



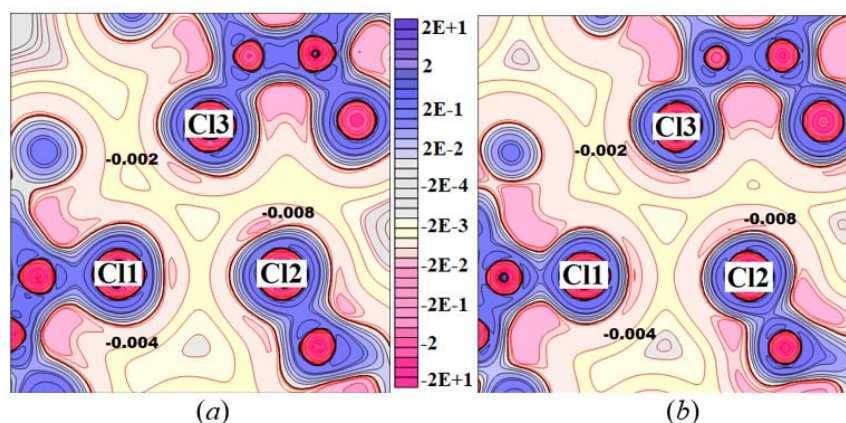
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**VARIATIONS OF QUANTUM ELECTRONIC PRESSURE UNDER THE  
EXTERNAL COMPRESSION IN CRYSTALS WITH HALOGEN BONDS  
ASSEMBLED IN CL<sub>3</sub>, Br<sub>3</sub>, I<sub>3</sub>-SYNTHONS**

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**Figure S1** Contour maps of quantum electronic pressure in the plane of Cl<sub>3</sub>-synthons: reconstruction from (a) experimental electron density (Bui *et al.*, 2009) and (b) the electron density calculated in the present study

**Table S1** Calculated cell parameters and volumes for the C<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>6</sub> и C<sub>6</sub>I<sub>6</sub> crystals under external compression

| External Compression<br>(GPa)      | a (Å) | b (Å) | c (Å)  | β (°)  | Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> ) |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------------------------|
| <b>C<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub></b> |       |       |        |        |                          |
| 0                                  | 8.026 | 3.711 | 14.725 | 92.248 | 438.2                    |
| 1                                  | 7.888 | 3.601 | 14.450 | 92.703 | 410.1                    |
| 5                                  | 7.637 | 3.384 | 13.958 | 93.534 | 360.1                    |
| 10                                 | 7.472 | 3.249 | 13.641 | 94.061 | 330.3                    |
| 20                                 | 7.267 | 3.094 | 13.265 | 94.623 | 297.2                    |
| <b>C<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>6</sub></b> |       |       |        |        |                          |
| 0                                  | 8.367 | 3.908 | 15.277 | 92.785 | 499.0                    |
| 1                                  | 8.234 | 3.786 | 15.009 | 93.312 | 467.2                    |
| 5                                  | 7.988 | 3.540 | 14.560 | 93.914 | 410.8                    |
| 10                                 | 7.834 | 3.391 | 14.250 | 94.369 | 377.5                    |
| 20                                 | 7.637 | 3.225 | 13.868 | 94.828 | 340.4                    |
| <b>C<sub>6</sub>I<sub>6</sub></b>  |       |       |        |        |                          |
| 0                                  | 8.820 | 4.131 | 16.132 | 93.521 | 586.7                    |
| 1                                  | 8.730 | 4.016 | 15.965 | 93.686 | 558.6                    |
| 5                                  | 8.537 | 3.778 | 15.515 | 94.302 | 498.9                    |
| 10                                 | 8.382 | 3.631 | 15.196 | 94.664 | 461.0                    |
| 20                                 | 8.182 | 3.450 | 14.741 | 95.212 | 414.4                    |

**Table S2** Experimental (HCLBNZ13 (Bui *et al.*, 2009), HBRBEN03 (Brezgunova *et al.*, 2012), HIBENZ11 (Ghosh *et al.*, 2007)) and calculated values of bond lengths in the C<sub>6</sub>Hal<sub>6</sub> crystals; calculated and experimental electron density (Bui *et al.*, 2009) and quantum electronic pressure at bcp and rcp obtained from the calculated and experimental (Bui *et al.*, 2009) data.

| Bond                         | $\rho(r_{\text{bcp}})$<br>(a.u.) | QEP( $r_{\text{bcp}}$ )<br>(a.u.) | Bond lengths, l<br>(Å) |         |       |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------|-------|
| Halogen bond Cl...Cl         |                                  |                                   |                        |         |       |
| Calculated                   | 0.006                            | -0.003                            | Cl...Cl                | Br...Br | I...I |
| Experimental                 | 0.008                            | -0.003                            | 3.476                  | 3.559   | 3.671 |
| Covalent bond C-Cl           |                                  |                                   |                        |         |       |
| Calculated                   | 0.211                            | 0.097                             | C-Cl                   | C-Br    | C-I   |
| Experimental                 | 0.208                            | 0.127                             | 3.447                  | 3.541   | 3.704 |
| Covalent bond C-C            |                                  |                                   |                        |         |       |
| Calculated                   | 0.307                            | 0.221                             | 1.713                  | 1.880   | 2.119 |
| Experimental                 | 0.310                            | 0.324                             | 1.712                  | 1.869   | 2.104 |
| <b>Stacking interactions</b> |                                  |                                   |                        |         |       |
| Cl...Cl                      |                                  |                                   |                        |         |       |
| Calculated                   | 0.005                            | -0.002                            | Cl...Cl                | Br...Br | I...I |
| Experimental                 | 0.005                            | -0.002                            | 3.711                  | 3.908   | 4.131 |
| (3, +1)                      |                                  | $\rho(r_{\text{rep}})$            | 3.763                  | 3.933   | 4.225 |
| Cl <sub>3</sub> -synthon     |                                  |                                   |                        |         |       |
| Calculated                   |                                  | 0.002                             |                        | -0.001  |       |
| Experimental                 |                                  | 0.003                             |                        | -0.001  |       |
| Benzene ring C <sub>6</sub>  |                                  |                                   |                        |         |       |
| Calculated                   |                                  | 0.019                             |                        | -0.020  |       |
| Experimental                 |                                  | 0.022                             |                        | -0.016  |       |

