

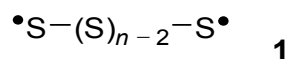
**Power Law Distribution Concerning Absolute Free Energies of Linear Sulfur Chains,
Polythiazyls, Poly-isoprenes, Linear *trans*-Polyenes, and Polyynes**

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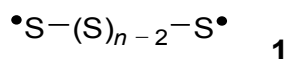
Supporting Information

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n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G_n/(n) - G_8/8$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
8	-3185.831 550	-398.228 944	—	0.00
9	-3584.064 072	-398.229 341	-0.249	-0.249
10	-3982.296 377	-398.229 638	-0.186	-0.435
11	-4380.528 514	-398.229 865	-0.142	-0.578
12	-4778.761 190	-398.230 099	-0.147	-0.725
13	-5176.993 194	-398.230 246	-0.092	-0.817
14	-5575.226 085	-398.230 435	-0.118	-0.936
15	-5973.458 369	-398.230 558	-0.077	-1.013
16	-6371.690 529	-398.230 658	-0.063	-1.076
17	-6769.923 072	-398.230 769	-0.070	-1.145
18	-7168.155 424	-398.230 857	-0.055	-1.200
19	-7566.387 362	-398.230 914	-0.036	-1.236
20	-7964.620 606	-398.231 030	-0.073	-1.309
21	-8362.852 789	-398.231 085	-0.034	-1.343
22	-8761.084 569	-398.231 117	-0.020	-1.363
23	-9159.316 889	-398.231 169	-0.033	-1.396
24	-9557.548 722	-398.231 197	-0.017	-1.414
25	-9955.780 041	-398.231 202	-0.003	-1.417
26	-10354.012 142	-398.231 236	-0.021	-1.438
27	-10752.243 516	-398.231 241	-0.003	-1.441
28	-11150.476 125	-398.231 290	-0.029	-1.472
29	-11548.708 776	-398.231 337	-0.082	-1.502
30	-11946.944 058	-398.231 469	-0.082	-1.584
31	-12345.171 072	-398.231 325	0.09	-1.494
32	-12743.404 681	-398.231 396	-0.044	-1.538
33	-13141.634 467	-398.231 347	0.030	-1.508

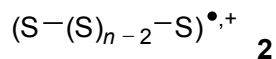
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n	E_n (au)	E_n/n (au)	$\delta E = E_n/n - E_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$E_n/(n) - E_8/8$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
8	-3185.797 081	-398.224 635	—	0.00
9	-3584.025 291	-398.225 032	-0.249	-0.249
10	-3982.257 320	-398.225 732	-0.439	-0.688
11	-4380.487 492	-398.226 136	-0.254	-0.942
12	-4778.718 533	-398.226 544	-0.256	-1.198
13	-5176.947 508	-398.226 731	-0.117	-1.315
14	-5575.179 033	-398.227 074	-0.215	-1.530
15	-5973.409 006	-398.227 267	-0.121	-1.651
16	-6371.639 981	-398.227 500	-0.146	-1.798
17	-6769.871 327	-398.227 725	-0.142	-1.939
18	-7168.100 658	-398.227 814	-0.056	-1.995
19	-7566.333 409	-398.228 074	-0.163	-2.158
20	-7964.565 285	-398.228 264	-0.119	-2.277
21	-8362.795 819	-398.228 372	-0.067	-2.345
22	-8761.025 309	-398.228 423	-0.032	-2.377
23	-9159.256 028	-398.228 523	-0.063	-2.440
24	-9557.486 839	-398.228 618	-0.060	-2.499
25	-9955.717 259	-398.228 690	-0.045	-2.544
26	-10353.946 943	-398.228 728	-0.024	-2.568
27	-10752.176 681	-398.228 766	-0.023	-2.592
28	-11150.408 215	-398.228 865	-0.062	-2.654
29	-11548.637 396	-398.228 876	-0.007	-2.661
30	-11946.872 118	-398.229 071	-0.122	-2.784
31	-12345.098 686	-398.228 990	-0.050	-2.733
32	-12743.327 888	-398.228 996	-0.004	-2.736
33	-13141.558 056	-398.229 032	-0.022	-2.759
34	-13539.788 303	-398.229 068	-0.022	-2.782
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36	-14336.249 739	-398.229 159	-0.029	-2.839

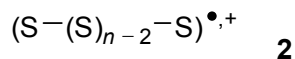
37	−14734.479 404	−398.229 173	−0.008	−2.848
38	−15132.712 767	−398.229 283	−0.069	−2.917
39	−15530.944 630	−398.229 349	−0.041	−2.958
40	−15929.177 782	−398.229 444	−0.059	−3.017

Table S-3. Linear radical-cation sulfur chains $S_n^{\bullet,+}$ **2**. Absolute energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (n = number of S-atoms per molecule).



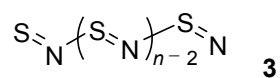
n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G_n/(n) - G_8/8$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
8	-3185.538 681	-398.192 335	—	—
9	-3583.770 423	-398.196 714	-2.75	-2.75
10	-3982.005 351	-398.200 535	-2.40	-5.15
11	-4380.241 144	-398.203 740	-2.01	-7.16
12	-4778.473 439	-398.206 120	-1.49	-8.65
13	-5176.706 884	-398.208 222	-1.32	-9.97
14	-5574.941 185	-398.210 085	-1.17	-11.14
15	-5973.171 428	-398.211 428	-0.84	-11.98
16	-6371.402 697	-398.212 669	-0.78	-12.76
17	-6769.642 335	-398.214 255	-0.99	-13.75
18	-7167.873 643	-398.215 202	-0.59	-14.35
19	-7566.107 786	-398.216 199	-0.62	-14.97
20	-7964.341 063	-398.217 053	-0.54	-15.51
21	-8362.573 809	-398.217 800	-0.47	-15.98
22	-8760.805 023	-398.218 410	-0.38	-16.36
23	-9159.037 537	-398.219 023	-0.38	-16.75
24	-9557.271 183	-398.219 633	-0.77	-17.13
25	-9955.503 213	-398.220 128	-0.31	-17.44
26	-10353.735 599	-398.220 600	-0.30	-17.74
27	-10751.967 672	-398.221 025	-0.27	-18.00
28	-11150.201 448	-398.221 480	-0.28	-18.29
29	-11548.434 423	-398.221 877	-0.25	-18.54
30	-11946.669 433	-398.222 314	-0.27	-18.81
31	-12344.896 283	-398.222 461	-0.09	-18.90
32	-12743.130 836	-398.222 839	-0.24	-19.14
33	-13141.365 781	-398.223 205	0.23	-19.37

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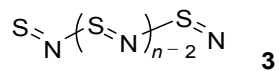
n	E_n (au)	E_n/n (au)	$\delta E = E_n/n - E_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$E_n/(n) - E_8/8$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
8	-3185.505 337	-398.188 167	—	—
9	-3583.734 891	-398.192 766	-2.88	-2.88
10	-3981.967 874	-398.196 787	-2.53	-5.41
11	-4380.202 348	-398.200 213	-2.15	-7.56
12	-4778.432 176	-398.202 681	-1.55	-9.11
13	-5176.662 948	-398.204 842	-1.35	-10.46
14	-5574.895 959	-398.206 854	-1.26	-11.73
15	-5973.124 726	-398.208 315	-0.92	-12.64
16	-6371.351 720	-398.209 482	-0.73	-13.37
17	-6769.592 239	-398.211 308	-1.14	-14.52
18	-7167.822 926	-398.212 385	-0.67	-15.20
19	-7566.053 775	-398.213 357	-0.32	-15.81
20	-7964.286 850	-398.214 342	-0.62	-16.42
21	-8362.517 755	-398.215 131	-0.49	-16.92
22	-8760.745 720	-398.215 714	-0.37	-17.29
23	-9158.970 968	-398.216 129	-0.26	-17.55
24	-9557.209 665	-398.217 069	-0.59	-18.14
25	-9955.441 170	-398.217 647	-0.36	-18.50
26	-10353.672 143	-398.218 159	-0.32	-18.82
27	-10751.901 832	-398.218 586	-0.27	-19.09
28	-11150.127 216	-398.218 829	-0.15	-19.24
29	-11548.356 831	-398.219 201	-0.23	-19.47
30	-11946.594 999	-398.219 833	-0.40	-19.87
31	-12344.824 949	-398.220 160	-0.20	-20.07
32	-12743.053 147	-398.220 411	-0.16	-20.23
33	-13141.289 005	-398.220 880	-0.29	-20.53
34	-13539.515 133	-398.221 033	-0.1	-20.62

Table S-5. (SN)_n **3**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (Singlet state) (n = number of S-atoms per molecule).



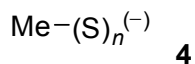
n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G_n/(n) - G_2/2$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
2	−905.864 492	−452.932 246	—	—
3	−1358.839 354	−452.946 451	−8.91	−8.91
4	−1811.789 421	−452.947 355	−0.57	−9.48
5	−2264.740 811	−452.948 162	−0.51	−9.99
6	−2717.691 493	−452.948 582	−0.26	−10.25
7	−3170.650 968	−452.950 138	−0.98	−11.23
8	−3623.599 443	−452.949 930	0.13	−11.10
9	−4076.561 552	−452.951 283	−0.85	−11.95
10	−4529.517 426	−452.951 743	−0.29	−12.23
11	−4982.476 629	−452.952 421	−0.42	−12.66
12	−5435.423 430	−452.951 952	0.29	−12.37
13	−5888.396 458	−452.953 574	−1.02	−13.38
14	−6341.358 023	−452.954 144	−0.36	−13.74
15	−6794.311 926	−452.954 128	0.01	−13.73

Table S-6. $(\text{SN})_n$ **3**. Absolute energies, E_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (Singlet state) (n = number of S-atoms per molecule).



n	E_n (au)	E_n/n (au)	$\delta E = E_n/n - E_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$E_n/(n) - E_2/2$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
2	-905.842 210	-452.921 105	—	—
3	-1358.819 172	-452.939 724	-11.68	-11.68
4	-1811.769 904	-452.942 476	-1.73	-13.41
5	-2264.720 979	-452.944 196	-1.08	-14.49
6	-2717.672 555	-452.945 426	-0.77	-15.26
7	-3170.631 698	-452.947 385	-1.23	-16.49
8	-3623.581 116	-452.947 639	-0.16	-16.65
9	-4076.542 260	-452.949 140	-0.94	-17.59
10	-4529.500 253	-452.950 025	-0.55	-18.15
11	-4982.459 083	-452.950 826	-0.50	-18.65
12	-5435.407 555	-452.950 63	0.12	-18.53
13	-5888.379 767	-452.952 290	-1.04	-19.57
14	-6341.345 479	-452.953 248	-0.60	-20.17
15	-6794.296 126	-452.953 075	0.11	-20.06

Table S-7. $\text{MeS}_n^{(-)}$ 4. Absolute free energies, G_n at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (n = number of S-atoms per molecule) and linear relationship (1a).



n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -249895.156113n - 25079.46$ (1a) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} =$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
1	-438.160 649	-274 949.97	-274 974.6	24.69
2	-836.412 197	-524 856.60	-524 869.8	13.21
3	-1 234.657 495	-774 759.31	-774 765.0	5.69
4	-1 632.898 910	-1 024 659.58	-1 024 660.1	0.54
5	-2 031.139 299	-1 274 559.21	-1 274 555.3	-3.92
6	-2 429.375 525	-1 524 456.22	-1 524 450.4	-5.82
7	-2 827.607 520	-1 774 350.58	-1 774 345.6	-4.98
8	-3 225.842 345	-2 024 246.72	-2 024 240.7	-5.97
9	-3 624.074 934	-2 274 141.45	-2 274 135.9	-5.55
10	-4 022.308 623	-2 524 036.87	-2 524 031.1	-5.77
11	-4 420.539 769	-2 773 930.70	-2 773 926.2	-4.50
12	-4 818.773 386	-3 023 826.08	-3 023 821.4	-4.68
13	-5 217.005 009	-3 273 720.20	-3 273 716.5	-3.70
14	-5 615.239 200	-3 523 615.94	-3 523 611.7	-4.24
15	-6 013.471 261	-3 773 510.34	-3 773 506.8	-3.54
16	-6411.703 165	-4 023 404.65	-4 023 402.0	-2.65
17	-6809.937 540	-4 273 300.50	-4 273 297.2	-3.30
18	-7208.169 580	-4 523 194.89	-4 523 192.3	-2.59
19	-7606.402 293	-4 773 089.70	-4 773 087.5	-2.20
20	-8004.635 074	-5 022 984.55	-5 022 982.6	-1.95
21	-8402.868 143	-5 272 879.59	-5 272 877.8	-1.79
22	-8801.096 324	-5 522 771.55	-5 522 772.9	1.35
23	-9199.332 486	-5 772 668.53	-5 772 668.1	-0.43
24	-9597.565 049	-6 022 563.25	-6 022 563.2	-0.04
25	-9995.798 954	-6 272 458.80	-6 272 458.4	-0.40
26	-1 0394.032 401	-6 522 354.07	-6 522 353.6	-0.47
27	-1 0792.260 069	-6 772 245.72	-6 772 248.7	2.98
28	-1 1190.495 173	-7 022 142.03	-7 022 143.9	1.87

29	-11 588.724 074	-7 272 034.45	-7 272 039.0	4.55
30	-11 986.958 238	-7 521 930.17	-7 521 934.2	4.03
31	-12 385.189 799	-7 771 824.26	-7 771 829.3	5.04
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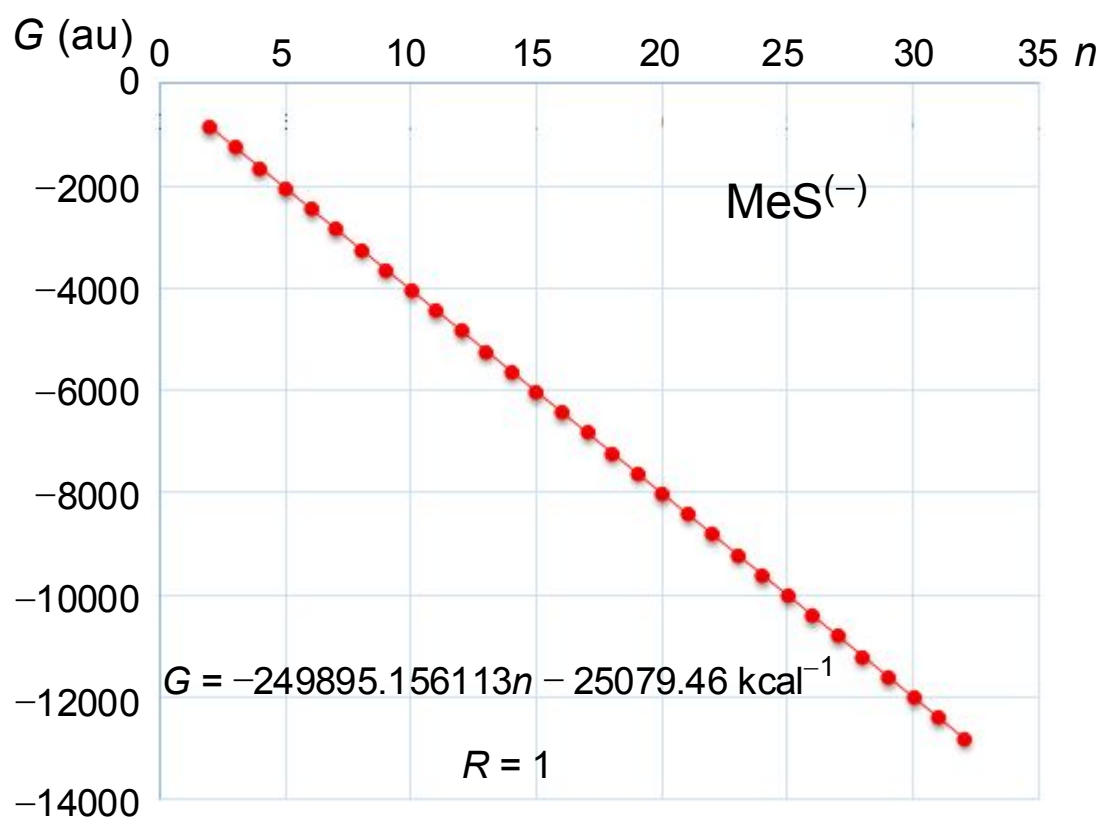
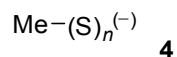


Fig. S-1. G_n values of $\text{MeS}_n^{(-)}$ as a function of n (n = number of chain sulfur atoms) at the B3LYP/6.311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (1a) (see Table S-7).

Table S-8. MeS_n⁽⁻⁾ **4**. Variations of absolute free energies, G_n at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (n = number of S-atoms per molecule).



n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 33\,411 / n^{2.076}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
1	-438.160 649	-438.160 649	—	—
2	-836.412 197	-418.206 098	12 521.67	7 924.1
3	-1 234.657 495	-411.552 498	4 175.20	3 415.0
4	-1 632.898 910	-408.224 727	2 088.21	1 879.4
5	-2 031.139 299	-406.227 860	1 253.05	1 182.6
6	-2 429.375 525	-404.895 921	835.80	809.9
7	-2 827.607 520	-403.943 931	597.38	588.1
8	-3 225.842 345	-403.230 293	447.81	445.7
9	-3 624.074 934	-402.674 993	348.46	349.0
10	-4 022.308 623	-402.230 862	278.70	280.4
11	-4 420.539 769	-401.867 252	228.17	230.1
12	-4 818.773 386	-401.564 449	190.01	192.1
13	-5 217.005 009	-401.308 078	160.87	162.6
14	-5 615.239 200	-401.088 514	137.78	139.4
15	-6 013.471 261	-400.898 084	119.50	120.8
16	-6 411.703 165	-400.731 448	104.57	105.7
17	-6 809.937 540	-400.584 561	92.17	93.2
18	-7 208.169 580	-400.453 866	82.01	82.8
19	-7 606.402 293	-400.336 963	73.36	74.0
20	-8 004.635 074	-400.231 754	66.02	66.5
21	-8 402.868 143	-400.136 578	59.72	60.1
22	-8 801.096 324	-400.049 833	54.43	54.6
23	-9 199.332 486	-399.970 978	49.48	49.8
24	-9 597.565 049	-399.898 544	45.45	45.5
25	-9 995.798 954	-399.831 958	41.78	41.8
26	-10 394.032 401	-399.770 477	38.58	38.6
27	-10 792.260 069	-399.713 336	35.86	35.7
28	-11 190.495 173	-399.660 542	33.13	33.1
29	-11 588.724 074	-399.611 175	30.98	30.8

30	-11 986.958 238	-399.565 275	28.80	28.7
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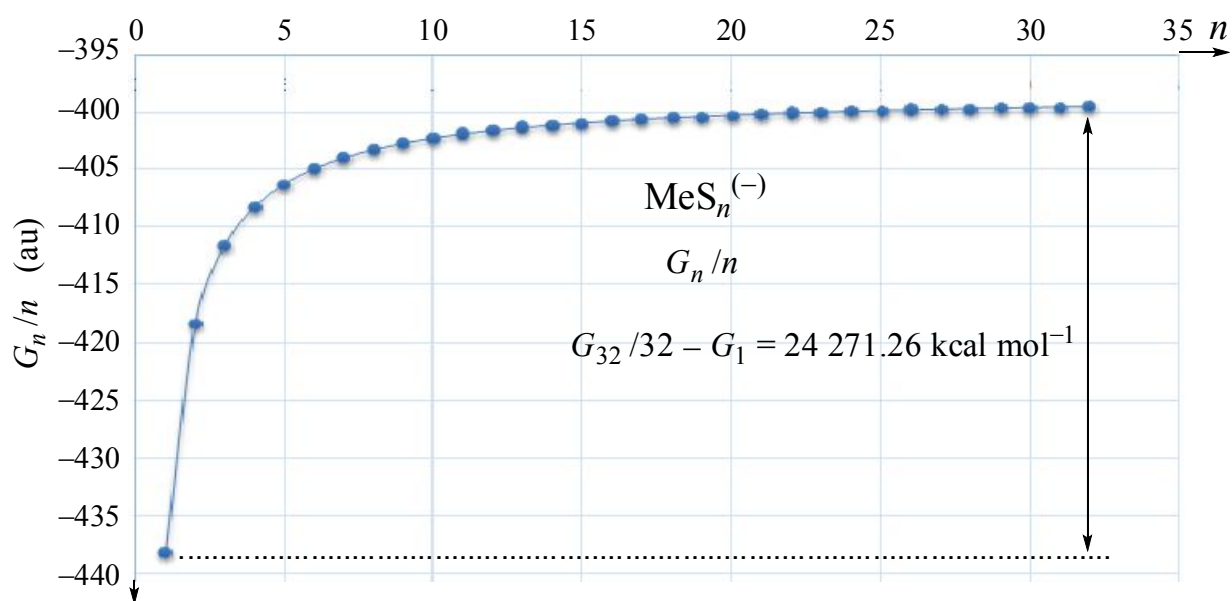


Fig. S-2. Variations of G_n/n values of $\text{MeS}_n^{(-)}$ as a function of n (n = number of chain sulfur atoms) at the B3LYP/6.311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-8).

