 7.59982 |
| C | 7.31222 | 10.19155 | 5.38350 |
| H | 7.00037 | 10.65813 | 6.32655 |
| C | 12.88852 | 4.01951 | 3.94891 |
| C | 12.83316 | 4.25305 | 5.35456 |
| C | 7.25352 | 9.95702 | 3.02893 |
| H | 6.89334 | 10.22848 | 2.02869 |
| C | 14.52455 | 2.52553 | 5.65088 |
| H | 15.16632 | 1.94037 | 6.31496 |
| C | 13.76245 | 3.03861 | 3.41630 |
| H | 13.78423 | 2.87905 | 2.33471 |
| C | 10.68678 | 6.90052 | 9.06012 |
| C | 14.57236 | 2.29868 | 4.25737 |
| H | 15.24735 | 1.54174 | 3.85042 |
| C | 13.67568 | 3.47943 | 6.18990 |
| H | 13.66332 | 3.63069 | 7.27004 |
| N | 10.53061 | 7.62435 | 0.59376 |
| N | 8.67637 | 5.83960 | 1.24911 |
| F | 10.37347 | 8.00762 | -4.46904 |
| N | 12.05209 | 9.08998 | -0.51929 |
| F | 9.77483 | 5.98079 | -4.95294 |
| N | 11.97658 | 8.83457 | 1.85571 |
| C | 11.54676 | 8.54548 | 0.60286 |
| C | 9.85227 | 7.09192 | -0.44592 |
| F | 8.28261 | 7.53180 | -4.79411 |
| C | 8.82930 | 6.10141 | -0.05480 |
| C | 8.04646 | 5.46053 | -1.07368 |
| C | 8.27592 | 5.80489 | -2.40433 |
| H | 7.68899 | 5.33184 | -3.19344 |
| C | 13.54586 | 10.33928 | 0.87147 |
| H | 14.35311 | 11.06578 | 0.97657 |
| C | 7.73471 | 4.92281 | 1.66334 |
| H | 7.65595 | 4.76158 | 2.74078 |
| C | 10.03341 | 7.39644 | -1.82798 |
| H | 10.78793 | 8.13048 | -2.09902 |
| C | 9.26298 | 6.76976 | -2.78254 |
| C | 13.03780 | 9.97451 | -0.37764 |
| H | 13.44159 | 10.41248 | -1.29825 |
| C | 6.91084 | 4.22754 | 0.76540 |
| C | 7.04084 | 4.47390 | -0.64962 |


| C | 12.95823 | 9.71721 | 1.98201 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H | 13.29465 | 9.94333 | 3.00067 |
| C | 5.27173 | 2.84557 | -1.07862 |
| H | 4.63878 | 2.31211 | -1.79188 |
| C | 5.94009 | 3.27652 | 1.21129 |
| H | 5.84141 | 3.09185 | 2.28475 |
| C | 9.43047 | 7.07830 | -4.23962 |
| C | 5.14103 | 2.60339 | 0.30642 |
| H | 4.40329 | 1.87952 | 0.66429 |
| C | 6.21179 | 3.77026 | -1.53800 |
| H | 6.29463 | 3.94165 | -2.61334 |


| Zn | 10.03812 | 7.22508 | 2.38901 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | 9.50518 | 7.68600 | 4.25022 |
| N | 11.32249 | 5.90089 | 3.48807 |
| F | 9.16038 | 6.41772 | 9.35686 |
| N | 8.04748 | 9.11634 | 5.48431 |
| F | 11.21030 | 5.90278 | 9.82632 |
| N | 8.14749 | 9.08204 | 3.09409 |
| C | 8.54782 | 8.64672 | 4.32322 |
| C | 10.14964 | 7.02991 | 5.26575 |
| F | 10.67875 | 7.95420 | 9.38233 |
| C | 11.13978 | 6.05693 | 4.84521 |
| C | 11.88721 | 5.30050 | 5.78761 |
| C | 11.65305 | 5.50743 | 7.16627 |
| H | 12.20731 | 4.94657 | 7.91611 |
| C | 6.64634 | 10.57741 | 4.19834 |
| H | 5.88336 | 11.35576 | 4.15226 |
| C | 12.19844 | 5.05093 | 3.02364 |
| H | 12.30083 | 4.97750 | 1.93474 |
| C | 9.95747 | 7.19627 | 6.64539 |
| H | 9.22088 | 7.92138 | 6.98479 |
| C | 10.70568 | 6.43897 | 7.56464 |
| C | 7.11433 | 10.06579 | 5.40832 |
| H | 6.71940 | 10.43753 | 6.36236 |
| C | 13.01332 | 4.23019 | 3.86470 |
| C | 12.86154 | 4.34764 | 5.27781 |
| C | 7.21978 | 10.02597 | 3.04385 |
| H | 6.91320 | 10.36385 | 2.04597 |
| C | 14.58042 | 2.64256 | 5.54718 |
| H | 15.19448 | 2.02018 | 6.20356 |
| C | 13.94969 | 3.31884 | 3.31527 |
| H | 14.04672 | 3.24936 | 2.22827 |
| C | 10.44362 | 6.67408 | 9.03249 |
| C | 14.72564 | 2.53270 | 4.14639 |
| H | 15.44848 | 1.82917 | 3.72604 |
| C | 13.67079 | 3.52846 | 6.10265 |
| H | 13.58287 | 3.58984 | 7.18814 |
| N | 10.59180 | 7.67527 | 0.53127 |
| N | 8.68436 | 5.98050 | 1.27924 |
| F | 10.86242 | 6.50889 | -4.58546 |
| N | 12.13190 | 9.02657 | -0.69175 |
| F | 8.80726 | 6.01793 | -5.05838 |
| N | 12.02692 | 8.98210 | 1.69808 |
| C | 11.60326 | 8.57941 | 0.46566 |
| C | 9.91054 | 7.06603 | -0.48945 |
| F | 9.35936 | 8.06049 | -4.59957 |
| C | 8.87031 | 6.14330 | -0.07664 |
| C | 8.07960 | 5.44025 | -1.02506 |


| C | 8.32081 | 5.65017 | -2.40204 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H | 7.73486 | 5.12910 | -3.15651 |
| C | 13.61690 | 10.39169 | 0.60555 |
| H | 14.42527 | 11.12239 | 0.65766 |
| C | 7.76509 | 5.17375 | 1.73698 |
| H | 7.66302 | 5.09219 | 2.82533 |
| C | 10.10827 | 7.23705 | -1.86773 |
| H | 10.88359 | 7.92342 | -2.20137 |
| C | 9.31719 | 6.53250 | -2.79297 |
| C | 13.12030 | 9.91769 | -0.60833 |
| H | 13.53790 | 10.27179 | -1.55943 |
| C | 6.90319 | 4.40968 | 0.88941 |
| C | 7.05591 | 4.53640 | -0.52281 |
| C | 13.00958 | 9.86820 | 1.75569 |
| H | 13.33422 | 10.18065 | 2.75614 |
| C | 5.24358 | 2.93337 | -0.80561 |
| H | 4.59302 | 2.35480 | -1.46690 |
| C | 5.91974 | 3.54486 | 1.43169 |
| H | 5.82322 | 3.46707 | 2.51817 |
| C | 9.58208 | 6.77536 | -4.25904 |
| C | 5.09786 | 2.81394 | 0.59435 |
| H | 4.33837 | 2.14665 | 1.00913 |
| C | 6.19924 | 3.77398 | -1.35412 |
| H | 6.28631 | 3.84394 | -2.43912 |

$\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F} 3} \mathbf{L} 2\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{1, \mathrm{eq}}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "n-hexane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

|  | Zn | 9.84578 | 7.03326 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | 9.53508 | 7.70692 | 2.43278 |
| N | 11.20325 | 5.77709 | 4.27610 |
| F | 9.41674 | 6.68962 | 9.51953 |
| N | 8.31305 | 9.34889 | 5.49989 |
| F | 11.47632 | 6.15309 | 9.84115 |
| N | 8.19379 | 9.12137 | 3.11821 |
| C | 8.66581 | 8.74831 | 4.34345 |
| C | 10.21287 | 7.08172 | 5.28875 |
| F | 10.96444 | 8.19310 | 9.32410 |
| C | 11.12392 | 6.03277 | 4.87175 |
| C | 11.89415 | 5.29771 | 5.81285 |
| C | 11.75222 | 5.59305 | 7.18796 |
| H | 12.31816 | 5.04331 | 7.93736 |
| C | 6.91226 | 10.81480 | 4.21675 |
| H | 6.20617 | 11.64499 | 4.16984 |
| C | 11.99628 | 4.84643 | 3.05957 |
| H | 12.00825 | 4.68403 | 1.97556 |
| C | 10.11505 | 7.33781 | 6.66447 |
| H | 9.43817 | 8.11943 | 7.00156 |
| C | 10.87383 | 6.59141 | 7.58335 |
| C | 7.45096 | 10.36347 | 5.42157 |
| H | 7.17513 | 10.84124 | 6.37034 |
| C | 12.83258 | 4.04646 | 3.89895 |
| C | 12.78987 | 4.26909 | 5.30658 |
| C | 7.33639 | 10.13061 | 3.06905 |
| H | 6.96550 | 10.41441 | 2.07605 |
| C | 14.45277 | 2.50916 | 5.57775 |
| H | 15.08843 | 1.90708 | 6.23247 |
| C | 13.68527 | 3.05469 | 3.35235 |
| H | 13.69624 | 2.90391 | 2.26929 |
| C | 10.68826 | 6.90293 | 9.04837 |
| C | 14.48774 | 2.29323 | 4.18159 |
| H | 15.14629 | 1.52782 | 3.76377 |
|  |  |  |  |


| C | 13.62369 | 3.47331 | 6.13000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H | 13.62000 | 3.61632 | 7.21134 |
| N | 10.49316 | 7.65591 | 0.57149 |
| N | 8.65836 | 5.89007 | 1.27894 |
| F | 9.35081 | 8.19438 | -4.56980 |
| N | 11.96341 | 9.12714 | -0.59138 |
| F | 10.86150 | 6.65082 | -4.58906 |
| N | 11.90780 | 8.93346 | 1.79782 |
| C | 11.47731 | 8.59623 | 0.55177 |
| C | 9.83459 | 7.06403 | -0.47816 |
| F | 8.80961 | 6.15970 | -5.08841 |
| C | 8.82854 | 6.09324 | -0.07469 |
| C | 8.08888 | 5.41287 | -1.04977 |
| C | 8.34634 | 5.69115 | -2.42946 |
| H | 7.77873 | 5.16566 | -3.19627 |
| C | 13.41858 | 10.46235 | 0.76009 |
| H | 14.20086 | 11.21845 | 0.84049 |
| C | 7.71841 | 4.98644 | 1.67024 |
| H | 7.60065 | 4.85050 | 2.74924 |
| C | 10.05230 | 7.30701 | -1.84266 |
| H | 10.80664 | 8.03588 | -2.13075 |
| C | 9.30158 | 6.61143 | -2.81606 |
| C | 12.91785 | 10.04567 | -0.47835 |
| H | 13.30428 | 10.47180 | -1.41177 |
| C | 6.91801 | 4.24674 | 0.78812 |
| C | 7.07522 | 4.43389 | -0.63588 |
| C | 12.85871 | 9.84999 | 1.89212 |
| H | 13.19538 | 10.11402 | 2.90144 |
| C | 5.32576 | 2.77595 | -1.04207 |
| H | 4.71319 | 2.21138 | -1.74822 |
| C | 5.94064 | 3.30356 | 1.24840 |
| H | 5.81532 | 3.15801 | 2.32476 |
| C | 9.57391 | 6.89824 | -4.26600 |
| C | 5.16870 | 2.59092 | 0.34549 |
| H | 4.42752 | 1.87607 | 0.71541 |
| C | 6.27778 | 3.69613 | -1.51595 |
| H | 6.38448 | 3.82697 | -2.59453 |