**Table S3** Calculated characteristic of the electron density and quantum electronic pressure at bcp (3, -1) for the C<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> crystal

| Bond                               | External Pressure (GPa) | $\rho(r_{\text{bcp}})$ (a.u.) | $\nabla^2\rho(r_{\text{bcp}})$ (a.u.) | $g(r_{\text{bcp}})$ (a.u.) | QEP( $r_{\text{bcp}}$ ) (a.u.) | Bond lengths, l (Å) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cl <sub>1</sub> ...Cl <sub>2</sub> | 0                       | 0.006                         | 0.025                                 | 0.005                      | -0.003                         | 3.476               |
|                                    | 1                       | 0.008                         | 0.034                                 | 0.007                      | -0.004                         | 3.337               |
|                                    | 5                       | 0.013                         | 0.055                                 | 0.011                      | -0.007                         | 3.108               |
|                                    | 10                      | 0.018                         | 0.070                                 | 0.016                      | -0.008                         | 2.977               |
|                                    | 20                      | 0.024                         | 0.092                                 | 0.021                      | -0.010                         | 2.834               |
| Cl <sub>2</sub> ...Cl <sub>3</sub> | 0                       | 0.005                         | 0.024                                 | 0.004                      | -0.003                         | 3.498               |
|                                    | 1                       | 0.008                         | 0.033                                 | 0.006                      | -0.004                         | 3.345               |
|                                    | 5                       | 0.013                         | 0.054                                 | 0.011                      | -0.007                         | 3.103               |
|                                    | 10                      | 0.017                         | 0.071                                 | 0.016                      | -0.008                         | 2.970               |
|                                    | 20                      | 0.024                         | 0.093                                 | 0.022                      | -0.010                         | 2.828               |
| Cl <sub>1</sub> ...Cl <sub>3</sub> | 0                       | 0.004                         | 0.015                                 | 0.003                      | -0.002                         | 3.705               |
|                                    | 1                       | 0.005                         | 0.022                                 | 0.004                      | -0.003                         | 3.537               |
|                                    | 5                       | 0.010                         | 0.041                                 | 0.008                      | -0.005                         | 3.249               |
|                                    | 10                      | 0.014                         | 0.058                                 | 0.012                      | -0.007                         | 3.081               |
|                                    | 20                      | 0.021                         | 0.082                                 | 0.019                      | -0.009                         | 2.897               |
| C-Cl                               | 0                       | 0.211                         | -0.316                                | 0.073                      | 0.097                          | 1.713               |
|                                    | 1                       | 0.212                         | -0.320                                | 0.074                      | 0.098                          | 1.710               |
|                                    | 5                       | 0.216                         | -0.336                                | 0.076                      | 0.103                          | 1.701               |
|                                    | 10                      | 0.220                         | -0.352                                | 0.078                      | 0.107                          | 1.693               |
|                                    | 20                      | 0.227                         | -0.379                                | 0.082                      | 0.115                          | 1.679               |
| C-C                                | 0                       | 0.307                         | -0.823                                | 0.100                      | 0.221                          | 1.401               |
|                                    | 1                       | 0.308                         | -0.827                                | 0.100                      | 0.222                          | 1.400               |
|                                    | 5                       | 0.311                         | -0.841                                | 0.102                      | 0.226                          | 1.396               |
|                                    | 10                      | 0.313                         | -0.856                                | 0.103                      | 0.230                          | 1.391               |
|                                    | 20                      | 0.318                         | -0.883                                | 0.106                      | 0.238                          | 1.383               |
| Cl...Cl <sub>inter</sub>           | 0                       | 0.005                         | 0.018                                 | 0.003                      | -0.002                         | 3.711               |
|                                    | 1                       | 0.006                         | 0.023                                 | 0.004                      | -0.003                         | 3.601               |
|                                    | 5                       | 0.010                         | 0.036                                 | 0.007                      | -0.005                         | 3.384               |
|                                    | 10                      | 0.013                         | 0.048                                 | 0.010                      | -0.006                         | 3.249               |
|                                    | 20                      | 0.017                         | 0.065                                 | 0.014                      | -0.008                         | 3.094               |

**Table S4** Calculated characteristics of the electron density and quantum electronic pressure at rcp (3, +1) for the C<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> crystal

| Ring            | External Compression<br>(GPa) | $\rho(r_{\text{rcp}})$ (a.u.) | $\nabla^2\rho(r_{\text{rcp}})$ (a.u.) | $g(r_{\text{bcp}})$ (a.u.) | QEP( $r_{\text{rcp}}$ )<br>(a.u.) |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Cl <sub>3</sub> | 0                             | 0.002                         | 0.008                                 | 0.001                      | -0.001                            |
|                 | 1                             | 0.003                         | 0.013                                 | 0.002                      | -0.002                            |
|                 | 5                             | 0.006                         | 0.025                                 | 0.005                      | -0.003                            |
|                 | 10                            | 0.008                         | 0.037                                 | 0.007                      | -0.005                            |
|                 | 20                            | 0.012                         | 0.056                                 | 0.012                      | -0.007                            |
| C <sub>6</sub>  | 0                             | 0.019                         | 0.150                                 | 0.029                      | -0.020                            |
|                 | 1                             | 0.020                         | 0.152                                 | 0.029                      | -0.020                            |
|                 | 5                             | 0.020                         | 0.156                                 | 0.030                      | -0.020                            |
|                 | 10                            | 0.021                         | 0.160                                 | 0.031                      | -0.021                            |
|                 | 20                            | 0.022                         | 0.168                                 | 0.033                      | -0.022                            |

