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The X-ray constrained wavefunction of the $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4\{(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{P}-\text{S}-\text{C}(\text{Br}_2)-\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\}]\text{Br}$ complex: A theoretical and experimental study of dihalogen bonds and other non-covalent interactions

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S1. Synthesis and crystallization of $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4(\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2)_2\text{SCBr}_2]\text{Br}$

To a solution of the complex $[(\text{CO})_4\text{Mn}\{(\text{Ph}_2\text{P})_2\text{C-S}_2\text{-C}(\text{PPh}_2)_2\}\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4]$ (30 mg, 0.026 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL), a solution of Br_2 in CH_2Cl_2 (5.3 mL, 0.1 M, 0.53 mmol) was added under continuous stirring. The resulting mixture was stirred for 0.5 h. The solution was then filtered and the solvent eliminated to dryness under vacuum. The residue was washed with diethyl ether (3 x 5 mL) to yield a yellow solid. Yield: 27 mg (63 %).

Crystals suitable for an X-ray study were obtained by slow diffusion of hexane into a dichloromethane solution of the compound, although most of the crystals obtained were twinned and then discarded for the X-ray study.

S2 Spectroscopic data of $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4(\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2)_2\text{SCBr}_2]\text{Br}$

IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1} , $\nu(\text{CO})$): 2103 (s), 2041 (s), 2029 (vs), 2020 (sh).

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2): δ 113.2 (br, PSC), 137.1 (br, PCBr_2).

S3. X-ray structure determination of $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4(\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2)_2\text{SCBr}_2]\text{Br}$

A yellow crystal, $0.264 \times 0.231 \times 0.099$ mm size, was used for collecting data in a Bruker APEX-II CCD single crystal diffractometer provided with a MoK_α radiation graphite crystal monochromator ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). Measurements were made both at room temperature and at 100 K, but the latter were discarded for this study due to the twinning observed. Unit cell dimensions were determined using Bruker software (Bruker, 2006). Space group C2 was found from systematic absences and structure determination. 3749 reflections were measured, hkl range (-18, 0, -17) to (18, 19, 0), theta limits ($1.42^\circ < \theta < 25.97^\circ$). SAINT v8.34A (Siemens, 1995) integration software was used for cell refinement and SORTAV (Blessing, 1987, 1989) was used for data reduction. A semi-empirical absorption correction was applied using a multi-scan technique (minimum and maximum transmission factors, respectively, 0.528 and 0.996).

The structure was solved by direct methods using the program SIR-97 (Altomare *et al.*, 1999). Isotropic least-squares refinement, using the program SHELXL-2018/3 (Sheldrick, 2015), converged to $R = 0.077$. A subsequent full matrix anisotropic least-squares refinement over F^2 , using the same software, followed by a Difference Fourier synthesis allowed the location of some of the hydrogen atoms. Positional parameters and anisotropic displacement parameters of the non-hydrogen atoms

were then refined. Hydrogen atoms were geometrically fixed to their parent atoms and isotropically refined with their displacement parameters constrained to be $1.2U_{eq}$ of their parent atoms in order to increase the reflexions/parameters ratio. A rather disordered solvent area containing several molecules of CH_2Cl_2 could not be modelled by means of any constrained/restrained method, and thus it was treated by the SQUEEZE procedure included in the PLATON program package (Spek, 2009, 2020) (further details about refinement protocols may be found elsewhere: Van der Maelen & Sheldrick, 1996; Van der Maelen, 1999).

Final conventional agreement factors were $R(F) = 0.046$ for the 2399 'observed' reflections and 361 variables, and $wR(F_2) = 0.127$ for the whole set of 3603 reflections. The function minimized was $w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)^2$, $w = 1/(\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0823P)^2)$, with $\sigma(F_o)$ obtained from counting statistics and $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$. The maximum shift over error ratio in the last full matrix least-squares cycle was less than 0.001, while the final Difference Fourier map showed no peaks higher than $0.68 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$ nor deeper than $-0.50 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$. The residual density map is shown in Fig. S2 (note that the highest residuals are positioned close to Br atoms, where their lone pairs are located). Atomic scattering factors were taken from the International Tables for Crystallography (1995). CIF files and other publication material created with the aid of WinGX (Farrugia, 2012).

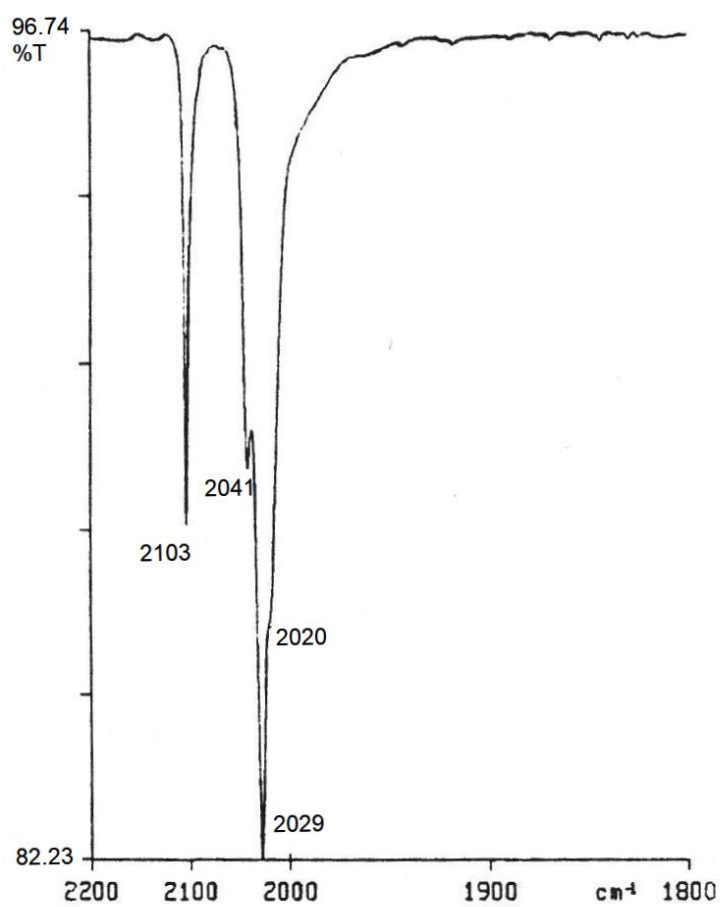


Figure S1 IR spectrum of $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4(\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2)_2\text{SCBr}_2]\text{Br}$.

