

# **The smallest hyperbolic paraboloid hydrocarbon: A high-level ab initio perspective**

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## **S U P P O R T I N G   I N F O R M A T I O N**

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**Table S1.** CCSD(T) energies relative to isomer **1** (in kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>) obtained from G4(MP2) theory for the fourteen C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub> isomers shown in Schemes 1 and 2 and transition structures in Fig 1.

	$\Delta E_e$	$\Delta H_0$	$\Delta H_{298}$
<b>1</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>2</b>	23.2	16.0	25.4
<b>3</b>	33.4	22.8	31.9
<b>5</b>	37.3	26.1	35.8
<b>4</b>	37.4	26.4	36.0
<b>6</b>	60.5	41.9	52.3
<b>7</b>	60.6	42.4	52.6
<b>8</b>	62.9	44.2	54.5
<b>10</b>	58.3	49.1	57.4
<b>9</b>	66.8	47.7	58.5
<b>11</b>	291.6	273.0	287.0
<b>12</b>	293.6	274.4	288.7
<b>13</b>	364.1	360.4	361.8
<b>14</b>	511.4	485.5	500.9
<b>1-TS<sup>a</sup></b>	261.6	246.4	248.1
<b>1-TS<sup>b</sup></b>	76.9	70.7	69.9

<sup>a</sup>Transition structure of **1** for skeletal inversion (see Figure 1b). <sup>a</sup>Transition structure of **1** for  $\pi$ -bond shift (see Figure 1c).

**Table S2.** B3LYP/6-31G(2df,p) optimized structures (Cartesian coordinates in Å)

	<b>1</b>		
C	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
C	1.041606	1.023788	0.554287
C	-1.041606	1.023788	-0.554287
C	-1.041606	-1.023788	0.554287
C	1.041606	-1.023788	-0.554287
C	-0.648396	-2.303202	0.314702
C	2.421173	0.550781	0.384153
C	-2.421173	-0.550781	0.384153
C	0.648396	2.303202	0.314702
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C	-2.421173	0.550781	-0.384153
C	-0.648396	2.303202	-0.314702
C	0.648396	-2.303202	-0.314702
H	-1.283116	3.171408	-0.448390
H	1.283116	3.171408	0.448390
H	3.289262	1.111118	0.708482
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H	1.283116	-3.171408	-0.448390
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H	-3.289262	-1.111118	0.708482
H	-3.289262	1.111118	-0.708482

	<b>2</b>		
C	2.916156	-1.211981	-0.000024
C	4.304611	-1.206731	0.000485
C	5.003837	-0.000484	0.000741
C	4.305199	1.206106	0.000478
C	2.916747	1.212036	-0.000019
C	2.201122	0.000202	-0.000278
H	4.843957	-2.147995	0.000693
H	4.845005	2.147106	0.000692
C	0.784686	0.000559	-0.000693
C	-0.432839	0.000708	-0.000946
H	2.367924	-2.146950	-0.000202
H	2.368971	2.147273	-0.000205
C	-1.780401	0.000371	-0.001052
C	-3.001248	0.000123	-0.000940
C	-4.351595	-0.000021	-0.000504
C	-5.564874	-0.000170	0.000175
H	6.088528	-0.000749	0.001144
C	-7.015064	-0.000320	0.001393
H	-7.410151	-0.002607	1.023762
H	-7.411214	0.885912	-0.507439

H	-7.411036	-0.884380	-0.511339
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C	-3.472109	0.829460	-0.000053
C	-2.081927	0.922194	-0.000032
C	-1.331810	-0.279234	0.000001
H	-3.878236	-2.545110	-0.000003
C	0.083741	-0.241865	0.000029
C	1.301260	-0.206626	0.000073
H	-1.400775	-2.427856	0.000034
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C	3.867611	-0.135801	0.000113
C	5.218791	-0.097080	0.000009
C	6.428525	-0.062092	-0.000111
H	7.489839	-0.031515	-0.000190
H	-5.205708	-0.441094	-0.000058
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C	-1.390606	2.259629	-0.000024
H	-0.745577	2.373895	0.877962
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C	-1.635325	-1.618236	0.001149
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C	0.385693	-0.232974	-0.000692
C	1.598283	-0.124863	-0.000651
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C	2.940490	-0.007448	-0.000403
C	4.155863	0.099265	-0.000054
C	5.502489	0.217571	0.000418
C	6.708064	0.323458	0.000754
H	7.765736	0.416319	0.001165
H	-4.889698	-0.655980	-0.001834
C	-4.085738	1.946088	0.001894
H	-3.480511	2.853926	-0.058168
H	-4.781407	1.947886	-0.844219
H	-4.689836	2.005878	0.914262

H	-1.357082	1.772668	-0.003946
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H	-3.543401	-2.143591	-0.014438
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C	4.300483	0.000022	0.001596
C	5.652264	0.000111	0.002963
C	6.862527	0.000141	0.004218
H	7.924240	-0.000144	0.005280
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H	-5.642182	-0.885786	-0.474060
H	-5.608843	-0.000418	1.050812

