

Supplementary Table 4. P^2 and π for Phosphorus-Phosphorus Pairs in P_5S_2X (1)

Molecule			Coupling	Expt.	P^2	π
E_a	E_b	X		Coupling	$\times 10^3$	$\times 10^3$
S	S	Cl	${}^1J(P_A P_B)$	-193.7	4.706	-2.286
S	Se	Cl		-190.3	4.747	-2.404
Se	S	Cl		-194.3	4.830	-2.401
Se	Se	Cl		-191.3	4.914	-2.487
S	S	Br		-191.8	4.665	-2.275
S	Se	Br		-188.4	4.692	-2.399
Se	S	Br		-192.4	4.789	-2.395
Se	Se	Br		-189.3	4.858	-2.478
S	S	Cl	${}^1J(P_A P_E)$	-168.8	4.343	-2.726
S	Se	Cl		-173.4	4.409	-2.609
Se	S	Cl		-169.2	4.489	-2.852
Se	Se	Cl		-173.5	4.556	-2.732
S	S	Br		-169.1	4.251	-2.733
S	Se	Br		-174.0	4.330	-2.611
Se	S	Br		-169.4	4.409	-2.868
Se	Se	Br		-174.4	4.462	-2.742
S	S	Cl	${}^1J(P_B P_E)$	-179.1	4.844	-1.900
S	Se	Cl		-177.4	5.055	-1.890
Se	S	Cl		-184.5	4.886	-1.788
Se	Se	Cl		-182.6	5.098	-1.778
S	S	Br		-173.5	4.692	-1.900
S	Se	Br		-171.1	4.872	-1.896
Se	S	Br		-178.9	4.706	-1.783
Se	Se	Br		-176.8	4.928	-1.786

S	S	Cl	$^1J(\text{P}_\text{C}\text{P}_\text{D})$	-274.9	10.201	-2.853
S	Se	Cl		-282.1	10.241	-3.139
Se	S	Cl		-275.9	10.384	-3.017
Se	Se	Cl		-283.4	10.404	-3.310
S	S	Br		-265.2	9.960	-3.125
S	Se	Br		-272.7	10.000	-3.407
Se	S	Br		-266.1	10.140	-3.288
Se	Se	Br		-273.7	10.161	-3.575
S	S	Cl	$^1J(\text{P}_\text{D}\text{P}_\text{E})$	-396.2	10.983	-4.228
S	Se	Cl		-393.1	10.795	-4.258
Se	S	Cl		-393.7	10.384	-4.724
Se	Se	Cl		-390.8	10.201	-4.752
S	S	Br		-386.0	10.837	-4.379
S	Se	Br		-382.2	10.630	-4.431
Se	S	Br		-383.3	10.241	-4.878
Se	Se	Br		-379.6	10.020	-4.921
S	S	Cl	$^2J(\text{P}_\text{A}\text{P}_\text{C})$	73.5	2.107	4.438
S	Se	Cl		82.7	2.228	4.705
Se	S	Cl		64.3	1.452	3.634
Se	Se	Cl		73.0	1.529	3.844
S	S	Br		73.9	2.153	4.534
S	Se	Br		83.2	2.275	4.797
Se	S	Br		65.0	1.490	3.719
Se	Se	Br		73.5	1.568	3.924

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S	S	Cl	${}^2J(\text{P}_\text{A}\text{P}_\text{D})$	15.3	0.973	2.398
S	Se	Cl		13.6	0.973	2.388
Se	S	Cl		21.3	1.109	2.668
Se	Se	Cl		18.9	1.102	2.636
S	S	Br		15.9	1.011	2.485
S	Se	Br		13.9	1.011	2.474
Se	S	Br		22.1	1.156	2.764
Se	Se	Br		19.8	1.149	2.726
S	S	Cl	${}^2J(\text{P}_\text{B}\text{P}_\text{C})$	59.5	1.858	3.959
S	Se	Cl		50.3	1.267	3.239
Se	S	Cl		65.5	1.945	4.149
Se	Se	Cl		55.3	1.325	3.388
S	S	Br		59.5	1.866	3.990
S	Se	Br		50.2	1.274	3.263
Se	S	Br		65.2	1.945	4.166
Se	Se	Br		55.1	1.325	3.406
S	S	Cl	${}^2J(\text{P}_\text{B}\text{P}_\text{D})$	-8.7	0.010	0.136
S	Se	Cl		-12.6	0.021	0.152
Se	S	Cl		-9.7	0.005	0.106
Se	Se	Cl		-13.0	0.014	0.118
S	S	Br		-8.7	0.012	0.150
S	Se	Br		-11.9	0.024	0.170
Se	S	Br		-9.5	0.006	0.118
Se	Se	Br		-12.6	0.016	0.133

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S	S	Cl	${}^2J(\text{PCPE})$	43.5	1.391	3.888
S	Se	Cl		44.1	1.444	4.020
Se	S	Cl		48.6	1.467	4.065
Se	Se	Cl		49.8	1.521	4.199
S	S	Br		44.6	1.505	4.111
S	Se	Br		45.2	1.560	4.252
Se	S	Br		49.4	1.584	4.294
Se	Se	Br		50.7	1.640	4.433

P^2 (Equ. 5) and π (Equ. 6) are for products of coefficients of 3s NAOs obtained from *ab initio* calculations at the RHF/Ahlrichs pTZV level using RHF/Ahlrichs pVDZ geometries. Units of π are Hartree⁻¹; observed coupling constants are in Hz.