

Supplementary Information

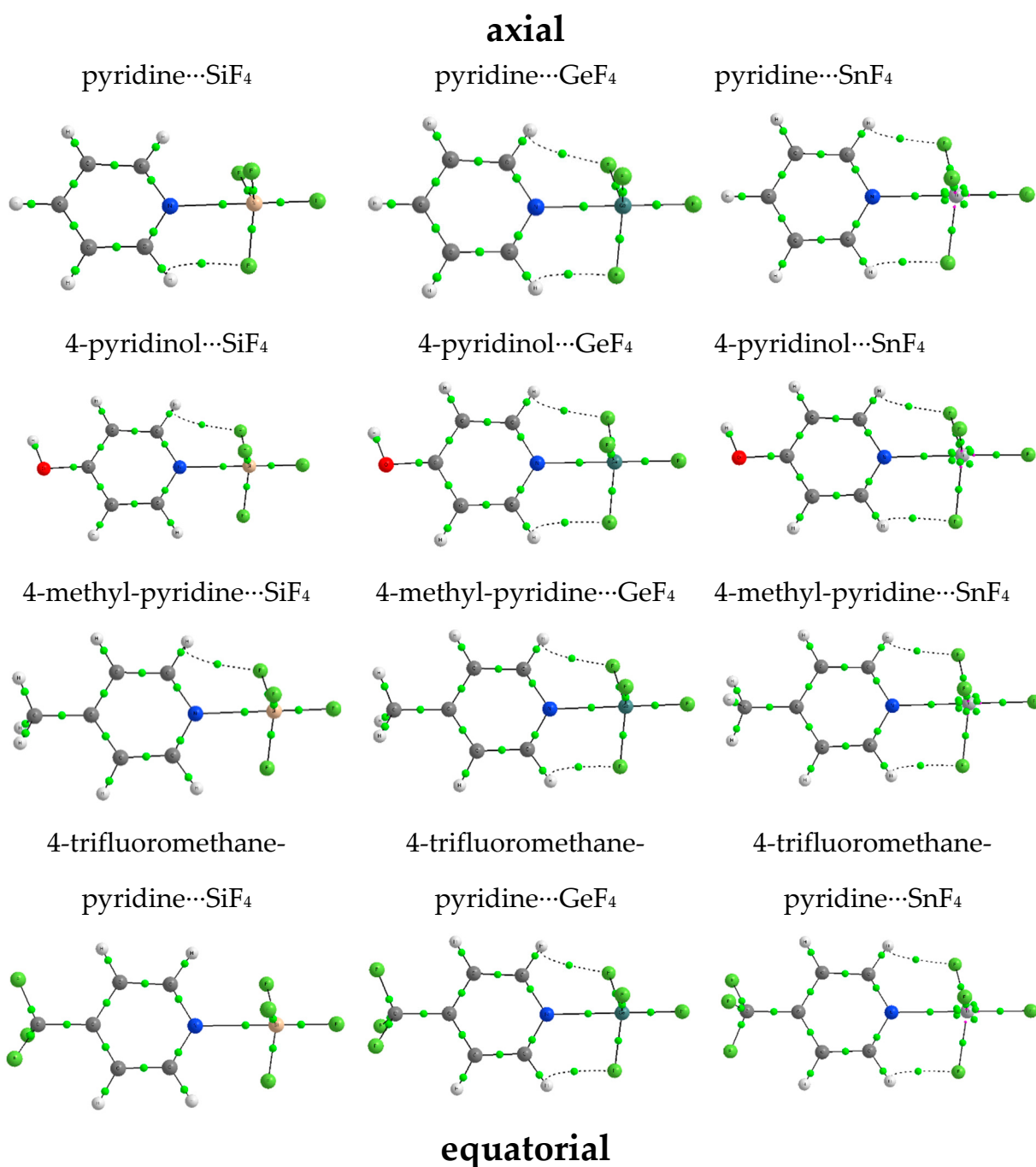
Dual Geometry Schemes in Tetrel Bonds: Complexes between TF_4 (T = Si, Ge, Sn) and Pyridine Derivatives