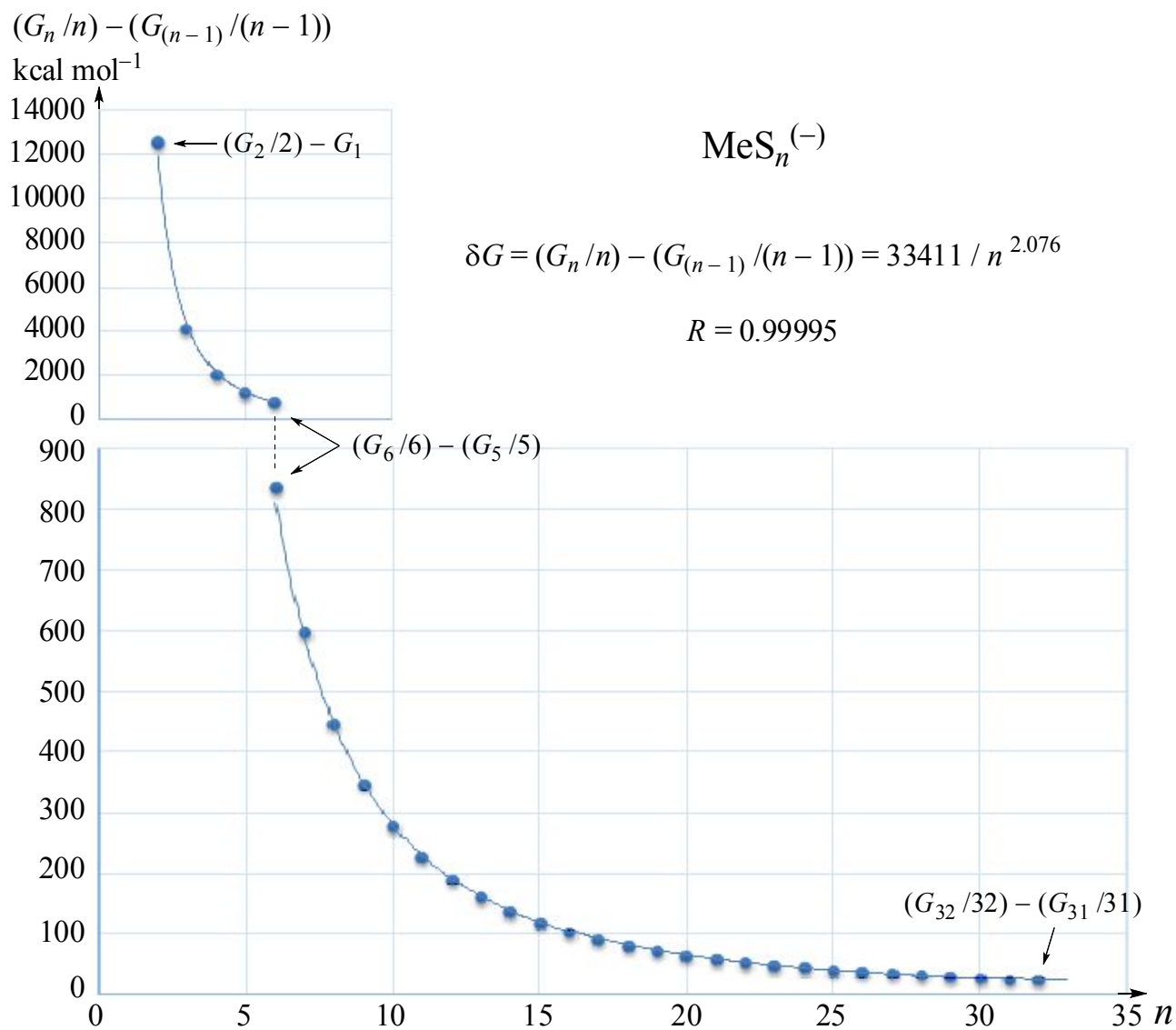


Fig. S-3. Power law (2a): variations of δG values of $\text{MeS}_n^{(-)}$ as a function of n (n = number of chain sulfur atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-7).

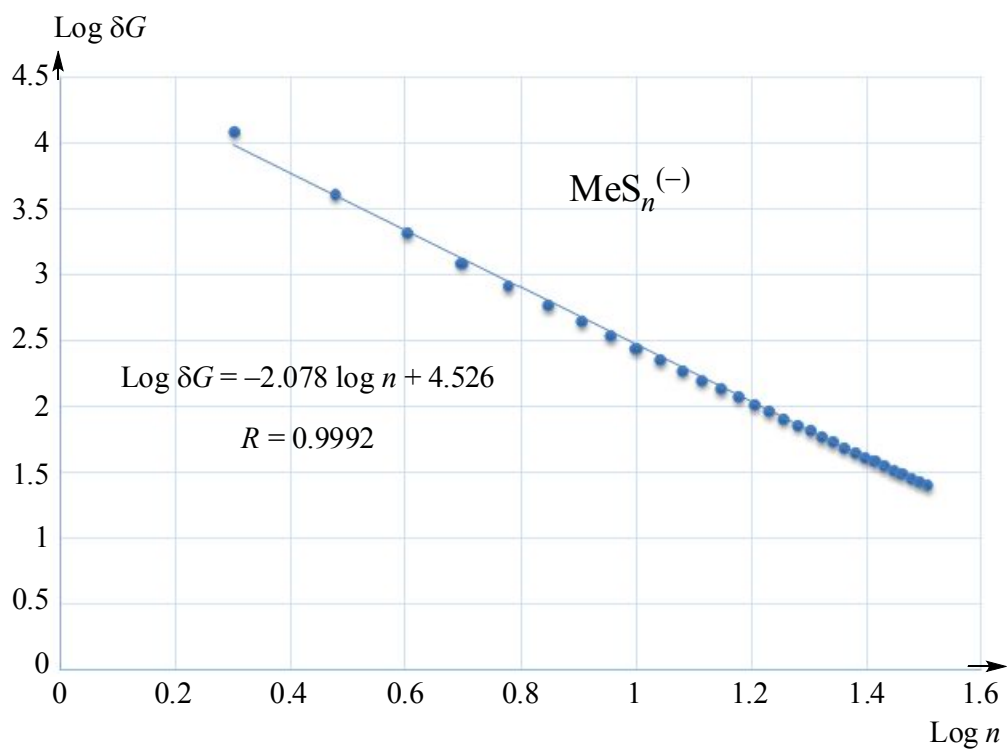
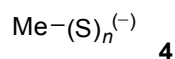


Fig. S-4. MeS $_n^{(-)}$ 4. Plot of $\log \delta G = \log[G_n/n - G_{(n-1)}/(n-1)]$ vs $\log n$, (signature of the power law relationship (2a) from manuscript).

Power law (2a): $\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 33411 / n^{2.076}$.

Table S-9. $\text{MeS}_n^{(-)}$ **4**. Absolute energies, E_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (n = number of S-atoms per molecule).



n	E_n (au)	E_n/n (au)	$\delta E = E_n/n - E_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta E_{\text{calc}} = 33\,468 / n^{2.077}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
1	-438.172 777	-438.172 777	—	—
2	-836.423 050	-418.211 525	12 525.87	7932.1
3	-1 234.666 534	-411.555 511	4 176.71	3417.0
4	-1 632.906 285	-408.226 571	2 088.94	1880.0
5	-2 031.146 474	-406.229 295	1 253.31	1182.7
6	-2 429.378 280	-404.896 380	836.42	809.9
7	-2 827.610 486	-403.944 355	597.40	588.0
8	-3 225.843 073	-403.230 384	448.02	445.6
9	-3 624.072 900	-402.674 767	348.66	348.9
10	-4 022.305 751	-402.230 575	278.73	280.3
11	-4 420.534 441	-401.866 767	228.29	230.0
12	-4 818.765 817	-401.563 818	190.10	191.9
13	-5 216.996 276	-401.307 406	160.90	162.5
14	-5 615.228 315	-401.087 737	137.84	139.3
15	-6 013.458 920	-400.897 261	119.52	120.7
16	-6 411.689 116	-400.730 570	104.60	105.6
17	-6 809.926 694	-400.583 923	92.02	93.1
18	-7 208.153 205	-400.452 956	82.18	82.7
19	-7 606.390 102	-400.336 321	73.19	73.9
20	-8 004.613 363	-400.230 668	66.30	66.4
21	-8 402.852 908	-400.135 853	59.50	60.0
22	-8 801.075 834	-400.048 901	54.56	54.5
23	-9 199.306 636	-399.969 854	49.60	49.7
24	-9 597.543 753	-399.897 656	45.30	45.5
25	-9 995.778 491	-399.831 140	41.74	41.8
26	-10 393.998 489	-399.769 173	38.88	38.5
27	-10 792.237 973	-399.712 517	35.55	35.6
28	-11 190.469 649	-399.659 630	33.19	33.0
29	-11 588.698 076	-399.610 278	30.97	30.7

30	-11 986.928 408	-399.564 280	28.86	28.6
31	-12 385.151 157	-399.521 005	27.16	26.7
32	-12 783.381 925	-399.480 685	25.30	25.0
33	-13 181.613 136	-399.442 822	23.76	23.5
34	-13 579.855 345	-399.407 419	22.22	22.1

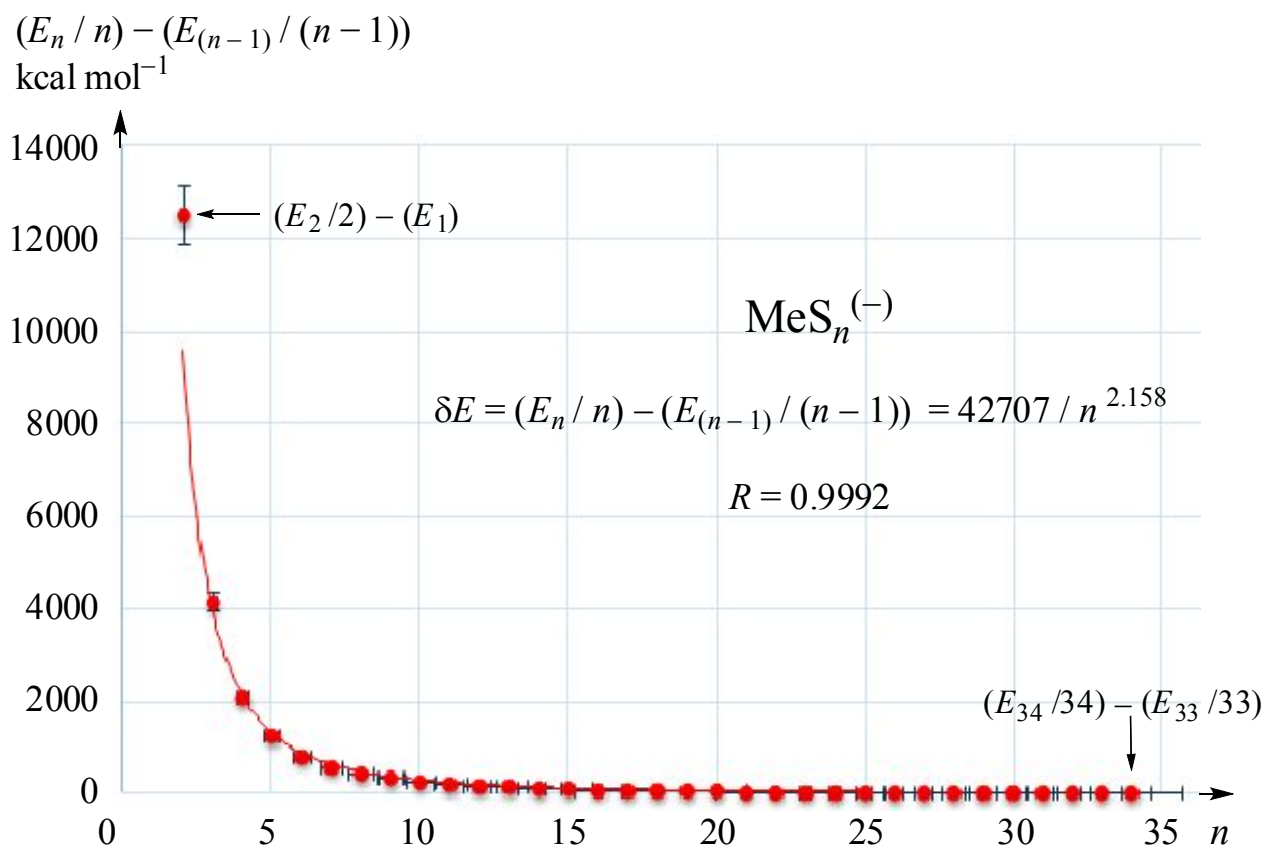
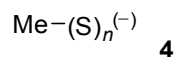


Fig. S-5. Power law (2b): variations of δE values of $\text{MeS}_n^{(-)}$ as a function of n (n = number of chain sulfur atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-9).

Table S-10. $\text{MeS}_n^{(-)}$ **4**. Absolute free energies, G_n at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in water as solvent (n = number of S-atoms per molecule).



n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 33\,997 / n^{2.083}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
1	-438.264 618	-438.264 618	—	—
2	-836.507 714	-418.253 857	12 556.94	8024.08
3	-1 234.746 559	-411.582 186	4 186.54	3448.25
4	-1 632.982 457	-408.245 614	2 093.73	1893.87
5	-2 031.217 381	-406.243 476	1 256.36	1189.83
6	-2 429.450 632	-404.908 439	837.75	813.86
7	-2 827.683 625	-403.954 804	598.41	590.34
8	-3 225.916 982	-403.239 623	448.78	447.0
9	-3 624.150 110	-402.683 346	349.07	349.75
10	-4 022.383 036	-402.238 304	279.27	280.83
11	-4 420.614 896	-401.874 081	228.55	230.26
12	-4 818.847 385	-401.570 615	190.43	192.09
13	-5 217.079 945	-401.313 842	161.13	162.6
14	-5 615.313 426	-401.093 816	138.07	139.3
15	-6 013.545 491	-400.903 033	119.72	120.68
16	-6 411.775 574	-400.735 973	104.83	105.50
17	-6 810.010 397	-400.588 847	92.32	92.98
18	-7 208.243 073	-400.457 948	82.14	82.55
19	-7 606.473 938	-400.340 733	73.55	73.75
20	-8 004.709 348	-400.235 467	66.06	66.28
21	-8 402.940 344	-400.140 016	59.90	59.87
22	-8 801.172 705	-400.053 305	54.41	54.35
23	-9 199.404 821	-399.974 123	49.69	49.54
24	-9 597.638 940	-399.901 622	45.49	45.34
25	-9 995.869 767	-399.834 791	41.94	41.64
26	-10 394.103 236	-399.773 201	38.65	38.37
27	-10 792.333 806	-399.716 069	35.85	35.47
28	-11 190.565 863	-399.663 066	33.26	32.88
29	-11 588.797 588	-399.613 710	30.97	30.57

30	-11 987.031 138	-399.567 770	28.87	28.48
31	-12 385.263 497	-399.524 629	27.07	26.60
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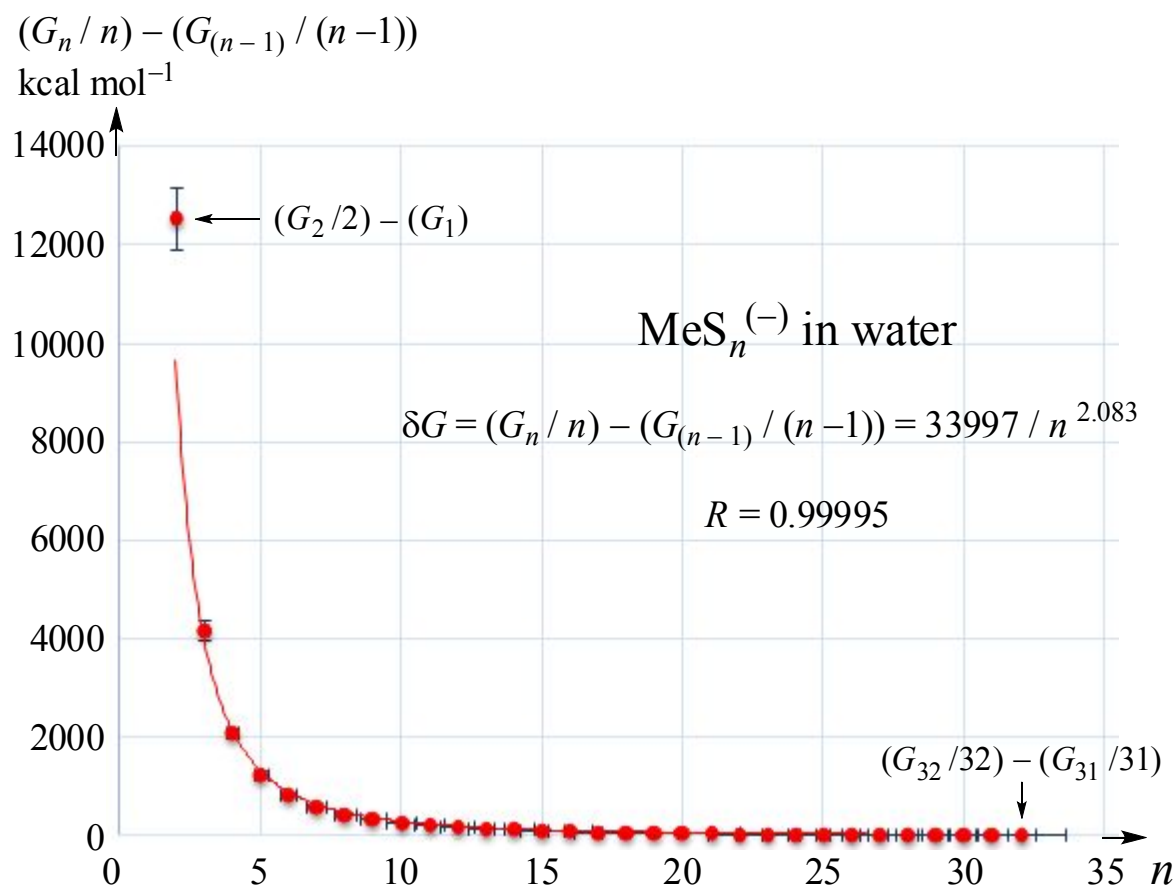
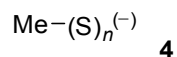


Fig. S-6. Power law (2c): variations of δG values of $\text{MeS}_n^{(-)}$ using water as solvent as a function of n (n = number of chain sulfur atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in water as solvent (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-10).

Table S-11. MeS_n⁽⁻⁾ **4**. Absolute energies, E_n at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in water as solvent (n = number of S-atoms per molecule).



n	E_n (au)	E_n/n (au)	$\delta E = E_n/n - E_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta E_{\text{calc}} = 33\,761 / n^{2.079}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
1	-438.277 383	-438.277 383	—	—
2	-836.518 937	-418.259 468	12 521.4	7924.1
3	-1 234.756 120	-411.585 373	4 188.0	3415.0
4	-1 632.990 237	-408.247 559	2 094.5	1879.4
5	-2 031.224 420	-406.244 884	1 256.7	1182.6
6	-2 429.455 664	-404.909 277	838.10	809.9
7	-2 827.686 958	-403.955 280	598.64	588.1
8	-3 225.918 177	-403.239 772	449.0	445.7
9	-3 624.149 039	-402.683 226	349.24	349.0
10	-4 022.380 224	-402.238 022	279.37	280.4
11	-4 420.611 140	-401.873 740	228.59	230.1
12	-4 818.841 926	-401.570 160	190.50	192.1
13	-5 217.072 616	-401.313 278	161.20	162.6
14	-5 615.303 536	-401.093 110	138.5	139.4
15	-6 013.534 542	-400.902 303	119.73	120.8
16	-6 411.763 830	-400.735 239	104.83	105.7
17	-6 809.996 598	-400.588 035	92.37	93.2
18	-7 208.227 539	-400.457 085	82.17	82.8
19	-7 606.458 502	-400.339 921	73.52	74.0
20	-8 004.689 253	-400.234 463	66.18	66.5
21	-8 402.920 285	-400.139 061	59.86	60.1
22	-8 801.150 906	-400.052 314	54.43	54.6
23	-9 199.381 929	-399.973 127	49.69	49.8
24	-9 597.612 845	-399.900 535	45.55	45.5
25	-9 995.843 101	-399.833 724	41.92	41.8
26	-10 394.075 415	-399.772 131	38.65	38.6
27	-10 792.304 778	-399.714 992	35.86	35.7
28	-11 190.537 883	-399.662 067	33.21	33.1
29	-11 588.766 513	-399.612 638	31.02	30.8

30	-11 986.996 954	-399.566 565	28.91	28.7
31	-12 385.228 745	-399.523 508	27.02	26.8
32	-12 783.459 720	399.483 116	25.35	25.0

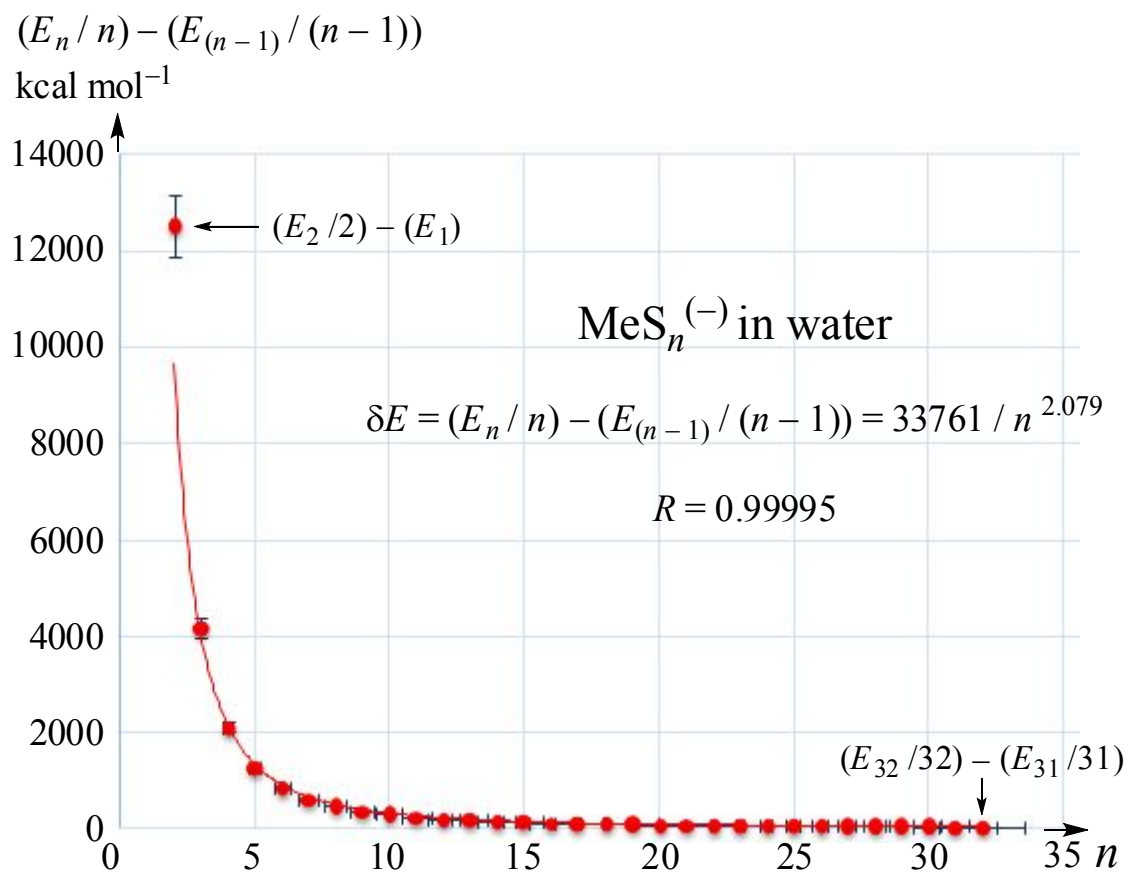
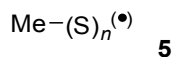


Fig. S-7. Power law (2d): variations of δE values of $\text{MeS}_n^{(-)}$ using water as solvent as a function of n (n = number of chain sulfur atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory using water as solvent (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-11).

