# Supporting information materials for

# Can an Electron-Shell Closing Model Explain the Structure and Stability of Ligand-Stabilized Metal Clusters?

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# Absolute energies for aluminum, aluminum hydride and aluminum iodide clusters

	Isomer	Absolute energy (Hartrees)	Relative energy (eV)
$\mathrm{Al}_7^-$		-1696.25927864	
$\mathrm{Al}_{13}^{-}$		-3150.34560338	
Al <sub>7</sub> H	10	-1696.79689595	0.00
	1b	-1696.76319698	0.92
Al <sub>13</sub> H	1f	-3150.82696146	0.00
	10	-3150.81666042	0.28
$Al_{13}H_3$	2o1b	-3152.01510096	0.00
	1o2b	-3151.98704731	0.76
Al <sub>7</sub> I	10	-1991.97930807	0.00
	1b	-1991.95790161	0.58
Al <sub>13</sub> I	1b	-3445.99435467	0.00
	10	-3445.98602299	0.23

## Cartesian coordinates

• Al <sub>7</sub>			• Al <sub>13</sub> H : <b>1f</b>
Al	0.288837000 0.934562000	1.365342000	Al 1.324625000 -2.283652000 -0.576942000
Al	0.288837000 -1.696648000	1.349432000	Al 1.661010000 0.005402000 -2.079928000
Al	0.288837000 -1.696648000	-1.349432000	Al -0.854295000 1.445808000 -2.065586000
Al	0.288837000 0.934562000	-1.365342000	Al -0.844872000 -1.451335000 -2.065586000
Al	2.168206000 -0.306047000	0.000000000	Al -1.300801000 -2.276597000 0.535669000
Al	-1.613869000 -0.475257000	0.000000000	Al -1.675278000 -0.005448000 2.047908000
Al	-1.709686000 2.305475000	0.000000000	Al 0.861602000 -1.458842000 2.034516000
			Al 2.626530000 0.008542000 0.512462000
			Al 1.309743000 2.292221000 -0.576942000
• Al <sub>13</sub>			Al -1.315582000 2.268087000 0.535669000
Al	0.000000000 0.000000000	2.667291000	Al 0.852094000 1.464415000 2.034516000
Al	2.268933000 0.737221000	1.192849000	Al -2.645413000 -0.008604000 -0.552579000
Al	2.268933000 -0.737221000	-1.192849000	Al -0.000314000 -0.000001000 -0.015367000
Al	1.402278000 -1.930070000	1.192849000	H 0.012358000 0.000040000 3.018440000
Al	-1.402278000 -1.930070000	1.192849000	
Al	-2.268933000 -0.737221000	-1.192849000	
Al	-2.268933000 0.737221000	1.192849000	• Al <sub>13</sub> H : <b>10</b>
Al	0.000000000 2.385698000	1.192849000	Al -2.345684000 -0.704522000 1.119236000
Al	1.402278000 1.930070000	-1.192849000	Al -0.000003000 -0.000133000 2.559607000
Al	0.000000000 0.000000000	-2.667291000	Al 2.311213000 -0.810481000 1.119236000
Al	-1.402278000 1.930070000	-1.192849000	Al -0.055709000 -2.448417000 1.119331000
Al	0.000000000 -2.385698000	-1.192849000	Al -1.461031000 -1.917973000 -1.208204000
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			Al -2.275736000 0.797593000 -1.207556000
			Al -1.395394000 2.012807000 1.120654000
• Al <sub>7</sub> H :	10		Al 1.485498000 1.947258000 1.120654000
Al	-0.534660000 1.706700000	-0.000607000	Al 2.309658000 0.693262000 -1.207556000
Al		1.349313000	Al 0.054883000 2.412111000 -1.207085000
Al	1.481046000 -1.558978000	0.000555000	Al 1.372285000 -1.982440000 -1.208204000
Al	-0.533929000 -0.853229000		A1 0.000022000 0.000984000 0.054563000
Al	1.481193000 0.778778000		Н -0.000091000 -0.004001000 4.147731000
Al	-0.533929000 -0.852176000		
Al	-2.523364000 -0.000656000	0.000001000	
Н	-4.128157000 -0.002315000	0.000003000	• Al <sub>13</sub> H <sub>3</sub> : <b>201b</b>
			Al -2.579491000 0.000015000 0.726149000
			Al -0.338066000 1.440662000 2.175381000
• Al <sub>7</sub> H :	1h		Al -0.337944000 -1.440879000 2.175321000
Al	0.244746000 0.858828000	1.614111000	A1 -1.392155000 2.291304000 -0.204198000
Al	0.244746000 -1.729494000	1.265465000	A1 -1.392093000 -2.291309000 -0.204237000
			Al -1.918869000 -0.000091000 -1.893055000
Al Al		-1.265465000 -1.614111000	Al -0.017931000 -0.000003000 0.000075000
Al		0.000000000	Al 2.047219000 0.000063000 1.729688000
Al	2.097157000 0.115193000 -1.670857000 -0.432290000	0.000000000	Al 1.421789000 2.292726000 0.276081000
Al	-1.471145000	0.000000000	Al 1.421999000 -2.292567000 0.276031000
H	0.856213000 -2.908206000	0.000000000	Al 0.354494000 1.506686000 -2.141781000
11	0.000210000 -2.700200000	3.0000000	Al 0.354638000 -1.506753000 -2.141731000