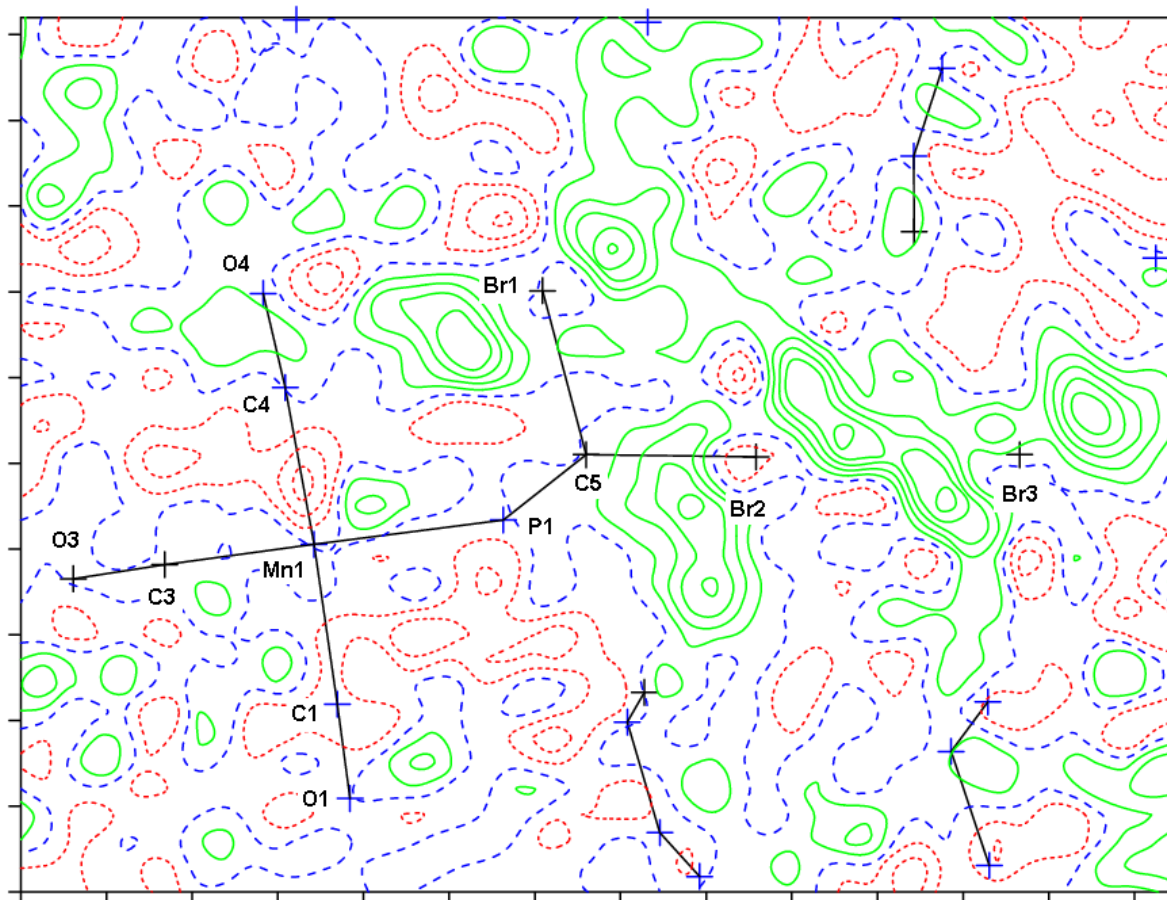
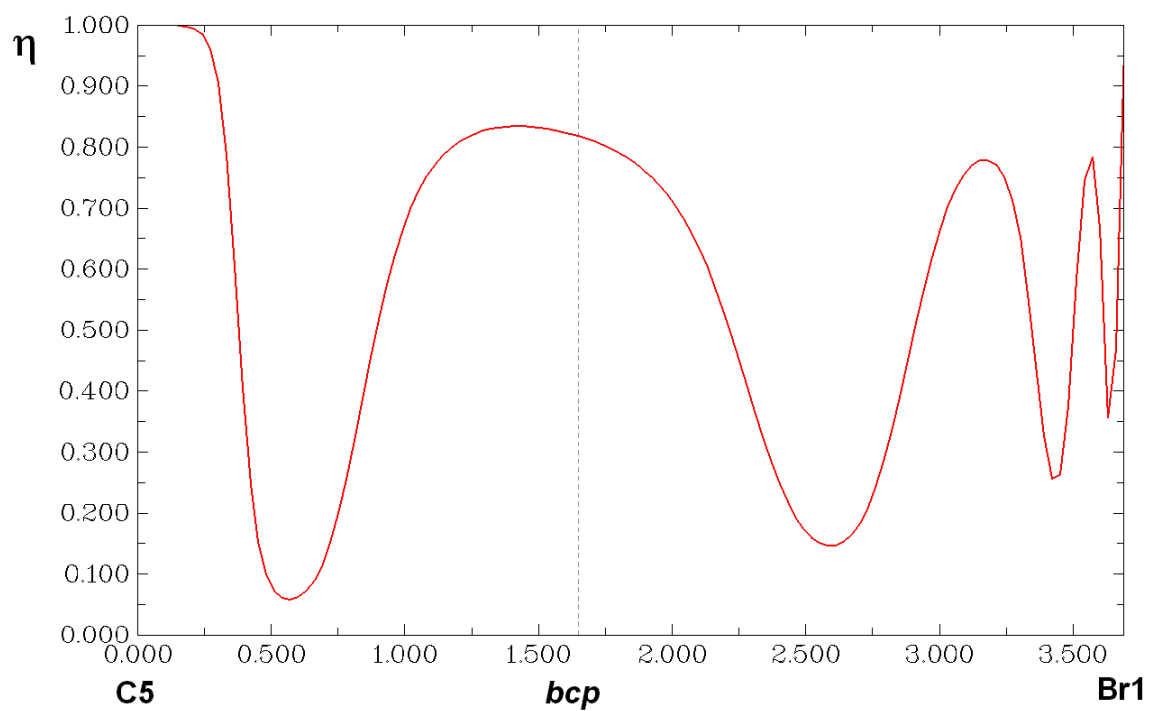
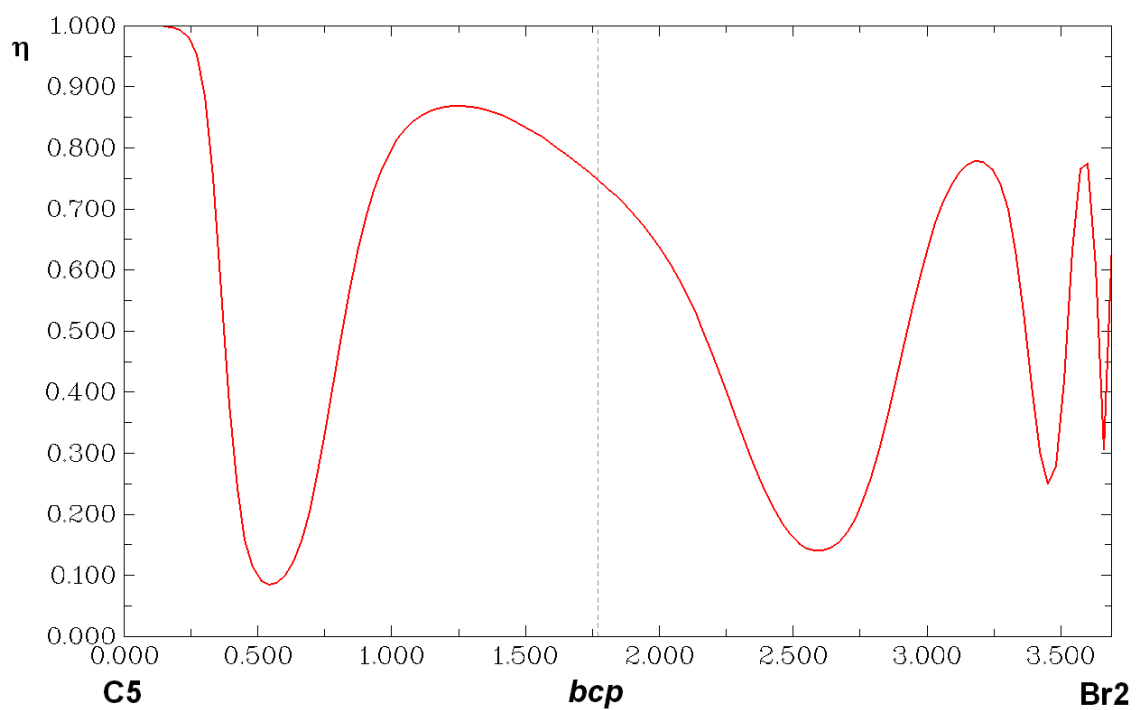