**Table S5** Calculated characteristics of the electron density and quantum electronic pressure at bcp (3, -1) for the C<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>6</sub> crystal

| Bond                               | External Pressure (GPa) | $\rho(r_{\text{bcp}})$ (a.u.) | $\nabla^2\rho(r_{\text{bcp}})$ (a.u.) | $g(r_{\text{bcp}})$ (a.u.) | QEP( $r_{\text{bcp}}$ ) (a.u.) | Bond lengths, $l$ (Å) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Br <sub>1</sub> ...Br <sub>2</sub> | 0                       | 0.008                         | 0.026                                 | 0.005                      | -0.003                         | 3.559                 |
|                                    | 1                       | 0.010                         | 0.033                                 | 0.007                      | -0.004                         | 3.431                 |
|                                    | 5                       | 0.016                         | 0.048                                 | 0.011                      | -0.006                         | 3.216                 |
|                                    | 10                      | 0.020                         | 0.059                                 | 0.014                      | -0.007                         | 3.091                 |
|                                    | 20                      | 0.027                         | 0.073                                 | 0.019                      | -0.008                         | 2.959                 |
| Br <sub>2</sub> ...Br <sub>3</sub> | 0                       | 0.004                         | 0.016                                 | 0.003                      | 0.038                          | 3.587                 |
|                                    | 1                       | 0.006                         | 0.022                                 | 0.004                      | -0.003                         | 3.435                 |
|                                    | 5                       | 0.012                         | 0.037                                 | 0.008                      | -0.005                         | 3.210                 |
|                                    | 10                      | 0.016                         | 0.050                                 | 0.011                      | -0.006                         | 3.086                 |
|                                    | 20                      | 0.024                         | 0.067                                 | 0.016                      | -0.008                         | 2.953                 |
| Br <sub>1</sub> ...Br <sub>3</sub> | 0                       | 0.007                         | 0.024                                 | 0.005                      | -0.003                         | 3.834                 |
|                                    | 1                       | 0.010                         | 0.032                                 | 0.007                      | -0.004                         | 3.654                 |
|                                    | 5                       | 0.016                         | 0.048                                 | 0.011                      | -0.006                         | 3.356                 |
|                                    | 10                      | 0.020                         | 0.060                                 | 0.014                      | -0.007                         | 3.193                 |
|                                    | 20                      | 0.027                         | 0.075                                 | 0.019                      | -0.008                         | 3.017                 |
| C-Br                               | 0                       | 0.164                         | -0.152                                | 0.063                      | 0.058                          | 1.880                 |
|                                    | 1                       | 0.165                         | -0.154                                | 0.064                      | 0.059                          | 1.877                 |
|                                    | 5                       | 0.168                         | -0.158                                | 0.067                      | 0.061                          | 1.867                 |
|                                    | 10                      | 0.171                         | -0.163                                | 0.070                      | 0.064                          | 1.857                 |
|                                    | 20                      | 0.178                         | -0.170                                | 0.076                      | 0.069                          | 1.838                 |
| C-C                                | 0                       | 0.305                         | -0.809                                | 0.101                      | 0.219                          | 1.402                 |
|                                    | 1                       | 0.306                         | -0.813                                | 0.101                      | 0.220                          | 1.401                 |
|                                    | 5                       | 0.309                         | -0.827                                | 0.103                      | 0.224                          | 1.397                 |
|                                    | 10                      | 0.312                         | -0.843                                | 0.105                      | 0.229                          | 1.391                 |
|                                    | 20                      | 0.317                         | -0.874                                | 0.108                      | 0.238                          | 1.382                 |
| Br...Br <sub>inter</sub>           | 0                       | 0.005                         | 0.018                                 | 0.003                      | -0.002                         | 3.908                 |
|                                    | 1                       | 0.007                         | 0.022                                 | 0.004                      | -0.003                         | 3.786                 |
|                                    | 5                       | 0.011                         | 0.033                                 | 0.007                      | -0.004                         | 3.540                 |
|                                    | 10                      | 0.014                         | 0.042                                 | 0.010                      | -0.005                         | 3.391                 |
|                                    | 20                      | 0.020                         | 0.055                                 | 0.014                      | -0.006                         | 3.225                 |

**Table S6** Calculated characteristics of the electron density and quantum electronic pressure at rcp (3, +1) for the C<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>6</sub> crystal

| Ring            | External<br>Compression<br>(GPa) | $\rho(r_{\text{rcp}})$ (a.u.) | $\nabla^2\rho(r_{\text{rcp}})$ (a.u.) | $g(r_{\text{rcp}})$ (a.u.) | QEP( $r_{\text{rcp}}$ ) (a.u.) |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Br <sub>3</sub> | 0                                | 0.003                         | 0.010                                 | 0.002                      | -0.001                         |
|                 | 1                                | 0.004                         | 0.015                                 | 0.003                      | -0.002                         |
|                 | 5                                | 0.007                         | 0.026                                 | 0.005                      | -0.003                         |
|                 | 10                               | 0.010                         | 0.036                                 | 0.007                      | -0.004                         |
|                 | 20                               | 0.014                         | 0.050                                 | 0.011                      | -0.006                         |
| C <sub>6</sub>  | 0                                | 0.020                         | 0.151                                 | 0.029                      | -0.020                         |
|                 | 1                                | 0.020                         | 0.153                                 | 0.029                      | -0.020                         |
|                 | 5                                | 0.021                         | 0.157                                 | 0.030                      | -0.020                         |
|                 | 10                               | 0.021                         | 0.162                                 | 0.031                      | -0.021                         |
|                 | 20                               | 0.022                         | 0.171                                 | 0.033                      | -0.022                         |