Table S-12. $\text{MeS}_n^{(\bullet)}$ **5**. Absolute free energies, G_n at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (n = number of S-atoms per molecule) and linear relationship (1b).



n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -249894.626977n - 25027.13$ (1b) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
1	-438.095 828*	-274 909.294	-274 921.73	12.43
2	-836.351 187	-524 818.315	-524 816.38	-1.93
3	-1 234.581 831	-774 711.827	-774 711.00	-0.83
4	-1 632.815 119	-1024 607.00	-1 024 605.64	-1.36
5	-2 031.046 570	-1 274 501.02	-1 274 500.3	-0.72
6	-2 429.278 723	-1 524 395.48	-1 524 394.89	-0.59
7	-2 827.511 330	-1 774 290.22	-1 774 289.52	-0.70
8	-3 225.743 661	-2 024 184.79	-2 024 184.15	-0.64
9	-3 623.976 708	-2 274 079.81	-2 274 078.77	-1.04
10	-4 022.208 713	-2 523 974.18	-2 523 973.4	-0.78
11	-4 420.441 816	-2 773 869.23	-2 773 868.03	-1.20
12	-4 818.673 839	-3 023 763.61	-3 023 762.65	-0.96
13	-5 216.906 584	-3 273 658.44	-3 273 657.28	-1.16
14	-5 615.139 334	-3 523 553.28	-3 523 551.91	-1.36
15	-6 013.368 867	-3 773 446.09	-3 773 446.53	0.44
16	-6 411.602 230	-4 023 341.31	-4 023 341.16	-0.15
17	-6 809.835 502	-4 273 236.47	-4 273 235.79	-0.686
18	-7 208.068 528	-4 523 131.48	-4 523 130.42	-1.06
19	-7 606.301 254	-4 773 026.3	-4 773 025.04	-1.26
20	-8 004.533 460	-5 022 920.79	-5 022 919.67	-1.12
21	-8 402.765 794	-5 272 815.36	-5 272 814.3	-1.06
22	-8 800.997 869	-5 522 709.77	-5 522 708.92	-0.85
23	-9 199.231 951	-5 772 605.44	-5 772 603.55	-1.89
24	-9 597.462 182	-6 022 498.7	-6 022 498.18	-0.51
25	-9 995.691 816	-6 272 391.57	-6 272 392.8	1.22
26	-10 393.928 045	-6 522 288.59	-6 522 287.43	-1.16
27	-10 792.154 758	-6 772 179.64	-6 772 182.06	2.42
28	-11 190.389 113	-7 022 075.48	-7 022 076.7	1.22

29	-11 588.621 053	-7 271 969.8	-7 271 971.31	1.50
30	-11 986.853 587	-7 521 864.5	-7 521 865.94	-1.43
31	-12 385.085 803	-7 771 759.00	-7 771 760.6	1.60
32	-12 783.319 247	-8 021 654.27	-8 021 655.19	0.92

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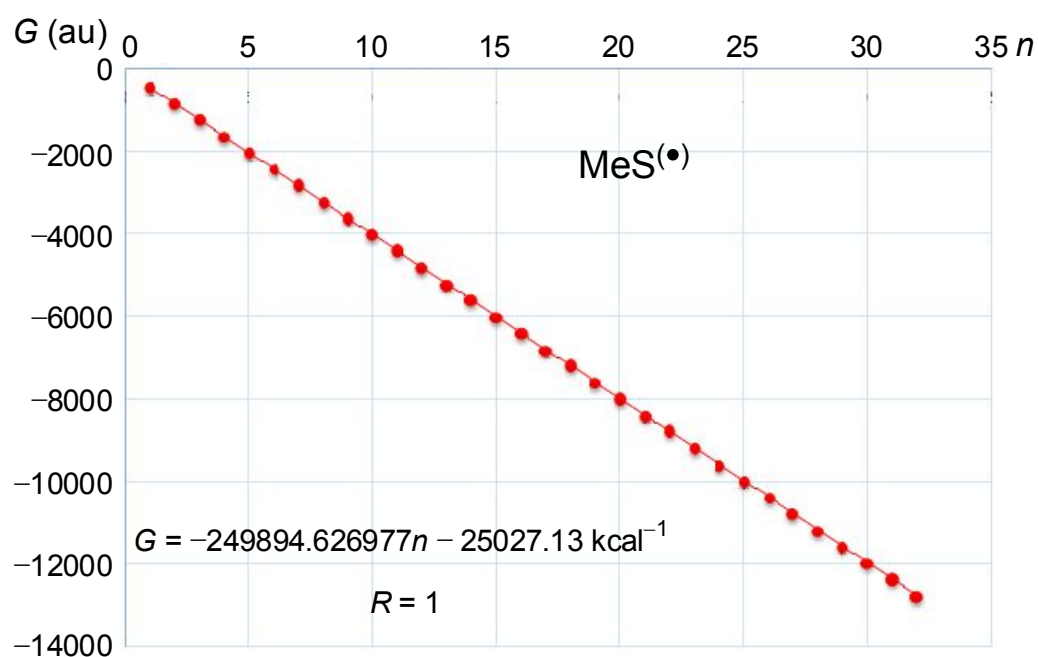
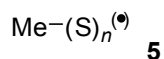


Fig. S-8. G_n values of $\text{MeS}_n(\bullet)$ as a function of n (n = number of chain sulfur atoms) at the B3LYP/6.311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (1b) (see Table S-12).

Table S-13. $\text{MeS}_n^{(\bullet)}$ **5**. Absolute free energies, G_n at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (n = number of S-atoms per molecule).



n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 33\,596 / n^{2.079}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
1	-438.095 828*	-438.095 828	—	—
2	-836.351 187	-418.175 593	12 500.14	7951.5
3	-1 234.581 831	-411.527 277	4 171.88	3422.5
4	-1 632.815 119	-408.203 780	2 085.53	1881.9
5	-2 031.046 570	-406.209 314	1 251.55	1183.4
6	-2 429.278 723	-404.879 787	834.29	810.0
7	-2 827.511 330	-403.930 190	595.88	587.9
8	-3 225.743 661	-403.217 958	446.93	445.4
9	-3 623.976 708	-402.664 079	347.56	348.6
10	-4 022.208 713	-402.220 871	278.12	280.1
11	-4420.441 816	-401.858 347	227.49	229.7
12	-4 818.673 839	-401.556 153	189.63	191.7
13	-5 216.906 584	-401.300 506	160.42	162.3
14	-5 615.139 334	-401.081 381	137.50	139.1
15	-6 013.368 867	-400.891 258	119.30	120.5
16	-6 411.602 230	-400.725 139	104.24	105.4
17	-6 809.835 502	-400.578 559	91.98	92.9
18	-7 208.068 528	-400.448 252	81.77	82.5
19	-7 606.301 254	-400.331 645	73.17	73.7
20	-8 004.533 460	-400.226 673	65.87	66.2
21	-8 402.765 794	-400.131 704	59.59	59.9
22	-8800.997 869	-400.045 358	54.18	54.3
23	-9 199.231 951	-399.966 606	49.42	49.5
24	-9 597.462 182	-399.894 258	45.40	45.4
25	-9 995.691 816	-399.827 673	41.78	41.7
26	-10 393.928 045	-399.766 463	38.41	38.4
27	-10 792.154 758	-399.709 435	35.78	35.5
28	-11 190.389 113	-399.656 754	33.06	32.9

29	-11 588.621 053	-399.607 622	30.83	30.6
30	-11 986.853 587	-399.561 786	28.76	28.5
31	-12 385.085 803	-399.518 911	26.90	26.7
32	-12 783.319 247	-399.478 726	25.22	25.0

* 1 imaginary frequency ignored ($i-596.8434\text{ cm}^{-1}$).

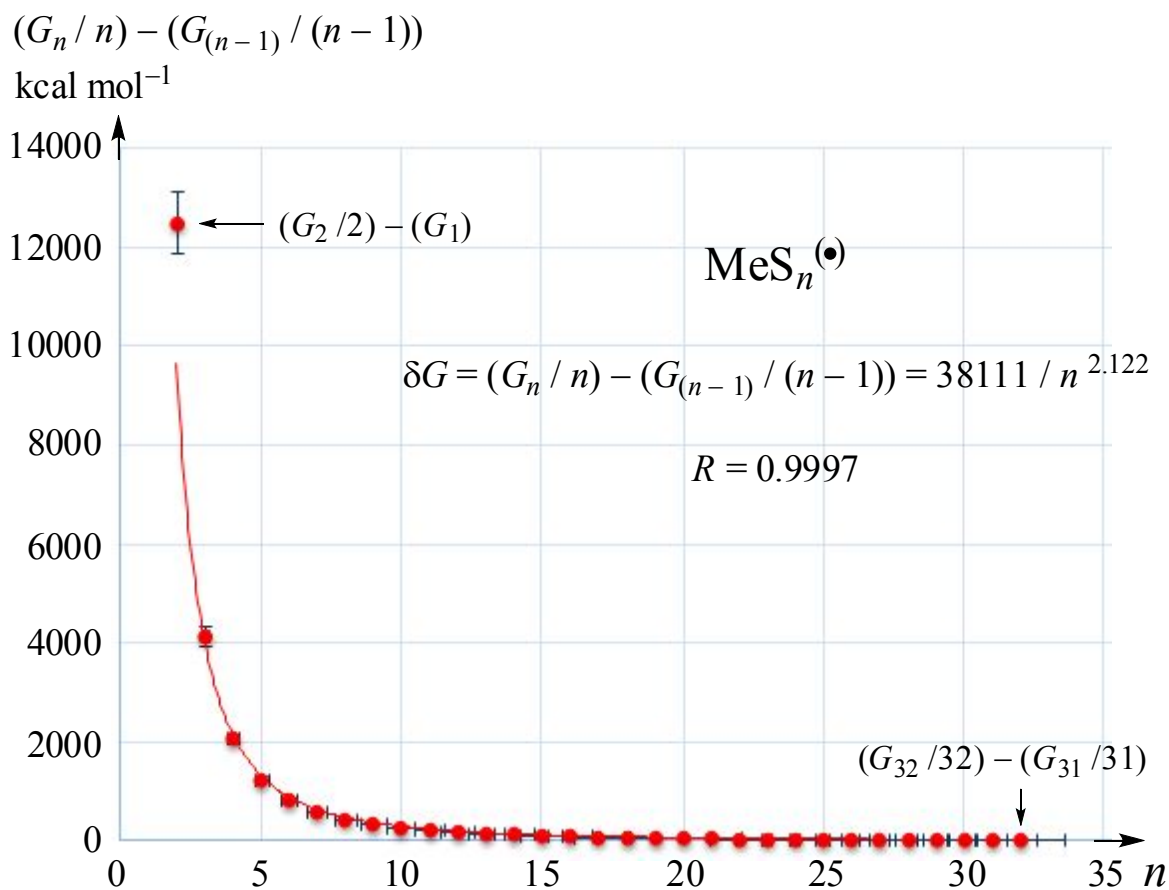


Fig. S-9. Power law (2e): variations of δG values of $\text{MeS}_n^{\bullet}$ as a function of n (n = number of chain sulfur atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-13).

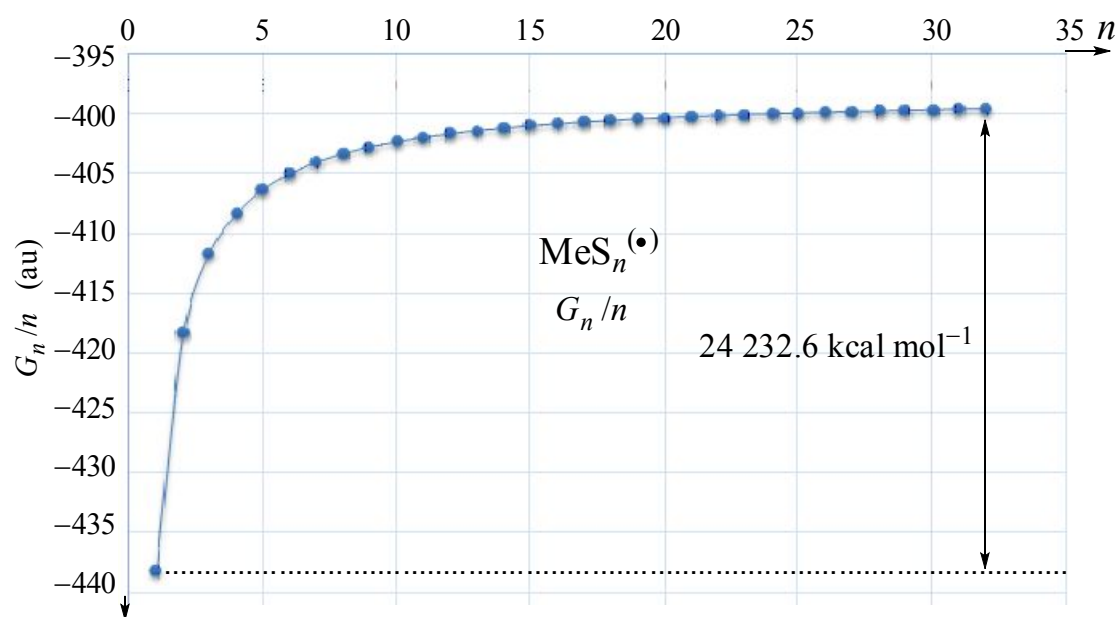
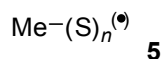


Fig. S-10. Variations of G_n/n values of $\text{MeS}_n(\bullet)$ as a function of n (n = number of chain sulfur atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-11).

Table S-14. $\text{MeS}_n^{(\bullet)}$ **5**. Energies, E_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (n = number of S-atoms per molecule).



n	E_n (au)	E_n/n (au)	$\delta E = E_n/n - E_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta E_{\text{calc}} = 33\,110 / n^{2.074}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
1	-438.105 934	-438.105 934	–	
2	-836.361 980	-418.180 990	12 503.09	7863.6
3	-1 234.590.482	-411.530 161	4 173.46	3391.6
4	-1 632.821 915	-408.205 479	2 086.27	1867.6
5	-2 031.051 842	-406.210 368	1 251.95	1175.7
6	-2 429.282 530	-404.880 422	834.55	805.5
7	-2 827.514 175	-403.930 596	596.02	585.1
8	-3 225.744 914	-403.218 114	447.09	443.6
9	-3 623.975 604	-402.663 956	347.74	347.4
10	-4 022.206 465	-402.220 646	278.18	279.2
11	-4 420.436 532	-401.857 866	227.65	229.1
12	-4 818.667 492	-401.555 624	189.66	191.3
13	-5 216.898 223	-401.299 863	160.49	162.0
14	-5 615.128 047	-401.080 575	137.60	138.9
15	-6 013.358 180	-400.890 545	119.24	120.4
16	-6 411.588 004	-400.724 250	104.35	105.3
17	-6 809.820 216	-400.577 660	91.99	92.9
18	-7 208.051 216	-400.447 290	81.81	82.5
19	-7 606.282 955	-400.330 682	73.17	73.7
20	-8 004.512 763	-400.225 638	65.92	66.3
21	-8 402.743 823	-400.130 658	59.60	59.9
22	-8 800.973 758	-400.044 262	54.21	54.4
23	-9 199.204 108	-399.965 396	49.49	49.6
24	-9 597.435 758	-399.893 157	45.33	45.4
25	-9 995.664 965	-399.826 599	41.77	41.7
26	-10 393.897 750	-399.765 298	38.47	38.5
27	-10 792.125 198	-399.708 341	35.74	35.6
28	-11 190.357 368	-399.655 620	33.08	33.0

29	-11 588.586 997	-399.606 448	30.86	30.7
30	-11 986.817 674	-399.560 589	28.78	28.6
31	-12 385.048 224	-399.517 685	26.92	26.7
32	-12 783.279 118	-399.477 472	25.23	25.0
33	-13 181.509 701	-399.439 688	23.71	23.5
34	-13 579.741 653	-399.404 166	22.29	22.1
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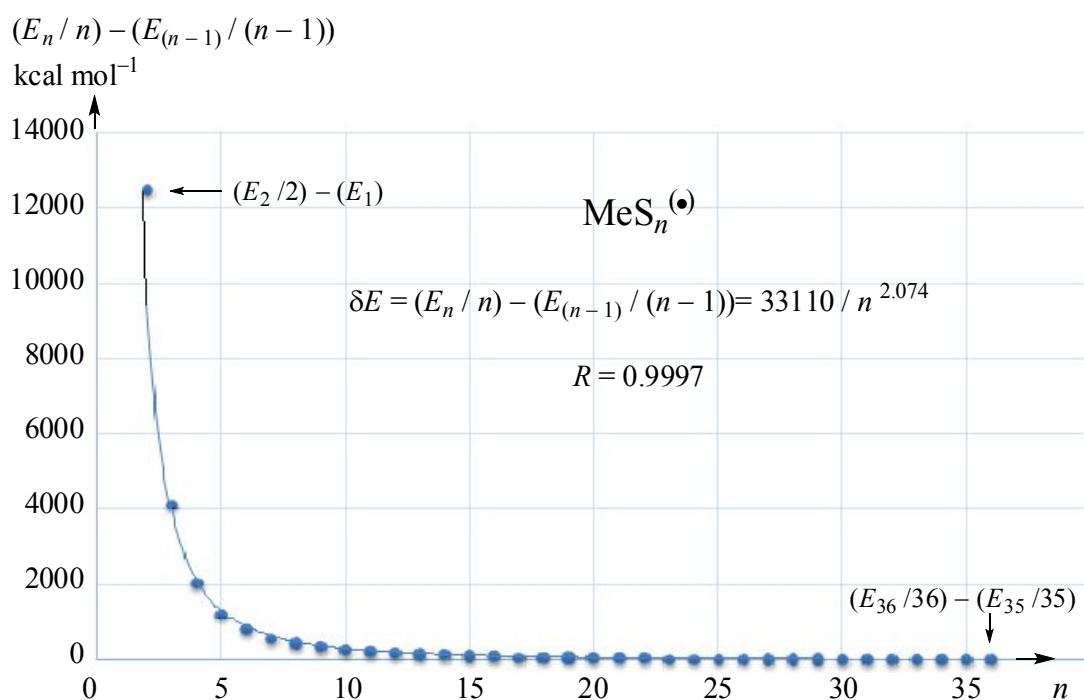
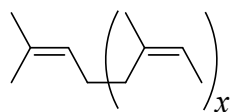


Fig. S-11. Power law (2f): variations of δE values of $\text{MeS}_n^{\bullet}$ as a function of n (n = number of chain sulfur atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,p) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-12).

Table S-15. Poly-(Z)-isoprenes **6**. Absolute energies, E_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule) and linear relationship (1c).

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x	$n = 5x + 5$	E_n (au)	E_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$E_n = -24523.7872n - 755.10$ (1c) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δE_{calc} (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	5	-196.614 354	-123 377.374 97	-123 374.0	-3.33
1	10	-392.007 964	-245 988.721 49	-245 993.0	4.28
2	15	-587.420 635	-368 612.028 96	-368 611.9	-0.13
3	20	-782.830 779	-491 233.750 71	-491 230.8	-2.95
4	25	-978.227 011	-613 846.742 56	-613 849.8	3.06
5	30	-1 173.634 898	-736 466.734 27	-736 468.7	1.97
6	35	-1 369.047 848	-859 090.530 57	-859 087.6	-2.93

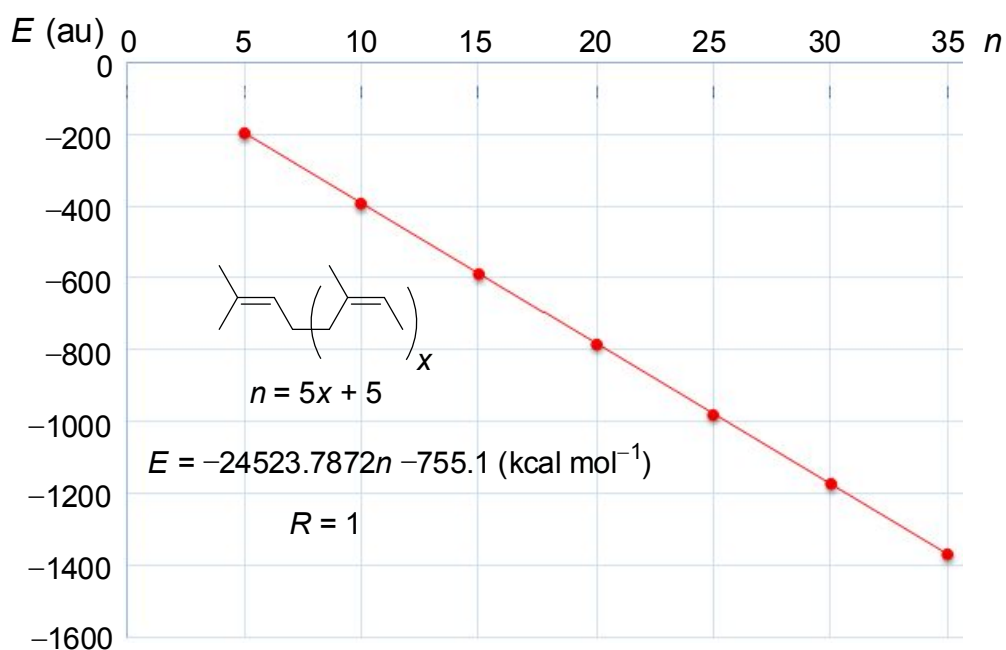
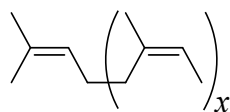


Fig. S-12. E_n values of poly-(Z)-isoprenes **6** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1c) (see Table S-15).

Table S-16. Poly-(Z)-isoprenes **6**. Absolute energies, E_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 5x + 5$).

**6**

x	$n = 5x + 5$	E_n (au)	E_n/n (au)	$\delta E = E_n/n - E_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta E_{\text{calc}} = 19\,753 / n^{2.441}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	5	-196.614 354	-39.322 871	—	—
1	10	-392.007 964	-39.200 796	76.60	71.55
2	15	-587.420 635	-39.161 376	24.74	26.59
3	20	-782.830 779	-39.141 539	12.48	13.18
4	25	-978.227 011	-39.129 080	7.82	7.64
5	30	-1 173.634 898	-39.121 163	4.97	4.90
6	35	-1 369.047 848	-39.115 653	3.46	3.36

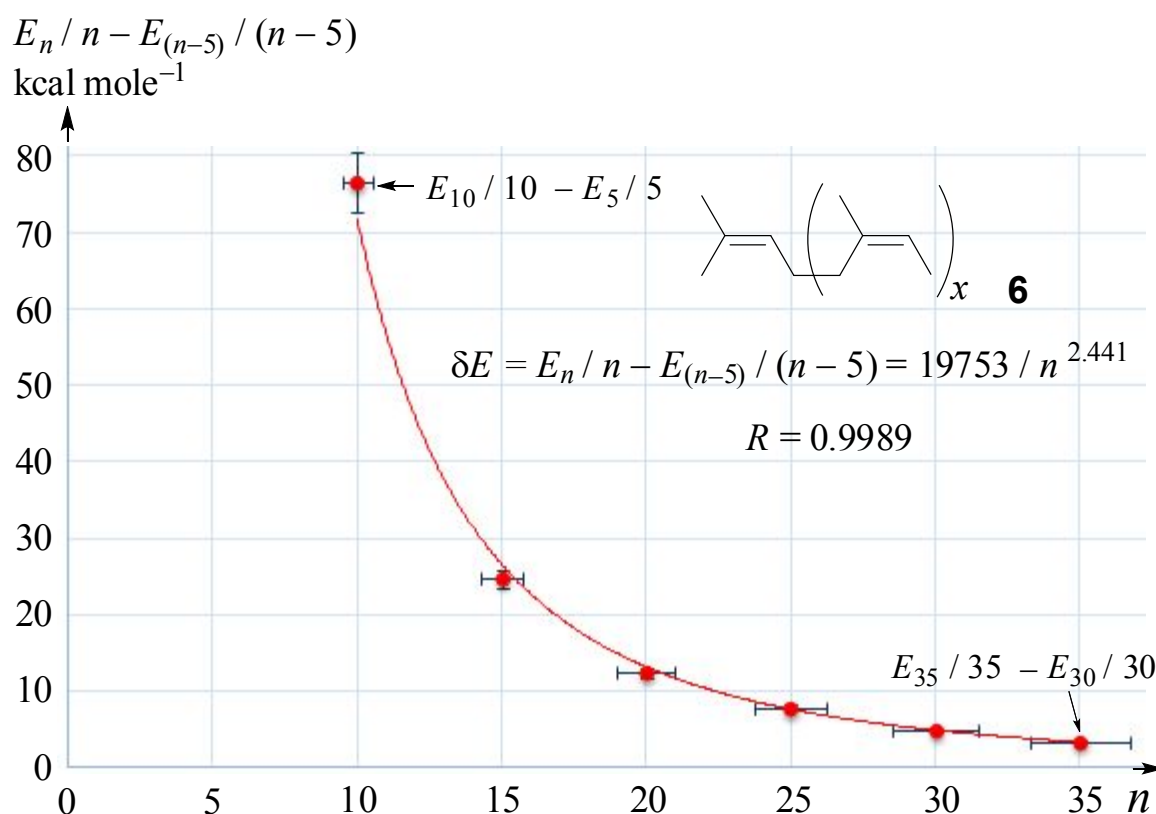
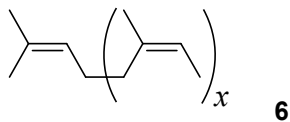


Fig. S-13. Power law (2g): variations of δE values of (Z)-polyisoprenes **6** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-16).