$\left({ }^{\mathbf{C F 3}} \mathbf{L 2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{T}_{1, \mathrm{eq}}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "n-hexane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

| Zn | 9.89596 | 6.97516 | 2.43754 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | 9.51058 | 7.61299 | 4.27966 |
| N | 11.22170 | 5.71312 | 3.54551 |
| F | 9.43392 | 6.70291 | 9.47054 |
| N | 8.20972 | 9.21154 | 5.48089 |
| F | 11.49798 | 6.17922 | 9.86194 |
| N | 8.14257 | 8.97970 | 3.10055 |
| C | 8.60528 | 8.62372 | 4.33336 |
| C | 10.19928 | 7.01423 | 5.30032 |
| F | 10.97633 | 8.20690 | 9.31019 |
| C | 11.13227 | 5.97979 | 4.89550 |
| C | 11.91581 | 5.27121 | 5.84586 |
| C | 11.77187 | 5.58486 | 7.21671 |
| H | 12.35160 | 5.05933 | 7.97282 |
| C | 6.78399 | 10.62751 | 4.17192 |
| H | 6.05131 | 11.43345 | 4.11102 |
| C | 12.03464 | 4.79413 | 3.09686 |
| H | 12.05759 | 4.62586 | 2.01407 |
| C | 10.09804 | 7.28785 | 6.67260 |
| H | 9.40478 | 8.05986 | 6.99978 |
| C | 10.87680 | 6.57287 | 7.59998 |


| C | 7.31486 | 10.19542 | 5.38708 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H | 7.00500 | 10.66321 | 6.33021 |
| C | 12.87992 | 4.01541 | 3.94733 |
| C | 12.82904 | 4.25155 | 5.35270 |
| C | 7.25273 | 9.95847 | 3.03267 |
| H | 6.89185 | 10.22895 | 2.03240 |
| C | 14.51784 | 2.52075 | 5.64729 |
| H | 15.16011 | 1.93535 | 6.31063 |
| C | 13.75043 | 3.03172 | 3.41428 |
| H | 13.76895 | 2.86995 | 2.33294 |
| C | 10.70111 | 6.91133 | 9.06071 |
| C | 14.56126 | 2.29145 | 4.25404 |
| H | 15.23338 | 1.53241 | 3.84634 |
| C | 13.67249 | 3.47736 | 6.18670 |
| H | 13.66307 | 3.63059 | 7.26656 |
| N | 10.52872 | 7.62404 | 0.59586 |
| N | 8.67370 | 5.83902 | 1.24844 |
| F | 10.37964 | 8.00617 | -4.46796 |
| N | 12.04998 | 9.09112 | -0.51529 |
| F | 9.78051 | 5.97924 | -4.95200 |
| N | 11.97265 | 8.83479 | 1.85984 |
| C | 11.54398 | 8.54570 | 0.60642 |
| C | 9.85246 | 7.09124 | -0.44492 |
| F | 8.28861 | 7.53071 | -4.79387 |
| C | 8.82925 | 6.10015 | -0.05520 |
| C | 8.04907 | 5.45788 | -1.07538 |
| C | 8.28096 | 5.80251 | -2.40544 |
| H | 7.69600 | 5.32903 | -3.19568 |
| C | 13.54012 | 10.34272 | 0.87744 |
| H | 14.34588 | 11.07072 | 0.98354 |
| C | 7.73164 | 4.92183 | 1.66090 |
| H | 7.65003 | 4.76186 | 2.73829 |
| C | 10.03591 | 7.39579 | -1.82704 |
| H | 10.79025 | 8.13046 | -2.09691 |
| C | 9.26779 | 6.76846 | -2.78256 |
| C | 13.03387 | 9.97698 | -0.37223 |
| H | 13.43778 | 10.41543 | -1.29265 |
| C | 6.91063 | 4.22499 | 0.76177 |
| C | 7.04388 | 4.47036 | -0.65304 |
| C | 12.95233 | 9.71888 | 1.98719 |
| H | 13.28716 | 9.94475 | 3.00650 |
| C | 5.27777 | 2.83967 | -1.08495 |
| H | 4.64727 | 2.30484 | -1.79927 |
| C | 5.93978 | 3.27346 | 1.20601 |
| H | 5.83852 | 3.08974 | 2.27937 |
| C | 9.43634 | 7.07721 | -4.23992 |
| C | 5.14377 | 2.59867 | 0.29996 |
| H | 4.40589 | 1.87443 | 0.65660 |
| C | 6.21781 | 3.76485 | -1.54268 |
| H | 6.30305 | 3.93525 | -2.61799 |
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| $\left({ }^{\text {(Bu }} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{0, \mathrm{eq}}\right) \mathrm{M} 06-\mathrm{L}($ gas phase/ def2-tzvpp def2/j) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zn | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.27705 |
| N | -1.07684 | -1.40509 | -0.81680 |
| N | 0.95159 | -1.60696 | 0.93135 |
| C | 0.44037 | -2.78204 | 0.43793 |
| C | -0.65593 | -2.67970 | -0.49748 |
| C | -0.80653 | -5.11190 | -0.65277 |
| H | -1.27077 | -5.99525 | -1.07048 |
| C | 0.83400 | -4.08116 | 0.80546 |


| H | 1.62347 | -4.18701 | 1.54100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | -1.27244 | -3.83671 | -1.04291 |
| C | -2.76616 | -2.29840 | -2.28018 |
| C | -2.07425 | -1.21940 | -1.65364 |
| C | 0.23057 | -5.23950 | 0.27425 |
| C | -2.36720 | -3.63439 | -1.97827 |
| C | 2.15279 | -1.54395 | 1.65546 |
| C | -3.06870 | -4.69118 | -2.60759 |
| H | -2.79637 | -5.72088 | -2.40463 |
| C | 3.31013 | -2.28212 | 1.31520 |
| H | 3.28064 | -2.96470 | 0.47130 |
| C | 0.73583 | -6.61477 | 0.74728 |
| C | -3.83209 | -2.05043 | -3.18115 |
| H | -4.11673 | -1.02282 | -3.39014 |
| C | -4.49740 | -3.10423 | -3.78038 |
| H | -5.31417 | -2.91761 | -4.47035 |
| C | -4.10805 | -4.43049 | -3.48794 |
| H | -4.63014 | -5.25842 | -3.95825 |
| C | 2.25122 | -0.63064 | 2.72843 |
| H | 1.37472 | -0.04522 | 2.99594 |
| C | 4.49951 | -2.12030 | 2.03010 |
| H | 5.37446 | -2.69650 | 1.73952 |
| C | 4.57932 | -1.21789 | 3.09865 |
| H | 5.50637 | -1.09607 | 3.65079 |
| C | 3.44478 | -0.46912 | 3.43542 |
| H | 3.48490 | 0.24175 | 4.25663 |
| N | 1.07684 | 1.40509 | -0.81680 |
| N | -0.95159 | 1.60696 | 0.93135 |
| C | -0.44037 | 2.78204 | 0.43793 |
| C | 0.65593 | 2.67970 | -0.49748 |
| C | 0.80653 | 5.11190 | -0.65277 |
| H | 1.27077 | 5.99525 | -1.07048 |
| C | -0.83400 | 4.08116 | 0.80546 |
| H | -1.62347 | 4.18701 | 1.54100 |
| C | 1.27244 | 3.83671 | -1.04291 |
| C | 2.76616 | 2.29840 | -2.28018 |
| C | 2.07425 | 1.21940 | -1.65364 |
| C | -0.23057 | 5.23950 | 0.27425 |
| C | 2.36720 | 3.63439 | -1.97827 |
| C | -2.15279 | 1.54395 | 1.65546 |
| C | 3.06870 | 4.69118 | -2.60759 |
| H | 2.79637 | 5.72088 | -2.40463 |
| C | -3.31013 | 2.28212 | 1.31520 |
| H | -3.28064 | 2.96470 | 0.47130 |
| C | -0.73583 | 6.61477 | 0.74728 |
| C | 3.83209 | 2.05043 | -3.18115 |
| H | 4.11673 | 1.02282 | -3.39014 |
| C | 4.49740 | 3.10423 | -3.78038 |
| H | 5.31417 | 2.91761 | -4.47035 |
| C | 4.10805 | 4.43049 | -3.48794 |
| H | 4.63014 | 5.25842 | -3.95825 |
| C | -2.25122 | 0.63064 | 2.72843 |
| H | -1.37472 | 0.04522 | 2.99594 |
| C | -4.49951 | 2.12030 | 2.03010 |
| H | -5.37446 | 2.69650 | 1.73952 |
| C | -4.57932 | 1.21789 | 3.09865 |
| H | -5.50637 | 1.09607 | 3.65079 |
| C | -3.44478 | 0.46912 | 3.43542 |
| H | -3.48490 | -0.24175 | 4.25663 |
| H | -2.36605 | -0.19253 | -1.85902 |
| H | 2.36605 | 0.19253 | -1.85902 |
| C | -0.52303 | 6.74064 | 2.27555 |


| H | -0.88315 | 7.71567 | 2.62455 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H | -1.06504 | 5.96427 | 2.82460 |
| H | 0.53970 | 6.65693 | 2.52808 |
| C | -2.24482 | 6.74810 | 0.43150 |
| H | -2.83408 | 5.97540 | 0.93506 |
| H | -2.61228 | 7.72487 | 0.76755 |
| H | -2.42457 | 6.66637 | -0.64620 |
| C | 0.00000 | 7.78216 | 0.06307 |
| H | 1.07399 | 7.76886 | 0.27917 |
| H | -0.13630 | 7.76614 | -1.02412 |
| H | -0.40261 | 8.73037 | 0.43548 |
| C | 0.52303 | -6.74064 | 2.27555 |
| H | 0.88315 | -7.71567 | 2.62455 |
| H | 1.06504 | -5.96427 | 2.82460 |
| H | -0.53970 | -6.65693 | 2.52808 |
| C | 2.24482 | -6.74810 | 0.43150 |
| H | 2.83408 | -5.97540 | 0.93506 |
| H | 2.61228 | -7.72487 | 0.76755 |
| H | 2.42457 | -6.66637 | -0.64620 |
| C | 0.00000 | -7.78216 | 0.06307 |
| H | -1.07399 | -7.76886 | 0.27917 |
| H | 0.13630 | -7.76614 | -1.02412 |
| H | 0.40261 | -8.73037 | 0.43548 |