2.443021000	0.000157000	-1.014581000
-3.902734000	-0.000143000	1.619261000
3.919059000	0.000119000	-1.617510000
-0.882280000	-0.000133000	3.129375000
	-3.902734000 3.919059000	2.443021000 0.000157000 -3.902734000 -0.000143000 3.919059000 0.000119000 -0.882280000 -0.000133000

#### • Al<sub>13</sub>H<sub>3</sub>: **1o2b**

Al	2.674535000	-0.895779000	0.535019000
Al	-0.197105000	-1.286114000	2.274671000
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Al	0.590887000	-2.624022000	0.078686000
Al	2.153956000	1.634559000	-0.572851000
Al	1.591100000	-0.761462000	-2.052942000
Al	0.034610000	-0.018437000	0.004472000
Al	-1.857344000	0.884256000	1.730857000
Al	-2.157541000	-1.584326000	0.467856000
Al	-0.287369000	2.655725000	0.506042000
Al	-0.966218000	-1.568942000	-1.932691000
Al	-0.018988000	1.513803000	-2.069216000
Al	-2.523380000	0.768005000	-0.926765000
Н	-3.977525000	1.244403000	-1.419068000
Н	0.735678000	-0.084225000	3.235556000
Н	-1.680716000	1.691707000	-2.324807000

#### • Al<sub>7</sub>I : 10

Al	1.288531000	1.731485000	-0.000855000
Al	3.288683000	0.781888000	1.353903000
Al	3.287575000	-1.564828000	0.000774000
Al	1.287630000	-0.865370000	-1.497492000
Al	3.288683000	0.780551000	-1.354673000
Al	1.287628000	-0.863888000	1.498344000
Al	-0.682202000	0.000877000	-0.000002000
I	-3.200092000	-0.000175000	0.000000000

# • Al<sub>7</sub>I : **1b**

Al	0.256237000	2.361384000	-1.661036000
Al	0.256237000	-0.235860000	-1.314246000
Al	0.256237000	-0.235860000	1.314246000
Al	0.256237000	2.361384000	1.661036000
Al	-1.541605000	1.549873000	0.000000000
Al	2.200424000	0.896332000	0.000000000
Al	1.920953000	3.552610000	0.000000000
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## • Al<sub>13</sub>I : **1b**