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C	1.779232	-0.852871	0.000000
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C	2.366613	1.516869	0.000000
C	3.224406	2.362192	0.000000
H	3.970340	3.117836	0.000000
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H	-2.892288	-4.409591	0.000000
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C	0.000000	1.035720	0.000000
C	1.071688	0.108018	0.000000
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H	-1.219568	-5.353390	0.000000

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H	-0.501020	-3.973667	0.000000
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C	-0.005068	-1.408433	-1.196037
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C	0.000426	0.713682	-0.000000
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H	-0.008684	1.705555	4.484161
C	-0.007041	1.212276	-3.543932
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H	1.055317	-4.006935	0.000000
H	-0.469980	-4.039822	0.886112
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C	4.236041	0.023815	-0.540329
C	3.223433	-0.919193	-0.387874
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C	1.759418	0.783525	0.474366
C	2.770907	1.728237	0.320757
C	4.012361	1.351899	-0.185559
H	3.402039	-1.952618	-0.671132
H	0.790865	1.082384	0.860788
C	0.908106	-1.617463	0.327003
H	1.071293	-2.431625	-0.390834
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H	-7.469220	1.195779	-0.335108
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C	-2.607062	-0.559366	-0.000400
C	-1.274830	-0.394979	-0.000485
C	-0.058203	-0.246121	-0.000553
C	1.269623	-0.085049	-0.000630
C	2.486322	0.061818	-0.000667
C	3.819223	0.223200	-0.000722
C	5.031813	0.353517	-0.000712
C	6.424592	0.564394	-0.000897
H	6.747135	1.604707	-0.004181
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H	7.066838	-1.457210	0.005947
H	8.403372	-0.173889	0.002233
H	-7.191345	-0.285936	0.000399
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H	-4.842854	1.744758	0.001302
H	-6.370791	1.978343	-0.876768
H	-6.370681	1.977365	0.879832

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C	-5.062330	0.533918	-0.002162
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C	-3.663318	0.385143	-0.001949
C	-2.445901	0.304477	-0.001997
C	-1.108019	0.196523	-0.001921
C	0.113668	0.097352	-0.001822
C	1.446742	-0.012162	-0.001694
C	2.668080	-0.113688	-0.001562
C	4.005946	-0.226910	-0.001402
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H	6.979381	-1.506545	-0.008011
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C	0.515895	-0.667916	-0.318415
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C	0.515899	0.667922	-0.318431
C	2.074820	-0.000026	1.505377
H	3.045080	-0.000047	1.996670
H	1.230845	-0.000041	2.190348
C	3.157209	-0.667660	-0.650227
C	3.157173	0.667703	-0.650211
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C	-2.161613	-1.444522	-0.057263
C	-1.020997	-0.716268	-0.198137
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C	-2.161557	1.444527	-0.057241
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C	3.704565	-0.294662	-0.095331
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H	6.713073	-0.704641	-1.096932
H	6.670466	-1.301641	0.541232
H	8.172202	0.690659	0.376684
H	6.833744	1.681493	-0.236484

C	4.927604	-0.368179	-0.091063
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**TS for planarization**

C	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
C	0.000000	1.135560	1.147900
C	0.000000	1.135560	-1.147900
C	-0.000000	-1.135560	-1.147900
C	-0.000000	-1.135560	1.147900
C	0.000000	-2.416882	-0.706120
C	0.000000	0.662528	2.520985
C	-0.000000	-0.662528	-2.520985
C	0.000000	2.416882	0.706120
C	-0.000000	-0.662528	2.520985
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C	0.000000	2.416882	-0.706120
C	-0.000000	-2.416882	0.706120
H	0.000000	3.266878	-1.374750
H	-0.000000	3.266878	1.374750
H	0.000000	1.354629	3.351885
H	-0.000000	-1.354629	3.351885
H	-0.000000	-3.266878	1.374750
H	-0.000000	-3.266878	-1.374750
H	-0.000000	-1.354629	-3.351885
H	0.000000	1.354629	-3.351885

**TS for  $\pi$ -bond shift**

C	0.000000	0.000000	0.238873
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C	-0.000000	-1.471056	0.762428
C	1.392663	-0.000000	-0.436982
C	1.176452	-2.122761	0.291611
C	1.176452	2.122761	0.291611
C	-1.176452	-2.122761	0.291611
C	-1.176452	2.122761	0.291611
C	1.981319	1.276735	-0.454857
C	-1.981319	-1.276735	-0.454857
C	-1.981319	1.276735	-0.454857
C	1.981319	-1.276735	-0.454857
H	-2.983952	1.486918	-0.803551
H	-1.361908	3.181202	0.448383
H	1.361908	3.181202	0.448383
H	2.983952	1.486918	-0.803551
H	2.983952	-1.486918	-0.803551
H	1.361908	-3.181202	0.448383
H	-1.361908	-3.181202	0.448383

H    -2.983952   -1.486918   -0.803551