**Table S7** Calculated characteristics of the electron density and quantum electronic pressure at bcp (3,-1) for the C<sub>6</sub>I<sub>6</sub> crystal

| Bond                             | External<br>Pressure (GPa) | $\rho(r_{\text{bcp}})$<br>(a.u.) | $\nabla^2\rho(r_{\text{bcp}})$<br>(a.u.) | $g(r_{\text{bcp}})$<br>(a.u.) | QEP( $r_{\text{bcp}}$ )<br>(a.u.) | Bond lengths, l<br>(Å) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| I <sub>1</sub> ...I <sub>2</sub> | 0                          | 0.012                            | 0.028                                    | 0.006                         | -0.003                            | 3.671                  |
|                                  | 1                          | 0.014                            | 0.031                                    | 0.007                         | -0.004                            | 3.592                  |
|                                  | 5                          | 0.020                            | 0.040                                    | 0.010                         | -0.004                            | 3.403                  |
|                                  | 10                         | 0.025                            | 0.046                                    | 0.013                         | -0.005                            | 3.289                  |
|                                  | 20                         | 0.032                            | 0.052                                    | 0.016                         | -0.005                            | 3.166                  |
| I <sub>2</sub> ...I <sub>3</sub> | 0                          | 0.012                            | 0.027                                    | 0.006                         | -0.003                            | 3.673                  |
|                                  | 1                          | 0.014                            | 0.031                                    | 0.007                         | -0.004                            | 3.587                  |
|                                  | 5                          | 0.020                            | 0.040                                    | 0.010                         | -0.005                            | 3.399                  |
|                                  | 10                         | 0.025                            | 0.047                                    | 0.013                         | -0.005                            | 3.284                  |
|                                  | 20                         | 0.032                            | 0.055                                    | 0.017                         | -0.005                            | 3.159                  |
| I <sub>1</sub> ...I <sub>3</sub> | 0                          | 0.008                            | 0.020                                    | 0.004                         | -0.003                            | 3.901                  |
|                                  | 1                          | 0.010                            | 0.024                                    | 0.005                         | -0.003                            | 3.777                  |
|                                  | 5                          | 0.015                            | 0.034                                    | 0.008                         | -0.004                            | 3.542                  |
|                                  | 10                         | 0.021                            | 0.041                                    | 0.011                         | -0.005                            | 3.390                  |
|                                  | 20                         | 0.028                            | 0.051                                    | 0.015                         | -0.005                            | 3.220                  |
| C-I                              | 0                          | 0.118                            | 0.014                                    | 0.062                         | 0.023                             | 2.119                  |
|                                  | 1                          | 0.119                            | 0.014                                    | 0.063                         | 0.024                             | 2.114                  |

|                        |    |       |        |       |        |       |
|------------------------|----|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|                        | 5  | 0.122 | 0.016  | 0.066 | 0.025  | 2.101 |
|                        | 10 | 0.125 | 0.018  | 0.070 | 0.027  | 2.086 |
|                        | 20 | 0.131 | 0.022  | 0.078 | 0.030  | 2.060 |
| C–C                    | 0  | 0.301 | −0.784 | 0.101 | 0.213  | 1.406 |
|                        | 1  | 0.302 | −0.788 | 0.101 | 0.215  | 1.405 |
|                        | 5  | 0.305 | −0.805 | 0.103 | 0.220  | 1.399 |
|                        | 10 | 0.309 | −0.825 | 0.106 | 0.225  | 1.392 |
|                        | 20 | 0.315 | −0.861 | 0.110 | 0.236  | 1.381 |
| I...I <sub>inter</sub> | 0  | 0.007 | 0.017  | 0.004 | −0.002 | 4.131 |
|                        | 1  | 0.009 | 0.020  | 0.004 | −0.002 | 4.016 |
|                        | 5  | 0.013 | 0.028  | 0.007 | −0.003 | 3.778 |
|                        | 10 | 0.016 | 0.034  | 0.009 | −0.004 | 3.631 |
|                        | 20 | 0.022 | 0.044  | 0.012 | −0.004 | 3.450 |

**Table S8** Calculated characteristics of the electron density and quantum electronic pressure at rcp (3, +1) for the C<sub>6</sub>I<sub>6</sub> crystal

| Ring           | External<br>Compression<br>(GPa) | $\rho(\mathbf{r}_{\text{rcp}})$ (a.u.) | $\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r}_{\text{rcp}})$ (a.u.) | $g(\mathbf{r}_{\text{bcp}})$ (a.u.) | QEP( $\mathbf{r}_{\text{rcp}}$ ) (a.u.) |
|----------------|----------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| I <sub>3</sub> | 0                                | 0.005                                  | 0.014  | 0.003                               | −0.002                                  |
|                | 1                                | 0.006                                  | 0.017  | 0.003                               | −0.002                                  |
|                | 5                                | 0.010                                  | 0.026  | 0.006                               | −0.003                                  |
|                | 10                               | 0.013                                  | 0.034  | 0.008                               | −0.004                                  |
|                | 20                               | 0.017                                  | 0.045  | 0.011                               | −0.005                                  |
| C <sub>6</sub> | 0                                | 0.020                                  | 0.152  | 0.029                               | −0.020                                  |
|                | 1                                | 0.021                                  | 0.153  | 0.030                               | −0.020                                  |
|                | 5                                | 0.021                                  | 0.159  | 0.031                               | −0.021                                  |
|                | 10                               | 0.022                                  | 0.165  | 0.032                               | −0.021                                  |
|                | 20                               | 0.023                                  | 0.177  | 0.035                               | −0.023                                  |

