

Supporting information for

## **Infrared Photodissociation Spectroscopy of Mass-Selected [TaO<sub>3</sub>(CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (n = 2–5) Complexes in the Gas Phase**

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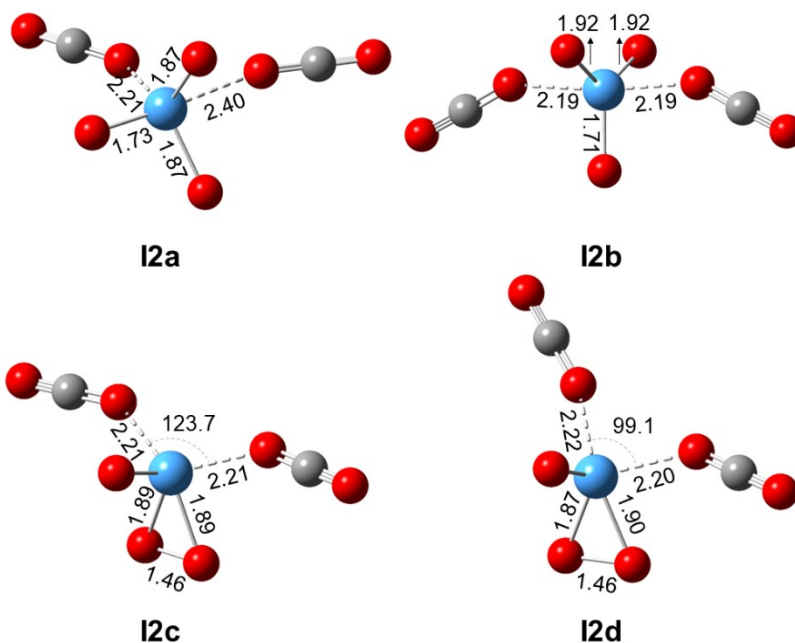
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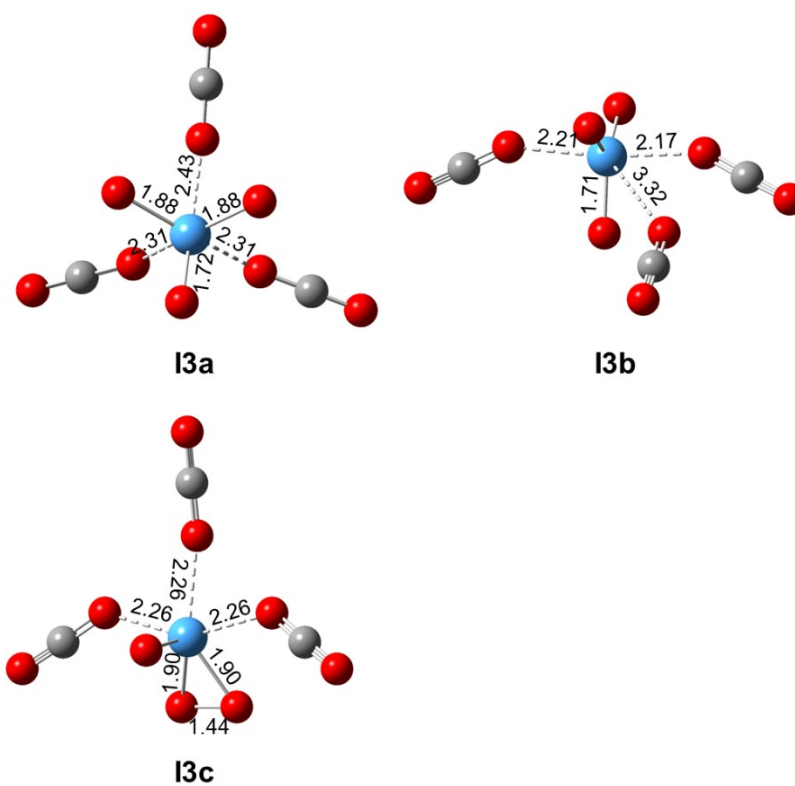