Figure S2. Residual electron density map from the X-ray refinement. The contour intervals are drawn at $\pm 0.10 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ (dotted red lines: negative values, full green lines: positive values, dotted blue lines: zero value).

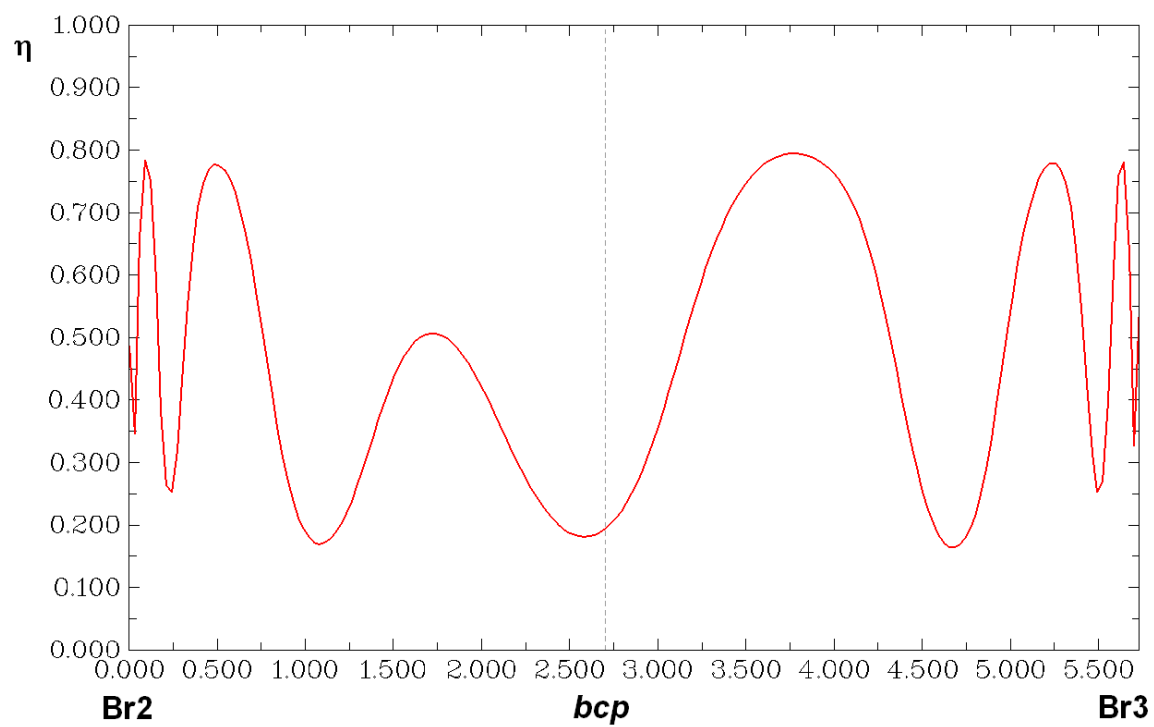
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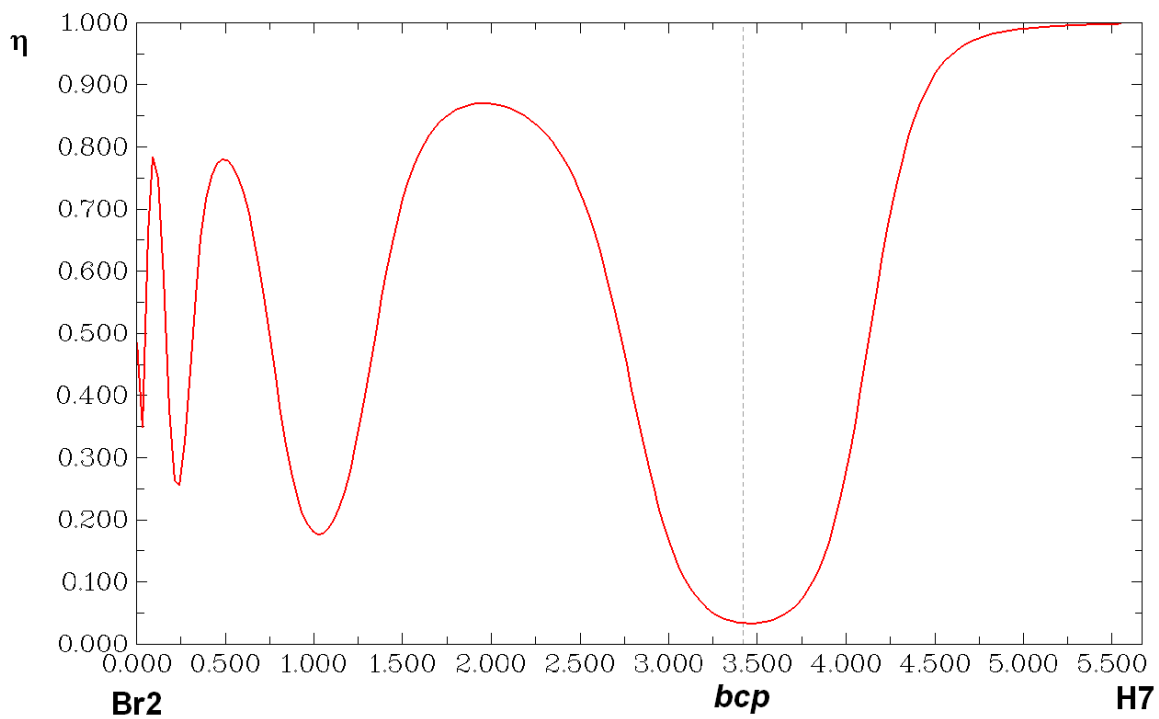
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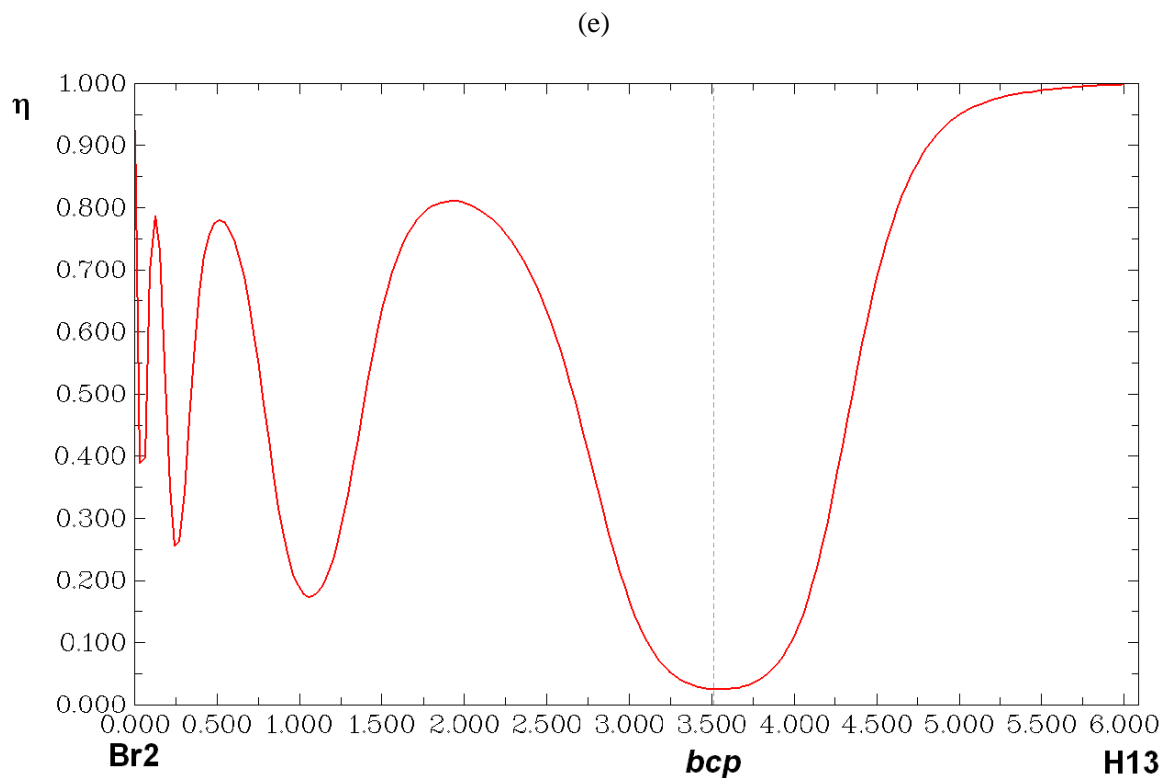