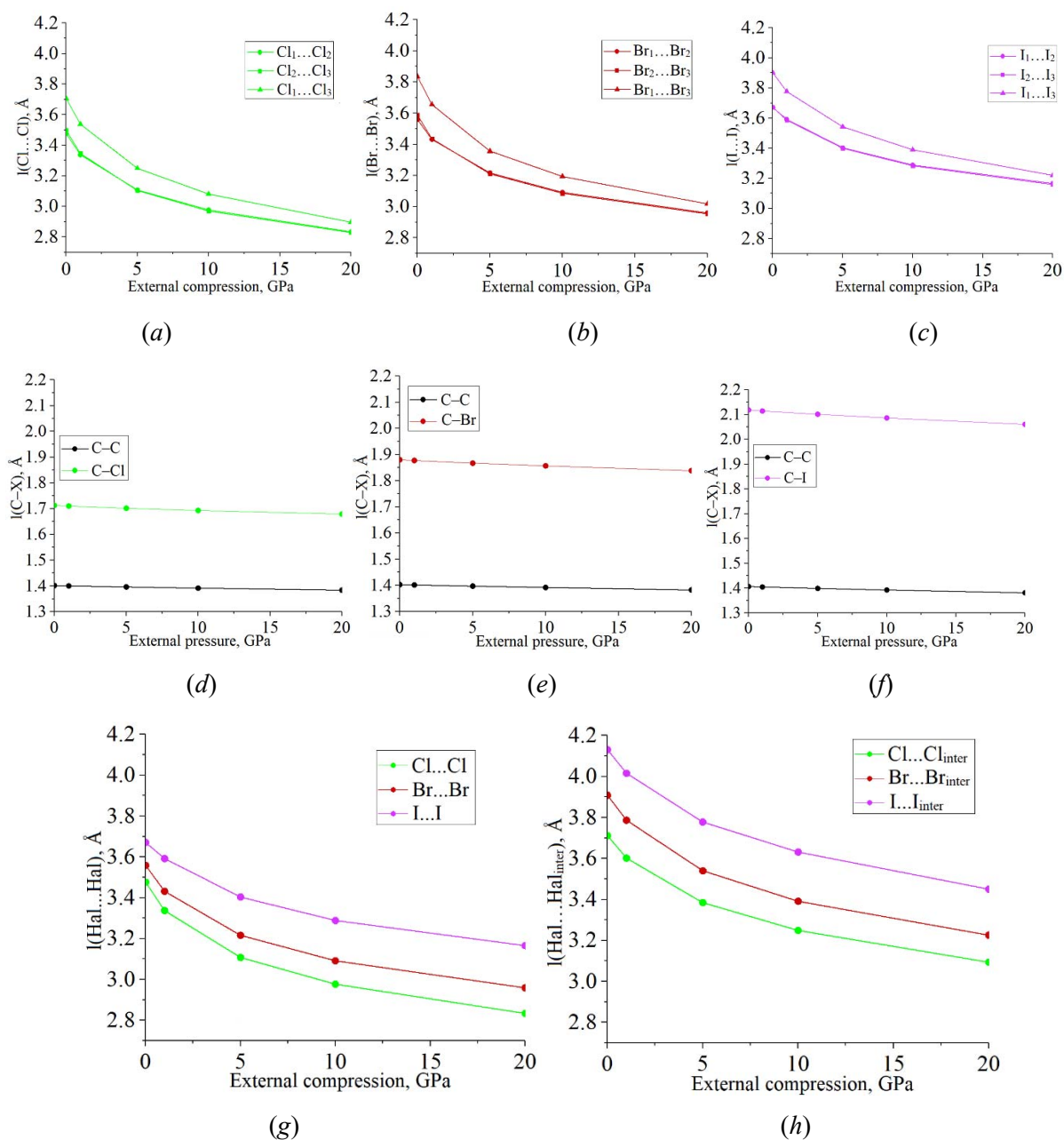


**Table S9** Bulk moduli, calculated from stiffness tensor in ELATE (<https://github.com/fxcoudert/elate>) (Gaillac *et al.*, 2016; Gaillac & Coudert, 2016) and by the 3<sup>rd</sup> order Birch-Murnaghan equation in PASCAL (<http://pascal.chem.ox.ac.uk/>) (Cliffe & Goodwin, 2012) in comparison with experimentally observed bulk moduli for C<sub>6</sub>Hal<sub>6</sub> crystals