Table S-17. Poly-(Z)-isoprenes **6**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 5x + 5$) and linear relationship (1d).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24508.219133n - 759.7$ (1d) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	5	-196.491 966	-123 300.575	-123 300.8	0.22
1	10	-391.777036	-245 843.81	-245 841.9	-1.91
2	15	-587.052 679	-368 381.133	-368 383.0	1.86
3	20	-782.339 481	-490 925.457	-490 924.1	-1.35
4	25	-977.612 205	-613 460.946	-613 465.2	4.25
5	30	-1 172.897 281	-736 004.186	-736 006.3	2.11
6	35	-1 368.186 249	-858 549.869	-858 547.4	-2.47
7	40	-1 563.466 165	-981 089.871	-981 088.5	-1.37
8	45	-1 758.748 227	-1 103 631.22	-1 103 629.6	-1.62
9	50	-1 954.030 368	-1 226 172.62	-1 226 170.7	-1.92
10	55	-2 149.311 034	-1 348 713.09	-1 348 711.8	-1.29
11	60	-2 344.586 613	-1 471 250.37	-1 471 252.8	2.43
12	65	-2 539.871 863	-1 593 793.72	-1 593 793.9	0.18
13	70	-2 735.153 111	-1 716 334.56	-1 716 335.0	0.44
14	75	-2 930.434 644	-1 838 875.58	-1 838 876.1	0.52

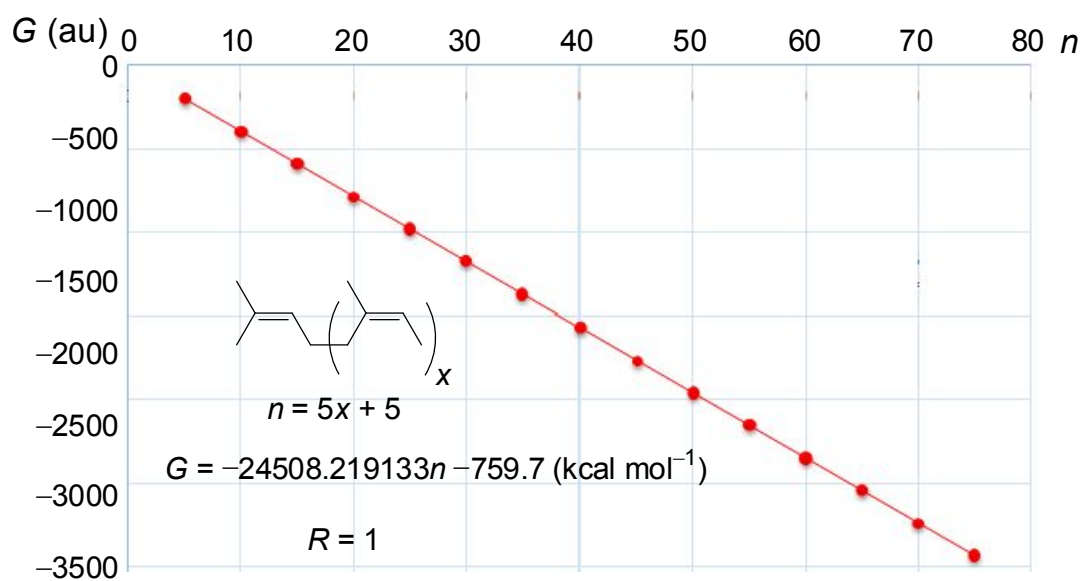
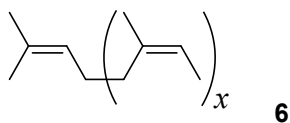


Fig. S-14. G_n values of poly-(*Z*)-isoprenes **6** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory in ideal gas (1d) (see Table S-17).

Table S-18. Poly-(*Z*)-isoprenes **6**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 5x + 5$).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	G_n/n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-5)}/(n-5)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 11\,620 / n^{2.257}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	5	-196.491 966	-39.298 715	-24 660.32	—	—
1	10	-391.777036	-39.177704	-24 584.38	75.94	64.30
2	15	-587.052 679	-39.136 845	-24 558.74	24.59	25.75
3	20	-782.339 481	-39.116 974	-24 546.27	12.47	13.45
4	25	-977.612 205	-39.104 488	-24 538.44	7.83	8.13
5	30	-1 172.897 281	-39.096 576	-24 533.47	4.96	5.38
6	35	-1 368.186 249	-39.091 036	-24 530.00	3.47	3.80
7	40	-1 563.466 165	-39.086 654	-24 527.25	2.75	2.81
8	45	-1 758.748 227	-39.083 294	-24 525.14	2.11	2.16
9	50	-1 954.030 368	-39.080 607	-24 523.45	1.68	1.70
10	55	-2 149.311 034	-39.078 382	-24 522.06	1.40	1.37
11	60	-2 344.586 613	-39.076 443	-24 520.84	1.22	1.13
12	65	-2 539.871 863	-39.074 952	-24 519.90	0.94	0.94
13	70	-2 735.153 111	-39.073 616	-24 519.06	0.84	0.80
14	75	-2 930.434 644	-39.072 462	-24 518.34	0.72	0.68

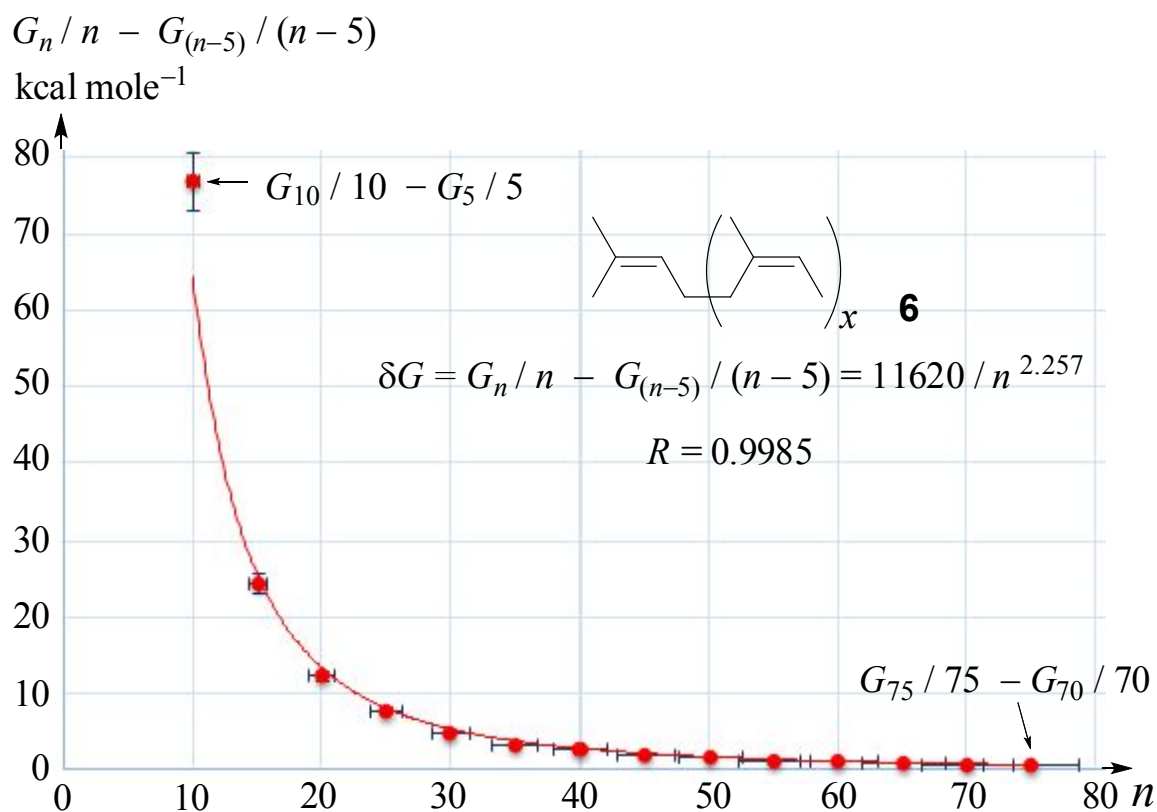


Fig. S-15. Power law (2h): variations of δG values of (Z)-polyisoprenes **6** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-18).

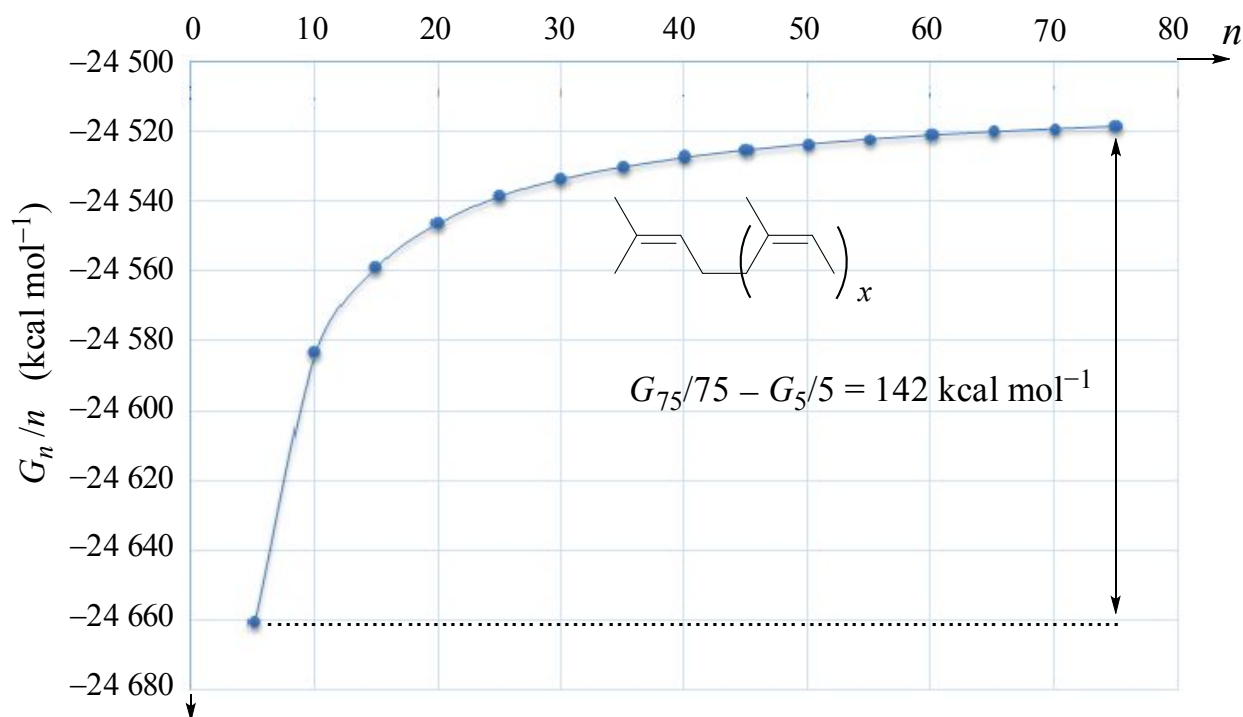
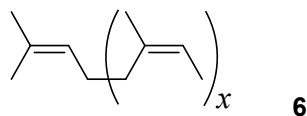


Fig. S-16. Variations of G_n / n values of poly-(Z)-isoprenes **6** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-18).

Table S-19. Poly-(Z)-isoprenes **6**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule) and linear relationship (1e).



x	$n = 5x + 5$	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24513.20486n - 753.6$ (1e) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG_{calc} (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	5	-196.527 734	-123 323.02	-123 324.37	1.35
1	10	-391.834 746	-245 890.717	-245 889.9	-0.82
2	15	-587.166 114	-368 455.886	-368 455.43	-0.46
3	20	-782.491 953	-491 021.08	-491 020.96	-0.12
4	25	-977.801 909	-613 584.188	-613 586.49	2.30
5	30	-1 173.126 414	-736 152.196	-736 152.0	-0.20
6	35	-1 368.455 410	-858 719.861	-858 717.55	-2.31
7	40	-1 563.774 787	-981 283.503	-981 283.07	-0.43
8	45	-1 759.093 127	-1 103 849.07	-1 103 848.6	-0.47
9	50	-1 954.416 009	-1 226 415.94	-1 226 414.13	-1.8
10	55	-2 149.733 140	-1 348 977.85	-1 348 979.7	1.84

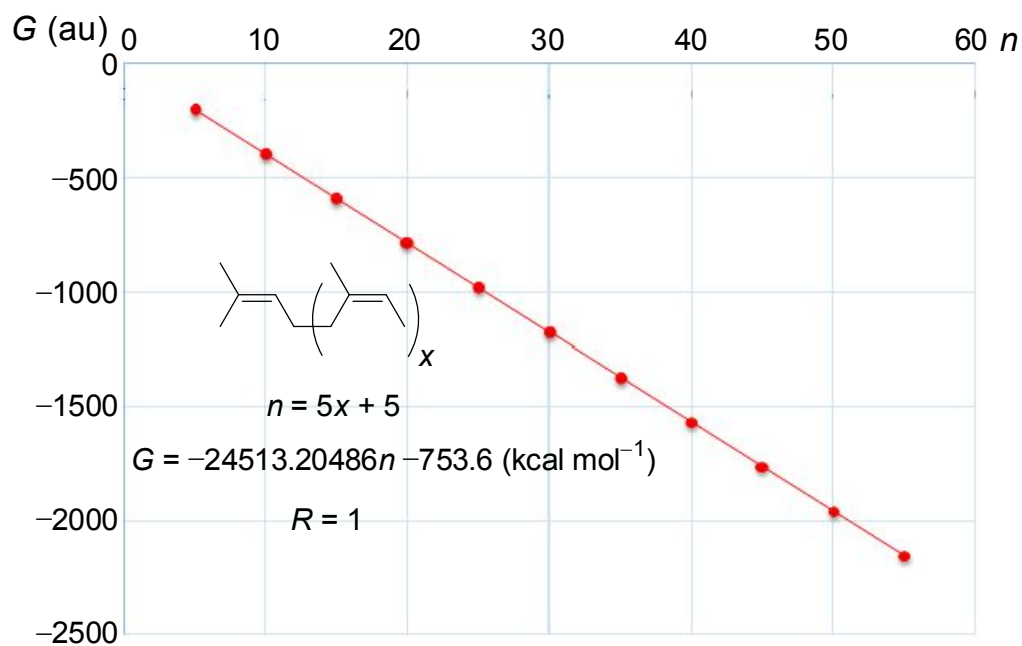
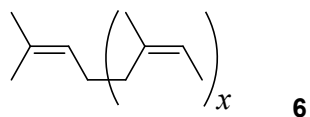


Fig. S-17. G_n values of poly-(Z)-isoprenes **6** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1e) (see Table S-19).

Table S-20. Poly-(*Z*)-isoprenes **6**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule).



x	$n = 5x + 5$	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-5)}/(n-5)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 13\,591 / n^{2.31}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	5	-196.527 734	-39.305 547	—	—
1	10	-391.834 746	-39.183 475	76.60	66.57
2	15	-587.166 114	-39.144 407	24.52	26.09
3	20	-782.491 953	-39.124 598	12.43	13.42
4	25	-977.801 909	-39.112 076	7.86	8.02
5	30	-1 173.126 414	-39.104 214	4.93	5.26
6	35	-1 368.455 410	-39.098 726	3.44	3.68
7	40	-1 563.774 787	-39.094 370	2.73	2.71
8	45	-1 759.093 127	-39.090 958	2.15	2.06
9	50	-1 954.416 009	-39.088 320	1.66	1.62
10	55	-2 149.733 140	-39.086 057	1.42	1.30

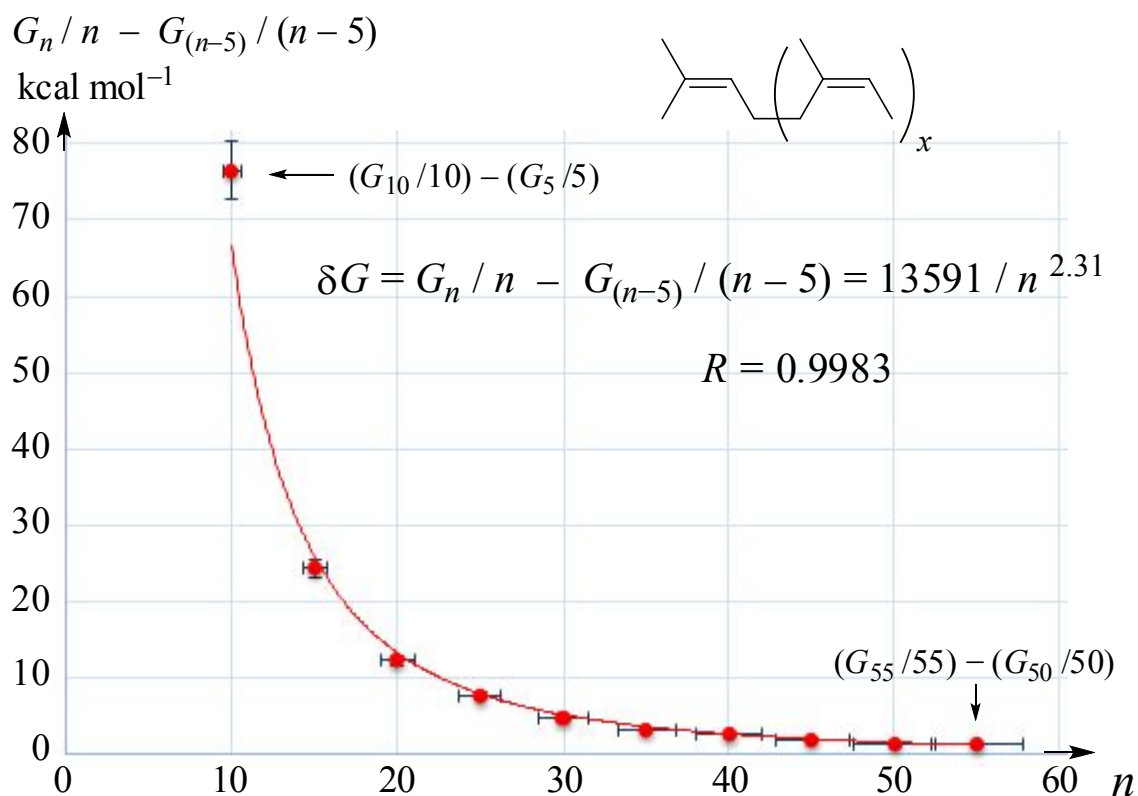
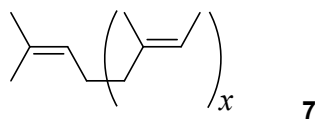


Fig. S-18. Power law (2i): variations of δG values of (Z)-polyisoprenes **6** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-20).

Table S-21. Poly-(*E*)-isoprenes **7**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 5x + 5$) and linear relationship (1f).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24508.241398n - 761.17$ (1f) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	5	-196.491 966	-123 300.57	-123 299.6	-0.93
1	10	-391.780 610	-245 846.05	-245 841.1	4.95
2	15	-587.058 904	-368 385.04	-368 382.6	-2.44
3	20	-782.339 975	-490 925.77	-490 924.1	-1.66
4	25	-977.617 807	-613 464.46	-613 465.5	1.04
5	30	-1 172.903 745	-736 008.24	-736 007.0	-1.24
6	35	-1 368.186 519	-858 550.04	-858 548.5	-1.54
7	40	-1 563.470 047	-981 092.31	-981 090.0	-2.31
8	45	-1 758.751 540	-1 103 633.30	-1 103 631.5	-1.80
9	50	-1 954.033 578	-1 226 174.63	-1 226 173.0	-1.63
10	55	-2 149.312 642	-1 348 714.10	-1 348 714.4	0.30
11	60	-2 344.592 418	-1 471 254.02	-1 471 255.9	1.88
12	65	-2 539.877 085	-1 593 797.00	-1 593 797.4	0.40
13	70	-2 735.158 194	-1 716 337.75	-1 716 338.8	1.05
14	75	-2 930.440 335	-1 838 879.15	-1 838 880.3	1.15

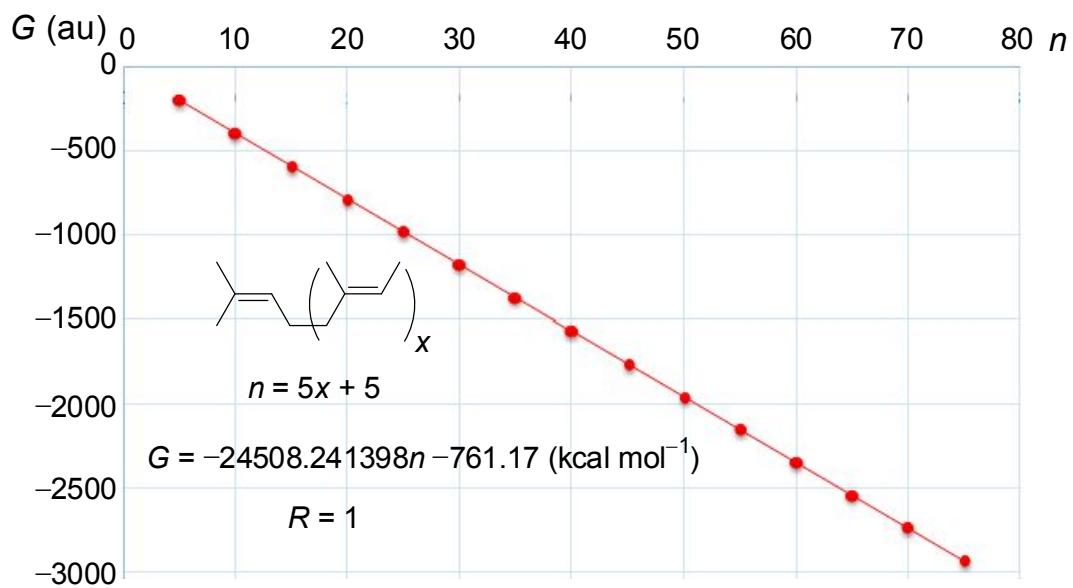
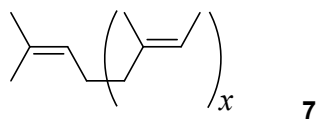


Fig. S-19. G_n values of poly-(*E*)-isoprenes **7** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory in ideal gas (1f) (see Table S-21).