| N | -0.94582 | 1.63154 | 0.71789 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | -0.38632 | 2.82009 | 0.32379 |
| C | 0.71624 | 2.74973 | -0.61559 |
| C | 0.95247 | 5.18276 | -0.58296 |
| H | 1.45780 | 6.07833 | -0.93468 |
| C | -0.72958 | 4.10342 | 0.78822 |
| H | -1.52241 | 4.18743 | 1.52969 |
| C | 1.36966 | 3.92482 | -1.07495 |
| C | 2.80691 | 2.43828 | -2.44085 |
| C | 2.08755 | 1.33670 | -1.88369 |
| C | -0.07864 | 5.27907 | 0.35420 |
| C | 2.45248 | 3.76035 | -2.03617 |
| C | -2.15129 | 1.50622 | 1.41255 |
| C | 3.17992 | 4.84014 | -2.59628 |
| H | 2.93885 | 5.86614 | -2.31506 |
| C | -3.28217 | 2.33557 | 1.20808 |
| H | -3.23360 | 3.15096 | 0.48459 |
| C | -0.52714 | 6.63509 | 0.94347 |
| C | 3.85521 | 2.22581 | -3.37221 |
| H | 4.10485 | 1.20135 | -3.66209 |
| C | 4.54560 | 3.30076 | -3.90072 |
| H | 5.35370 | 3.14064 | -4.61893 |
| C | 4.20062 | 4.61319 | -3.50689 |
| H | 4.74635 | 5.46307 | -3.92585 |
| C | -2.29833 | 0.42967 | 2.32194 |
| H | -1.44593 | -0.23496 | 2.49085 |
| C | -4.47830 | 2.10585 | 1.89356 |
| H | -5.33304 | 2.76297 | 1.70481 |
| C | -4.59913 | 1.04602 | 2.80025 |
| H | -5.53711 | 0.87342 | 3.33460 |
| C | -3.49698 | 0.20544 | 3.00068 |
| H | -3.56742 | -0.63474 | 3.69830 |
| H | -2.28496 | -0.23864 | -2.19477 |
| H | 2.35641 | 0.31371 | -2.16778 |
| C | -0.30302 | 6.62655 | 2.47400 |
| H | -0.61540 | 7.58954 | 2.91213 |
| H | -0.88079 | 5.83207 | 2.97152 |
| H | 0.76115 | 6.47418 | 2.71958 |
| C | -2.02918 | 6.85718 | 0.65013 |
| H | -2.65970 | 6.07641 | 1.10312 |
| H | -2.35887 | 7.82724 | 1.05880 |
| H | -2.22664 | 6.86414 | -0.43482 |
| C | 0.25612 | 7.82078 | 0.35115 |
| H | 1.33607 | 7.74849 | 0.55659 |
| H | 0.12082 | 7.90303 | -0.73925 |
| H | -0.10138 | 8.76168 | 0.79977 |
| C | 0.31629 | -6.49621 | 2.55382 |
| H | 0.62370 | -7.45385 | 3.00694 |
| H | 0.88583 | -5.69543 | 3.05074 |
| H | -0.75147 | -6.34279 | 2.78256 |
| C | 2.06844 | -6.74437 | 0.75721 |
| H | 2.69152 | -5.95785 | 1.21054 |
| H | 2.39345 | -7.70945 | 1.18114 |
| H | 2.28127 | -6.76294 | -0.32468 |
| C | -0.21106 | -7.71451 | 0.43646 |
| H | -1.29392 | -7.64172 | 0.62576 |
| H | -0.06018 | -7.80844 | -0.65094 |
| H | 0.14134 | -8.64991 | 0.90037 |

$\left({ }^{\left({ }^{\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} 3\right.}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{1, \mathrm{eq}}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

| Zn | -0.24665 | 0.01131 | -0.17492 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | -1.11468 | -1.49119 | -1.14176 |
| N | 0.85117 | -1.52353 | 0.67616 |
| C | 0.34458 | -2.75276 | 0.31450 |
| C | -0.70661 | -2.73068 | -0.67746 |
| C | -0.81234 | -5.16426 | -0.52430 |
| H | -1.26166 | -6.09105 | -0.87445 |
| C | 0.70476 | -3.97793 | 0.90119 |
| H | 1.42312 | -3.96741 | 1.72040 |
| C | -1.25480 | -3.94110 | -1.12108 |
| C | -2.67346 | -2.60471 | -2.65274 |
| C | -2.08895 | -1.45814 | -2.09493 |
| C | 0.13841 | -5.20808 | 0.49041 |
| C | -2.27173 | -3.91289 | -2.18265 |
| C | 2.06233 | -1.32364 | 1.29924 |
| C | -2.85971 | -5.05161 | -2.74715 |
| H | -2.56220 | -6.04519 | -2.40553 |
| C | 3.18881 | -2.18460 | 1.16269 |
| H | 3.12764 | -3.05910 | 0.51432 |
| C | 0.58012 | -6.51329 | 1.17993 |
| C | -3.67510 | -2.52767 | -3.67922 |
| H | -3.98590 | -1.54158 | -4.03618 |
| C | -4.23663 | -3.67789 | -4.20862 |
| H | -4.99885 | -3.59667 | -4.98997 |
| C | -3.83685 | -4.95194 | -3.75338 |
| H | -4.28234 | -5.85583 | -4.17516 |
| C | 2.22126 | -0.13754 | 2.07080 |
| H | 1.36974 | 0.53956 | 2.17041 |
| C | 4.39006 | -1.88236 | 1.79906 |
| H | 5.24764 | -2.54750 | 1.66624 |
| C | 4.51488 | -0.72924 | 2.58753 |
| H | 5.46072 | -0.50238 | 3.08548 |
| C | 3.42126 | 0.14224 | 2.71376 |
| H | 3.51067 | 1.04932 | 3.31727 |
| N | 0.89055 | 1.46790 | -1.12680 |
| N | -1.07873 | 1.58292 | 0.71809 |
| C | -0.47510 | 2.76715 | 0.37837 |
| C | 0.58289 | 2.70882 | -0.61081 |
| C | 0.93861 | 5.12101 | -0.43116 |
| H | 1.46983 | 6.01450 | -0.74852 |
| C | -0.73657 | 4.03062 | 0.93989 |
| H | -1.49514 | 4.10053 | 1.71790 |
| C | 1.27386 | 3.88049 | -1.02098 |
| C | 2.56997 | 2.42657 | -2.55241 |
| C | 1.82041 | 1.32420 | -2.03776 |
| C | -0.04873 | 5.20198 | 0.55358 |
| C | 2.30446 | 3.73180 | -2.03999 |
| C | -2.26417 | 1.47432 | 1.45092 |
| C | 3.06310 | 4.81204 | -2.55656 |
| H | 2.88999 | 5.82504 | -2.19081 |
| C | -3.35776 | 2.36802 | 1.33601 |
| H | -3.29077 | 3.22285 | 0.66100 |
| C | -0.41292 | 6.53548 | 1.24180 |
| C | 3.56191 | 2.23002 | -3.54711 |
| H | 3.74222 | 1.21791 | -3.92005 |
| C | 4.28420 | 3.30500 | -4.03234 |
| H | 5.04872 | 3.15747 | -4.79928 |
| C | 4.02852 | 4.60135 | -3.52979 |
| H | 4.59989 | 5.45098 | -3.91355 |
| C | -2.43261 | 0.35434 | 2.30161 |
| H | -1.60751 | -0.35678 | 2.40260 |
| C | -4.54107 | 2.15428 | 2.04884 |


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| H | -5.36788 | 2.86151 | 1.93005 |
| C | -4.68482 | 1.04720 | 2.89441 |
| H | -5.61286 | 0.88626 | 3.44925 |
| C | -3.61891 | 0.14519 | 3.00722 |
| H | -3.70838 | -0.73133 | 3.65619 |
| H | -2.41135 | -0.46729 | -2.42704 |
| H | 2.02036 | 0.31261 | -2.40702 |
| C | -0.14313 | 6.41819 | 2.76099 |
| H | -0.39627 | 7.36566 | 3.26556 |
| H | -0.74396 | 5.62016 | 3.22377 |
| H | 0.92012 | 6.20169 | 2.95645 |
| C | -1.91148 | 6.84278 | 1.01053 |
| H | -2.56111 | 6.05829 | 1.42830 |
| H | -2.18212 | 7.79591 | 1.49476 |
| H | -2.13348 | 6.93215 | -0.06575 |
| C | 0.40860 | 7.71945 | 0.69858 |
| H | 1.48894 | 7.57896 | 0.86151 |
| H | 0.24191 | 7.87420 | -0.37931 |
| H | 0.11014 | 8.64345 | 1.21908 |
| C | 0.22442 | -6.44052 | 2.68407 |
| H | 0.54040 | -7.36532 | 3.19494 |
| H | 0.72442 | -5.59508 | 3.18252 |
| H | -0.86265 | -6.32579 | 2.82641 |
| C | 2.10926 | -6.68857 | 1.02398 |
| H | 2.66615 | -5.85320 | 1.47659 |
| H | 2.43774 | -7.61709 | 1.51980 |
| H | 2.39204 | -6.75101 | -0.03979 |
| C | -0.11203 | -7.74856 | 0.57605 |
| H | -1.20692 | -7.70145 | 0.68810 |
| H | 0.11829 | -7.86381 | -0.49520 |
| H | 0.23773 | -8.65601 | 1.09344 |

## $\left.{ }^{\left({ }^{(B u} \mathbf{L}\right.} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} Z n\left(T_{1, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "dichloromethane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

| Zn | 0.23929 | -0.01158 | -0.18827 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | -0.91650 | -1.43950 | -1.14700 |
| N | 1.08788 | -1.59920 | 0.65604 |
| C | 0.47050 | -2.77427 | 0.30772 |
| C | -0.60644 | -2.69123 | -0.65947 |
| C | -0.97824 | -5.10276 | -0.51320 |
| H | -1.52405 | -5.98614 | -0.83385 |
| C | 0.73215 | -4.04917 | 0.84274 |
| H | 1.50416 | -4.13855 | 1.60525 |
| C | -1.31453 | -3.85038 | -1.07611 |
| C | -2.63363 | -2.35954 | -2.55199 |
| C | -1.86546 | -1.27225 | -2.03358 |
| C | 0.02605 | -5.20810 | 0.45156 |
| C | -2.36514 | -3.67616 | -2.07070 |
| C | 2.28951 | -1.50472 | 1.36297 |
| C | -3.14135 | -4.74134 | -2.59192 |
| H | -2.96663 | -5.76279 | -2.25127 |
| C | 3.37253 | -2.40773 | 1.22314 |
| H | 3.28646 | -3.25786 | 0.54469 |
| C | 0.38670 | -6.55567 | 1.11587 |
| C | -3.64632 | -2.13804 | -3.51996 |
| H | -3.82929 | -1.11810 | -3.86938 |
| C | -4.38568 | -3.19887 | -4.00934 |
| H | -5.16644 | -3.03189 | -4.75568 |
| C | -4.12648 | -4.50582 | -3.53883 |
| H | -4.71104 | -5.34456 | -3.92670 |
| C | 2.48683 | -0.38901 | 2.21346 |