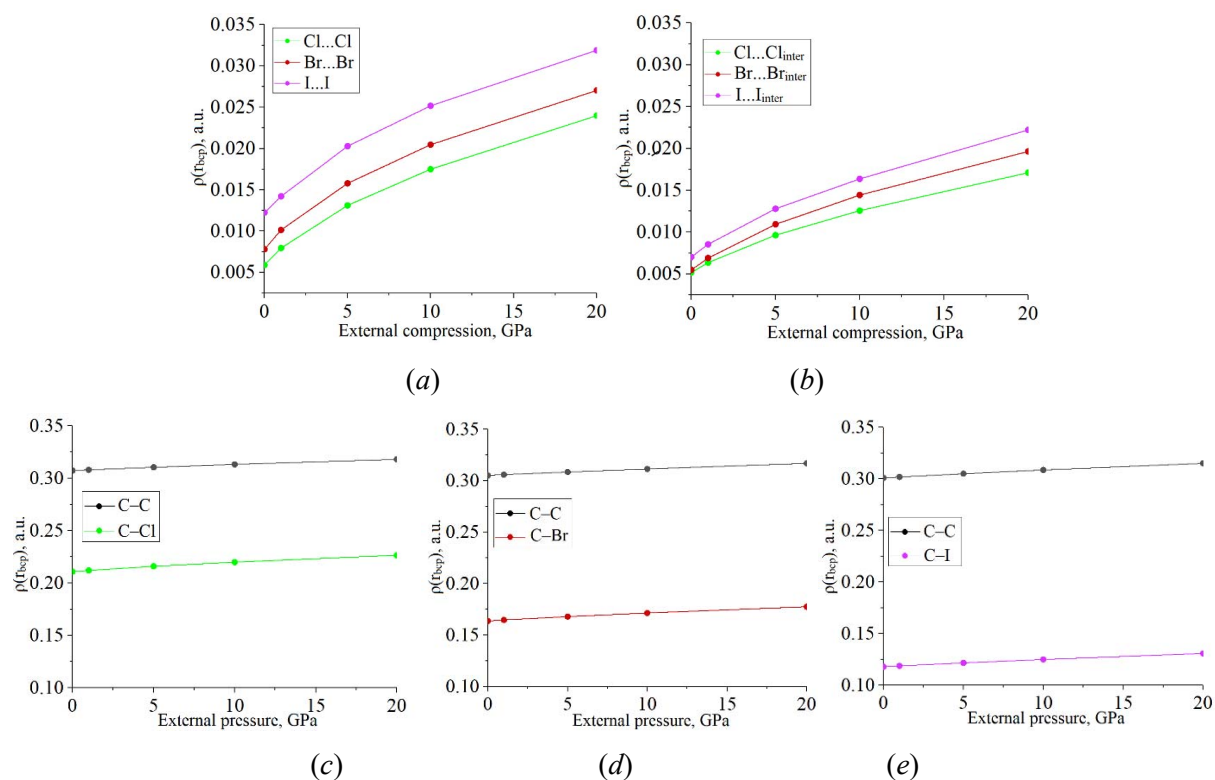
| Crystal                        | Calculated bulk moduli           |                                  | Experimentally observed bulk moduli, B <sub>0</sub> (GPa) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
|                                | B <sup>E</sup> , this work (GPa) | B <sup>P</sup> , this work (GPa) |   |
|                                | ELATE                            | PASCAL                           |   |
| C <sub>6</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> | 11.3                             | 11.6                             | 8.4<br>(Vaidya & Kennedy, 1971)                           |
| C <sub>6</sub> Br <sub>6</sub> | 12.2                             | 11.3                             | 9.1<br>(Vaidya & Kennedy, 1971)                           |
| C <sub>6</sub> I <sub>6</sub>  | 17.3                             | 19.0                             | 10.3<br>(Nakayama <i>et al.</i> , 2000)                   |
|                                | 17.2<br>(Tateyama & Ohno, 2002)  |                                  | 14.4<br>(Tateyama & Ohno, 2002)                           |

**Table S10** Calculated values of the quantum electronic pressure differences between the halogen bonds and the centres of Hal<sub>3</sub>-synthons ( $\Delta_{\text{Hal3}} = \text{QEP}(\mathbf{r}_{\text{rcp}}) - \text{QEP}(\mathbf{r}_{\text{bcp}})$ ) and between the Hal...Hal stacking interaction and the centres of Hal<sub>3</sub>-synthons ( $\Delta_{\text{Hal}} = \text{QEP}(\mathbf{r}_{\text{rcp}}) - \text{QEP}(\mathbf{r}_{\text{bcp}})$ ) at cp for the C<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>6</sub>, and C<sub>6</sub>I<sub>6</sub> crystals

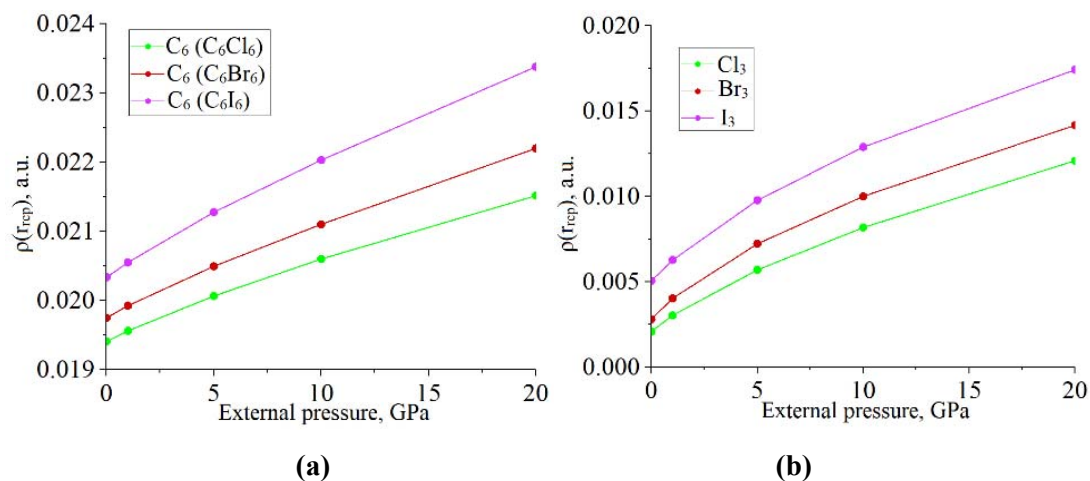
| External compression<br>(GPa) | $\Delta_{\text{Hal3}}$<br>(a.u.) | $\Delta_{\text{Hal}}$<br>(a.u.) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                               | C <sub>6</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub>   |                                 |
| 0                             | 0.00224                          | 0.00126                         |
| 1                             | 0.00272                          | 0.00130                         |
| 5                             | 0.00338                          | 0.00126                         |
| 10                            | 0.00350                          | 0.00107                         |
| 20                            | 0.00327                          | 0.00065                         |
|                               | C <sub>6</sub> Br <sub>6</sub>   |                                 |
| 0                             | 0.00193                          | 0.00091                         |
| 1                             | 0.00214                          | 0.00081                         |
| 5                             | 0.00238                          | 0.00062                         |
| 10                            | 0.00234                          | 0.00038                         |
| 20                            | 0.00194                          | 0.00003                         |
|                               | C <sub>6</sub> I <sub>6</sub>    |                                 |
| 0                             | 0.00153                          | 0.00020                         |
| 1                             | 0.00146                          | 0.00015                         |
| 5                             | 0.00113                          | 0.00006                         |
| 10                            | 0.00057                          | 0.00031                         |
| 20                            | -0.00053                         | 0.00069                         |