Table S-22. Poly-(*E*)-isoprenes **7**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 5x + 5$).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-5)}/(n-5)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 11\,650 / n^{2.258}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	5	-196.491 966	-39.298 393	—	—
1	10	-391.780 610	-39.178 061	75.50	64.32
2	15	-587.058 904	-39.137 260	24.34	25.75
3	20	-782.339 975	-39.116 999	12.71	13.44
4	25	-977.617 807	-39.104 712	7.71	8.12
5	30	-1 172.903 745	-39.096 791	4.97	5.38
6	35	-1 368.186 519	-39.091 043	3.61	3.80
7	40	-1 563.470 047	-39.086 751	2.69	2.81
8	45	-1 758.751 540	-39.083 368	2.12	2.15
9	50	-1 954.033 578	-39.080 672	1.69	1.70
10	55	-2 149.312 642	-39.078 412	1.42	1.37
11	60	-2 344.592 418	-39.076 540	1.17	1.13
12	65	-2 539.877 085	-39.075 032	0.95	0.94
13	70	-2 735.158 194	-39.073 688	0.84	0.79
14	75	-2 930.440 335	-39.072 538	0.72	0.68

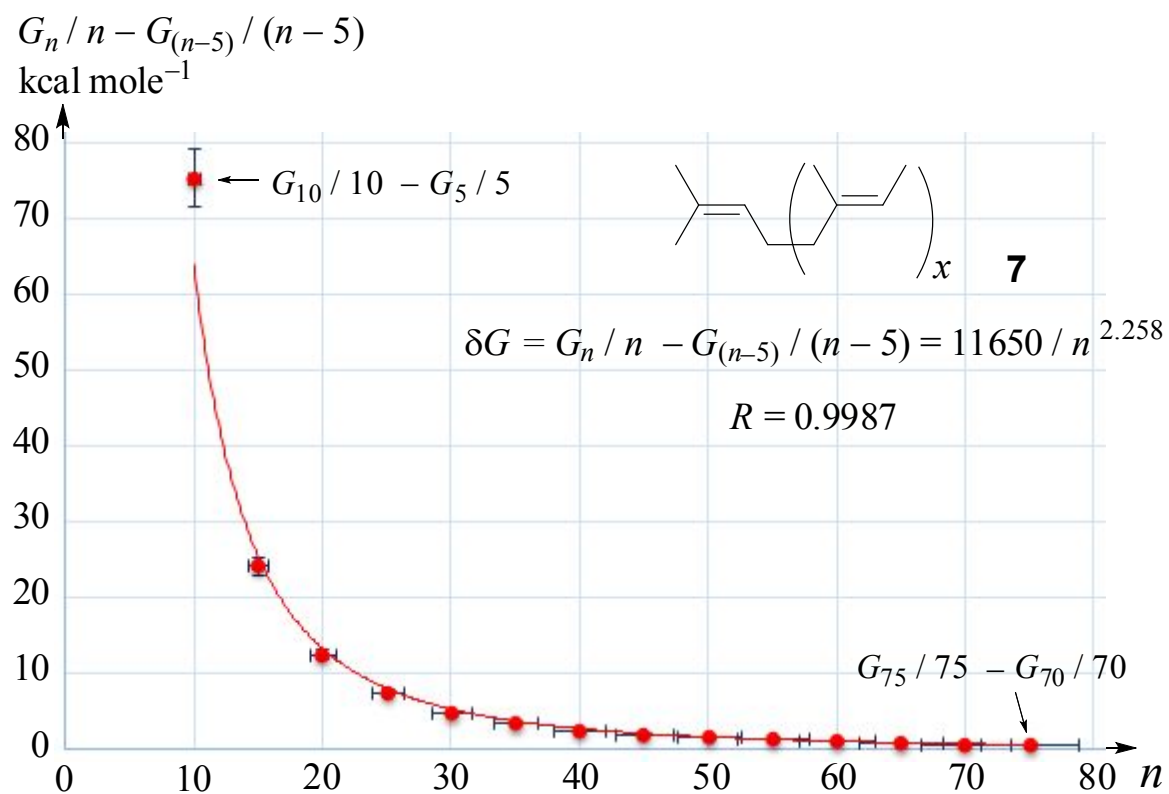
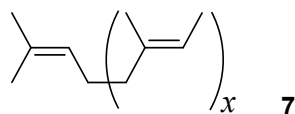


Fig. S-20. Power law (2j): variations of δG values of (*E*)-polyisoprenes as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-22).

Table S-23. Poly-(*E*)-isoprenes **7**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 5x + 5$) and linear relationship (1g).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24513.105885n - 758.84$ (1g) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	5	-196.527 734	-123 323.02	-123 324.37	1.35
1	10	-391.851 784	-245 890.72	-245 889.90	-0.82
2	15	-587.171 805	-368 455.89	-368 455.43	-0.45
3	20	-782.491 867	-491 021.08	-491 020.96	-0.12
4	25	-977.808 604	-613 584.19	-613 586.49	2.30
5	30	-1 173.133 149	-736 152.19	-736 152.00	-0.20
6	35	-1 368.457 149	-858 719.86	-858 717.55	-2.31
7	40	-1 563.774 737	-981 283.50	-981 283.07	-0.43
8	45	-1 759.095 398	-1 103 849.07	-1 103 848.60	-0.47
9	50	-1 954.418 131	-1 226 415.94	-1 226 414.13	-1.8
10	55	-2 149.732 958	-1 348 977.85	-1 348 979.70	1.84
11	60	-2 345.054 598	-1 471 544.04	-1 471 545.20	1.16

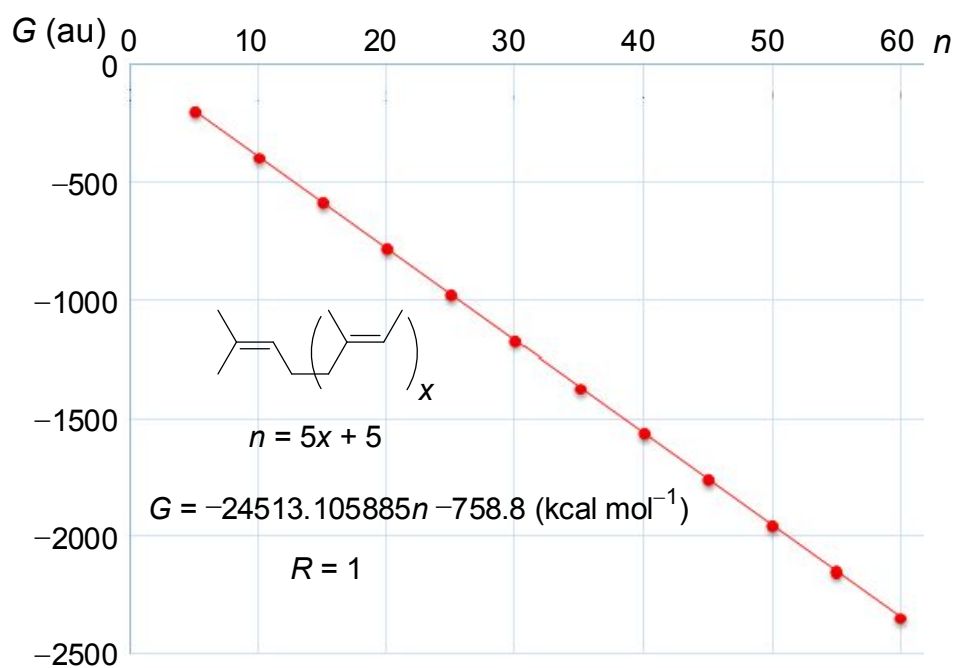
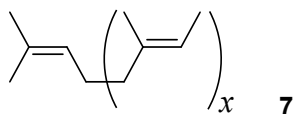


Fig. S-21. G_n values of poly-(*E*)-isoprenes **7** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1g) (see Table S-23).

Table S-24. Poly-(*E*)-isoprenes **7**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 5x + 5$).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-5)}/(n-5)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 12\,895 / n^{2.29}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	5	-196.527 734	-39.305 547	—	—
1	10	-391.851 784	-39.185 178	75.53	66.13
2	15	-587.171 805	-39.144 787	25.34	26.13
3	20	-782.491 867	-39.124 593	12.67	13.52
4	25	-977.808 604	-39.112 344	7.69	8.11
5	30	-1 173.133 149	-39.104 438	4.96	5.34
6	35	-1 368.457 149	-39.098 776	3.55	3.75
7	40	-1 563.774 737	-39.094 368	2.77	2.77
8	45	-1 759.095 398	-39.091 009	2.11	2.11
9	50	-1 954.418 131	-39.088 363	1.72	1.66
10	55	-2 149.732 958	-39.086 054	1.45	1.33
11	60	-2 345.054 598	-39.084 243	1.14	1.09

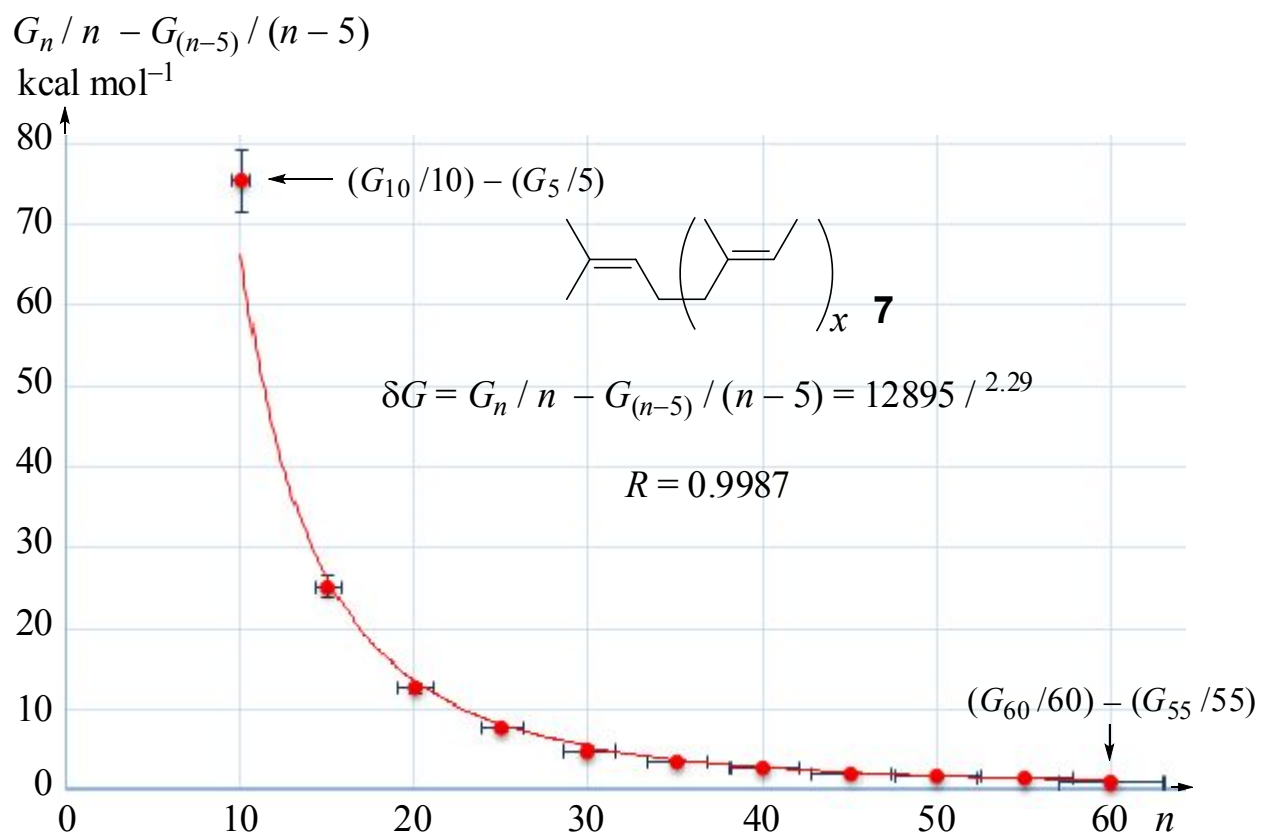
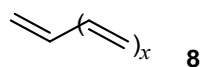


Fig. S-22. Power law (2k): variations of δG values of (*E*)-polyisoprenes as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-24).

Table S-25. Linear *trans*-polyenes **8**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 2$) and linear relationship (1h).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24285.87898n - 744.63$ (1h) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG_{calc} (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-78.593 366	-49 318.0838	-49 316.3931	-1.69
1	4	-155.995 006	-97 888.3482	-97 888.1511	-0.20
2	6	-233.398 134	-146 459.546	-146 459.909	0.36
3	8	-310.801 860	-195 031.12	-195 031.667	0.55
4	10	-388.205 829	-243 602.846	-243 603.525	0.68
5	12	-465.609 923	-292 174.65	-292 175.183	0.53
6	14	-543.014 073	-340 746.489	-340 746.941	0.45
7	16	-620.418 232	-389 318.335	-389 318.699	0.36
8	18	-697.822 496	-437 890.246	-437 890.457	0.21
9	20	-775.226 797	-486 462.18	-486 462.215	0.03
10	22	-852.631 018	-535 034.064	-535 033.973	-0.09
11	24	-930.035 256	-583 605.958	-583 605.731	-0.23
12	26	-1 007.439 486	-632 177.848	-632 177.489	-0.36
13	28	-1 084.843 825	-680 749.806	-680 749.247	-0.56
14	30	-1 162.246 885	-729 320.962	-729 321.005	0.043

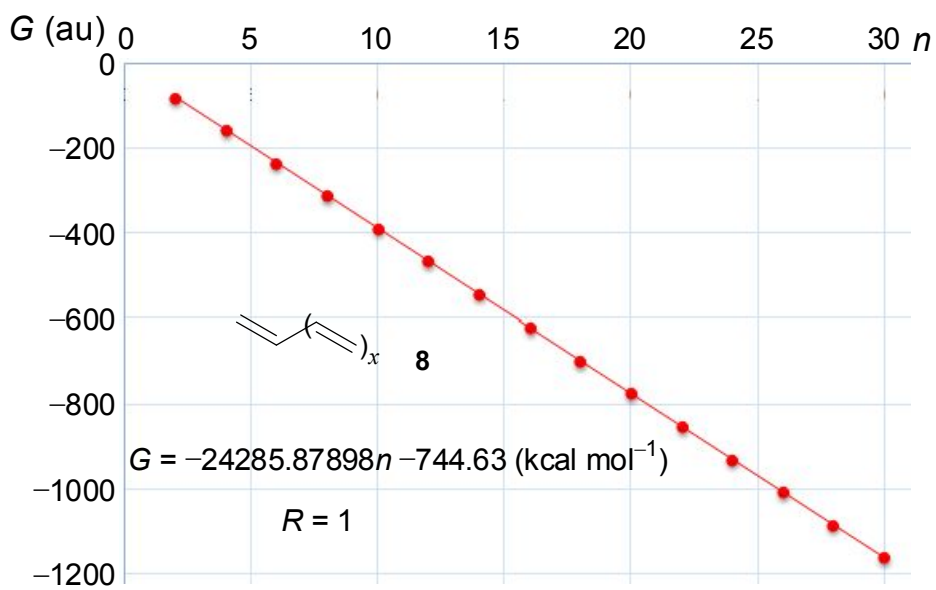
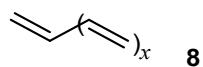


Fig. S-23. G_n values of linear *trans*-polyenes **8** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1h) (see Table S-25).

Table S-26. Linear *trans*-polyenes **8**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 2$).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 3\,645.8 / n^{2.262}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-78.593 366	-39.296 683	—	—
1	4	-155.995 006	-38.998 751	186.95	158.46
2	6	-233.398 134	-38.899 689	62.16	63.33
3	8	-310.801 860	-38.850 232	31.03	33.04
4	10	-388.205 829	-38.820 583	18.60	19.94
5	12	-465.609 923	-38.800 827	12.40	13.20
6	14	-543.014 073	-38.786 719	8.85	9.31
7	16	-620.418 232	-38.776 139	6.64	6.89
8	18	-697.822 496	-38.767 916	5.16	5.28
9	20	-775.226 797	-38.761 340	4.13	4.16
10	22	-852.631 018	-38.755 955	3.38	3.35
11	24	-930.035 256	-38.751 469	2.81	2.75
12	26	-1 007.439 486	-38.747 672	2.38	2.30
13	28	-1 084.843 825	-38.744 422	2.04	1.94
14	30	-1 162.246 885	-38.741 563	1.79	1.66

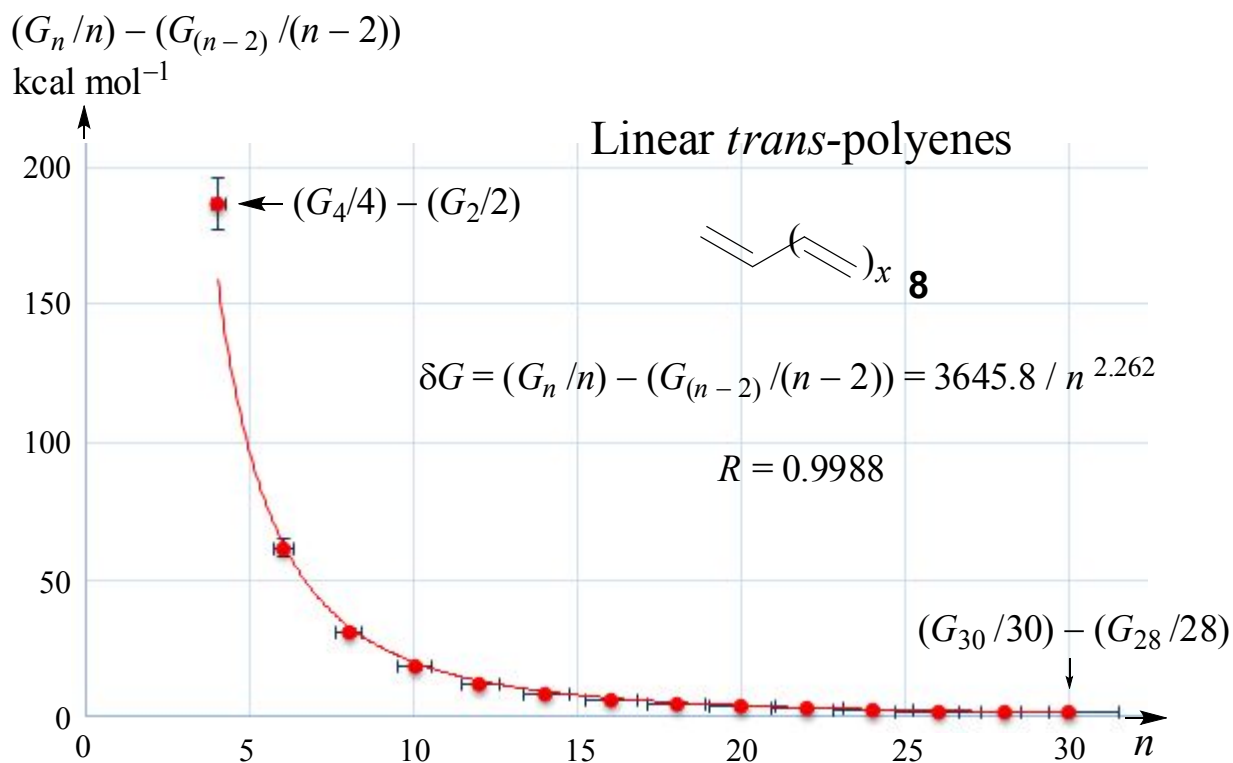
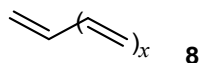


Fig. S-24. Power law (21): variations of δG values of linear *trans*-polyenes as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-26).