| H | 1.67239 | 0.33161 | 2.33292 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | 4.57102 | -2.20849 | 1.91394 |
| H | 5.38838 | -2.92323 | 1.77603 |
| C | 4.74186 | -1.10736 | 2.76126 |
| H | 5.68168 | -0.95831 | 3.29940 |
| C | 3.68801 | -0.19507 | 2.89703 |
| H | 3.79880 | 0.67829 | 3.54698 |
| N | 1.14098 | 1.51014 | -1.10812 |
| N | -0.85548 | 1.51534 | 0.68858 |
| C | -0.35924 | 2.73147 | 0.33872 |
| C | 0.72500 | 2.71538 | -0.63683 |
| C | 0.81151 | 5.14406 | -0.47512 |
| H | 1.26208 | 6.08016 | -0.79955 |
| C | -0.76124 | 3.97378 | 0.90807 |
| H | -1.51189 | 3.95491 | 1.69768 |
| C | 1.28569 | 3.95235 | -1.05630 |
| C | 2.76474 | 2.62510 | -2.55496 |
| C | 2.15612 | 1.47170 | -2.04397 |
| C | -0.19444 | 5.18470 | 0.52192 |
| C | 2.34646 | 3.92589 | -2.07922 |
| C | -2.04351 | 1.30271 | 1.38287 |
| C | 2.96175 | 5.07052 | -2.60542 |
| H | 2.65505 | 6.06079 | -2.26132 |
| C | -3.20907 | 2.08886 | 1.20323 |
| H | -3.20461 | 2.91058 | 0.48554 |
| C | -0.64366 | 6.49958 | 1.19524 |
| C | 3.80192 | 2.56186 | -3.54399 |
| H | 4.12266 | 1.57999 | -3.90459 |
| C | 4.38698 | 3.71561 | -4.03565 |
| H | 5.17664 | 3.64439 | -4.79005 |
| C | 3.97231 | 4.98316 | -3.57318 |
| H | 4.43490 | 5.89277 | -3.96425 |
| C | -2.11451 | 0.18704 | 2.25279 |
| H | -1.22818 | -0.43865 | 2.38232 |
| C | -4.38056 | 1.78289 | 1.89631 |
| H | -5.27351 | 2.39266 | 1.73263 |
| C | -4.42519 | 0.69917 | 2.78244 |
| H | -5.34565 | 0.46812 | 3.32484 |
| C | -3.28498 | -0.09834 ` | 2.95209 |
| H | -3.31023 | -0.95390 | 3.63252 |
| H | -2.06665 | -0.25255 | -2.37881 |
| H | 2.46844 | 0.48017 | -2.38091 |
| C | -0.29867 | 6.44434 | 2.70198 |
| H | -0.61456 | 7.37427 | 3.20453 |
| H | -0.80334 | 5.60532 | 3.20700 |
| H | 0.78664 | 6.32837 | 2.85813 |
| C | -2.17097 | 6.67435 | 1.03046 |
| H | -2.73339 | 5.85076 | 1.49775 |
| H | -2.50314 | 7.61237 | 1.50632 |
| H | -2.45522 | 6.71697 | -0.03413 |
| C | 0.04863 | 7.73216 | 0.58545 |
| H | 1.14270 | 7.69971 | 0.71132 |
| H | -0.16839 | 7.83925 | -0.48970 |
| H | -0.31176 | 8.64457 | 1.08723 |
| C | 0.13994 | -6.45702 | 2.63971 |
| H | 0.38761 | -7.41345 | 3.13042 |
| H | 0.75642 | -5.67420 | 3.10843 |
| H | -0.91691 | -6.23020 | 2.85798 |
| C | 1.87773 | -6.87698 | 0.86101 |
| H | 2.54516 | -6.11133 | 1.28610 |
| H | 2.14485 | -7.84232 | 1.32307 |
| H | 2.09095 | -6.94980 | -0.21849 |

| C | -0.45440 | -7.72355 | 0.56910 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H | -1.53161 | -7.57946 | 0.74978 |
| H | -0.30644 | -7.86961 | -0.51292 |
| H | -0.15946 | -8.65911 | 1.07121 |

$\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L 3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right.$, eq $)$ B3LYP (SMD "diethyl ether"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

| Zn | 0.00001 | -0.00000 | 0.00478 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | -1.06985 | -1.46234 | -1.01079 |
| N | 0.98326 | -1.56536 | 0.73899 |
| C | 0.43682 | -2.76138 | 0.35314 |
| C | -0.66607 | -2.70971 | -0.58726 |
| C | -0.87559 | -5.14452 | -0.53861 |
| H | -1.37060 | -6.04826 | -0.88384 |
| C | 0.79399 | -4.03802 | 0.82604 |
| H | 1.58668 | -4.10703 | 1.56926 |
| C | -1.30694 | -3.89511 | -1.03863 |
| C | -2.76223 | -2.43261 | -2.41172 |
| C | -2.05402 | -1.32005 | -1.86231 |
| C | 0.15643 | -5.22297 | 0.39947 |
| C | -2.39216 | -3.74809 | -1.99962 |
| C | 2.18518 | -1.42467 | 1.43815 |
| C | -3.10828 | -4.83898 | -2.55265 |
| H | -2.85519 | -5.86040 | -2.26554 |
| C | 3.32720 | -2.23737 | 1.23187 |
| H | 3.29025 | -3.04983 | 0.50420 |
| C | 0.61890 | -6.56999 | 0.99844 |
| C | -3.81429 | -2.23819 | -3.34266 |
| H | -4.07696 | -1.21861 | -3.63835 |
| C | -4.49309 | -3.32370 | -3.86398 |
| H | -5.30410 | -3.17684 | -4.58180 |
| C | -4.13254 | -4.62958 | -3.46303 |
| H | -4.66901 | -5.48824 | -3.87610 |
| C | 2.31480 | -0.35018 | 2.35157 |
| H | 1.45272 | 0.30143 | 2.52207 |
| C | 4.51862 | -1.99417 | 1.92037 |
| H | 5.38292 | -2.63844 | 1.73081 |
| C | 4.62274 | -0.93641 | 2.83114 |
| H | 5.55725 | -0.75291 | 3.36792 |
| C | 3.50904 | -0.11214 | 3.03307 |
| H | 3.56675 | 0.72602 | 3.73424 |
| N | 1.06986 | 1.46234 | -1.01078 |
| N | -0.98325 | 1.56534 | 0.73899 |
| C | -0.43682 | 2.76138 | 0.35314 |
| C | 0.66608 | 2.70972 | -0.58726 |
| C | 0.87559 | 5.14452 | -0.53861 |
| H | 1.37060 | 6.04826 | -0.88384 |
| C | -0.79399 | 4.03801 | 0.82604 |
| H | -1.58668 | 4.10702 | 1.56925 |
| C | 1.30694 | 3.89511 | -1.03863 |
| C | 2.76224 | 2.43262 | -2.41171 |
| C | 2.05404 | 1.32005 | -1.86231 |
| C | -0.15643 | 5.22297 | 0.39946 |
| C | 2.39216 | 3.74809 | -1.99962 |
| C | -2.18518 | 1.42467 | 1.43815 |
| C | 3.10828 | 4.83898 | -2.55265 |
| H | 2.85518 | 5.86040 | -2.26553 |
| C | -3.32719 | 2.23737 | 1.23187 |
| H | -3.29025 | 3.04983 | 0.50420 |
| C | -0.61891 | 6.56998 | 0.99843 |
| C | 3.81431 | 2.23820 | -3.34266 |


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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H | 4.07698 | 1.21862 | -3.63834 |
| C | 4.49310 | 3.32371 | -3.86397 |
| H | 5.30411 | 3.17685 | -4.58179 |
| C | 4.13254 | 4.62960 | -3.46303 |
| H | 4.66901 | 5.48825 | -3.87610 |
| C | -2.31479 | 0.35018 | 2.35157 |
| H | -1.45272 | -0.30144 | 2.52207 |
| C | -4.51862 | 1.99416 | 1.92038 |
| H | -5.38292 | 2.63844 | 1.73081 |
| C | -4.62273 | 0.93641 | 2.83114 |
| H | -5.55725 | 0.75291 | 3.36792 |
| C | -3.50903 | 0.11214 | 3.03308 |
| H | -3.56674 | -0.72602 | 3.73424 |
| H | -2.33431 | -0.30140 | -2.15117 |
| H | 2.33433 | 0.30140 | -2.15116 |
| C | -0.39001 | 6.55411 | 2.52812 |
| H | -0.71214 | 7.51017 | 2.97447 |
| H | -0.95624 | 5.74948 | 3.02250 |
| H | 0.67647 | 6.41207 | 2.76959 |
| C | -2.12405 | 6.77670 | 0.71027 |
| H | -2.74487 | 5.98651 | 1.16022 |
| H | -2.46460 | 7.74054 | 1.12489 |
| H | -2.32480 | 6.78694 | -0.37403 |
| C | 0.14883 | 7.76846 | 0.41163 |
| H | 1.23004 | 7.70828 | 0.61446 |
| H | 0.01003 | 7.85612 | -0.67795 |
| H | -0.21822 | 8.70286 | 0.86622 |
| C | 0.38999 | -6.55411 | 2.52812 |
| H | 0.71212 | -7.51017 | 2.97448 |
| H | 0.95623 | -5.74949 | 3.02251 |
| H | -0.67649 | -6.41207 | 2.76959 |
| C | 2.12404 | -6.77672 | 0.71028 |
| H | 2.74485 | -5.98653 | 1.16024 |
| H | 2.46459 | -7.74055 | 1.12491 |
| H | 2.32479 | -6.78695 | -0.37401 |
| C | -0.14885 | -7.76847 | 0.41164 |
| H | -1.23006 | -7.70827 | 0.61446 |
| H | -0.01004 | -7.85612 | -0.67795 |
| H | 0.21820 | -8.70286 | 0.86623 |
|  |  |  |  |



| Zn | -0.26442 | 0.00953 | -0.16471 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | -1.10471 | -1.49077 | -1.15444 |
| N | 0.83566 | -1.52163 | 0.69002 |
| C | 0.33302 | -2.75618 | 0.31928 |
| C | -0.70045 | -2.73463 | -0.68716 |
| C | -0.80720 | -5.16810 | -0.53615 |
| H | -1.24927 | -6.09436 | -0.89644 |
| C | 0.68126 | -3.97657 | 0.91433 |
| H | 1.38514 | -3.96476 | 1.74612 |
| C | -1.23956 | -3.94260 | -1.14106 |
| C | -2.62996 | -2.60800 | -2.69724 |
| C | -2.05969 | -1.46137 | -2.12476 |
| C | 0.12220 | -5.21086 | 0.49339 |
| C | -2.23573 | -3.91584 | -2.22124 |
| C | 2.04784 | -1.32287 | 1.30252 |
| C | -2.81128 | -5.05444 | -2.79734 |
| H | -2.51955 | -6.04796 | -2.45092 |
| C | 3.16948 | -2.19489 | 1.17709 |
| H | 3.10020 | -3.07750 | 0.54093 |