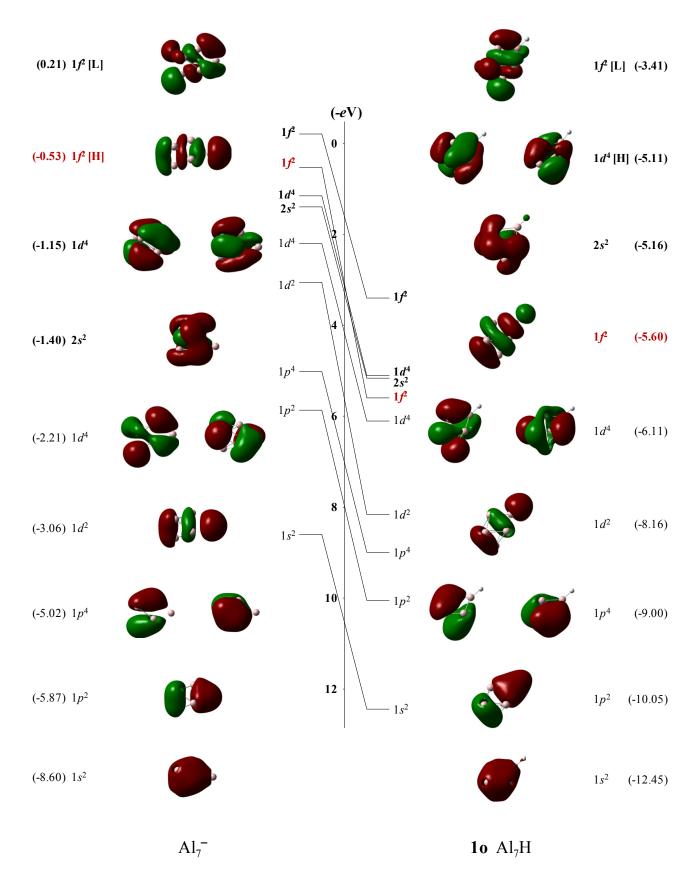
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Al	-1.100034000	1.469409000	-0.167045000
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Al	3.218126000	1.620398000	0.204044000
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Al	0.884607000	-2.314189000	1.395829000
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Al	2.714212000	0.039685000	-2.102555000
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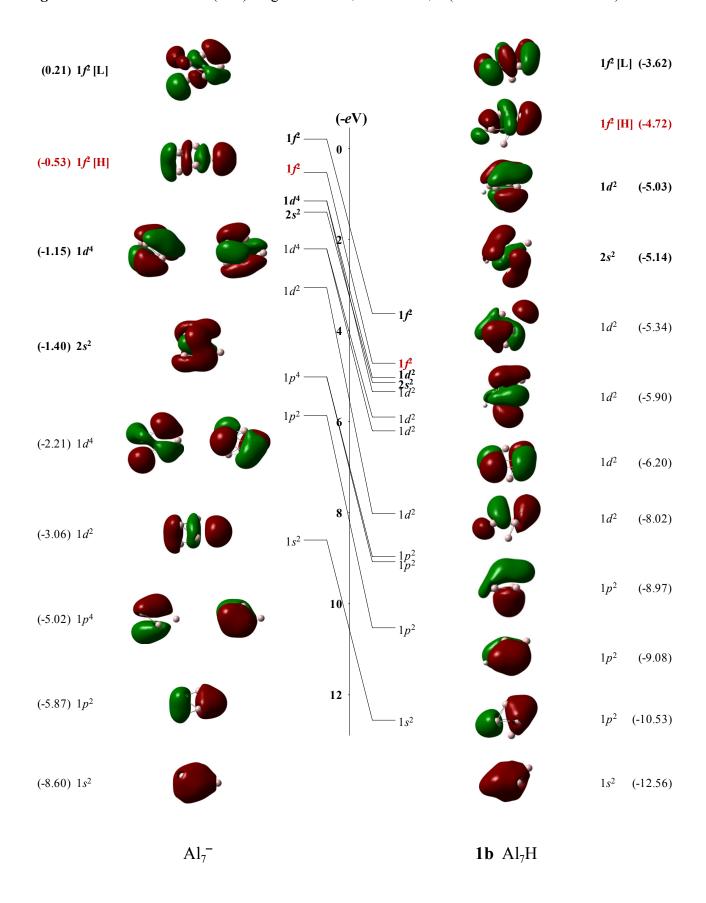
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Al	0.000000000	2.453930000	-0.073994000
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Al	-2.333826000	0.758306000	-0.073994000
Al	-1.419645000	1.953974000	-2.400238000
Al	0.000000000	0.000000000	-3.685265000
Al	1.419645000	1.953974000	-2.400238000
Al	2.333826000	0.758306000	-0.073994000
Al	1.442384000	-1.985271000	-0.073994000
Al	0.000000000	-2.415245000	-2.400238000
Al	2.297035000	-0.746352000	-2.400238000
Al	-2.297035000	-0.746352000	-2.400238000
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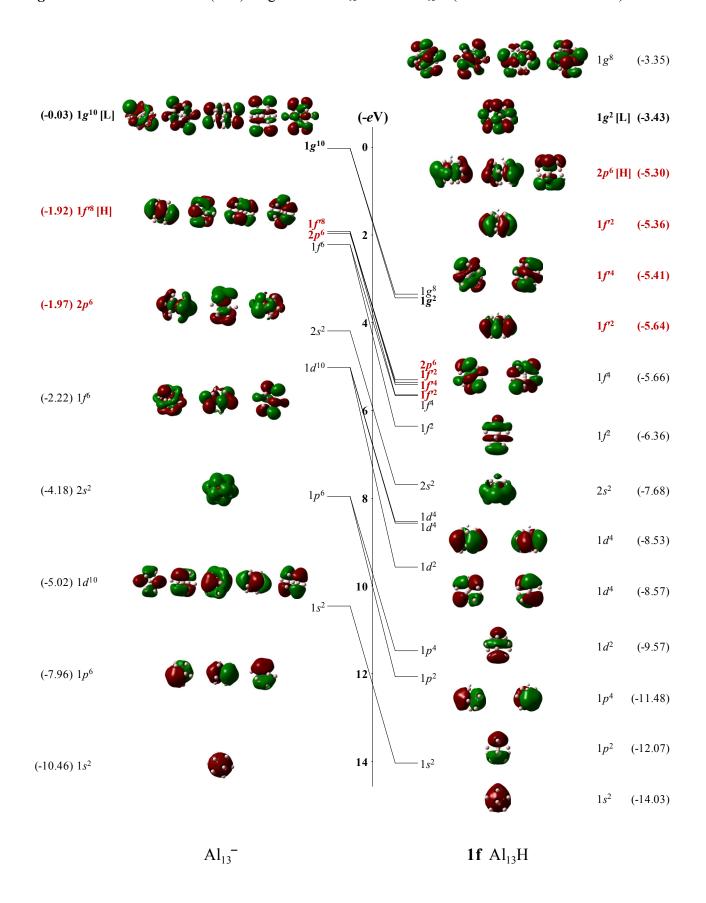
*Figure S1*. Molecular orbital (MO) diagrams for Al<sub>7</sub><sup>-</sup> and **10** Al<sub>7</sub>H (H: HOMO and L: LUMO).