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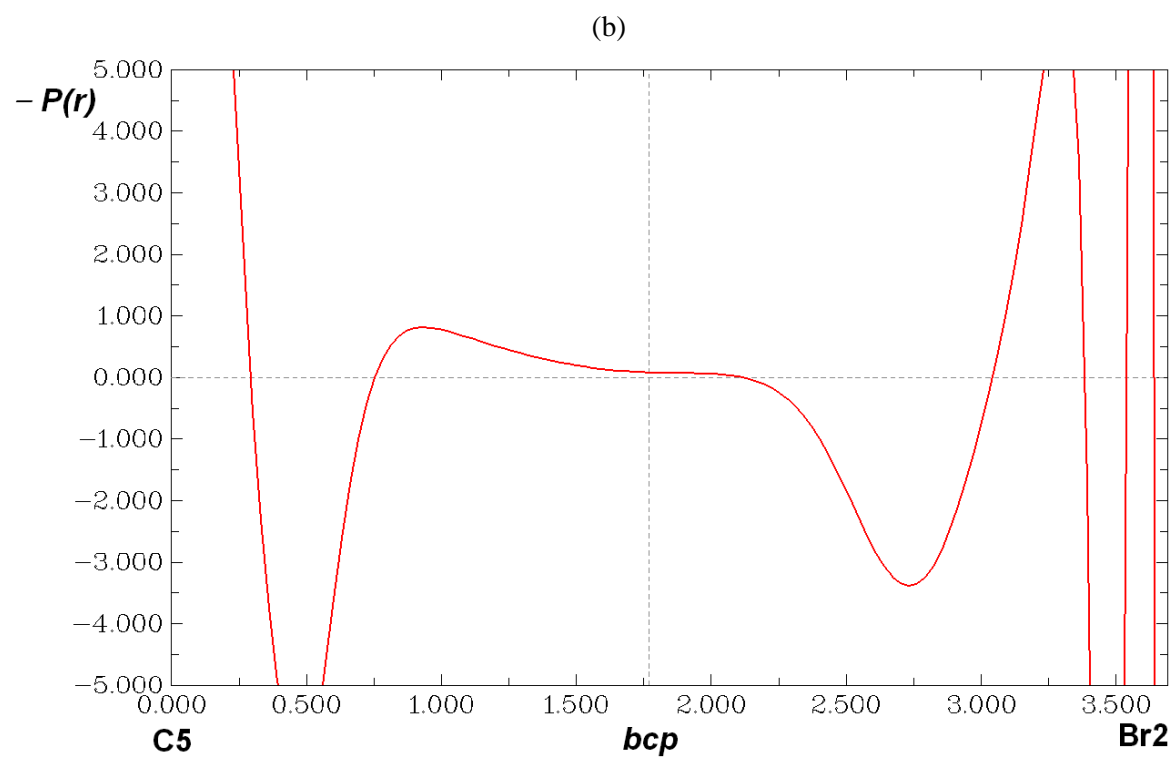
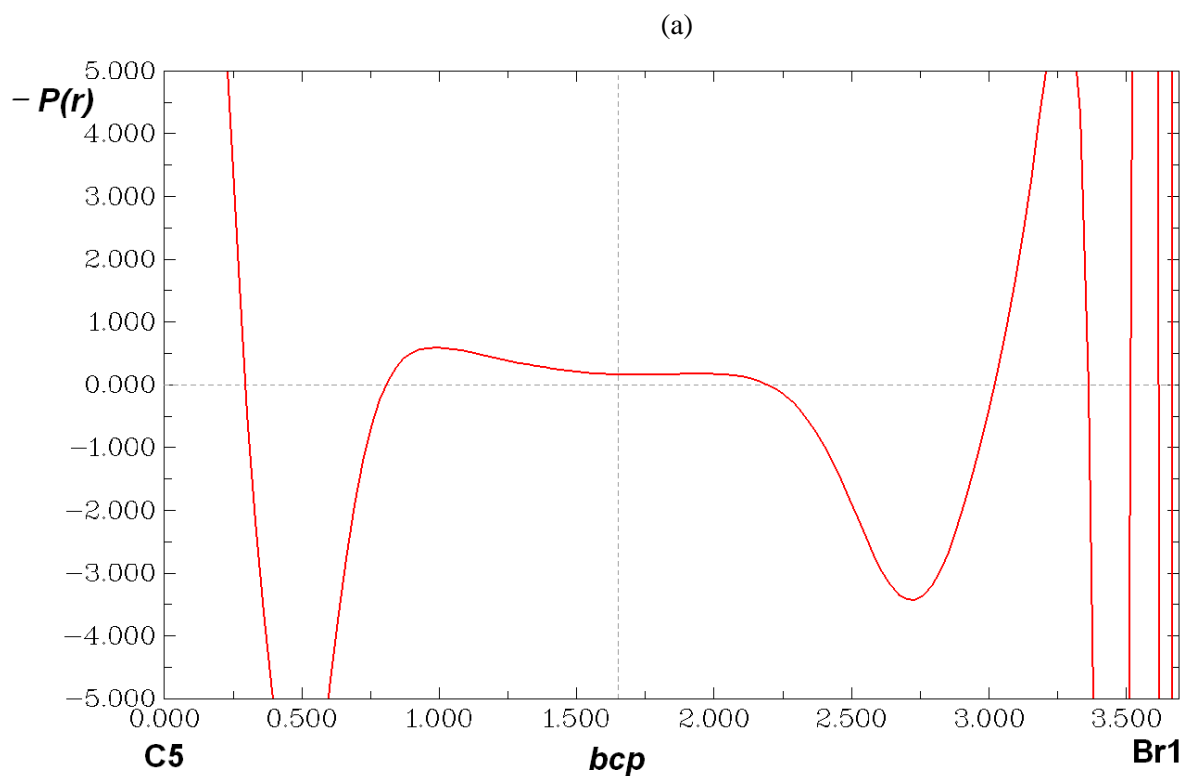


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Figures S3. ELF along several bond paths of complex **1**. The location of bond critical points is shown by a dotted vertical line (distances in bohrs): (a) C5–Br1, (b) C5–Br2, (c) Br2 \cdots Br3, (d) Br2 \cdots H7, and (e) Br2 \cdots H13.