| C | 0.55650 | -6.51440 | 1.19045 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | -3.61169 | -2.53052 | -3.74240 |
| H | -3.91717 | -1.54452 | -4.10392 |
| C | -4.16164 | -3.68081 | -4.28322 |
| H | -4.90918 | -3.59985 | -5.07855 |
| C | -3.76942 | -4.95445 | -3.82186 |
| H | -4.20626 | -5.85814 | -4.25279 |
| C | 2.21964 | -0.12561 | 2.05736 |
| H | 1.37343 | 0.55906 | 2.14911 |
| C | 4.37348 | -1.89274 | 1.80655 |
| H | 5.22591 | -2.56596 | 1.68171 |
| C | 4.50916 | -0.72902 | 2.57794 |
| H | 5.45766 | -0.50258 | 3.07080 |
| C | 3.42266 | 0.15333 | 2.69303 |
| H | 3.52072 | 1.06834 | 3.28298 |
| N | 0.87096 | 1.46499 | -1.12567 |
| N | -1.07751 | 1.58266 | 0.74146 |
| C | -0.47753 | 2.76482 | 0.39295 |
| C | 0.57067 | 2.70559 | -0.60688 |
| C | 0.92900 | 5.11757 | -0.43417 |
| H | 1.45686 | 6.01081 | -0.75750 |
| C | -0.73412 | 4.03003 | 0.95369 |
| H | -1.48593 | 4.10037 | 1.73822 |
| C | 1.25867 | 3.87671 | -1.02492 |
| C | 2.53819 | 2.41957 | -2.56789 |
| C | 1.79080 | 1.31907 | -2.04617 |
| C | -0.05021 | 5.20001 | 0.55896 |
| C | 2.27977 | 3.72533 | -2.05291 |
| C | -2.25354 | 1.48027 | 1.49253 |
| C | 3.03620 | 4.80381 | -2.57621 |
| H | 2.86809 | 5.81684 | -2.20838 |
| C | -3.35276 | 2.36502 | 1.37125 |
| H | -3.29769 | 3.20480 | 0.67637 |
| C | -0.40918 | 6.53505 | 1.24712 |
| C | 3.52081 | 2.22198 | -3.57148 |
| H | 3.69611 | 1.20984 | -3.94683 |
| C | 4.24099 | 3.29533 | -4.06287 |
| H | 4.99828 | 3.14640 | -4.83666 |
| C | 3.99259 | 4.59191 | -3.55775 |
| H | 4.56226 | 5.44050 | -3.94623 |
| C | -2.40381 | 0.37802 | 2.36795 |
| H | -1.57326 | -0.32602 | 2.47264 |
| C | -4.52599 | 2.16007 | 2.10260 |
| H | -5.35877 | 2.85925 | 1.97862 |
| C | -4.65223 | 1.07061 | 2.97309 |
| H | -5.57265 | 0.91595 | 3.54211 |
| C | -3.58024 | 0.17725 | 3.09214 |
| H | -3.65710 | -0.68583 | 3.76033 |
| H | -2.38261 | -0.47158 | -2.46001 |
| H | 1.98334 | 0.30690 | -2.41801 |
| C | -0.12839 | 6.42124 | 2.76446 |
| H | -0.37809 | 7.36942 | 3.26947 |
| H | -0.72499 | 5.62393 | 3.23373 |
| H | 0.93615 | 6.20516 | 2.95287 |
| C | -1.90923 | 6.84185 | 1.02542 |
| H | -2.55607 | 6.05814 | 1.44878 |
| H | -2.17759 | 7.79583 | 1.50930 |
| H | -2.13874 | 6.92852 | -0.04942 |
| C | 0.40835 | 7.71793 | 0.69563 |
| H | 1.48989 | 7.57777 | 0.85070 |
| H | 0.23336 | 7.87121 | -0.38116 |
| H | 0.11457 | 8.64335 | 1.21628 |


| C | 0.17738 | -6.44246 | 2.68879 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H | 0.48779 | -7.36590 | 3.20553 |
| H | 0.66643 | -5.59565 | 3.19573 |
| H | -0.91193 | -6.33044 | 2.81435 |
| C | 2.08823 | -6.68644 | 1.05782 |
| H | 2.63702 | -5.85046 | 1.51921 |
| H | 2.41224 | -7.61423 | 1.55796 |
| H | 2.38760 | -6.74742 | -0.00142 |
| C | -0.12324 | -7.75145 | 0.57650 |
| H | -1.21985 | -7.70634 | 0.67068 |
| H | 0.12468 | -7.86732 | -0.49072 |
| H | 0.21912 | -8.65847 | 1.09960 |


| $\left({ }^{t \mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{T}_{1, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "diethyl ether"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zn | 0.25350 | -0.01157 | -0.18766 |
| N | -0.89637 | -1.44591 | -1.14883 |
| N | 1.08543 | -1.59266 | 0.68028 |
| C | 0.47212 | -2.76872 | 0.33306 |
| C | -0.59327 | -2.69327 | -0.64765 |
| C | -0.96699 | -5.10333 | -0.48797 |
| H | -1.50857 | -5.98942 | -0.80810 |
| C | 0.72796 | -4.04016 | 0.87973 |
| H | 1.49143 | -4.12269 | 1.65163 |
| C | -1.29704 | -3.85571 | -1.06362 |
| C | -2.59835 | -2.37535 | -2.56593 |
| C | -1.83450 | -1.28493 | -2.04781 |
| C | 0.02683 | -5.20132 | 0.48873 |
| C | -2.33639 | -3.68815 | -2.07079 |
| C | 2.27595 | -1.49829 | 1.40814 |
| C | -3.10846 | -4.75642 | -2.59173 |
| H | -2.93863 | -5.77506 | -2.24044 |
| C | 3.36509 | -2.39313 | 1.27056 |
| H | 3.29255 | -3.23304 | 0.57764 |
| C | 0.38023 | -6.54407 | 1.16643 |
| C | -3.60018 | -2.16149 | -3.54672 |
| H | -3.77881 | -1.14459 | -3.90729 |
| C | -4.33543 | -3.22527 | -4.03528 |
| H | -5.10778 | -3.06358 | -4.79151 |
| C | -4.08294 | -4.52829 | -3.55096 |
| H | -4.66425 | -5.36973 | -3.93797 |
| C | 2.45338 | -0.39405 | 2.27616 |
| H | 1.63330 | 0.32049 | 2.39316 |
| C | 4.55211 | -2.19759 | 1.98128 |
| H | 5.37586 | -2.90523 | 1.84497 |
| C | 4.70373 | -1.10777 | 2.84634 |
| H | 5.63490 | -0.96095 | 3.39989 |
| C | 3.64347 | -0.20329 | 2.97965 |
| H | 3.74028 | 0.66143 | 3.64320 |
| N | 1.14884 | 1.50546 | -1.11927 |
| N | -0.85009 | 1.51748 | 0.67488 |
| C | -0.35730 | 2.73224 | 0.31644 |
| C | 0.72696 | 2.71198 | -0.65945 |
| C | 0.80275 | 5.14175 | -0.51953 |
| H | 1.24915 | 6.07670 | -0.85276 |
| C | -0.76286 | 3.97794 | 0.87674 |
| H | -1.51133 | 3.96158 | 1.66851 |
| C | 1.28080 | 3.94823 | -1.09170 |
| C | 2.76521 | 2.61472 | -2.57876 |
| C | 2.16427 | 1.46310 | -2.05524 |
| C | -0.20145 | 5.18719 | 0.48032 |


| C | 2.33888 | 3.91734 | -2.11673 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | -2.03743 | 1.30621 | 1.37033 |
| C | 2.94488 | 5.06005 | -2.65742 |
| H | 2.63158 | 6.05223 | -2.32492 |
| C | -3.20479 | 2.08873 | 1.18682 |
| H | -3.20216 | 2.90632 | 0.46436 |
| C | -0.65172 | 6.50591 | 1.14537 |
| C | 3.80158 | 2.54747 | -3.56757 |
| H | 4.12944 | 1.56397 | -3.91703 |
| C | 4.37759 | 3.69919 | -4.07325 |
| H | 5.16707 | 3.62499 | -4.82749 |
| C | 3.95405 | 4.96877 | -3.62523 |
| H | 4.40930 | 5.87705 | -4.02783 |
| C | -2.10667 | 0.19512 | 2.24612 |
| H | -1.21942 | -0.42874 | 2.37836 |
| C | -4.37559 | 1.78425 | 1.88154 |
| H | -5.26979 | 2.39142 | 1.71458 |
| C | -4.41826 | 0.70535 | 2.77325 |
| H | -5.33824 | 0.47537 | 3.31694 |
| C | -3.27658 | -0.08887 | 2.94660 |
| H | -3.30001 | -0.94127 | 3.63108 |
| H | -2.02946 | -0.26768 | -2.40396 |
| H | 2.48329 | 0.46993 | -2.38052 |
| C | -0.29553 | 6.46545 | 2.64998 |
| H | -0.61095 | 7.39824 | 3.14765 |
| H | -0.79264 | 5.62889 | 3.16646 |
| H | 0.79120 | 6.35437 | 2.79927 |
| C | -2.18078 | 6.67351 | 0.98977 |
| H | -2.73748 | 5.85298 | 1.46921 |
| H | -2.51412 | 7.61486 | 1.45831 |
| H | -2.47304 | 6.70395 | -0.07305 |
| C | 0.03082 | 7.73629 | 0.52019 |
| H | 1.12576 | 7.71087 | 0.63998 |
| H | -0.19310 | 7.83287 | -0.55457 |
| H | -0.33055 | 8.65200 | 1.01527 |
| C | 0.11608 | -6.43482 | 2.68657 |
| H | 0.35808 | -7.38741 | 3.18759 |
| H | 0.72650 | -5.64842 | 3.15710 |
| H | -0.94308 | -6.20615 | 2.89113 |
| C | 1.87398 | -6.86663 | 0.93005 |
| H | 2.53682 | -6.09822 | 1.35721 |
| H | 2.13713 | -7.82890 | 1.40086 |
| H | 2.09928 | -6.94572 | -0.14651 |
| C | -0.45427 | -7.71617 | 0.61857 |
| H | -1.53353 | -7.57170 | 0.78650 |
| H | -0.29413 | -7.87010 | -0.46065 |
| H | -0.16506 | -8.64851 | 1.12998 |
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## $\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u} \mathbf{L}} \mathbf{L}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{0, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "toluene"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

| Zn | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.02193 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | -1.07930 | -1.45945 | -0.99337 |
| N | 0.98914 | -1.56711 | 0.73742 |
| C | 0.44104 | -2.76112 | 0.35173 |
| C | -0.67002 | -2.70735 | -0.57930 |
| C | -0.87565 | -5.14220 | -0.53994 |
| H | -1.37195 | -6.04548 | -0.88414 |
| C | 0.80410 | -4.03976 | 0.81516 |
| H | 1.60265 | -4.10973 | 1.55183 |
| C | -1.31373 | -3.89190 | -1.03005 |
| C | -2.78639 | -2.42448 | -2.37979 |