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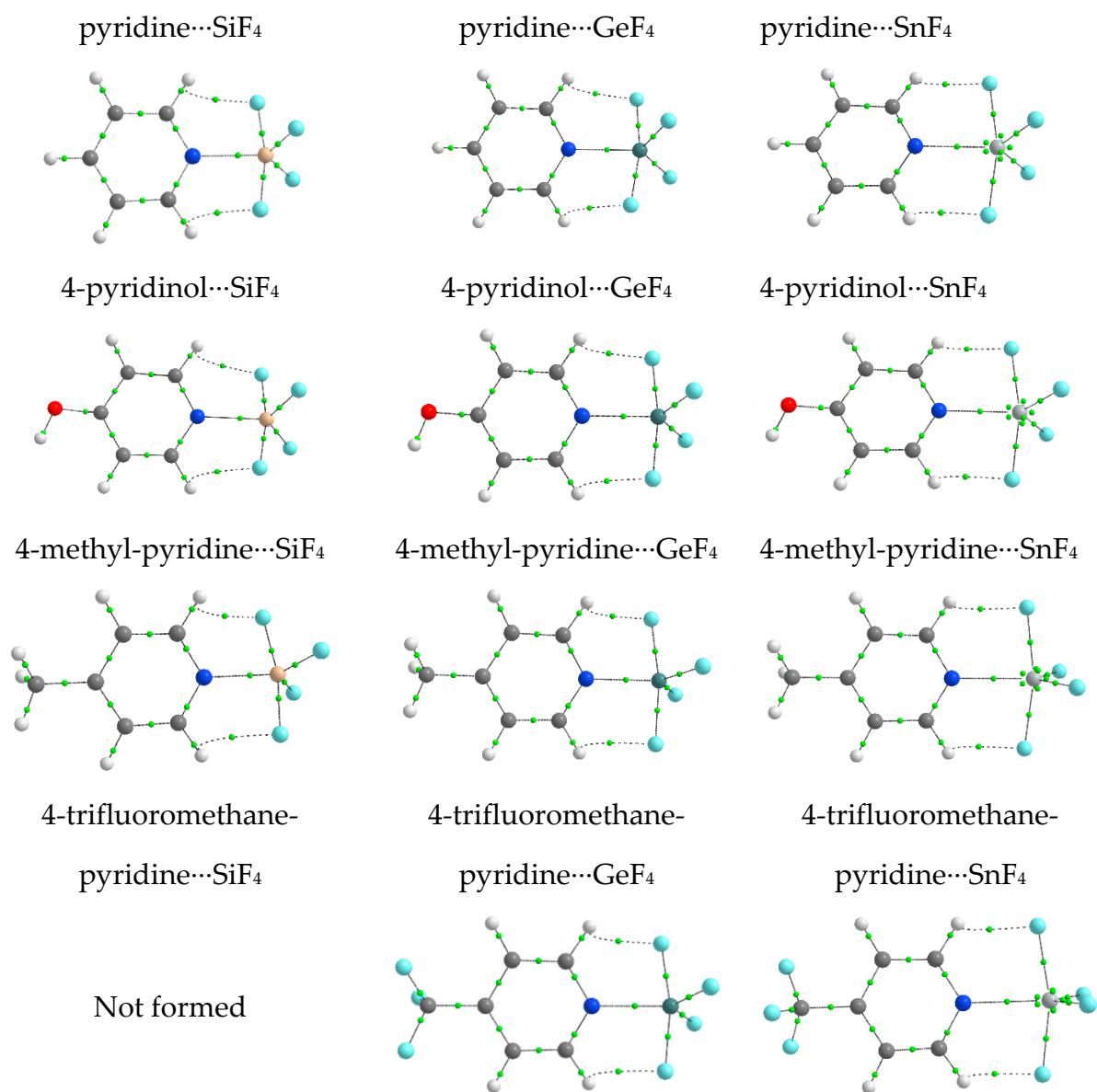


Fig. S1. AIM molecular graphs of axial and equatorial TF_4 ($T = \text{Si}, \text{Ge}, \text{Sn}$) complexes with pyridine derivatives at the MP2/cc-pVTZ level. Small green dots represent bond critical points.