Table S-27. Linear *trans*-polyenes **8**. Absolute energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = x + 2$) and linear relationship (1i).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24289.49726n - 738.60$ (1i) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-78.599 411	-49 321.8771	-49 317.6	-4.28
1	4	-156.011 135	-97 898.4693	-97 896.6	-1.87
2	6	-233.424 857	-146 476.315	-146 475.5	-0.81
3	8	-310.839 403	-195 054.678	-195 054.597	-0.08
4	10	-388.254 327	-243 633.279	-243 633.57	0.29
5	12	-465.669 462	-292 212.011	-292 212.57	0.56
6	14	-543.084 699	-340 790.808	-340 791.56	0.75
7	16	-620.499 999	-389 369.644	-389 370.56	0.92
8	18	-697.915 301	-437 948.482	-437 949.55	1.07
9	20	-775.330 845	-486 527.471	-486 528.54	1.07
10	22	-852.746 429	-535 106.485	-535 107.54	1.05
11	24	-930.161 914	-583 685.438	-583 686.53	1.09
12	26	-1 007.577 379	-632 264.377	-632 265.53	1.15
13	28	-1 084.992 990	-680 843.409	-680 844.52	1.11
14	30	-1 162.409 426	-729 422.958	-729 423.52	0.56
15	32	-1 239.825 225	-778 002.107	-778 002.51	0.40
16	34	-1 317.240 938	-826 581.202	-826 581.5	0.30
17	36	-1 394.655 601	-875 159.639	-875 160.5	0.86
18	38	-1 472.072 249	-923 739.321	-923 739.5	0.18
19	40	-1 549.487 922	-972 318.391	-972 318.5	0.11
20	42	-1 626.903 557	-1 020 897.44	-1 020 897.48	0.04
21	44	-1 704.319 302	-1 069 476.55	-1 069 476.48	-0.07
22	46	-1 781.735 016	-1 118 055.65	-1 118 055.47	-0.18
23	48	-1 859.150 840	-1 166 634.81	-1 166 634.47	-0.34
24	50	-1 936.566 475	-1 215 213.86	-1 215 213.46	-0.40
25	52	-2 013.982 169	-1 263 792.94	-1 263 792.46	-0.48

26	54	-2 091.397 870	-1 312 372.03	-1 312 371.45	-0.58
27	56	-2 168.813 548	-1 360 951.11	-1 360 950.45	-0.65
28	58	-2 246.229 346	-1 409 530.25	-1 409 529.44	-0.81
29	60	-2 323.645 203	-1 458 109.44	-1 458 108.45	-0.99

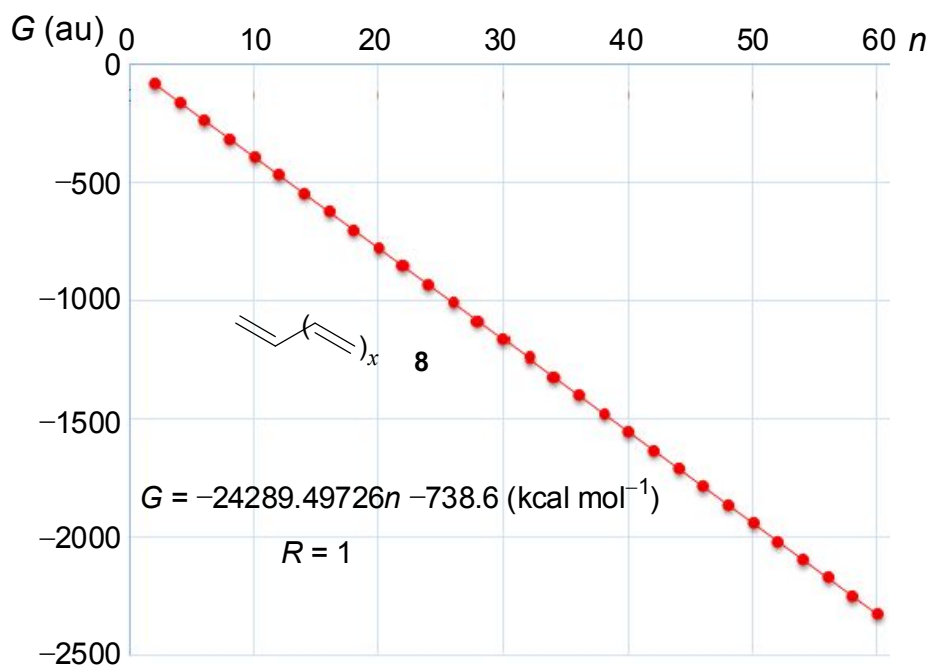
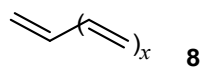


Fig. S-25. G_n values of linear *trans*-polyenes **8** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1i) (see Table S-27).

Table S-28. Linear *trans*-polyenes **8**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = x + 2$).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	G_n/n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 2961.5 / n^{2.178}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-78.599 411	-39.299 705	-24 660.94	—	—
1	4	-156.011 135	-39.002 784	-24 474.62	186.32	144.62
2	6	-233.424 857	-38.904 143	-24 412.72	61.90	59.80
3	8	-310.839 403	-38.854 925	-24 381.83	30.88	31.95
4	10	-388.254 327	-38.825 433	-24 363.33	18.51	19.66
5	12	-465.669 462	-38.805 788	-24 351.00	12.33	13.2
6	14	-543.084 699	-38.791 764	-24 342.20	8.80	9.45
7	16	-620.499 999	-38.781 250	-24 335.60	6.60	7.06
8	18	-697.915 301	-38.773 072	-24 330.47	5.13	5.46
9	20	-775.330 845	-38.766 542	-24 326.37	4.10	4.3
10	22	-852.746 429	-38.761 201	-24 323.02	3.35	3.53
11	24	-930.161 914	-38.756 746	-24 320.23	2.79	2.92
12	26	-1 007.577 379	-38.752 976	-24 317.86	2.36	2.45
13	28	-1 084.992 990	-38.749 750	-24 315.84	2.02	2.09
14	30	-1 162.409 426	-38.746 981	-24 314.10	1.74	1.80
15	32	-1 239.825 225	-38.744 538	-24 312.56	1.53	1.56
16	34	-1 317.240 938	-38.742 380	-24 311.21	1.35	1.37
17	36	-1 394.655 601	-38.740 461	-24 310.01	1.20	1.21
18	38	-1 472.072 249	-38.738 743	-24 308.93	1.08	1.07
19	40	-1 549.487 922	-38.737 198	-24 307.96	0.97	0.96
20	42	-1 626.903 557	-38.735 800	-24 307.08	0.88	0.86
21	44	-1 704.319 302	-38.734 530	-24 306.28	0.80	0.78
22	46	-1 781.735 016	-38.733 370	-24 305.56	0.73	0.71
23	48	-1 859.150 840	-38.732 309	-24 304.89	0.64	0.64
24	50	-1 936.566 475	-38.731 329	-24 304.28	0.61	0.59
25	52	-2 013.982 169	-38.730 426	-24 303.71	0.57	0.54

26	54	-2 091.397 870	-38.729 590	-24 303.18	0.52	0.50
27	56	-2 168.813 548	-38.728 813	-24 302.70	0.49	0.46
28	58	-2 246.229 346	-38.728 092	-24 302.25	0.45	0.43
29	60	-2 323.645 203	-38.727 420	-24 301.82	0.42	0.40

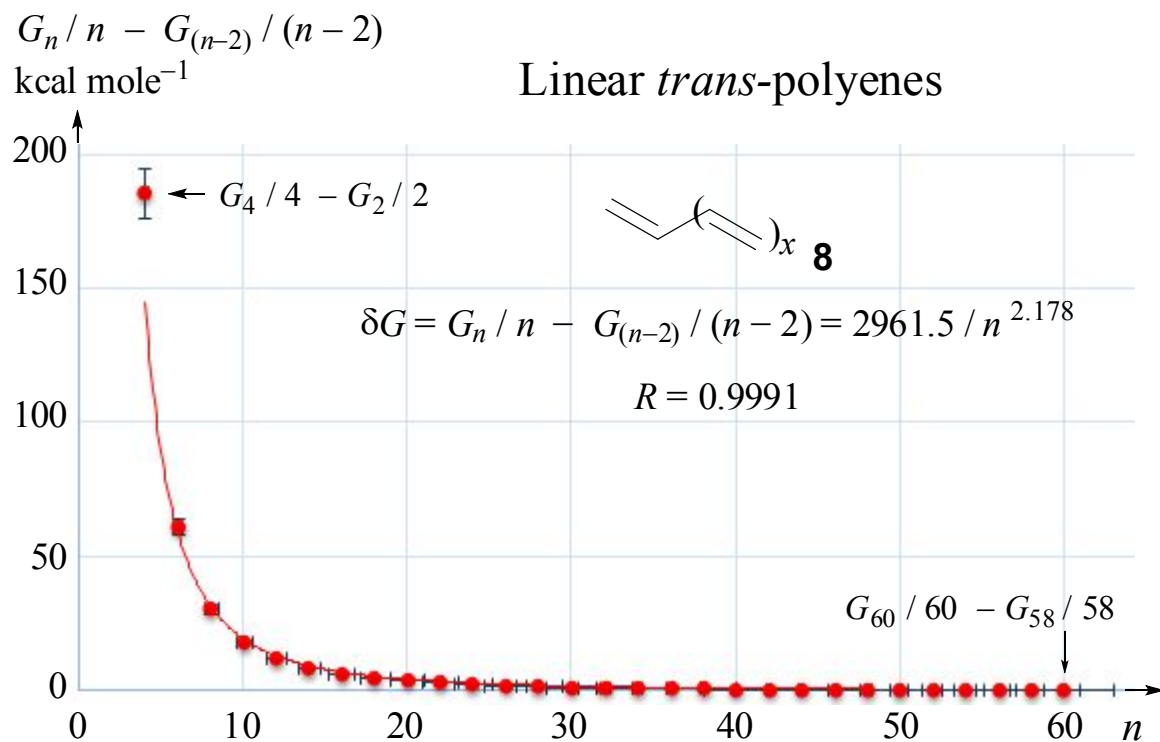


Fig. S-26. Power law (2m): variations of δG values of linear *trans*-polyenes **8** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-28).

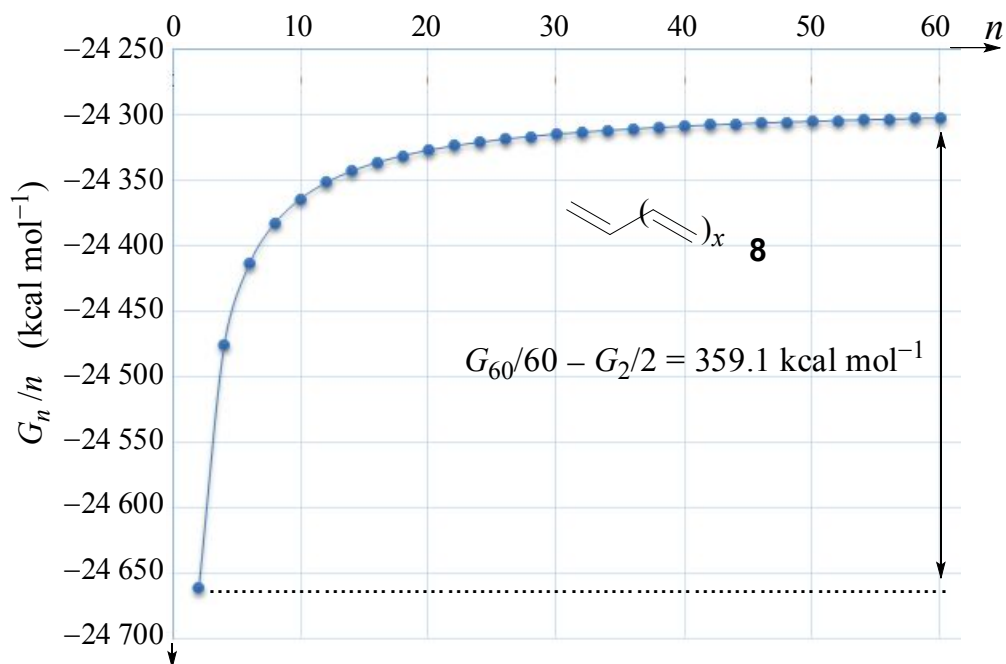


Fig. S-27. Variations of G_n/n values of linear *trans*-polyenes **8** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-28).

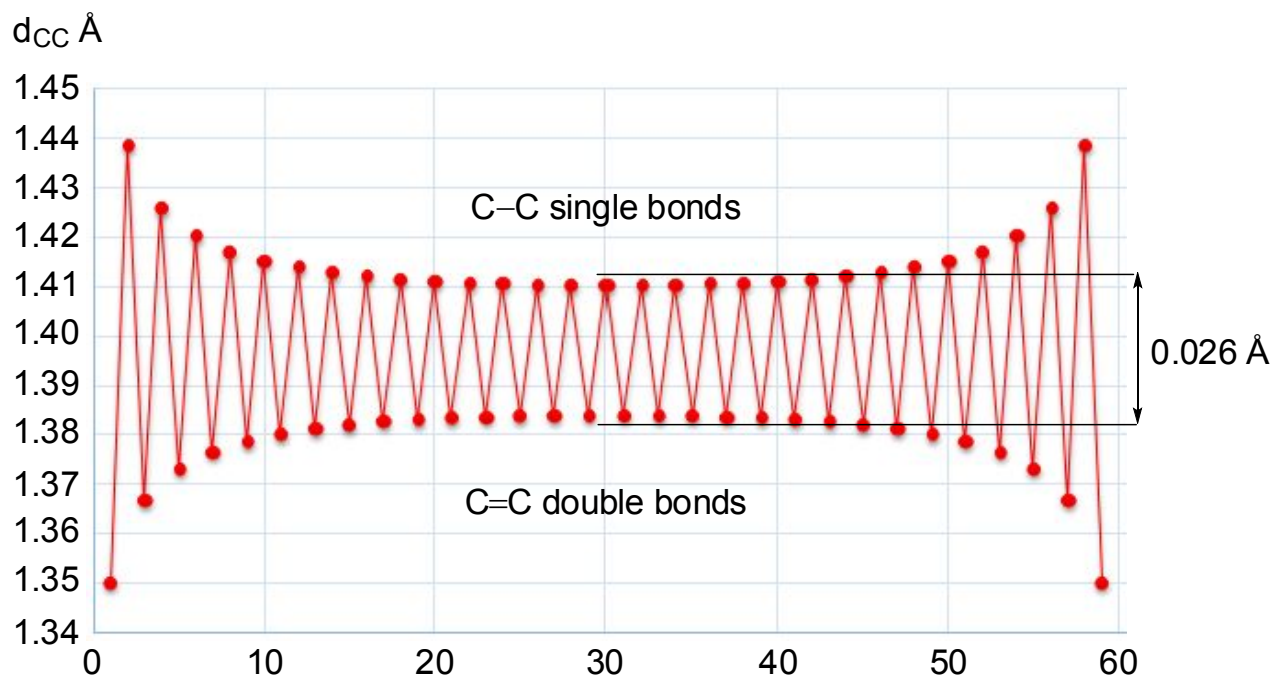


Figure S-28. Variations of the C-C bond lengths (from $d(C_1)-(C_2)$ to $d(C_{59})-(C_{60})$) for the *trans*-polyene $C_{60}H_{62}$.

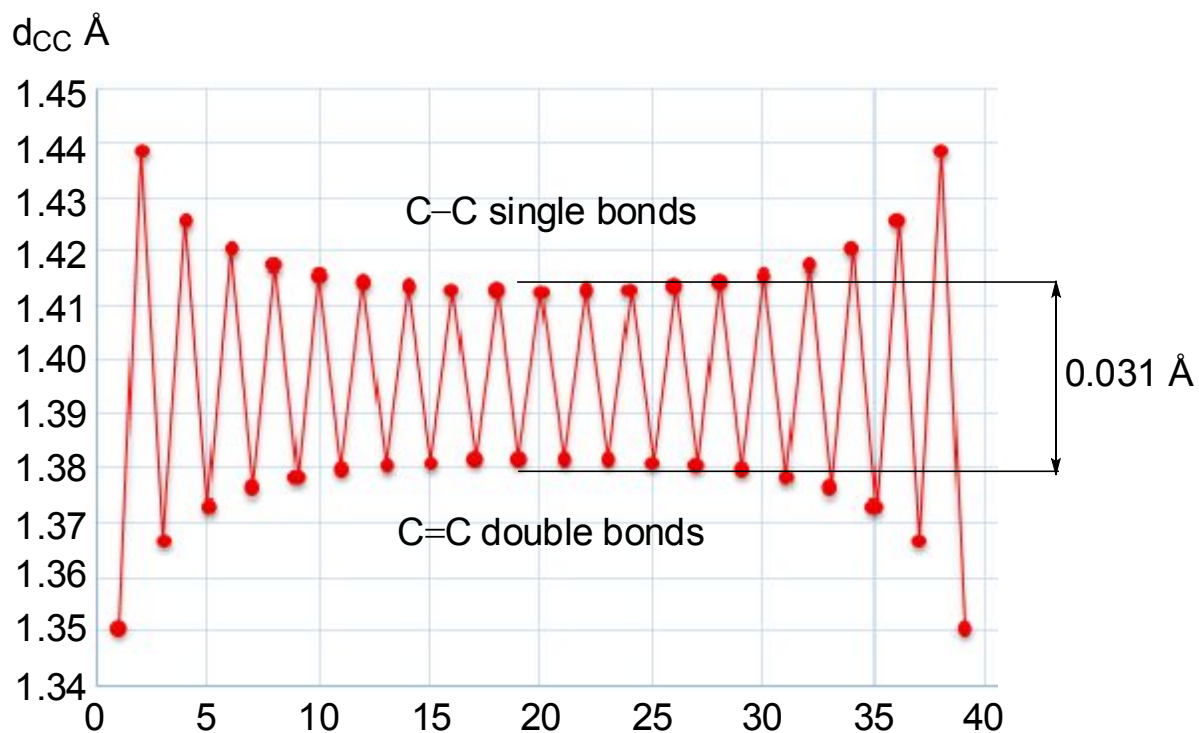


Figure S-29. Variations of the C-C bond lengths (from $d(C_1)-(C_2)$ to $d(C_{39})-(C_{40})$) for the *trans*-polyene $C_{40}H_{42}$.

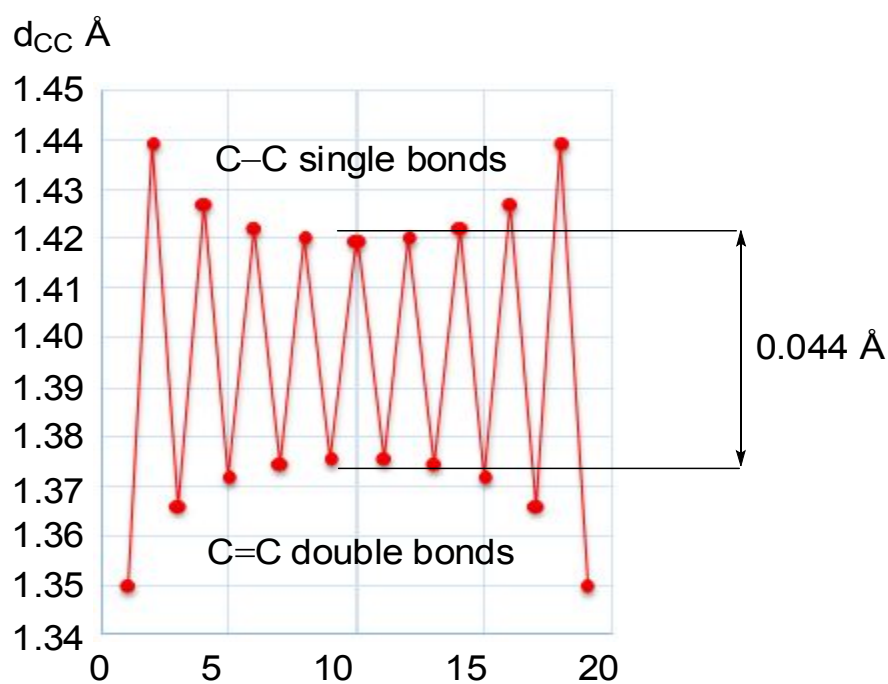
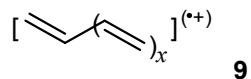


Figure S-30. Variations of the C-C bond lengths (from $d(C_1)-(C_2)$ to $d(C_{19})-(C_{20})$) for the *trans*-polyene $C_{20}H_{22}$.

Table S-29. Linear *trans*-polyene radical cations **9**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = x + 2$) and linear relationship (1j).



x	$n =$	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24289.2725n - 537.84$ (1j) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-78.214 321	-49 080.2295	-49 116.3905	36.16
1	4	-155.674 721	-97 687.3663	-97 694.9355	7.57
2	6	-233.109 680	-146 278.539	-14 6273.481	-5.06
3	8	-310.533 970	-194 863.016	-194 852.026	-11.0
4	10	-387.952 532	-243 443.899	-243 430.571	-13.33
5	12	-465.367 593	-292 022.586	-292 009.116	-13.47
6	14	-542.780 351	-340 599.827	-340 587.661	-12.17
7	16	-620.191 449	-389 176.026	-389 166.206	-9.82
8	18	-697.601 474	-437 751.552	-437 744.751	-6.80
9	20	-775.010 581	-486 326.502	-486 323.296	-3.21
10	22	-852.418 910	-534 900.964	-534 901.841	0.87
11	24	-929.826 693	-583 475.083	-583 480.386	5.30
12	26	-1 007.234 022	-632 048.918	-632 058.931	10.01
13	28	-1 084.641 044	-680 622.559	-680 637.476	14.92

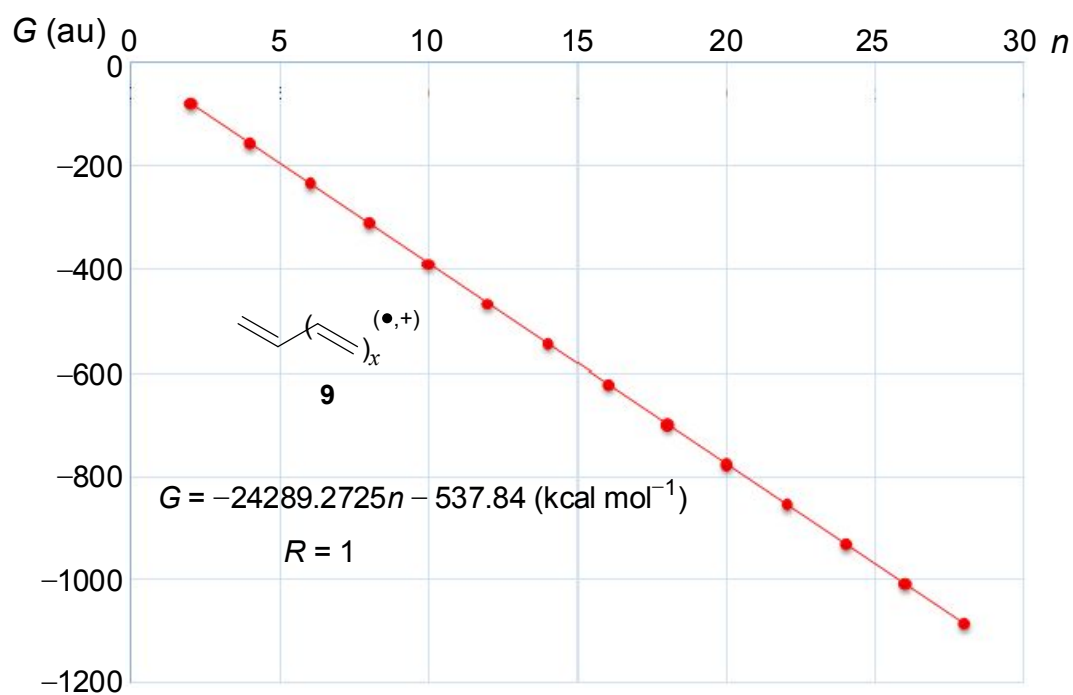
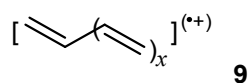


Fig. S-31. G_n values of radical cations **9** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1j) (see Table S-29).