| C | -2.07336 | -1.31406 | -1.83252 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | 0.16488 | -5.22305 | 0.38867 |
| C | -2.40889 | -3.74133 | -1.97887 |
| C | 2.19427 | -1.42822 | 1.43304 |
| C | -3.12912 | -4.83029 | -2.53035 |
| H | -2.87004 | -5.85233 | -2.25129 |
| C | 3.33731 | -2.23481 | 1.21269 |
| H | 3.29812 | -3.04001 | 0.47716 |
| C | 0.63408 | -6.57213 | 0.97803 |
| C | -3.84956 | -2.22804 | -3.29749 |
| H | -4.11851 | -1.20764 | -3.58454 |
| C | -4.53194 | -3.31175 | -3.81716 |
| H | -5.35151 | -3.16250 | -4.52454 |
| C | -4.16387 | -4.61884 | -3.42774 |
| H | -4.70293 | -5.47645 | -3.83937 |
| C | 2.32429 | -0.36203 | 2.35501 |
| H | 1.46055 | 0.28450 | 2.53574 |
| C | 4.53136 | -1.99395 | 1.89696 |
| H | 5.39697 | -2.63318 | 1.69721 |
| C | 4.63625 | -0.94429 | 2.81636 |
| H | 5.57285 | -0.76236 | 3.34976 |
| C | 3.52119 | -0.12595 | 3.03192 |
| H | 3.57997 | 0.70592 | 3.74020 |
| N | 1.07931 | 1.45945 | -0.99337 |
| N | -0.98914 | 1.56712 | 0.73743 |
| C | -0.44103 | 2.76112 | 0.35172 |
| C | 0.67002 | 2.70735 | -0.57930 |
| C | 0.87566 | 5.14220 | -0.53995 |
| H | 1.37195 | 6.04548 | -0.88414 |
| C | -0.80409 | 4.03976 | 0.81516 |
| H | -1.60264 | 4.10974 | 1.55183 |
| C | 1.31373 | 3.89190 | -1.03006 |
| C | 2.78639 | 2.42448 | -2.37979 |
| C | 2.07336 | 1.31406 | -1.83252 |
| C | -0.16487 | 5.22305 | 0.38867 |
| C | 2.40889 | 3.74134 | -1.97888 |
| C | -2.19428 | 1.42823 | 1.43303 |
| C | 3.12912 | 4.83030 | -2.53036 |
| H | 2.87003 | 5.85233 | -2.25130 |
| C | -3.33731 | 2.23481 | 1.21267 |
| H | -3.29812 | 3.04001 | 0.47715 |
| C | -0.63407 | 6.57214 | 0.97803 |
| C | 3.84956 | 2.22803 | -3.29749 |
| H | 4.11851 | 1.20764 | -3.58454 |
| C | 4.53194 | 3.31175 | -3.81717 |
| H | 5.35151 | 3.16249 | -4.52455 |
| C | 4.16387 | 4.61884 | -3.42775 |
| H | 4.70293 | 5.47645 | -3.83938 |
| C | -2.32430 | 0.36202 | 2.35499 |
| H | -1.46056 | -0.28451 | 2.53573 |
| C | -4.53137 | 1.99394 | 1.89694 |
| H | -5.39698 | 2.63317 | 1.69718 |
| C | -4.63626 | 0.94428 | 2.81633 |
| H | -5.57287 | 0.76235 | 3.34971 |
| C | -3.52121 | 0.12594 | 3.03189 |
| H | -3.57998 | -0.70594 | 3.74016 |
| H | -2.35805 | -0.29384 | -2.11155 |
| H | 2.35804 | 0.29384 | -2.11155 |
| C | -0.41609 | 6.56410 | 2.50935 |
| H | -0.74389 | 7.52108 | 2.94957 |
| H | -0.98308 | 5.76017 | 3.00368 |
| H | 0.64871 | 6.42549 | 2.75932 |


| C | -2.13733 | 6.77536 | 0.67799 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H | -2.76049 | 5.98651 | 1.12678 |
| H | -2.48309 | 7.74036 | 1.08552 |
| H | -2.33064 | 6.77987 | -0.40756 |
| C | 0.13559 | 7.76955 | 0.39142 |
| H | 1.21523 | 7.71318 | 0.60321 |
| H | 0.00495 | 7.85208 | -0.69955 |
| H | -0.23650 | 8.70571 | 0.83814 |
| C | 0.41609 | -6.56410 | 2.50935 |
| H | 0.74390 | -7.52108 | 2.94956 |
| H | 0.98309 | -5.76017 | 3.00368 |
| H | -0.64870 | -6.42548 | 2.75932 |
| C | 2.13734 | -6.77536 | 0.67799 |
| H | 2.76050 | -5.98651 | 1.12678 |
| H | 2.48310 | -7.74036 | 1.08552 |
| H | 2.33065 | -6.77987 | -0.40756 |
| C | -0.13558 | -7.76955 | 0.39141 |
| H | -1.21522 | -7.71317 | 0.60321 |
| H | -0.00495 | -7.85207 | -0.69955 |
| H | 0.23650 | -8.70570 | 0.83815 |

## $\left({ }^{(\mathrm{Bu}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{1, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "toluene"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Zn | -0.30693 | 0.00583 | -0.14607 |
| N | -1.10668 | -1.49503 | -1.16135 |
| N | 0.80185 | -1.51632 | 0.71497 |
| C | 0.31225 | -2.76082 | 0.32969 |
| C | -0.69797 | -2.74361 | -0.69513 |
| C | -0.79007 | -5.17790 | -0.55482 |
| H | -1.21611 | -6.10514 | -0.93118 |
| C | 0.65229 | -3.97415 | 0.93130 |
| H | 1.33749 | -3.95912 | 1.77868 |
| C | -1.21692 | -3.95024 | -1.16617 |
| C | -2.57779 | -2.62223 | -2.74992 |
| C | -2.03533 | -1.47390 | -2.15393 |
| C | 0.11127 | -5.21644 | 0.49334 |
| C | -2.18486 | -3.92850 | -2.27066 |
| C | 2.01459 | -1.31184 | 1.31167 |
| C | -2.73569 | -5.06848 | -2.86610 |
| H | -2.44494 | -6.06133 | -2.51735 |
| C | 3.13663 | -2.18935 | 1.19826 |
| H | 3.06270 | -3.08184 | 0.57701 |
| C | 0.54448 | -6.51676 | 1.19631 |
| C | -3.53294 | -2.54666 | -3.81908 |
| H | -3.83804 | -1.56152 | -4.18297 |
| C | -4.05931 | -3.69857 | -4.37885 |
| H | -4.78744 | -3.61986 | -5.19207 |
| C | -3.66847 | -4.97068 | -3.91409 |
| H | -4.08724 | -5.87543 | -4.36020 |
| C | 2.19568 | -0.10042 | 2.04699 |
| H | 1.35111 | 0.58714 | 2.13113 |
| C | 4.34247 | -1.87968 | 1.81790 |
| H | 5.19303 | -2.55675 | 1.70155 |
| C | 4.48480 | -0.70296 | 2.56884 |
| H | 5.43563 | -0.47121 | 3.05444 |
| C | 3.40104 | 0.18510 | 2.67210 |
| H | 3.50437 | 1.10961 | 3.24595 |
| N | 0.83065 | 1.45586 | -1.12365 |
| N | -1.09604 | 1.58676 | 0.76402 |
| C | -0.49179 | 2.76339 | 0.40921 |
| C | 0.54492 | 2.69770 | -0.60241 |
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| C | 0.92121 | 5.10672 | -0.43445 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H | 1.45009 | 5.99700 | -0.76383 |
| C | -0.73281 | 4.03057 | 0.97301 |
| H | -1.47550 | 4.10478 | 1.76583 |
| C | 1.23591 | 3.86449 | -1.02881 |
| C | 2.48619 | 2.39789 | -2.58723 |
| C | 1.73737 | 1.30313 | -2.05566 |
| C | -0.04609 | 5.19524 | 0.57004 |
| C | 2.24329 | 3.70527 | -2.06874 |
| C | -2.25988 | 1.49824 | 1.53827 |
| C | 3.00142 | 4.77799 | -2.60127 |
| H | 2.84455 | 5.79180 | -2.23080 |
| C | -3.35914 | 2.38129 | 1.41510 |
| H | -3.31309 | 3.20506 | 0.70045 |
| C | -0.38864 | 6.53276 | 1.26169 |
| C | 3.45504 | 2.19448 | -3.60283 |
| H | 3.61893 | 1.18155 | -3.98130 |
| C | 4.17689 | 3.26237 | -4.10275 |
| H | 4.92337 | 3.10810 | -4.88589 |
| C | 3.94415 | 4.56030 | -3.59414 |
| H | 4.51502 | 5.40496 | -3.98926 |
| C | -2.39551 | 0.41548 | 2.43828 |
| H | -1.56377 | -0.28698 | 2.54324 |
| C | -4.52027 | 2.19383 | 2.16941 |
| H | -5.35479 | 2.89053 | 2.04397 |
| C | -4.63254 | 1.12340 | 3.06456 |
| H | -5.54380 | 0.98165 | 3.65126 |
| C | -3.56015 | 0.23156 | 3.18537 |
| H | -3.62749 | -0.61711 | 3.87264 |
| H | -2.36627 | -0.48636 | -2.48886 |
| H | 1.91658 | 0.28889 | -2.42891 |
| C | -0.09100 | 6.41793 | 2.77569 |
| H | -0.32958 | 7.36719 | 3.28409 |
| H | -0.68580 | 5.62378 | 3.25230 |
| H | 0.97424 | 6.19563 | 2.95198 |
| C | -1.88900 | 6.84929 | 1.05664 |
| H | -2.53661 | 6.07031 | 1.48720 |
| H | -2.14661 | 7.80518 | 1.54262 |
| H | -2.13017 | 6.93633 | -0.01550 |
| C | 0.42970 | 7.71057 | 0.70057 |
| H | 1.51209 | 7.56451 | 0.84387 |
| H | 0.24346 | 7.86485 | -0.37417 |
| H | 0.14783 | 8.63843 | 1.22344 |
| C | 0.12997 | -6.45427 | 2.68563 |
| H | 0.43945 | -7.37490 | 3.20794 |
| H | 0.59566 | -5.60304 | 3.20693 |
| H | -0.96306 | -6.35560 | 2.78613 |
| C | 2.08060 | -6.67242 | 1.09830 |
| H | 2.61102 | -5.83404 | 1.57659 |
| H | 2.40370 | -7.59919 | 1.60091 |
| H | 2.40535 | -6.72438 | 0.04616 |
| C | -0.10711 | -7.75925 | 0.56325 |
| H | -1.20595 | -7.72665 | 0.63260 |
| H | 0.16632 | -7.86883 | -0.49833 |
| H | 0.23253 | -8.66495 | 1.09041 |


| $\left({ }^{\boldsymbol{t B u}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{T}_{1, \text { eq }}\right)$ | B3LYP (SMD "toluene"/ d |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Zn | 0.27636 | -0.00959 | -0.17916 |
| N | -0.87787 | -1.43802 | -1.15068 |
| N | 1.09215 | -1.59519 | 0.69040 |