Table S1. The delocalization index (DI) of $T \cdots N$ interaction in TF_4 complexes with pyridine and its derivatives. Data obtained at the MP2/cc-pVTZ level of theory.^a

Axial		Equatorial	
Complex	DI	Complex	DI
Py...SiF ₄	0.101	Py...SiF ₄	0.170
Py...GeF ₄	0.248	Py...GeF ₄	0.336

4-HOPy...SiF ₄	0.106	4-HOPy...SiF ₄	0.174
4-HOPy...GeF ₄	0.256	4-HOPy...GeF ₄	0.344
4-MePy...SiF ₄	0.104	4-MePy...SiF ₄	0.173
4-MePy...GeF ₄	0.254	4-MePy...GeF ₄	0.340
4-TFMPy...SiF ₄	0.088	4-TFMPy...SiF ₄	-
4-TFMPy...GeF ₄	0.234	4-TFMPy...GeF ₄	0.323

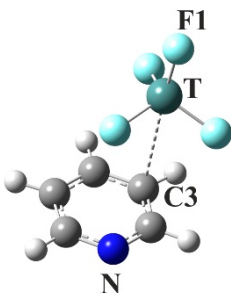
^a values for Sn complexes are not available in AIM analysis due to the basis set used during investigation.

Table S2. Gibbs free energies of axial and equatorial conformers as well as TS for TF₄ (T: Si, Ge, Sn) complexes with Py, calculated at the MP2/cc-pVTZ level of theory.

	axial	TS	equatorial
Py...SiF ₄	0.00	11.79 (-19) ^a	10.14
Py...GeF ₄	0.00	8.38 (-36)	6.79
Py...SnF ₄	0.00	1.46 (-18)	3.46

^a imaginary frequency of TS is given in parenthesis.

Table S3. Secondary minima for TF₄ complexes with pyridine and its derivatives. Data obtained at the MP2/cc-pVTZ level of theory. E_{int} corrected for BSSE (in kcal/mol). Parameters: distances in Å, angles in degrees.

System	E _{int}	Parameters	Structure
Py...SiF ₄	-1.50	R(Si...C3): 3.590 F1-Si...C3: 175.7	
Py...GeF ₄	-1.86	R(Ge...C3): 3.452 F1-Ge...C3: 175.7	
Py...SnF ₄	-5.47	R(Sn...C3): 2.955 F1-Sn...C3:	

		175.7	
Py...SiF ₄	-1.46	R(Si...C4): 3.599 F1-Si...C4: 175.1	
Py...GeF ₄	-1.81	R(Ge...C4): 3.356 F1-Ge...C4: 175.2	
Py...SnF ₄	-4.85	R(Sn...C4): 3.008 F1-Sn...C4: 175.1	
4-HPy...SiF ₄	-2.58	R(Si...O): 2.991 F1-Si...O: 177.8	
4-HPy...GeF ₄	-6.36	R(Ge...O): 2.531 F1-Ge...O: 176.6	
4-HPy...SnF ₄	-17.02	R(Sn...O): 2.303 F1-Sn...O: 173.8	
4-HPy...SiF ₄	-1.88	R(Si...C3): 3.488 F1-Si...C3: 173.3	
4-HPy...GeF ₄	-2.49	R(Ge...C3): 3.350 F1-Ge...C3: 174.0	

4-HPy...SnF ₄	-12.48	R(Sn...C3): 2.664 F1-Sn...C3: 174.7	
4-HPy...SiF ₄	-1.68	R(Si...C4): 3.542 F1-Si...C4: 172.3	
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4-HPy...GeF ₄	-1.78	R(Ge...C5): 3.461 F1-Ge...C5: 174.9	
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4-MPy...SiF ₄	-1.89	R(Si...C4): 3.579 F1-Si...C4: 174.0	
4-MPy...GeF ₄	-2.30	R(Ge...C4): 3.507 F1-Ge...C4: 173.2	
4-MPy...SnF ₄		R(Sn...C4): F1-Sn...C4:	