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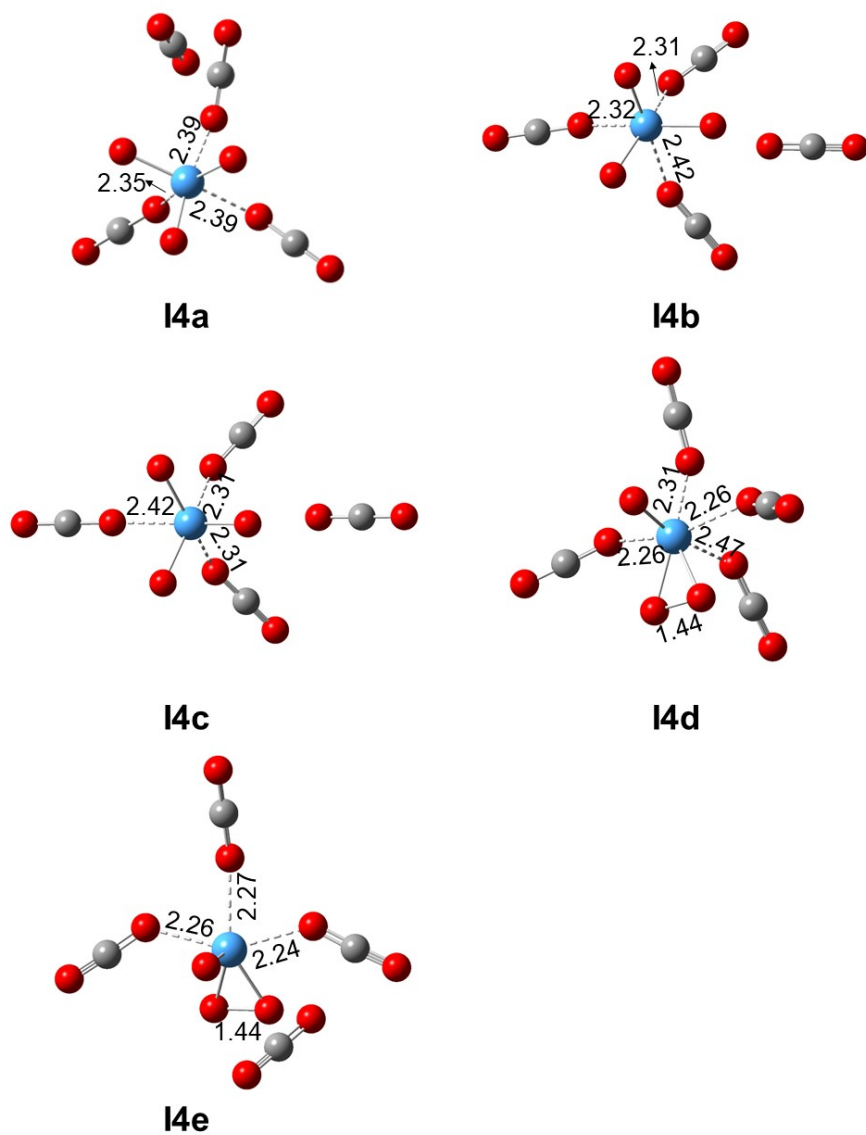
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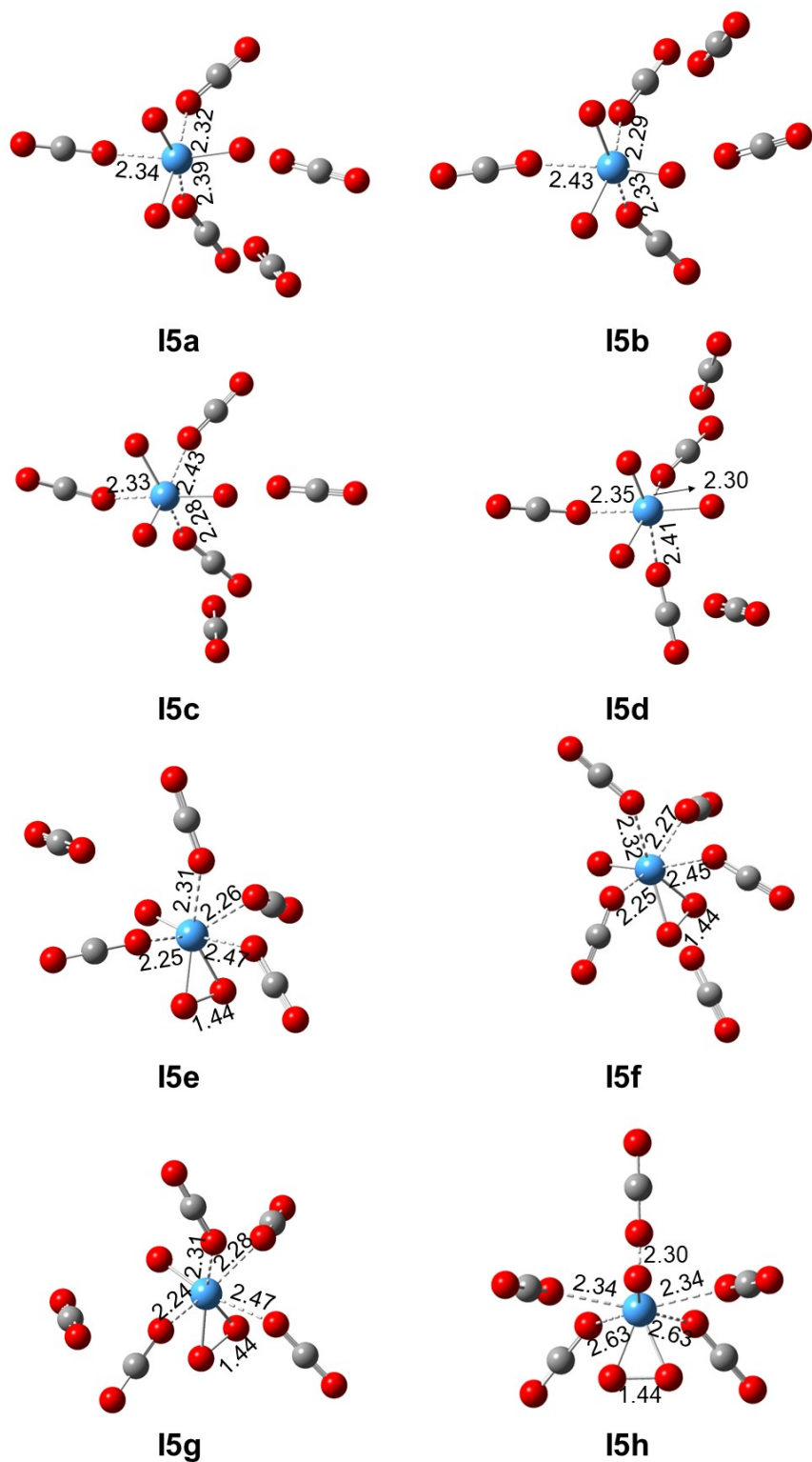
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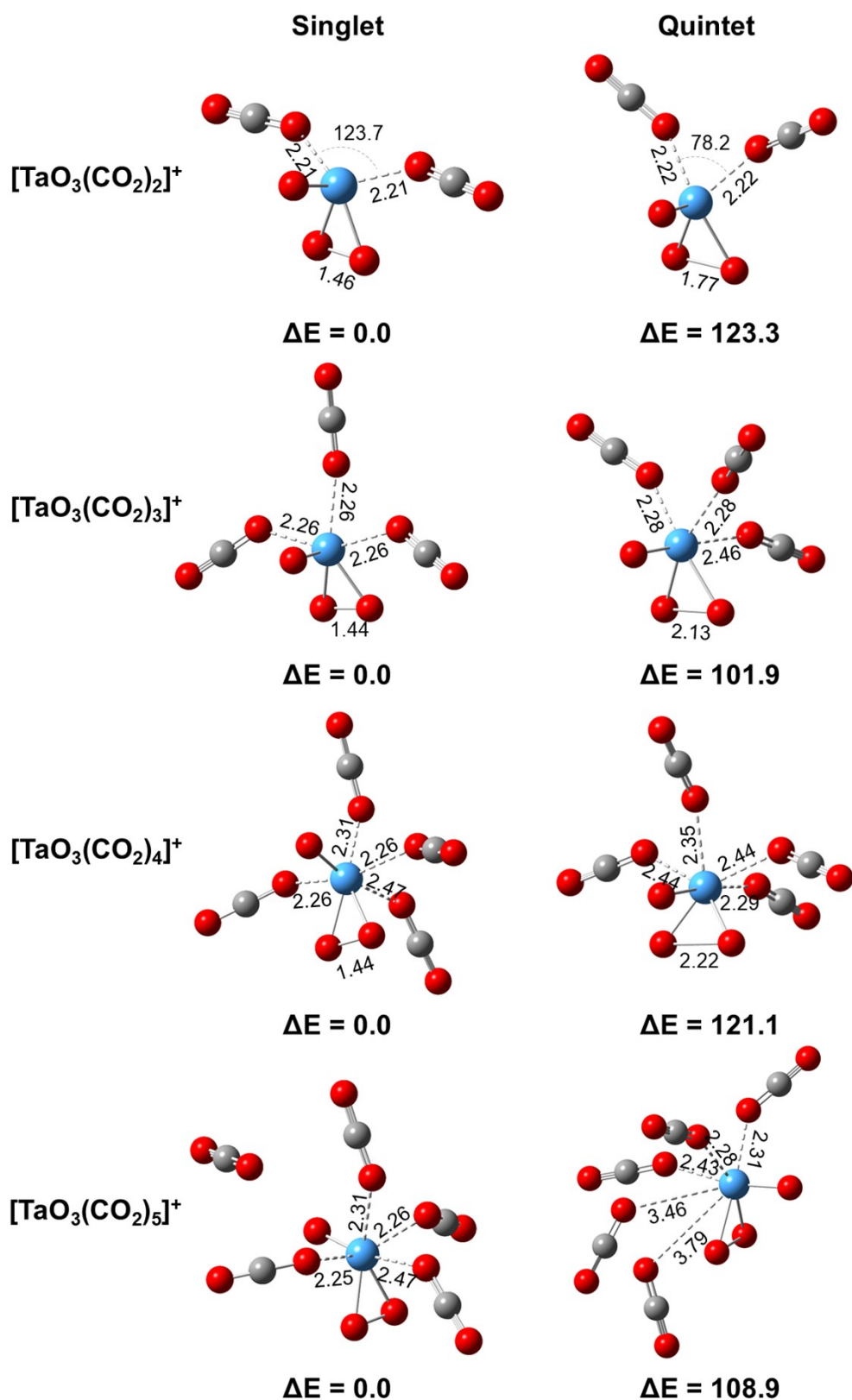
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	Binding energy (kcal/mol)	
	singlet	triplet
TaO <sub>3</sub> (CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>+</sup> -CO <sub>2</sub>	29.5	17.8
TaO <sub>3</sub> (CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> -CO <sub>2</sub>	20.2	15.1
TaO <sub>3</sub> (CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> -CO <sub>2</sub>	12.8	5.8
TaO <sub>3</sub> (CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> -CO <sub>2</sub>	5.6	5.7