Table S-30. Linear *trans*-polyene radical cations **9**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = x + 2$)



x	$n =$	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 2\,086.7 / n^{2.164}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-78.214 321	-39.107 160	—	—
1	4	-155.674 721	-38.918 680	118.27	100.56
2	6	-233.109 680	-38.851 613	42.08	41.82
3	8	-310.533 970	-38.816 746	21.88	22.43
4	10	-387.952 532	-38.795 253	13.49	13.84
5	12	-465.367 593	-38.780 633	9.17	9.33
6	14	-542.780 351	-38.770 025	6.66	6.68
7	16	-620.191 449	-38.761 966	5.06	5.01
8	18	-697.601 474	-38.755 637	3.97	3.88
9	20	-775.010 581	-38.750 529	3.20	3.09
10	22	-852.418 910	-38.746 314	2.64	2.51
11	24	-929.826 693	-38.742 779	2.22	2.08
12	26	-1 007.234 022	-38.739 770	1.89	1.75
13	28	-1 084.641 044	-38.737 180	1.62	1.49

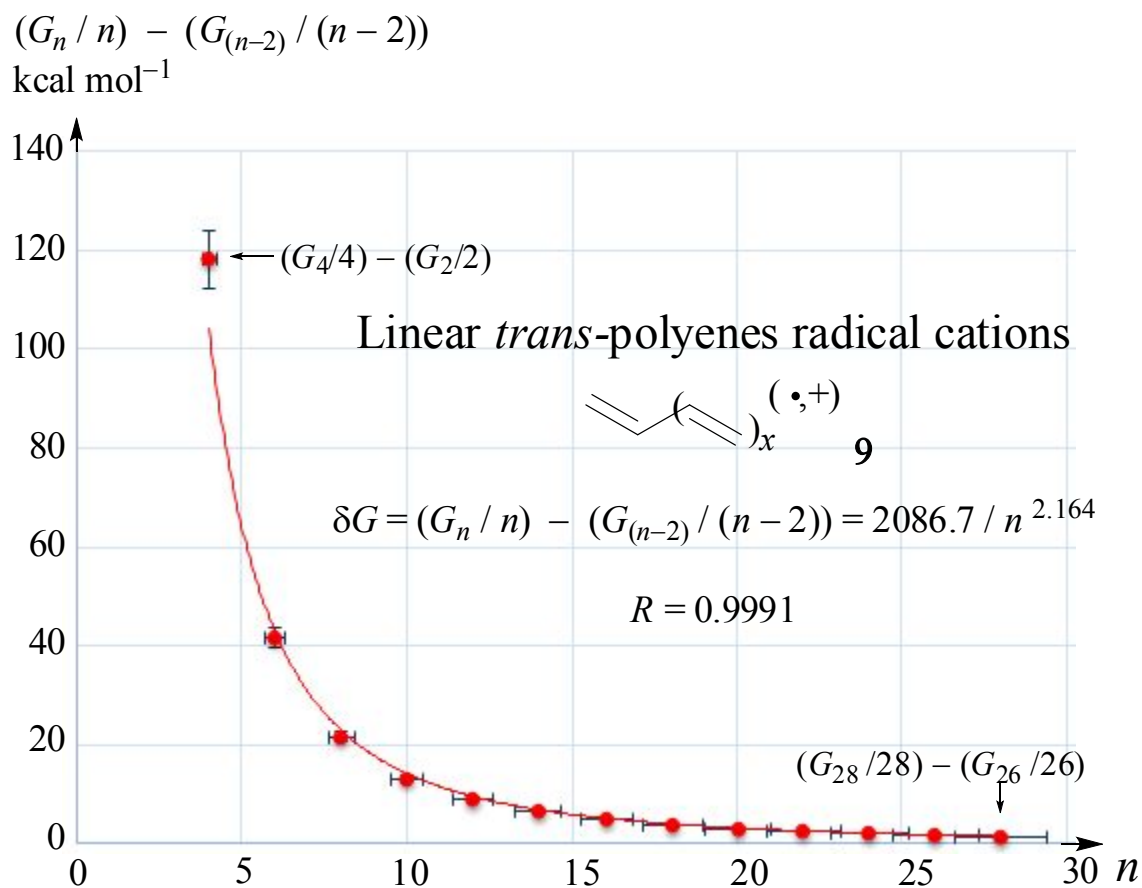
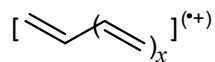


Fig. S-32. Power law (2n): variations of δG values of linear *trans*-polyenes radical cations as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-30).

Table S-31. Linear *trans*-polyene radical cations **9**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = x + 2$) and linear relationship (1k).

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x	n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = 24290.847652n - 564.61$ (1k) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-78.224 891	-49 086.86	-49 146.31	59.45
1	4	-155.695 786	-97 700.58	-97 728.00	27.42
2	6	-233.141 426	-146 298.4597	-146 309.7	11.24
3	8	-310.576 649	-194 889.7977	-194 891.396	1.60
4	10	-388.006 263	-243 477.6161	-243 473.091	-4.52
5	12	-465.432 482	-292 063.3041	-292 054.787	-8.52
6	14	-542.856 443	-340 647.5751	-340 636.482	-11.09
7	16	-620.278 822	-389 230.8535	-389 218.177	-12.68
8	18	-697.700 203	-437 813.5055	-437 799.873	-13.63
9	20	-775.120 524	-486 395.4925	-486 381.568	-13.92
10	22	-852.540 330	-534 977.1562	-534 963.264	-13.89
11	24	-929.959 500	-583 558.4209	-583 544.959	-13.46
12	26	-1 007.376 315	-632 138.2077	-632 126.654	-11.55
13	28	-1 084.796 546	-680 720.1382	-680 708.35	-11.79
14	30	-1 162.215 644	-729 301.3577	-729 290.045	-11.31
15	32	-1 239.633 783	-777 881.9754	-777 871.741	-10.23
16	34	-1 317.051 575	-826 462.3753	-826 453.436	-8.94
17	36	-1 394.469 151	-875 042.6397	-875 035.131	-7.51
18	38	-1 471.886 544	-923 622.7893	-923 616.827	-5.96
19	40	-1 549.303 848	-972 202.883	-972 198.522	-4.36
20	42	-1 626.720 973	-1 020 782.864	-1 020 780.22	-2.65
21	44	-1 704.138 081	-1 069 362.835	-1 069 361.91	-0.92
22	46	-1 781.555 114	-1 117 942.759	-1 117 943.61	0.85
23	48	-1 858.972 203	-1 166 522.718	-1 166 525.3	2.59
24	50	-1 936.389 076	-1 215 102.541	-1 215 107.00	4.46
25	52	-2 013.808 390	-1 263 683.896	-1 263 688.69	4.80
26	54	-2 091.221 918	-1 312 261.62	-1 312 270.39	8.77

27	56	-2 168.634 949	-1360 839.033	-1 360 852.09	13.05
28	58	-2 246.050 710	-1 409 418.158	-1 409 433.78	15.62
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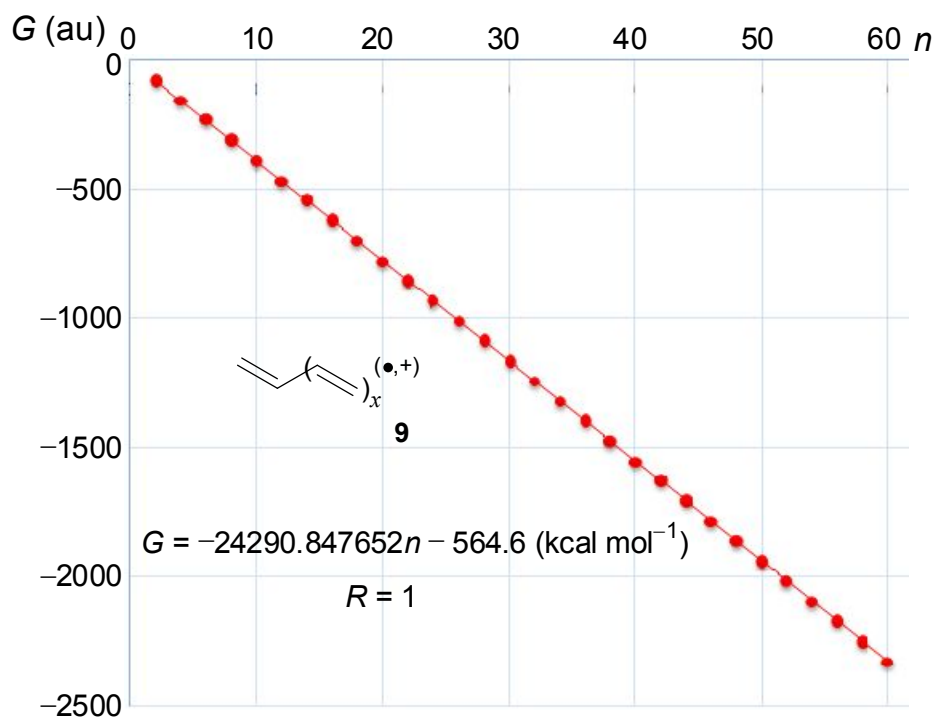


Fig. S-33. G_n values of linear *trans*-radical cations **9** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1k) (see Table S-31).

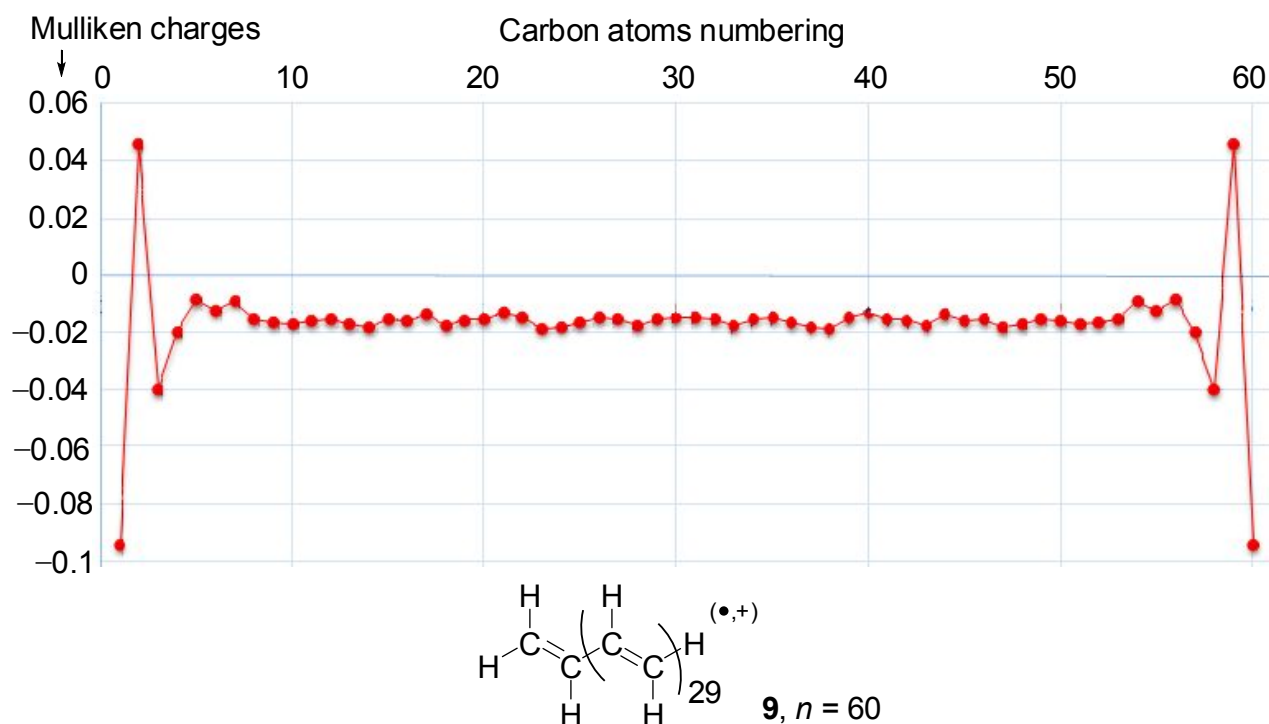


Fig. S-34. Mulliken charges of linear *trans*-radical cations **9** ($n = 60$) as a function of the numbering of carbon atoms at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-31).

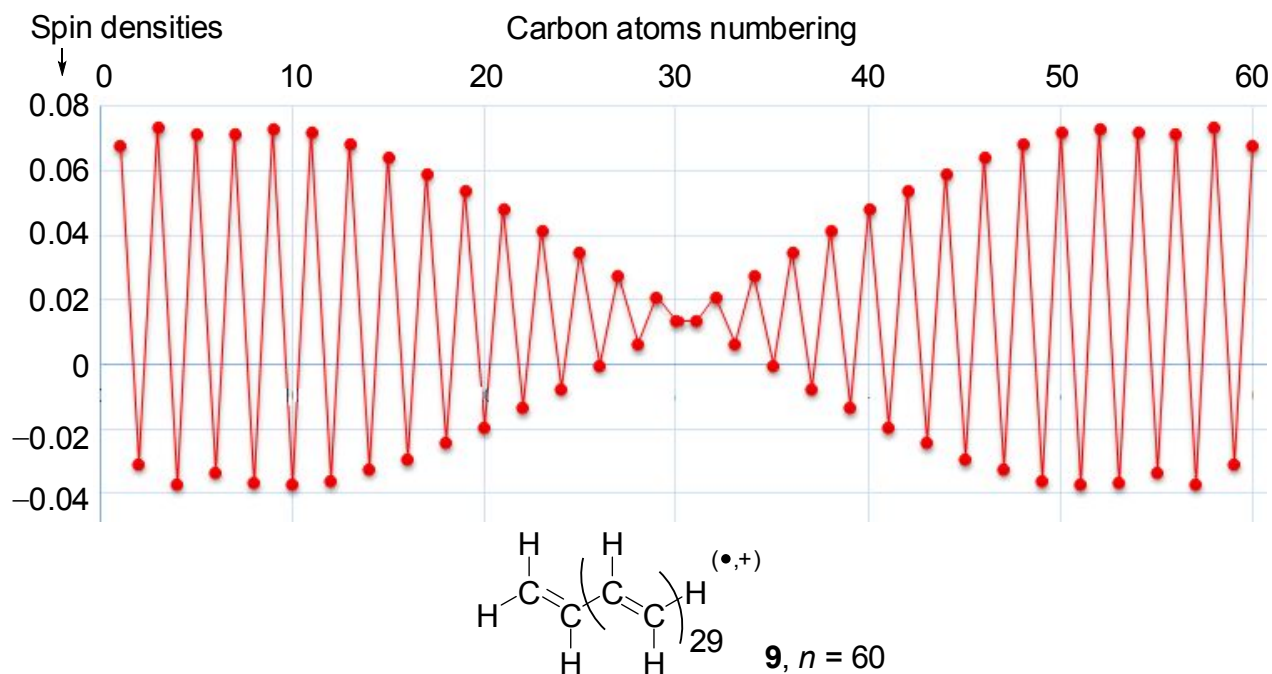
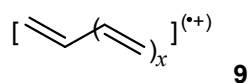


Fig. S-35. Spin densities of linear *trans*-radical cations **9** ($n = 60$) as a function of the numbering of carbon atoms at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-31).

Table S-32. Linear *trans*-polyene radical cations **9**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = x + 2$)



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	G_n/n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 1718.5 / n^{2.084}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-78.224 891	-39.112 445	-24 543.43	—	—
1	4	-155.695 786	-38.923 946	-24 425.15	118.28	95.60
2	6	-233.141 426	-38.856 904	-24 383.08	42.07	41.07
3	8	-310.576 649	-38.822 081	-24 361.22	21.85	22.55
4	10	-388.006 263	-38.800 626	-24 347.76	13.46	14.16
5	12	-465.432 482	-38.786 040	-24 338.61	9.15	9.69
6	14	-542.856 443	-38.775 460	-24 331.97	6.64	7.02
7	16	-620.278 822	-38.767 426	-24 326.93	5.04	5.32
8	18	-697.700 203	-38.761 122	-24 322.97	3.96	4.16
9	20	-775.120 524	-38.756 026	-24 319.77	3.20	3.34
10	22	-852.540 330	-38.751 833	-24 317.14	2.63	2.74
11	24	-929.959 500	-38.748 312	-24 314.93	2.21	2.28
12	26	-1 007.376 315	-38.745 243	-24 313.01	1.93	1.93
13	28	-1 084.796 546	-38.742 734	-24 311.43	1.57	1.66
14	30	-1 162.215 644	-38.740 521	-24 310.04	1.39	1.43
15	32	-1 239.633 783	-38.738 556	-24 308.81	1.23	1.25
16	34	-1 317.051 575	-38.736 811	-24 307.72	1.09	1.11
17	36	-1 394.469 151	-38.735 254	-24 306.74	0.98	0.98
18	38	-1 471.886 544	-38.733 856	-24 305.86	0.88	0.88
19	40	-1 549.303 848	-38.732 596	-24 305.07	0.79	0.79
20	42	-1 626.720 973	-38.731 452	-24 304.35	0.72	0.71
21	44	-1 704.138 081	-38.730 411	-24 303.70	0.65	0.65
22	46	-1 781.555 114	-38.729 459	-24 303.10	0.60	0.59
23	48	-1 858.972 203	-38.728 586	-24 302.56	0.51	0.54
24	50	-1 936.389 076	-38.727 781	-24 302.05	0.50	0.49
25	52	-2 013.808 390	-38.727 084	-24 301.61	0.50	0.46
26	54	-2 091.221 918	-38.726 332	-24 301.14	0.44	0.42

27	56	-2 168.634 949	-38.725 624	-24 300.70	0.44	0.39
28	58	-2 246.050 710	-38.725 012	-24 300.32	0.38	0.36
29	60	-2 323.468 125	-38.724 469	-24 299.97	0.34	0.34

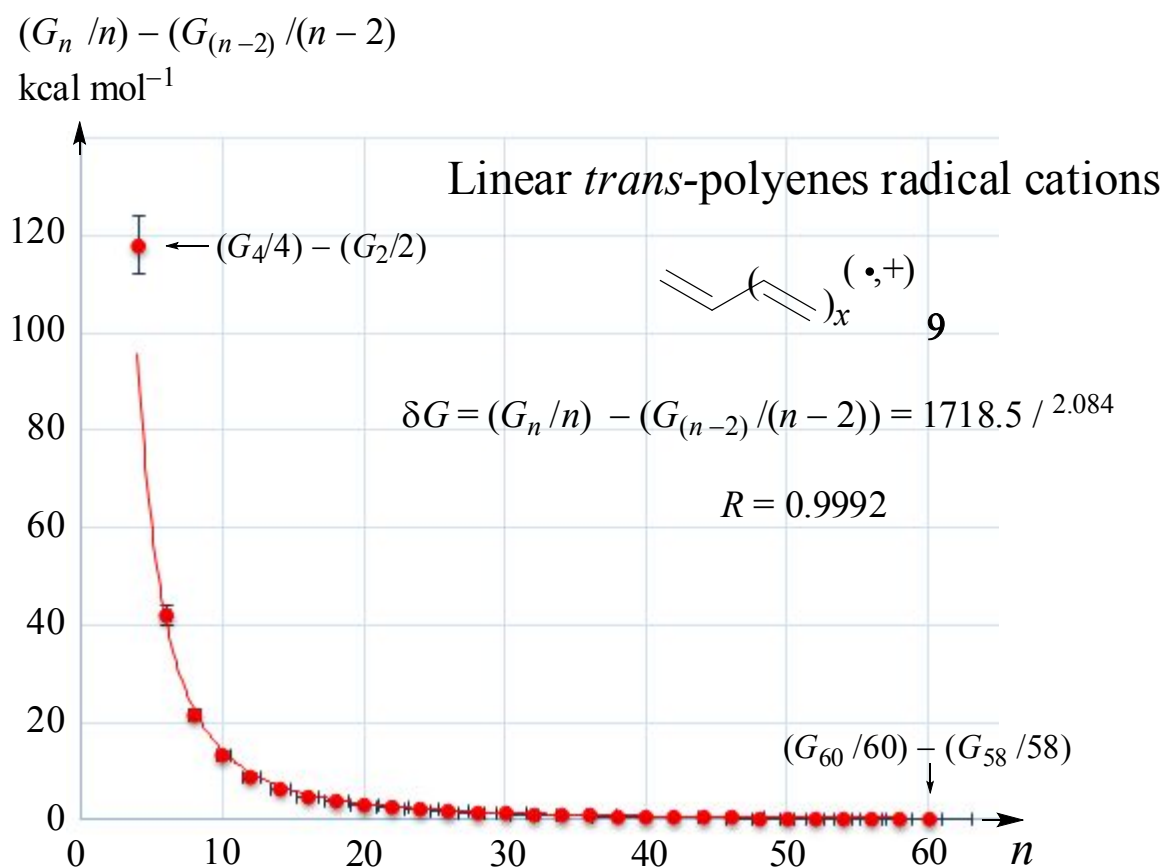


Fig. S-36. Power law (2o): variations of δG values of linear *trans*-polyenes radical cations as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-32).

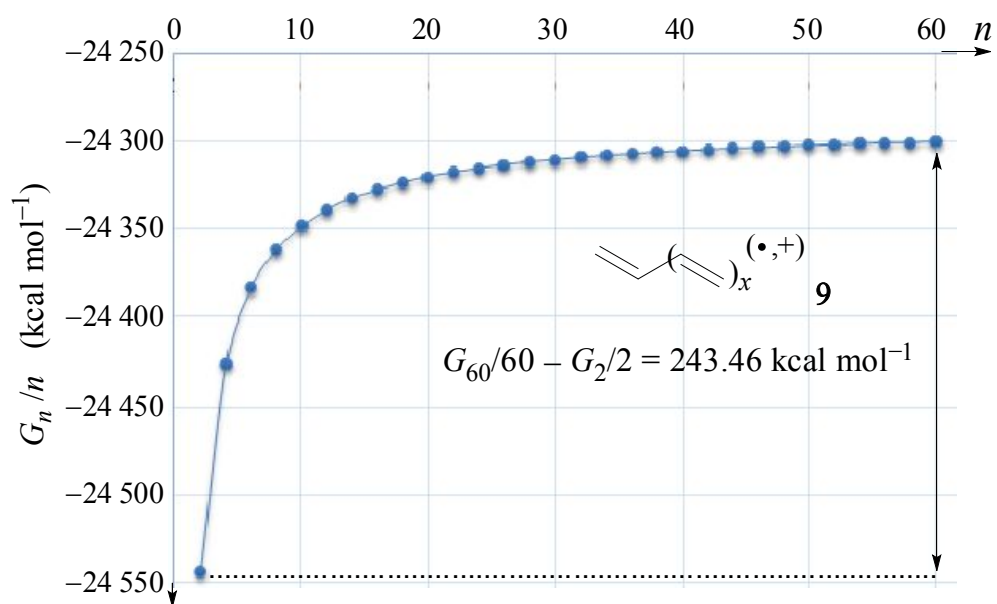
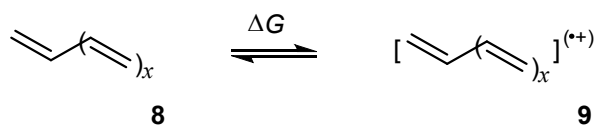


Fig. S-37. Variations of G_n/n values of linear *trans*-polyenes radical cations **9** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-32).