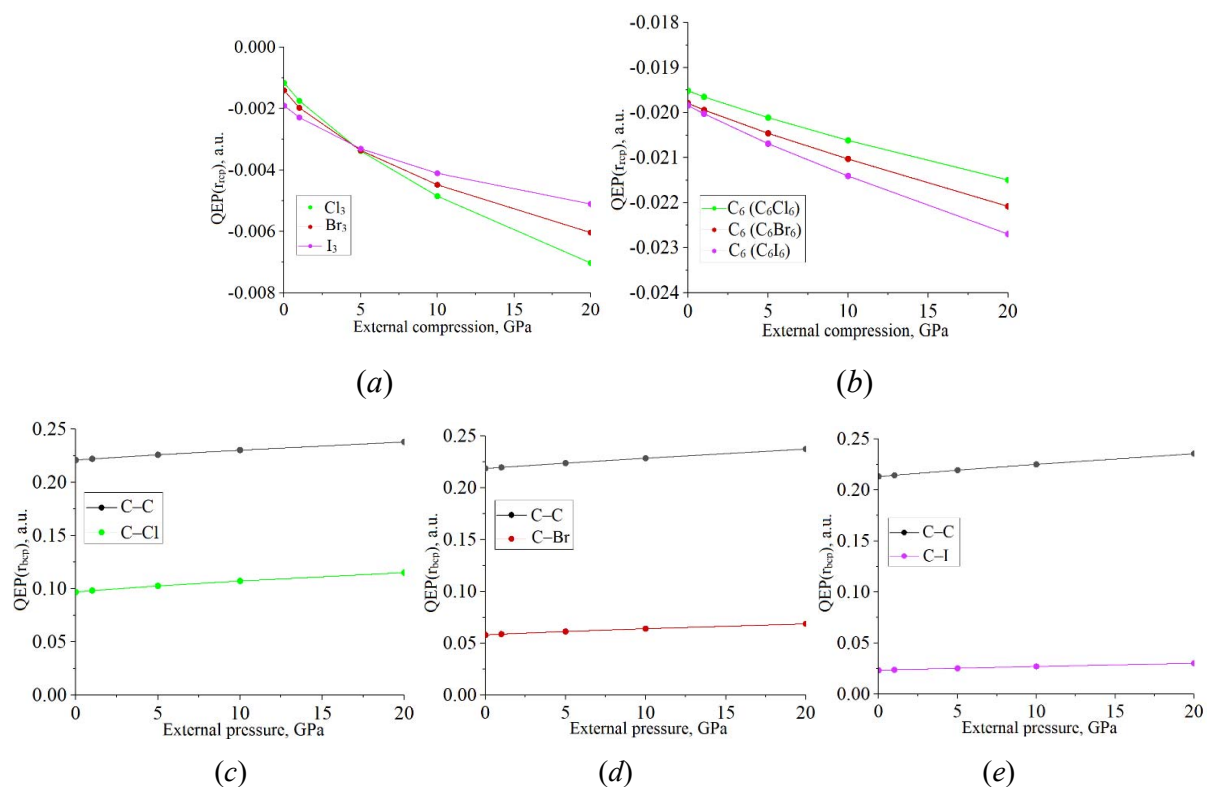
**Figure S2** Changing of bond length under the external compression for (a) the Cl<sub>3</sub> halogen bonds, (b) the Br<sub>3</sub> halogen bonds, (c) the I<sub>3</sub> halogen bonds, and covalent bonds in (d) C<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>, (e) C<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>6</sub> and (f) C<sub>6</sub>I<sub>6</sub> crystals; comparison of the strongest halogen bond in Hal<sub>3</sub>-synthon (g) with the strongest Hal...Hal stacking interactions (h)



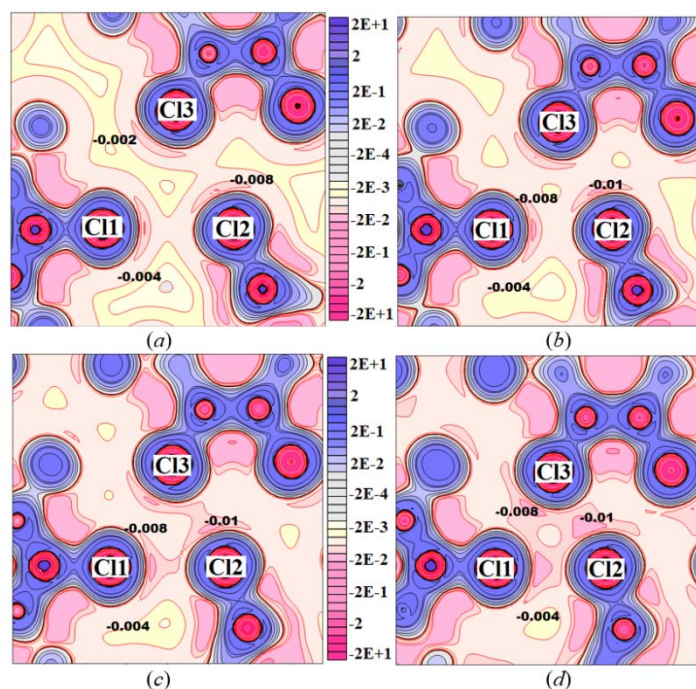
**Figure S3** Changing of the electron density at bcp of (a) halogen bonds and (b) Hal...Hal stacking interactions, covalent bonds in (c) C<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>, (d) C<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>6</sub> and (e) C<sub>6</sub>I<sub>6</sub> crystals under the external compression