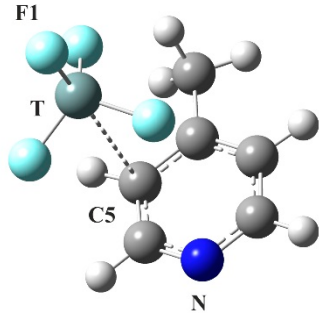
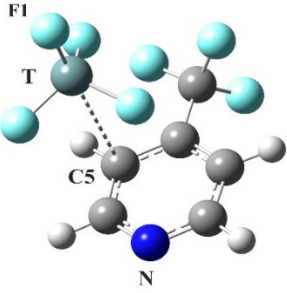
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4-TFMPy...SiF ₄	-1.40	R(Si...C5): 3.592 F1-Si...C5: 173.7	
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4-TFMPy...SnF ₄	-2.52	R(Sn...C5): 3.329 F1-Sn...C5: 172.6	

Table S4. Interaction energies (E_{int} , kcal mol⁻¹) corrected for BSSE calculated at the MP2/cc-pVTZ (I), BLYP-D3/Def2TZVPP (II) and B2PLYP/def2TZVPP (III) levels of theory.

	axial complexes			equatorial complexes		
	(I)	(II)	(III)	(I)	(II)	(III)
Py...SiF ₄	-26.75	-22.50	-25.72	-50.09	-47.38	-50.79
Py...GeF ₄	-34.73	-34.37	-35.53	-52.02	-48.71	-52.99
Py...SnF ₄	-39.68	-37.87	-39.61	-50.66	-44.97	-49.92

Table S5. Molecular coordinates for minima of primary TF₄ complexes with pyridine and its derivatives. Data obtained at the MP2/cc-pVTZ level of theory.

System	axial			equatorial				
Py...SiF ₄	F	1.583251	0.030612	1.581591	N	0.478657	0.003751	-0.001309
	F	1.733921	1.364867	-0.814763	C	1.159679	-1.148107	0.150653
	F	3.498622	-0.001105	0.102934	C	2.545227	-1.173893	0.172045
	F	1.732174	-1.397781	-0.762173	C	3.252948	0.009130	-0.002627
	C	-0.937672	-1.153323	-0.067588	C	2.540484	1.189400	-0.176595
	C	-2.324130	-1.186764	-0.010080	C	1.155059	1.158236	-0.153877
	C	-2.314874	1.201157	-0.010084	H	0.560191	-2.037892	0.243246
	C	-0.928870	1.156823	-0.067700	H	3.050773	-2.116717	0.314990
	N	-0.249414	-0.000918	-0.098756	H	3.042230	2.134185	-0.319976
	H	-0.347562	-2.055488	-0.097683	H	0.552045	2.045705	-0.245774
	H	-2.831506	-2.139621	0.009887	Si	-1.494256	-0.000661	0.000378
	H	-2.814850	2.157915	0.009915	F	-1.315694	1.470473	0.722991
	H	-0.332029	2.054646	-0.098166	F	-1.310272	-1.469667	-0.725232
	Si	1.890801	-0.001351	0.009801	F	-2.267353	-0.626411	1.261278
	C	-3.030559	0.009900	0.018751	F	-2.280857	0.619448	-1.255073
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Py...GeF ₄	F	1.561493	0.036062	1.699323	N	0.504357	0.003763	-0.001411
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	C	-2.760155	0.001868	-0.054540	F	3.167445	0.052634	-1.631754
	C	-4.263027	-0.003503	0.028692	C	-4.265503	0.007897	-0.041790
	F	-4.784697	1.095712	-0.523722	F	-4.716733	-0.030833	1.217782
	F	-4.662024	-0.045318	1.306020	F	-4.758914	-1.053855	-0.684365
	F	-4.781266	-1.066318	-0.593592	F	-4.757117	1.108265	-0.617270