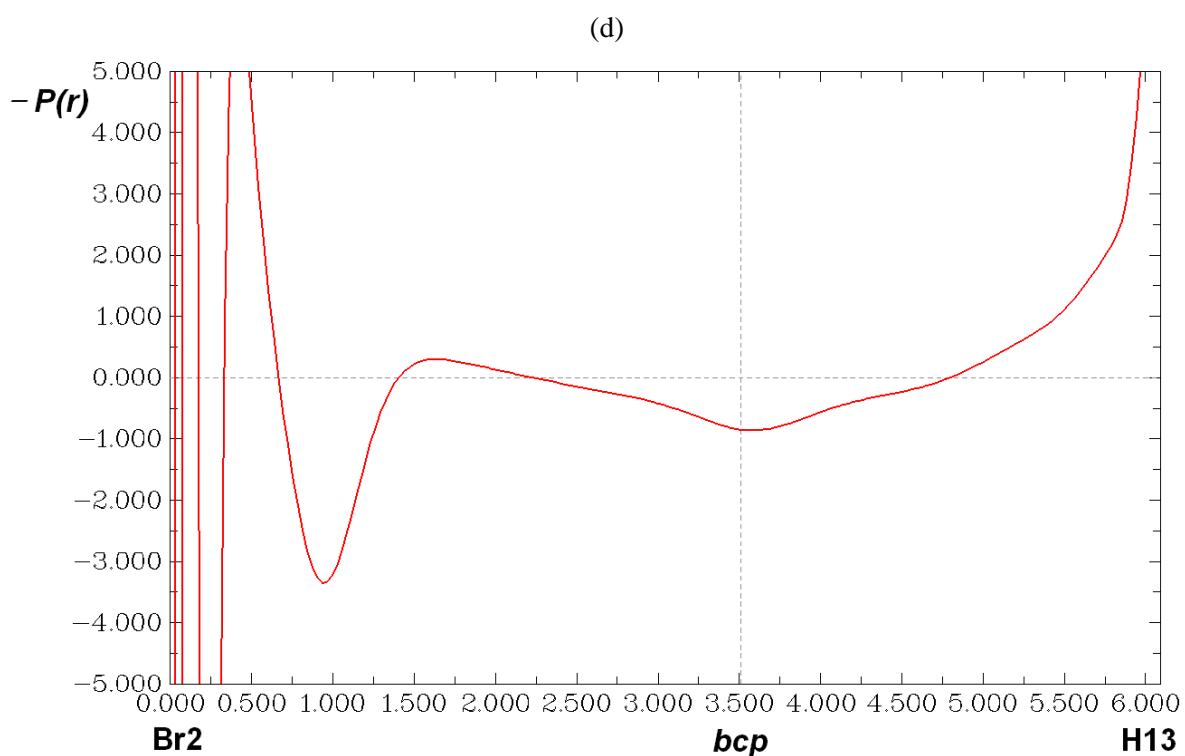
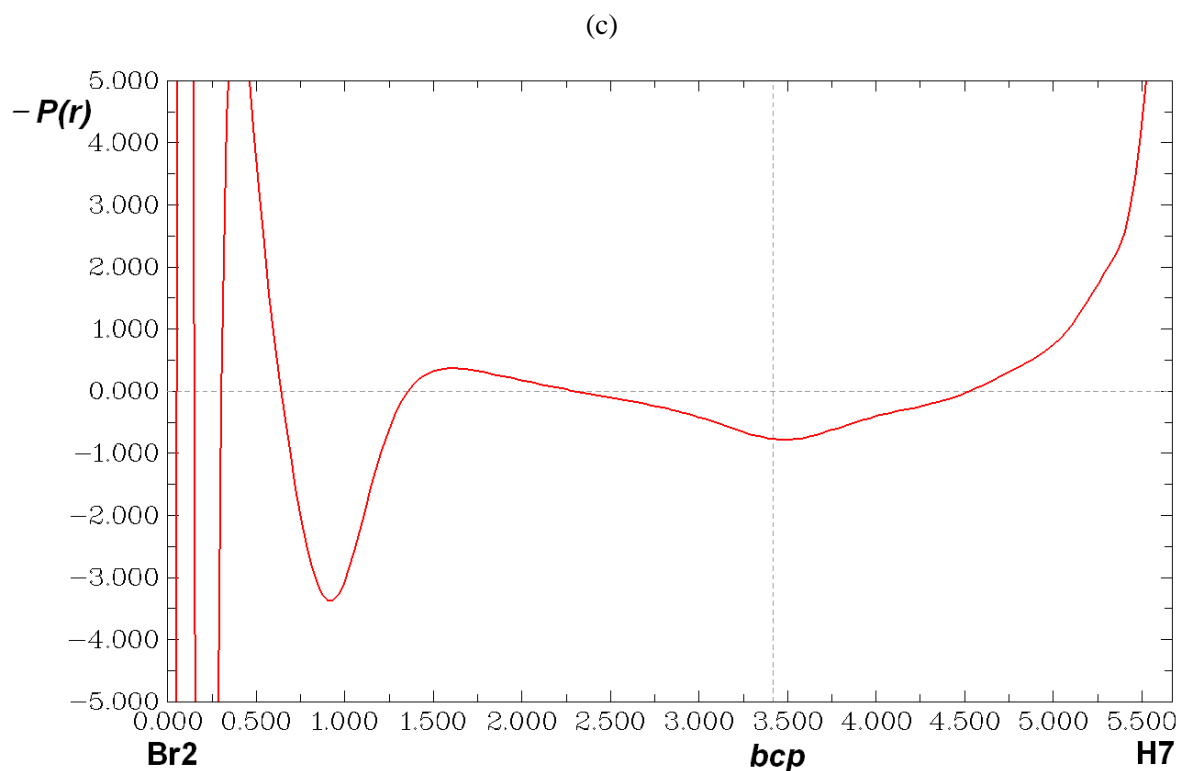