| C | 0.47629 | -2.76694 | 0.33778 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | -0.58291 | -2.68642 | -0.64960 |
| C | -0.96631 | -5.09500 | -0.49689 |
| H | -1.50833 | -5.97904 | -0.82149 |
| C | 0.72409 | -4.04083 | 0.88309 |
| H | 1.48269 | -4.12644 | 1.65933 |
| C | -1.28866 | -3.84590 | -1.07205 |
| C | -2.57504 | -2.35744 | -2.57990 |
| C | -1.80930 | -1.27150 | -2.05531 |
| C | 0.02155 | -5.19801 | 0.48560 |
| C | -2.32122 | -3.67193 | -2.08488 |
| C | 2.27617 | -1.50908 | 1.43220 |
| C | -3.09506 | -4.73582 | -2.61210 |
| H | -2.93096 | -5.75523 | -2.26070 |
| C | 3.36513 | -2.40276 | 1.29307 |
| H | 3.29742 | -3.23274 | 0.58782 |
| C | 0.36611 | -6.54339 | 1.16299 |
| C | -3.57029 | -2.13897 | -3.56626 |
| H | -3.74304 | -1.12113 | -3.92702 |
| C | -4.30715 | -3.19864 | -4.06054 |
| H | -5.07423 | -3.03256 | -4.82103 |
| C | -4.06294 | -4.50311 | -3.57640 |
| H | -4.64530 | -5.34170 | -3.96771 |
| C | 2.44525 | -0.41625 | 2.31479 |
| H | 1.62459 | 0.29752 | 2.43158 |
| C | 4.54516 | -2.21749 | 2.01744 |
| H | 5.37001 | -2.92342 | 1.87997 |
| C | 4.68870 | -1.13895 | 2.89731 |
| H | 5.61462 | -0.99967 | 3.46125 |
| C | 3.62848 | -0.23531 | 3.03187 |
| H | 3.72001 | 0.62105 | 3.70666 |
| N | 1.15591 | 1.50894 | -1.12066 |
| N | -0.83394 | 1.51476 | 0.68389 |
| C | -0.34968 | 2.73102 | 0.31931 |
| C | 0.72865 | 2.71340 | -0.66384 |
| C | 0.79007 | 5.14338 | -0.53460 |
| H | 1.22823 | 6.07952 | -0.87496 |
| C | -0.75795 | 3.97682 | 0.87847 |
| H | -1.49981 | 3.95804 | 1.67627 |
| C | 1.27119 | 3.95193 | -1.10599 |
| C | 2.75477 | 2.62204 | -2.59655 |
| C | 2.16616 | 1.46888 | -2.06294 |
| C | -0.20687 | 5.18721 | 0.47402 |
| C | 2.32108 | 3.92325 | -2.13901 |
| C | -2.01531 | 1.29797 | 1.38737 |
| C | 2.91345 | 5.06744 | -2.69133 |
| H | 2.59399 | 6.05897 | -2.36296 |
| C | -3.18722 | 2.07620 | 1.21486 |
| H | -3.19244 | 2.89538 | 0.49436 |
| C | -0.65708 | 6.50604 | 1.13933 |
| C | 3.78472 | 2.55739 | -3.59128 |
| H | 4.11870 | 1.57461 | -3.93650 |
| C | 4.34737 | 3.71026 | -4.10797 |
| H | 5.13241 | 3.63810 | -4.86678 |
| C | 3.91592 | 4.97871 | -3.66507 |
| H | 4.36043 | 5.88810 | -4.07665 |
| C | -2.07472 | 0.18453 | 2.26085 |
| H | -1.18460 | -0.43705 | 2.38361 |
| C | -4.35164 | 1.76588 | 1.91737 |
| H | -5.24920 | 2.37019 | 1.75862 |
| C | -4.38403 | 0.68473 | 2.80635 |
| H | -5.29903 | 0.45002 | 3.35616 |


| C | -3.23836 | -0.10560 | 2.96874 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H | -3.25364 | -0.96029 | 3.65041 |
| H | -1.99641 | -0.25252 | -2.41092 |
| H | 2.49129 | 0.47634 | -2.38346 |
| C | -0.28043 | 6.47544 | 2.63925 |
| H | -0.59510 | 7.40814 | 3.13759 |
| H | -0.76436 | 5.63806 | 3.16665 |
| H | 0.80866 | 6.37167 | 2.77479 |
| C | -2.18906 | 6.66431 | 1.00385 |
| H | -2.73510 | 5.84367 | 1.49513 |
| H | -2.52226 | 7.60590 | 1.47194 |
| H | -2.49657 | 6.68715 | -0.05472 |
| C | 0.00871 | 7.73844 | 0.49988 |
| H | 1.10507 | 7.72240 | 0.60681 |
| H | -0.22880 | 7.82856 | -0.57248 |
| H | -0.35294 | 8.65437 | 0.99428 |
| C | 0.09148 | -6.43681 | 2.68145 |
| H | 0.32814 | -7.39052 | 3.18286 |
| H | 0.69943 | -5.65234 | 3.15807 |
| H | -0.96837 | -6.20612 | 2.87925 |
| C | 1.86035 | -6.87049 | 0.93641 |
| H | 2.52296 | -6.10524 | 1.36925 |
| H | 2.11786 | -7.83432 | 1.40709 |
| H | 2.09331 | -6.94789 | -0.13850 |
| C | -0.46787 | -7.71213 | 0.60710 |
| H | -1.54782 | -7.56548 | 0.76827 |
| H | -0.30068 | -7.86477 | -0.47119 |
| H | -0.18522 | -8.64668 | 1.11808 |

## $\left.{ }^{\left({ }^{(\mathbf{B u}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{0, \text { eq }}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "n-hexane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j)

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Zn | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.02981 |
| N | -1.08520 | -1.45829 | -0.98394 |
| N | 0.99236 | -1.56790 | 0.73579 |
| C | 0.44313 | -2.76089 | 0.35065 |
| C | -0.67286 | -2.70637 | -0.57453 |
| C | -0.87622 | -5.14128 | -0.53903 |
| H | -1.37332 | -6.04450 | -0.88207 |
| C | 0.80984 | -4.04036 | 0.80920 |
| H | 1.61227 | -4.11026 | 1.54164 |
| C | -1.31842 | -3.89071 | -1.02386 |
| C | -2.80135 | -2.42147 | -2.36055 |
| C | -2.08517 | -1.31186 | -1.81581 |
| C | 0.16971 | -5.22304 | 0.38358 |
| C | -2.41973 | -3.73881 | -1.96516 |
| C | 2.20019 | -1.43095 | 1.42812 |
| C | -3.14283 | -4.82703 | -2.51436 |
| H | -2.88048 | -5.84922 | -2.23913 |
| C | 3.34391 | -2.23250 | 1.19520 |
| H | 3.30232 | -3.03140 | 0.45289 |
| C | 0.64346 | -6.57294 | 0.96741 |
| C | -3.87120 | -2.22436 | -3.27028 |
| H | -4.14353 | -1.20365 | -3.55307 |
| C | -4.55617 | -3.30738 | -3.78774 |
| H | -5.38090 | -3.15721 | -4.48886 |
| C | -4.18398 | -4.61494 | -3.40396 |
| H | -4.72494 | -5.47222 | -3.81375 |
| C | 2.33118 | -0.37248 | 2.35819 |
| H | 1.46624 | 0.26969 | 2.54826 |
| C | 4.54053 | -1.99432 | 1.87569 |
| H | 5.40698 | -2.62937 | 1.66665 |


| C | 4.64675 | -0.95205 | 2.80312 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H | 5.58542 | -0.77192 | 3.33339 |
| C | 3.53072 | -0.13869 | 3.03109 |
| H | 3.59084 | 0.68733 | 3.74599 |
| N | 1.08521 | 1.45829 | -0.98394 |
| N | -0.99236 | 1.56790 | 0.73579 |
| C | -0.44313 | 2.76089 | 0.35065 |
| C | 0.67287 | 2.70637 | -0.57453 |
| C | 0.87622 | 5.14128 | -0.53903 |
| H | 1.37332 | 6.04449 | -0.88208 |
| C | -0.80984 | 4.04036 | 0.80919 |
| H | -1.61227 | 4.11026 | 1.54163 |
| C | 1.31842 | 3.89071 | -1.02386 |
| C | 2.80136 | 2.42148 | -2.36055 |
| C | 2.08518 | 1.31186 | -1.81581 |
| C | -0.16971 | 5.22304 | 0.38357 |
| C | 2.41973 | 3.73882 | -1.96516 |
| C | -2.20019 | 1.43094 | 1.42812 |
| C | 3.14284 | 4.82704 | -2.51436 |
| H | 2.88048 | 5.84922 | -2.23913 |
| C | -3.34391 | 2.23250 | 1.19519 |
| H | -3.30232 | 3.03140 | 0.45288 |
| C | -0.64347 | 6.57295 | 0.96740 |
| C | 3.87120 | 2.22436 | -3.27028 |
| H | 4.14355 | 1.20366 | -3.55306 |
| C | 4.55618 | 3.30739 | -3.78774 |
| H | 5.38091 | 3.15720 | -4.48886 |
| C | 4.18398 | 4.61495 | -3.40396 |
| H | 4.72494 | 5.47222 | -3.81376 |
| C | -2.33118 | 0.37248 | 2.35819 |
| H | -1.46624 | -0.26970 | 2.54825 |
| C | -4.54053 | 1.99431 | 1.87568 |
| H | -5.40698 | 2.62936 | 1.66664 |
| C | -4.64675 | 0.95204 | 2.80311 |
| H | -5.58542 | 0.77191 | 3.33338 |
| C | -3.53072 | 0.13868 | 3.03109 |
| H | -3.59084 | -0.68734 | 3.74598 |
| H | -2.37236 | -0.29104 | -2.09023 |
| H | 2.37237 | 0.29104 | -2.09022 |
| C | -0.43360 | 6.56866 | 2.49998 |
| H | -0.76518 | 7.52606 | 2.93637 |
| H | -1.00174 | 5.76478 | 2.99287 |
| H | 0.63001 | 6.43182 | 2.75548 |
| C | -2.14533 | 6.77403 | 0.65846 |
| H | -2.76994 | 5.98516 | 1.10500 |
| H | -2.49459 | 7.73932 | 1.06224 |
| H | -2.33214 | 6.77598 | -0.42815 |
| C | 0.12809 | 7.77004 | 0.38232 |
| H | 1.20651 | 7.71517 | 0.60047 |
| H | 0.00330 | 7.84967 | -0.70952 |
| H | -0.24746 | 8.70685 | 0.82468 |
| C | 0.43360 | -6.56866 | 2.49998 |
| H | 0.76517 | -7.52607 | 2.93637 |
| H | 1.00174 | -5.76479 | 2.99289 |
| H | -0.63001 | -6.43182 | 2.75549 |
| C | 2.14532 | -6.77403 | 0.65846 |
| H | 2.76994 | -5.98516 | 1.10500 |
| H | 2.49458 | -7.73932 | 1.06224 |
| H | 2.33213 | -6.77597 | -0.42815 |
| C | -0.12809 | -7.77004 | 0.38232 |
| H | -1.20652 | -7.71516 | 0.60048 |
| H | -0.00332 | -7.84966 | -0.70952 |