**Figure S4** Changing of the electron density values  $\rho(r_{\text{rep}})$  of the (a) benzene ring C<sub>6</sub> and (b) Hal<sub>3</sub>-synthon under the external compression

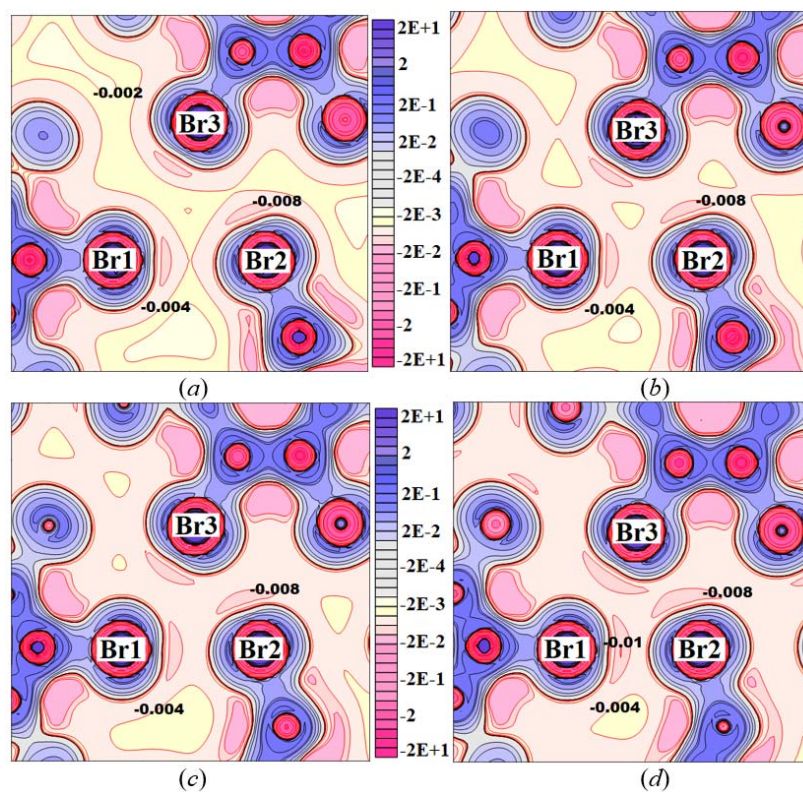


**Figure S5** Changing of the quantum electronic pressure  $QEP(r_{bc})$  of the covalent bonds in (a) Hal<sub>3</sub>-synthons, b) benzene rings C<sub>6</sub>, covalent bonds in (c) C<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>, (d) C<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>6</sub>, and (e) C<sub>6</sub>I<sub>6</sub> crystals under external compression

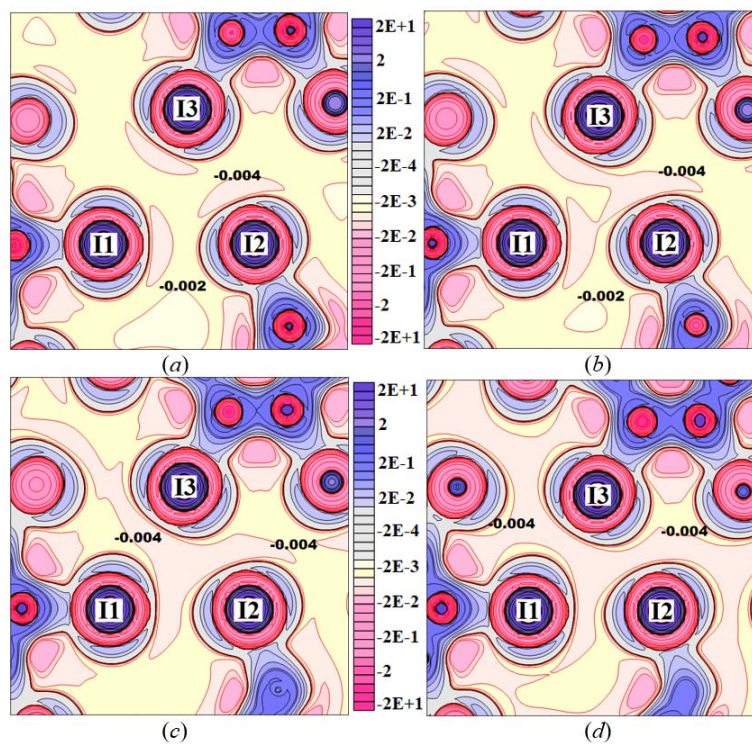


**Figure S6** Contour maps of quantum electronic pressure  $QEP(\mathbf{r})$  in the plane of Cl<sub>3</sub>-synthons under (a) 1 GPa, (b) 5 GPa, (c) 10 GPa, and (d) 20 GPa external compression in the C<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> crystal





**Figure S7** Contour maps of quantum electronic pressure QEP( $\mathbf{r}$ ) in the plane of Br<sub>3</sub>-synthons under (a) 1 GPa, (b) 5 GPa, (c) 10 GPa, and (d) 20 GPa external compression in the C<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>6</sub> crystal



**Figure S8** Contour maps of quantum electronic pressure QEP( $\mathbf{r}$ ) in the plane of I<sub>3</sub>-synthons under (a) 1 GPa, (b) 5 GPa, (c) 10 GPa, and (d) 20 GPa external compression in the C<sub>6</sub>I<sub>6</sub> crystal