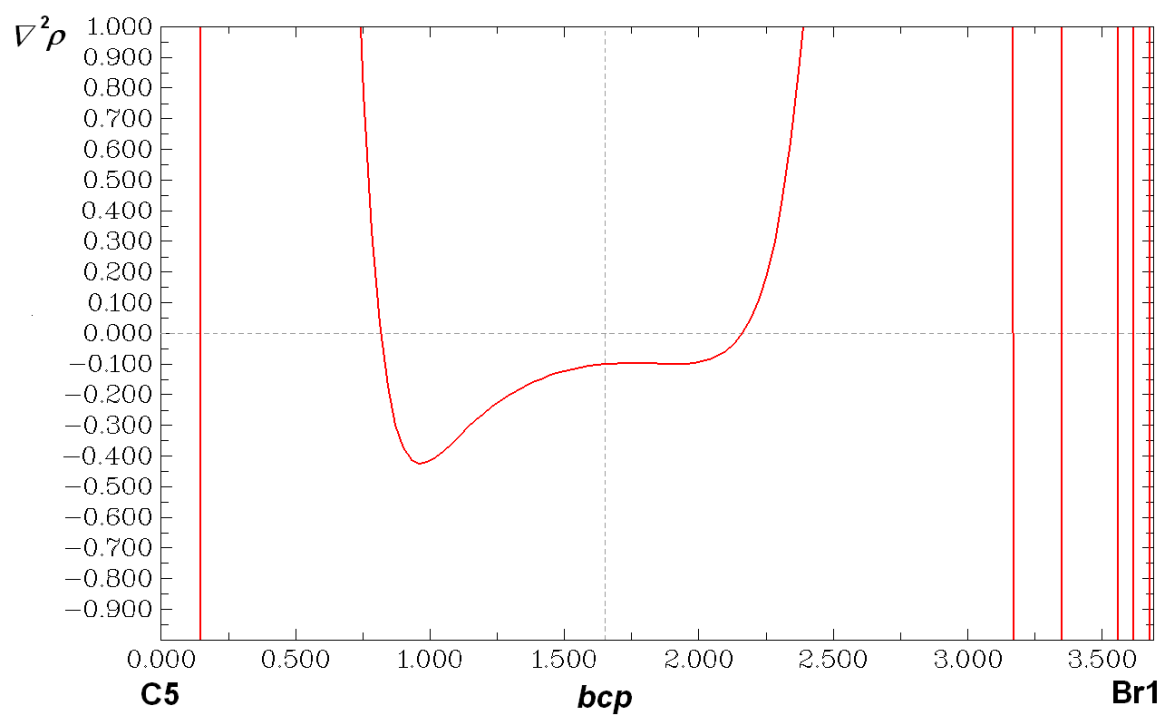
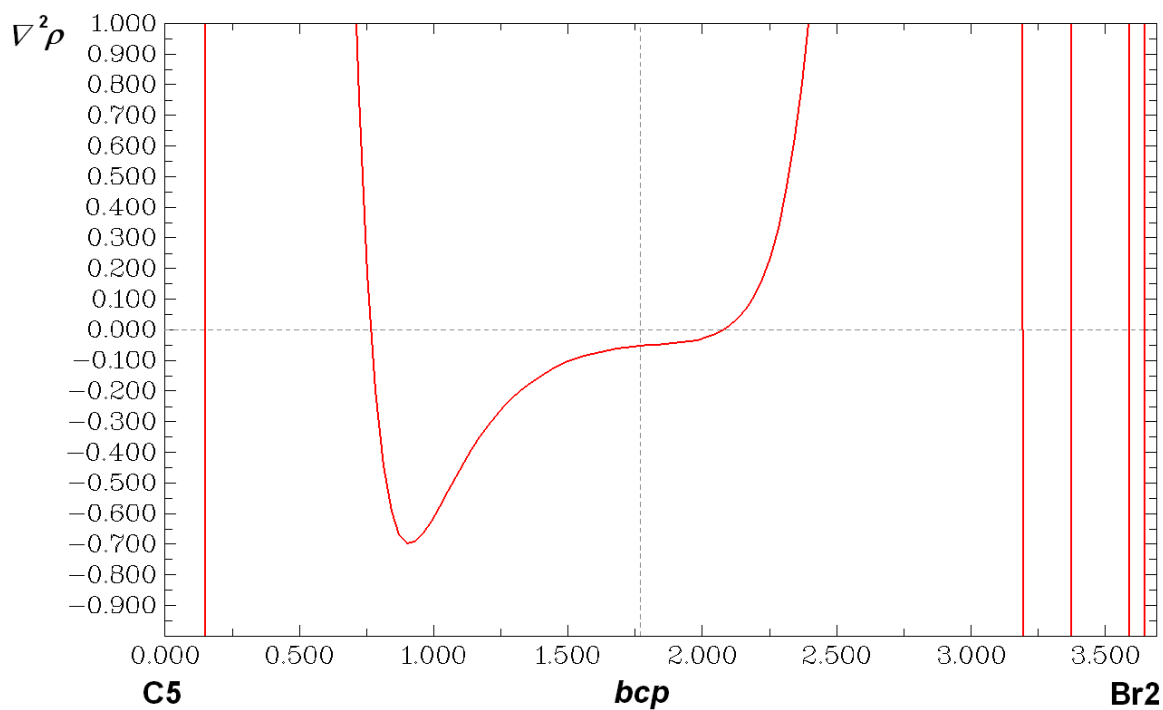


