

Supplementary Material

***Ab initio* structural studies of cyclobutylmethyl cations: effect of fluoroalkyl groups on the relative stability of the carbocations**

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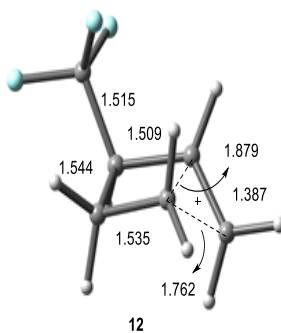
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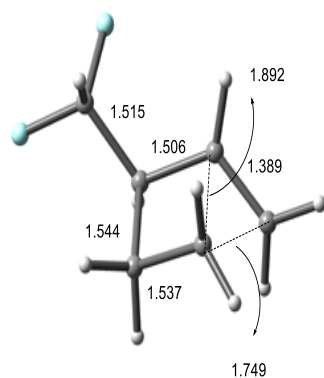
Cartesian coordinates:

The Cartesian coordinates for the MP2/cc-pVTZ optimized structures of the carbocations **7** and **12-17**, along with selected bond lengths in Å for each of the structures, are as follows.



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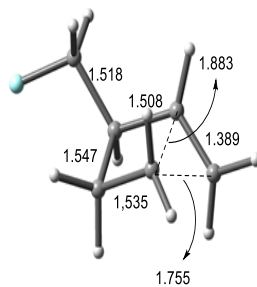
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9	1	H	-0.782479	-1.609079	0.759117
10	1	H	-3.163541	-1.380462	0.235325
11	1	H	-2.770993	-0.331204	-1.236538
12	6	C	-0.116555	0.005001	-0.694820
13	1	H	0.019638	-0.192414	-1.756159
14	6	C	1.235989	-0.063684	-0.015625
15	9	F	1.100086	0.165347	1.303444
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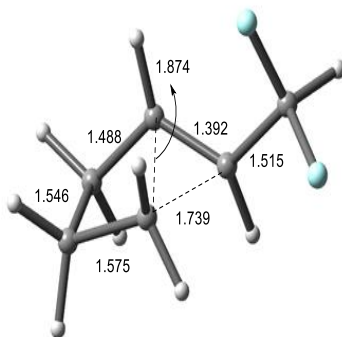
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13	1	0.316161	-0.023704	-1.534727
14	6	1.373102	-0.020013	0.301835
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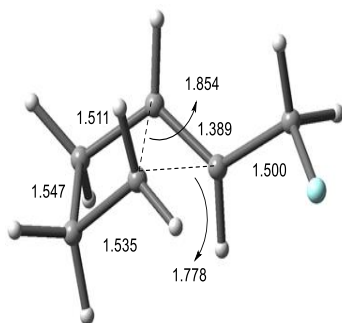
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5	1	-1.247643	0.545693	1.650837
6	1	-2.354225	1.365792	0.553211
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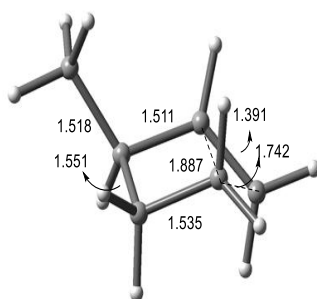
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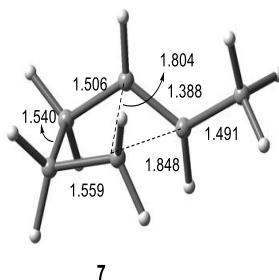
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