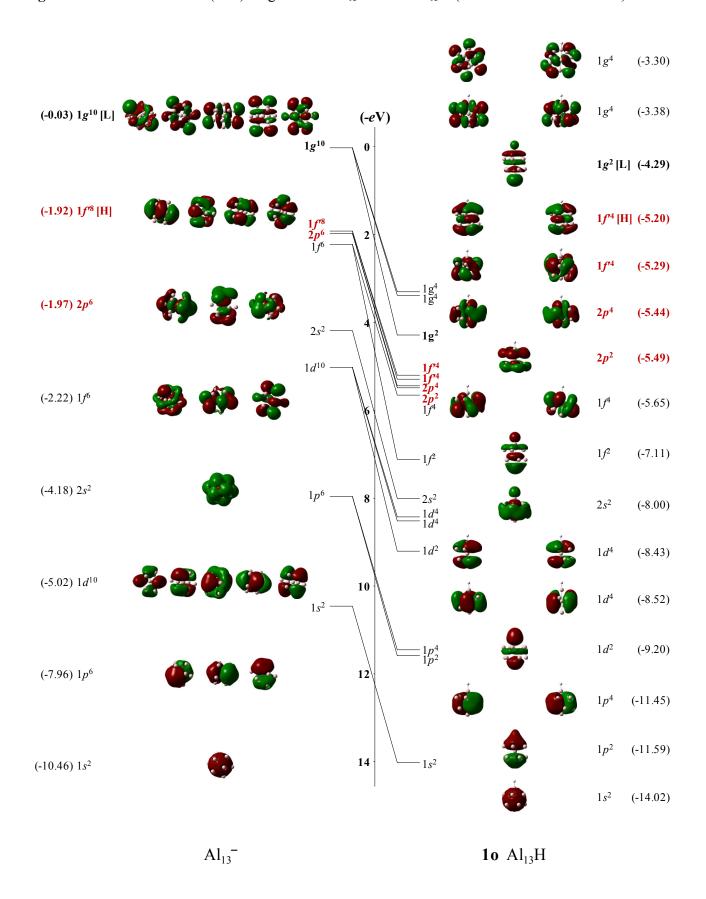
*Figure S2*. Molecular orbital (MO) diagrams for Al<sub>7</sub><sup>-</sup> and **1b** Al<sub>7</sub>H (H: HOMO and L: LUMO).