Figure S5. Negative one-electron potential (in a.u.) along several bond paths of complex **1**. The location of bond critical points is shown by a dotted vertical line (distances in bohrs): (a) C5–Br1, (b) C5–Br2, (c) Br2 \cdots H7, and (d) Br2 \cdots H13.

(a)



(b)



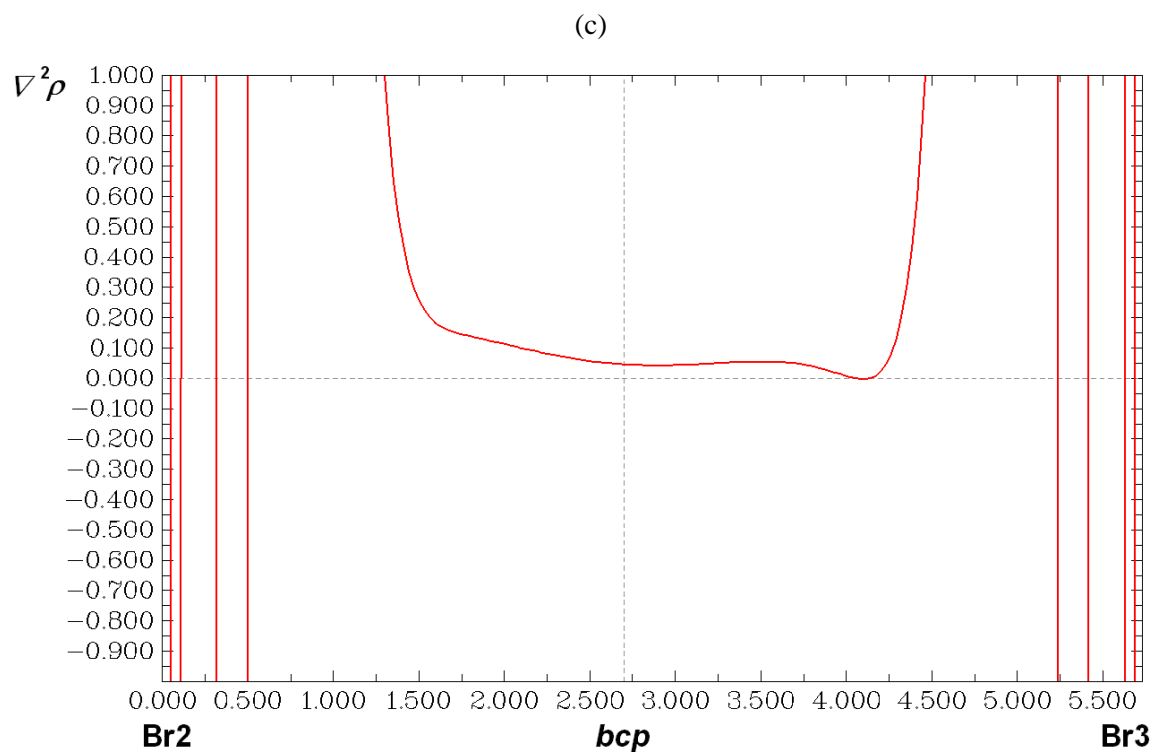


Figure S6. Laplacian of the electron density (in a.u.) along several bond paths of complex **1**, calculated using model 3 (equivalent results for model 4). The location of bond critical points is shown by a dotted vertical line (distances in bohrs): (a) C5–Br1, (b) C5–Br2, and (c) Br2···Br3.