| ( $\left.{ }^{\text {Bu }} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{S}_{1, \mathrm{eq}}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "n-hexane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zn | -0.32537 | 0.00364 | -0.13761 |
| N | -1.10178 | -1.49672 | -1.16827 |
| N | 0.78556 | -1.51366 | 0.72859 |
| C | 0.30061 | -2.76359 | 0.33663 |
| C | -0.69398 | -2.74806 | -0.70034 |
| C | -0.78418 | -5.18215 | -0.56204 |
| H | -1.20200 | -6.10967 | -0.94667 |
| C | 0.63133 | -3.97238 | 0.94517 |
| H | 1.30488 | -3.95576 | 1.80192 |
| C | -1.20301 | -3.95358 | -1.18039 |
| C | -2.53799 | -2.62808 | -2.78611 |
| C | -2.01159 | -1.47920 | -2.17636 |
| C | 0.09830 | -5.21851 | 0.49895 |
| C | -2.15080 | -3.93362 | -2.30161 |
| C | 2.00029 | -1.30793 | 1.31294 |
| C | -2.68798 | -5.07387 | -2.90811 |
| H | -2.40152 | -6.06653 | -2.55553 |
| C | 3.11994 | -2.19199 | 1.20608 |
| H | 3.03937 | -3.09165 | 0.59635 |
| C | 0.52604 | -6.51685 | 1.20848 |
| C | -3.47345 | -2.55267 | -3.87221 |
| H | -3.77445 | -1.56783 | -4.24014 |
| C | -3.98706 | -3.70494 | -4.44272 |
| H | -4.70065 | -3.62681 | -5.26868 |
| C | -3.60189 | -4.97640 | -3.97262 |
| H | -4.01084 | -5.88136 | -4.42720 |
| C | 2.19171 | -0.08750 | 2.03410 |
| H | 1.35010 | 0.60404 | 2.11463 |
| C | 4.32907 | -1.87997 | 1.81649 |
| H | 5.17628 | -2.56200 | 1.70486 |
| C | 4.48035 | -0.69454 | 2.55237 |
| H | 5.43429 | -0.46133 | 3.03096 |
| C | 3.40070 | 0.19983 | 2.64938 |
| H | 3.51085 | 1.13063 | 3.21163 |
| N | 0.81064 | 1.45293 | -1.12363 |
| N | -1.10244 | 1.58697 | 0.77722 |
| C | -0.49809 | 2.76171 | 0.41880 |
| C | 0.53131 | 2.69473 | -0.60026 |
| C | 0.91339 | 5.10266 | -0.43446 |
| H | 1.44100 | 5.99237 | -0.76725 |
| C | -0.73229 | 4.02933 | 0.98487 |
| H | -1.46934 | 4.10392 | 1.78290 |
| C | 1.22141 | 3.86050 | -1.03155 |
| C | 2.45643 | 2.39151 | -2.60018 |
| C | 1.70941 | 1.29841 | -2.06284 |
| C | -0.04647 | 5.19241 | 0.57721 |
| C | 2.22030 | 3.69916 | -2.07916 |
| C | -2.25820 | 1.50391 | 1.56548 |
| C | 2.97669 | 4.77023 | -2.61739 |
| H | 2.82467 | 5.78409 | -2.24517 |
| C | -3.35942 | 2.38390 | 1.44287 |
| H | -3.32089 | 3.19886 | 0.71764 |
| C | -0.38166 | 6.53040 | 1.27155 |
| C | 3.41683 | 2.18694 | -3.62344 |
| H | 3.57585 | 1.17400 | -4.00403 |
| C | 4.13701 | 3.25329 | -4.12861 |
| H | 4.87686 | 3.09764 | -4.91771 |


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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | 3.91108 | 4.55133 | -3.61757 |
| H | 4.48052 | 5.39503 | -4.01676 |
| C | -2.38228 | 0.43174 | 2.47884 |
| H | -1.54833 | -0.26815 | 2.58280 |
| C | -4.51227 | 2.20404 | 2.21123 |
| H | -5.34925 | 2.89782 | 2.08635 |
| C | -4.61339 | 1.14399 | 3.11969 |
| H | -5.51838 | 1.00779 | 3.71726 |
| C | -3.53890 | 0.25504 | 3.23990 |
| H | -3.59829 | -0.58565 | 3.93756 |
| H | -2.34395 | -0.49279 | -2.51374 |
| H | 1.88262 | 0.28357 | -2.43752 |
| C | -0.07369 | 6.41480 | 2.78339 |
| H | -0.30741 | 7.36401 | 3.29414 |
| H | -0.66581 | 5.62120 | 3.26410 |
| H | 0.99233 | 6.19082 | 2.95230 |
| C | -1.88272 | 6.84989 | 1.07669 |
| H | -2.52910 | 6.07208 | 1.51109 |
| H | -2.13581 | 7.80606 | 1.56451 |
| H | -2.13105 | 6.93739 | 0.00629 |
| C | 0.43487 | 7.70697 | 0.70520 |
| H | 1.51798 | 7.55912 | 0.84102 |
| H | 0.24136 | 7.86228 | -0.36809 |
| H | 0.15866 | 8.63541 | 1.23005 |
| C | 0.09177 | -6.45481 | 2.69214 |
| H | 0.39716 | -7.37384 | 3.21965 |
| H | 0.54726 | -5.60180 | 3.21947 |
| H | -1.00271 | -6.35937 | 2.77818 |
| C | 2.06374 | -6.66861 | 1.13058 |
| H | 2.58624 | -5.82928 | 1.61590 |
| H | 2.38326 | -7.59446 | 1.63714 |
| H | 2.40255 | -6.71931 | 0.08287 |
| C | -0.11370 | -7.76160 | 0.56791 |
| H | -1.21342 | -7.73160 | 0.62230 |
| H | 0.17442 | -7.87169 | -0.48968 |
| H | 0.22053 | -8.66634 | 1.10014 |


| $\left({ }^{\boldsymbol{t B u}} \mathbf{L} 3\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{T}_{1, \mathrm{eq}}\right)$ B3LYP (SMD "n-hexane"/ def2-tzvpp def2/j) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zn | 0.28898 | -0.00817 | -0.17604 |
| N | -0.86684 | -1.43398 | -1.15365 |
| N | 1.09574 | -1.59595 | 0.69521 |
| C | 0.47822 | -2.76543 | 0.34019 |
| C | -0.57700 | -2.68268 | -0.65137 |
| C | -0.96629 | -5.09024 | -0.50052 |
| H | -1.50857 | -5.97334 | -0.82703 |
| C | 0.72110 | -4.04015 | 0.88606 |
| H | 1.47672 | -4.12677 | 1.66507 |
| C | -1.28387 | -3.84075 | -1.07666 |
| C | -2.56080 | -2.34898 | -2.58959 |
| C | -1.79411 | -1.26515 | -2.06206 |
| C | 0.01783 | -5.19542 | 0.48569 |
| C | -2.31209 | -3.66398 | -2.09329 |
| C | 2.27650 | -1.51507 | 1.44412 |
| C | -3.08687 | -4.72579 | -2.62335 |
| H | -2.92640 | -5.74534 | -2.27082 |
| C | 3.36543 | -2.40773 | 1.30189 |
| H | 3.29978 | -3.23120 | 0.58879 |
| C | 0.35709 | -6.54166 | 1.16405 |
| C | -3.55184 | -2.12860 | -3.57975 |
| H | -3.72085 | -1.11051 | -3.94162 |


| C | -4.28961 | -3.18630 | -4.07661 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H | -5.05336 | -3.01833 | -4.84001 |
| C | -4.05056 | -4.49122 | -3.59120 |
| H | -4.63354 | -5.32848 | -3.98440 |
| C | 2.44129 | -0.43001 | 2.33629 |
| H | 1.62015 | 0.28285 | 2.45479 |
| C | 4.54211 | -2.22919 | 2.03314 |
| H | 5.36759 | -2.93385 | 1.89338 |
| C | 4.68162 | -1.15821 | 2.92266 |
| H | 5.60502 | -1.02390 | 3.49182 |
| C | 3.62129 | -0.25544 | 3.06018 |
| H | 3.71019 | 0.59517 | 3.74245 |
| N | 1.15930 | 1.51159 | -1.12333 |
| N | -0.82447 | 1.51309 | 0.68819 |
| C | -0.34505 | 2.73038 | 0.32063 |
| C | 0.72945 | 2.71476 | -0.66698 |
| C | 0.78299 | 5.14479 | -0.54197 |
| H | 1.21635 | 6.08180 | -0.88593 |
| C | -0.75435 | 3.97578 | 0.88041 |
| H | -1.49196 | 3.95501 | 1.68207 |
| C | 1.26560 | 3.95474 | -1.11390 |
| C | 2.74777 | 2.62793 | -2.60825 |
| C | 2.16613 | 1.47357 | -2.06979 |
| C | -0.20932 | 5.18711 | 0.47197 |
| C | 2.31057 | 3.92800 | -2.15168 |
| C | -2.00264 | 1.29299 | 1.39572 |
| C | 2.89552 | 5.07337 | -2.70938 |
| H | 2.57316 | 6.06427 | -2.38197 |
| C | -3.17672 | 2.06948 | 1.22989 |
| H | -3.18588 | 2.89014 | 0.51118 |
| C | -0.65962 | 6.50548 | 1.13821 |
| C | 3.77359 | 2.56540 | -3.60696 |
| H | 4.11042 | 1.58328 | -3.95117 |
| C | 4.32899 | 3.71923 | -4.12879 |
| H | 5.11111 | 3.64869 | -4.89065 |
| C | 3.89383 | 4.98676 | -3.68703 |
| H | 4.33253 | 5.89704 | -4.10272 |
| C | -2.05705 | 0.17739 | 2.26681 |
| H | -1.16562 | -0.44345 | 2.38357 |
| C | -4.33775 | 1.75572 | 1.93636 |
| H | -5.23693 | 2.35890 | 1.78265 |
| C | -4.36491 | 0.67251 | 2.82288 |
| H | -5.27726 | 0.43506 | 3.37581 |
| C | -3.21735 | -0.11633 | 2.97851 |
| H | -3.22854 | -0.97293 | 3.65781 |
| H | -1.97655 | -0.24555 | -2.41849 |
| H | 2.49421 | 0.48168 | -2.38905 |
| C | -0.27309 | 6.47881 | 2.63583 |
| H | -0.58756 | 7.41124 | 3.13476 |
| H | -0.75055 | 5.64062 | 3.16769 |
| H | 0.81711 | 6.37852 | 2.76409 |
| C | -2.19302 | 6.65897 | 1.01217 |
| H | -2.73339 | 5.83720 | 1.50773 |
| H | -2.52642 | 7.59998 | 1.48123 |
| H | -2.50696 | 6.67929 | -0.04449 |
| C | -0.00204 | 7.73929 | 0.49264 |
| H | 1.09492 | 7.72725 | 0.59331 |
| H | -0.24626 | 7.82649 | -0.57843 |
| H | -0.36395 | 8.65487 | 0.98741 |
| C | 0.07628 | -6.43509 | 2.68149 |
| H | 0.30972 | -7.38913 | 3.18374 |
| H | 0.68294 | -5.65125 | 3.16057 |


| H | -0.98403 | -6.20288 | 2.87450 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | 1.85169 | -6.87158 | 0.94319 |
| H | 2.51386 | -6.10733 | 1.37826 |
| H | 2.10578 | -7.83576 | 1.41495 |
| H | 2.08829 | -6.94915 | -0.13082 |
| C | -0.47675 | -7.70887 | 0.60444 |
| H | -1.55697 | -7.56015 | 0.76158 |
| H | -0.30538 | -7.86115 | -0.47322 |
| H | -0.19782 | -8.64415 | 1.11605 |

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