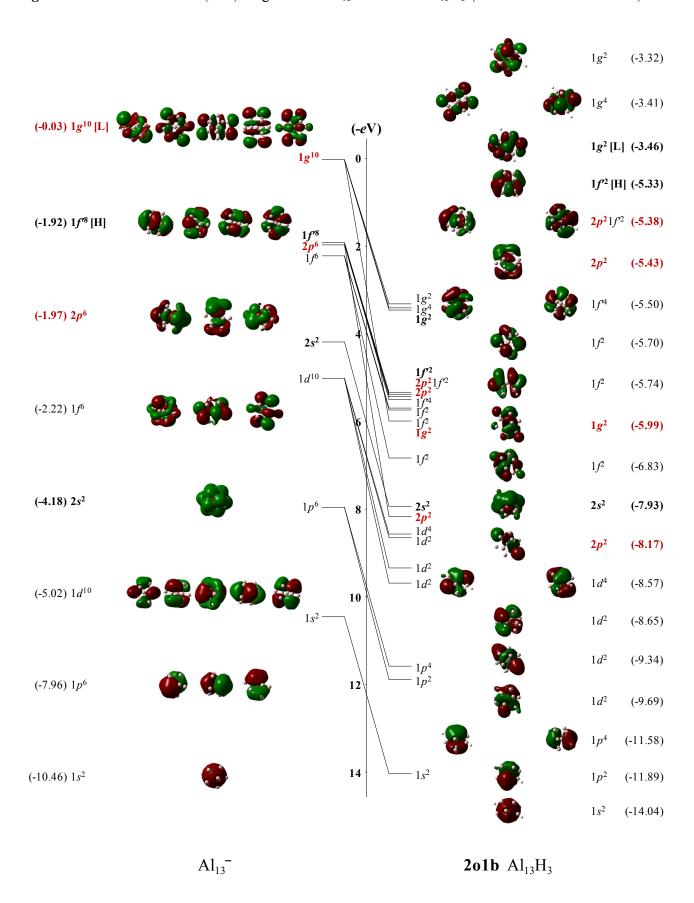
*Figure S3*. Molecular orbital (MO) diagrams for Al<sub>13</sub><sup>-</sup> and **1f** Al<sub>13</sub>H (H: HOMO and L: LUMO).



**Figure S4**. Molecular orbital (MO) diagrams for Al<sub>13</sub><sup>-</sup> and **10** Al<sub>13</sub>H (H: HOMO and L: LUMO).



*Figure S5*. Molecular orbital (MO) diagrams for Al<sub>13</sub><sup>-</sup> and **2o1b** Al<sub>13</sub>H<sub>3</sub> (H: HOMO and L: LUMO).



*Figure S6*. Molecular orbital (MO) diagrams for Al<sub>13</sub><sup>-</sup> and **1o2b** Al<sub>13</sub>H<sub>3</sub> (H: HOMO and L: LUMO).