Table S1. Cartesian coordinates of complex **1** (experimental geometry).

Atom	x	y	z
Mn	19.0962	15.2664	10.4983
C	19.7698	13.6179	9.8692
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C	18.3926	16.9028	11.0378
O	17.949	17.905	11.2993
C	18.995	15.8772	8.7647
O	19.0043	16.2539	7.7227
C	20.8362	15.844	10.5469
O	21.9025	16.1254	10.484
S	16.4857	13.2957	12.1719
C	17.5292	14.1693	13.3279
Br	16.7948	15.9571	13.7487
Br	17.3669	13.1133	15.0058
Br	16.7183	11.4103	17.4927
P	16.979	14.3226	10.386
C	16.8446	13.0012	9.1469
C	16.8324	13.3487	7.7977
H	16.787	14.2485	7.5671
C	16.8842	12.4189	6.8052
H	16.8447	12.6863	5.9153
C	16.9922	11.122	7.109
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C	15.5192	15.359	10.0489
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H	12.3472	15.5339	10.4757
C	13.2622	16.8494	9.387
H	12.4959	17.3218	9.1535
C	14.4909	17.2604	8.9541
H	14.5697	18.0373	8.449
C	15.624	16.5181	9.2682
H	16.4566	16.7927	8.9581
P	19.259	14.4883	12.6995
C	20.1692	12.9207	12.7697
C	21.569	13.0098	12.7777
H	21.9913	13.8323	12.878
C	22.3118	11.8452	12.6329
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C	21.6993	10.6229	12.4899
H	22.2063	9.8527	12.3689
C	20.3475	10.5563	12.5279
H	19.9366	9.7246	12.4631
C	19.555	11.6866	12.6601
H	18.6279	11.6161	12.6746
C	20.0711	15.4932	13.9946

C	20.4071	16.8377	13.7085
H	20.1974	17.2253	12.8894
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H	21.3278	18.4141	14.501
C	21.3062	17.0409	15.8953
H	21.6942	17.5684	16.5556
C	20.9809	15.7161	16.1521
H	21.1862	15.3418	16.9783
C	20.3537	14.9489	15.1872
H	20.1298	14.0638	15.364

Table S2. Cartesian coordinates of complex **1** (theoretically optimized geometry: B3P86-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p) method).

Atom	x	y	z
Mn	19.1043861793	15.2036537807	10.4782038233
C	19.9157417562	13.6477575351	9.9349413709
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S	16.5234297154	13.1195269619	12.0403957988
C	17.4210126922	14.052977716	13.2520205782
Br	16.6289063291	15.8257941339	13.5735114249
Br	17.4602094324	12.8938369297	15.1110192073
Br	17.6890074399	11.5521333391	17.2762492747
P	17.0123539458	14.2147471198	10.2759720967
C	16.8733159151	12.9390339344	8.9885834662
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C	13.5762817905	16.4544411078	10.5325958366
H	12.7139802953	16.5263836417	11.188647101
C	13.7045409197	17.3179253464	9.4476239105
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C	14.8177009792	17.226869068	8.6132606386
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H	21.1151383549	15.1115693518	17.1144221084
C	20.3014926798	14.8081776294	15.1547333395
H	20.1947634145	13.7369127635	15.2857768168

Table S3. Cartesian coordinates of complex **1** (theoretically optimized geometry: ZORA-BLYP-D3(BJ)/TZP method).

Atom	x	y	z
Mn	19.21119	15.5453	11.15428
C	20.25499	14.67259	12.42747
O	20.9922	14.23145	13.19188
C	18.25828	16.454	9.83685
O	17.79991	17.10764	9.00659
C	20.76213	15.95216	10.2896
O	21.75969	16.24835	9.77998
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O	19.36362	17.99505	12.8503
S	17.28923	12.43987	10.66289
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Br	14.76807	12.58619	12.58915
Br	13.08313	11.30319	14.14171
P	18.96192	13.57149	9.93959
C	20.26807	12.30953	10.10291
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H	21.57835	10.27105	12.49357
C	20.45	11.69736	11.35385
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C	19.68689	14.54857	7.42156
H	20.53998	14.98911	7.92522
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C	17.74102	14.08341	13.87655
C	18.12371	14.94038	14.92317
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H	18.91966	15.08553	16.91244
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C	14.19541	18.07517	13.65557
H	13.45681	18.81068	13.96387
C	14.22709	16.81979	14.26679
H	13.51111	16.56867	15.04351
C	15.17436	15.87397	13.88082
H	15.19191	14.89685	14.35097

Table S4. Bond distances and bond paths lengths for selected interactions of **1**, calculated using the four models[†].

Interaction	$D_{A-B}(\text{\AA})^a$	$d_{A-B}(\text{\AA})^b$	$d_{A-bcp}(\text{\AA})^c$	$d_{bcp-B}(\text{\AA})^d$
Br2...Br3	2.626	2.627	1.255	1.372
	2.557	2.558	1.220	1.338
	3.083	3.084	1.455	1.629
	3.083	3.084	1.478	1.606
Br2...H7	2.936	3.026	1.837	1.189
	2.867	2.992	1.790	1.202
	2.944	3.045	1.836	1.209
	2.944	2.997	1.844	1.153
Br2...H13	2.912	3.072	1.805	1.267
	2.837	2.953	1.774	1.179
	3.044	3.261	1.871	1.390
	3.044	3.221	1.875	1.346

[†]Models: ZORA-BLYP-D3(BJ)/TZP//ZORA-M06-2X/QZ4P (*model 1*, first row of each entry), B3P86-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p)//M06-D3/QZVP (*model 2*, second row of each entry), exp-geom//M06-D3/QZVP (*model 3*, third row of each entry), exp-geom//XCW-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) (*model 4*, fourth row of each entry). ^aBond distance. ^bBond path length. ^cDistance from atom A to the bcp. ^dDistance from atom B to the bcp.