Table S-33. Differences between values of absolute free energies, G_n , of *trans*-polyenes **8** and those of the corresponding *trans*-polyene radical cations **9** at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas.



x	$n = x + 2$	8 G_n (au)	9 G_n (au)	ΔG_{calc} (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-78.599 411	-78.224 891	235.015
1	4	-156.011 135	-155.695 786	197.88
2	6	-233.424 857	-233.141 426	177.85
3	8	-310.839 403	-310.576 649	164.88
4	10	-388.254 327	-388.006 263	155.66
5	12	-465.669 462	-465.432 482	148.71
6	14	-543.084 699	-542.856 443	143.23
7	16	-620.499 999	-620.278 822	138.79
8	18	-697.915 301	-697.700 203	134.98
9	20	-775.330 845	-775.120 524	131.98
10	22	-852.746 429	-852.540 330	129.33
11	24	-930.161 914	-929.959 500	127.02
12	26	-1 007.577 379	-1 007.376 315	126.17
13	28	-1 084.992 990	-1 084.796 546	123.27
14	30	-1 162.409 426	-1 162.215 644	121.60
15	32	-1 239.825 225	-1 239.633 783	120.13
16	34	-1 317.240 938	-1 317.051 575	118.83
17	36	-1 394.655 601	-1 394.469 151	117.00
18	38	-1 472.072 249	-1 471.886 544	116.53
19	40	-1 549.487 922	-1 549.303 848	115.51
20	42	-1 626.903 557	-1 626.720 973	114.57
21	44	-1 704.319 302	-1 704.138 081	113.72
22	46	-1 781.735 016	-1 781.552 097	113.46
23	48	-1 859.150 840	-1 858.972 203	112.10
24	50	-1 936.566 475	-1 936.389 076	111.32
25	52	-2 013.982 169	-2 013.808 390	109.05

26	54	-2 091.397 870	-2 091.221 918	110.41
27	56	-2 168.813 548	-2 168.634 908	112.10
28	58	-2 246.229 346	-2 246.050 710	112.09
29	60	-2 323.645 203	-2 323.468 125	111.12

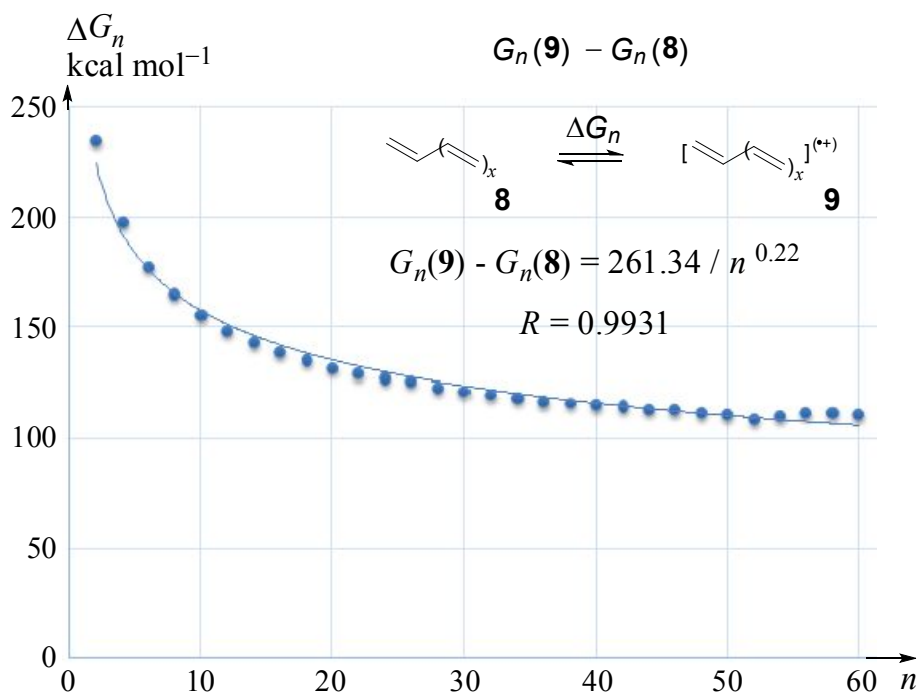
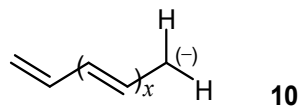


Fig. S-38. Power law (2p): differences between δG values of linear *trans*-polyenes and those of the corresponding of linear *trans*-polyene radical cations as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-33).

Table S-34. Linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 3$) and linear relationship (11).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24287.67787 n - 752.4$ (11) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-117.285 436	-73 597.7253	-73 615.40	17.67
1	5	-194.712 977	-122 184.243	-122 190.76	6.52
2	7	-272.133 135	-170 766.127	-170 766.11	-0.02
3	9	-349.548 987	-219 345.31	-219 341.47	-3.84
4	11	-426.962 106	-267 922.778	-267 916.83	-5.95
5	13	-504.373 348	-316 499.067	-316 492.18	-6.89
6	15	-581.783 222	-365 074.499	-365 067.54	-6.96
7	17	-659.192 136	-413 649.328	-413 642.89	-6.44
8	19	-736.600 334	-462 223.707	-462 218.25	-5.46
9	21	-814.008 016	-510 797.763	-510 793.60	-4.16
10	23	-891.415 198	-559 371.505	-559 368.96	-2.54
11	25	-968.822031	-607 945.028	-607 944.32	-0.70
12	27	-1 046.228 536	-656 518.346	-656 519.67	1.32
13	29	-1 123.634 865	-705 091.552	-705 095.03	3.48
14	31	-1 201.040 990	-753 664.631	-753 670.38	5.75
15	33	-1 278.446 900	-802 237.575	-802 245.74	8.16

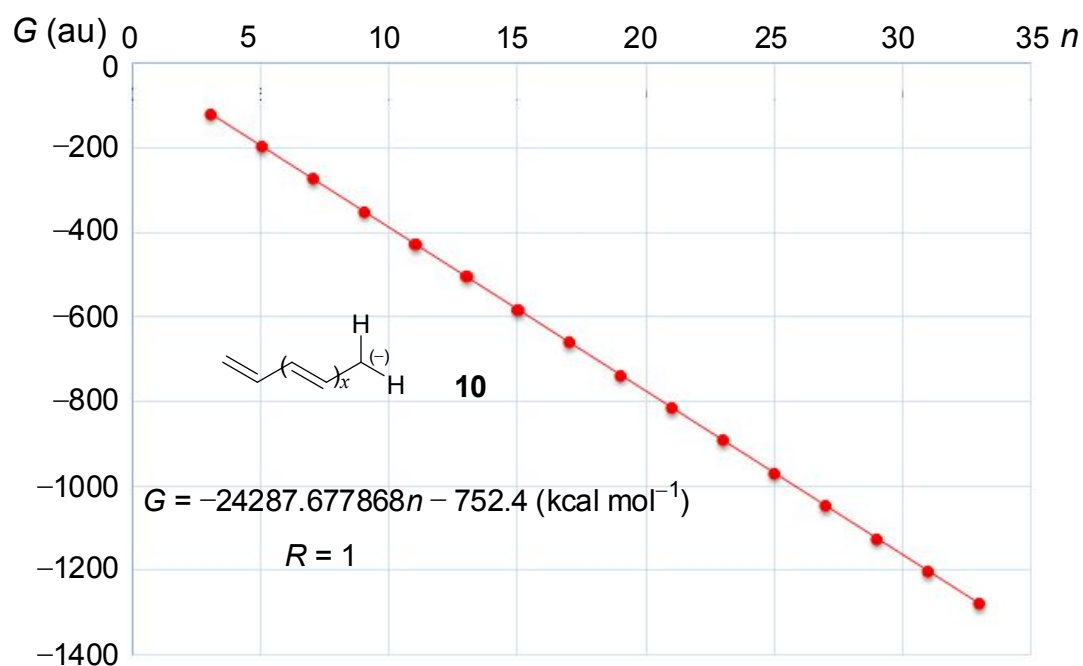
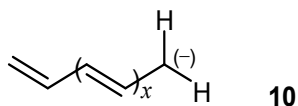


Fig. S-39. G_n values of linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (11) (see Table S-34).

Table S-35. Linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 3$).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 2790 / n^{2.159}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-117.285 436	-39.095 145	—	—
1	5	-194.712 977	-38.942 595	95.73	86.40
2	7	-272.133 135	-38.876 162	41.69	41.79
3	9	-349.548 987	-38.838 776	23.46	24.29
4	11	-426.962 106	-38.814 739	15.08	15.75
5	13	-504.373 348	-38.797 950	10.53	10.98
6	15	-581.783 222	-38.785 548	7.78	8.06
7	17	-659.192 136	-38.776 008	5.99	6.15
8	19	-736.600 334	-38.768 439	4.75	4.84
9	21	-814.008 016	-38.762 286	3.86	3.90
10	23	-891.415 198	-38.757 183	3.20	3.20
11	25	-968.822031	-38.752 881	2.70	2.67
12	27	-1 046.228 536	-38.749 205	2.31	2.27
13	29	-1 123.634 865	-38.746 030	1.99	1.94
14	31	-1 201.040 990	-38.743 258	1.74	1.68
15	33	-1 278.446 900	-38.740 815	1.53	1.47

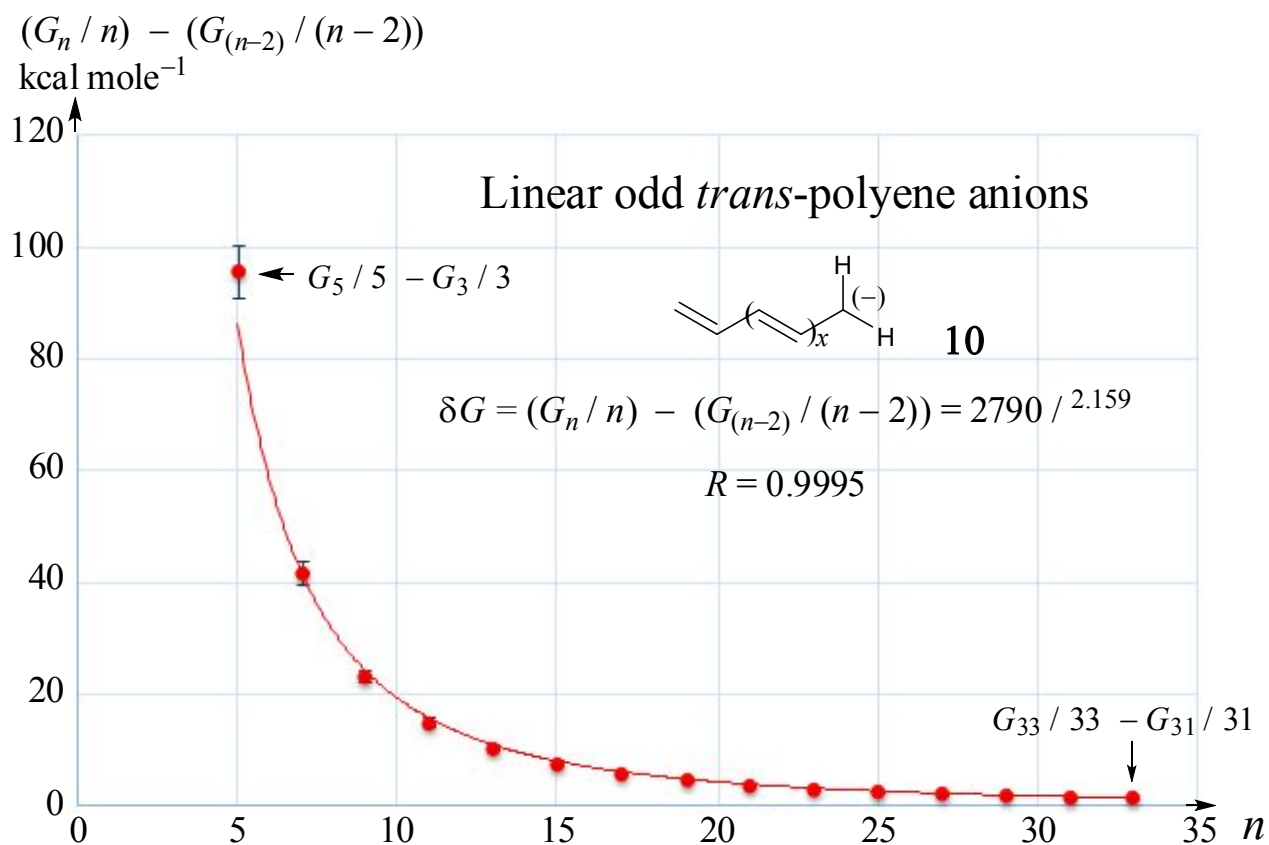
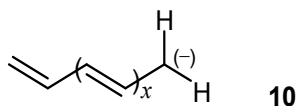


Fig. S-40. Power law (2q): variations of δG values of linear odd *trans*-polyene anions as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-35).

Table S-36. Linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10**. Absolute energies, E_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 3$).



x	n	E_n (au)	E_n/n (au)	$\delta E = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta E_{\text{calc}} = 2\,717.8 / n^{2.15}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-117.324 016	-39.108 005	—	—
1	5	-194.782 144	-38.956 429	95.11	85.40
2	7	-272.232 562	-38.890 366	41.46	41.42
3	9	-349.678 675	-38.853 186	23.33	24.13
4	11	-427.122 041	-38.829 276	15.00	15.67
5	13	-504.563 553	-38.812 581	10.48	10.94
6	15	-582.003 731	-38.800 249	7.74	8.04
7	17	-659.442 927	-38.790 760	5.95	6.14
8	19	-736.881 366	-38.783 230	4.73	4.84
9	21	-814.319 200	-38.777 105	3.84	3.90
10	23	-891.756 573	-38.772 025	3.19	3.20
11	25	-969.193 568	-38.767 743	2.69	2.68
12	27	-1 046.630 247	-38.764 083	2.30	2.27
13	29	-1 124.066 648	-38.760 919	1.98	1.95
14	31	-1 201.502 809	-38.758 155	1.73	1.69
15	33	-1 278.938 808	-38.755 721	1.53	1.48
16	35	-1 356.374 623	-38.753 561	1.36	1.30

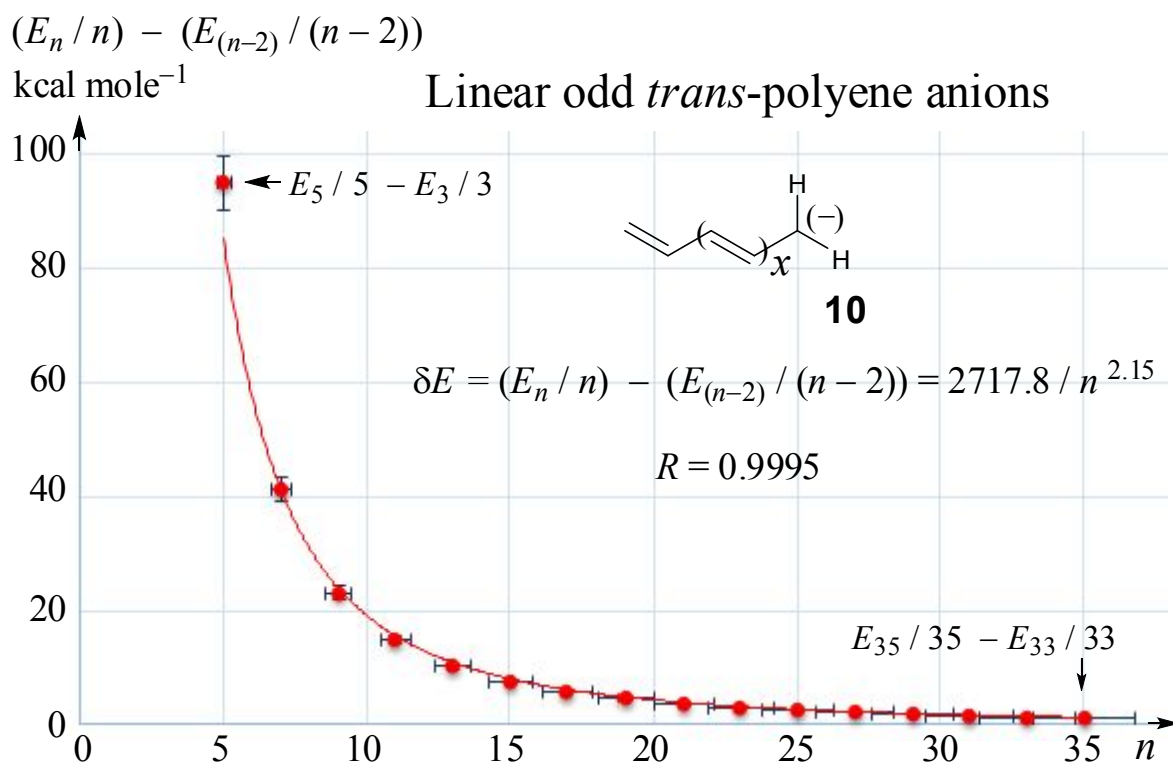
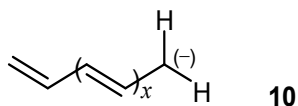


Fig. S-41. Power law (2r): variations of δE values of linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-36).

Table S-37. Linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10**. Absolute energies, E_n , at the HF/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 3$).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 2\,574.6 / n^{2.155}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-116.465 393	-38.821 798	—	—
1	5	-193.401 280	-38.680 256	88.82	80.25
2	7	-270.329 203	-38.618 457	38.78	38.86
3	9	-347.252 729	-38.583 636	21.85	22.61
4	11	-424.173 473	-38.561 225	14.06	14.67
5	13	-501.092 374	-38.545 567	9.83	10.24
6	15	-578.009 972	-38.533 998	7.26	7.52
7	17	-654.926 642	-38.525 097	5.58	5.74
8	19	-731.842 618	-38.518 032	4.43	4.52
9	21	-808.758 072	-38.512 289	3.60	3.64
10	23	-885.673 137	-38.507 528	2.99	2.99
11	25	-962.587 922	-38.503 517	2.52	2.50
12	27	-1 039.502 473	-38.500 092	2.15	2.12
13	29	-1 116.416 808	-38.497 131	1.86	1.82
14	31	-1 193.331 084	-38.494 551	1.58	1.57
15	33	-1 270.242 586	-38.492 200	1.48	1.37
16	35	-1 347.159 306	-38.490 266	1.21	1.21

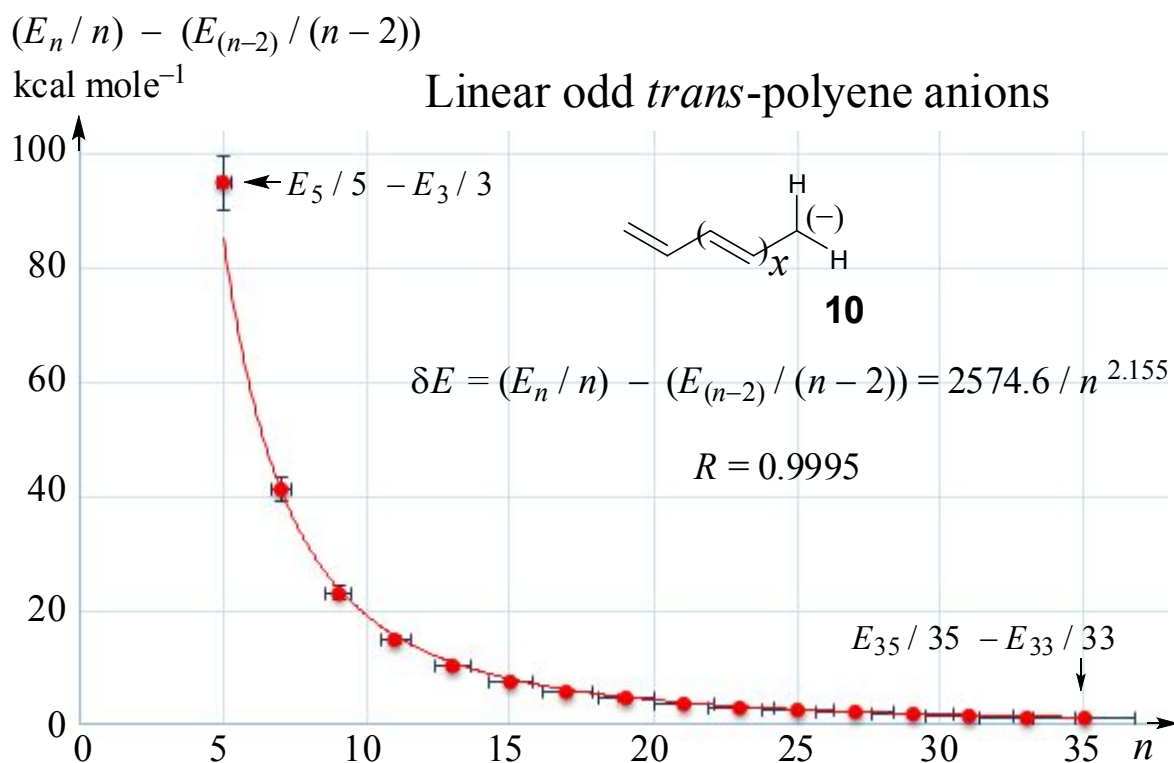
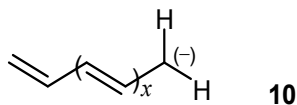


Fig. S-42. Power law (2s): variations of δG values of linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the HF/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-37).

Table S-38. Linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 3$) and linear relationship (1m).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24290.329880n - 765.49$ (1m) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-117.293 738	-73 602.9349	—	—
1	5	-194.732 190	-122 196.30	-122 217.14	20.84
2	7	-272.164 590	-170 785.866	-170 797.8	11.93
3	9	-349.591 953	-219 372.272	-219 378.46	6.19
4	11	-427.016 705	-267 957.039	-267 959.12	2.08
5	13	-504.439 573	-316 540.624	-316 539.78	-0.84
6	15	-581.861 159	-365 123.405	-365 120.44	-2.96
7	17	-659.281 786	-413 705.584	-413 701.1	-4.48
8	19	-736.701 728	-462 287.333	-462 281.76	-5.57
9	21	-814.121 171	-510 868.769	-510 862.42	-6.35
10	23	-891.540 327	-559 450.025	-559 443.08	-6.94
11	25	-968.959 282	-608 031.155	-608 023.74	-7.41
12	27	-1 046.373 544	-656 609.339	-656 604.40	-4.94
13	29	-1 123.791 344	-705 189.744	-705 185.06	-4.68
14	31	-1 201.208 921	-753 770.009	-753 765.71	-4.30
15	33	-1 278.626 384	-802 350.203	-802 346.37	-3.83
16	35	-1 356.043 827	-850 930.384	-850 927.03	-3.35
17	37	-1 433.464 542	-899 512.618	-899 507.69	-4.93
18	39	-1 510.882 713	-948 093.256	-948 088.35	-4.90
19	41	-1 588.297 786	-996 671.95	-996 669.01	-2.94
20	43	-1 665.714 487	-1 045 251.66	-1 045 249.67	-1.99
21	45	-1 743.128 549	-1 093 829.72	-1 093 830.33	0.60
22	47	-1 820.547 999	-1 142 411.16	-1 142 411.00	-0.16
23	49	-1 897.964 572	-1 190 990.80	-1190 991.65	0.85
24	51	-1 975.381 061	-1 239 570.38	-1 239 572.31	1.93
25	53	-2 052.797 664	-1 288 150.04	-1 288 152.97	2.93

26	55	-2 130.213 986	-1 336 729.51	-1 336 733.63	4.11
27	57	-2 207.630 352	-1 385 309.02	-1 385 314.29	5.27
28	59	-2 285.046 755	-1 433 888.55	-1 433 894.95	6.40
29	61	-2 362.463 270	-1 482 468.15	-1 482 475.61	7.46

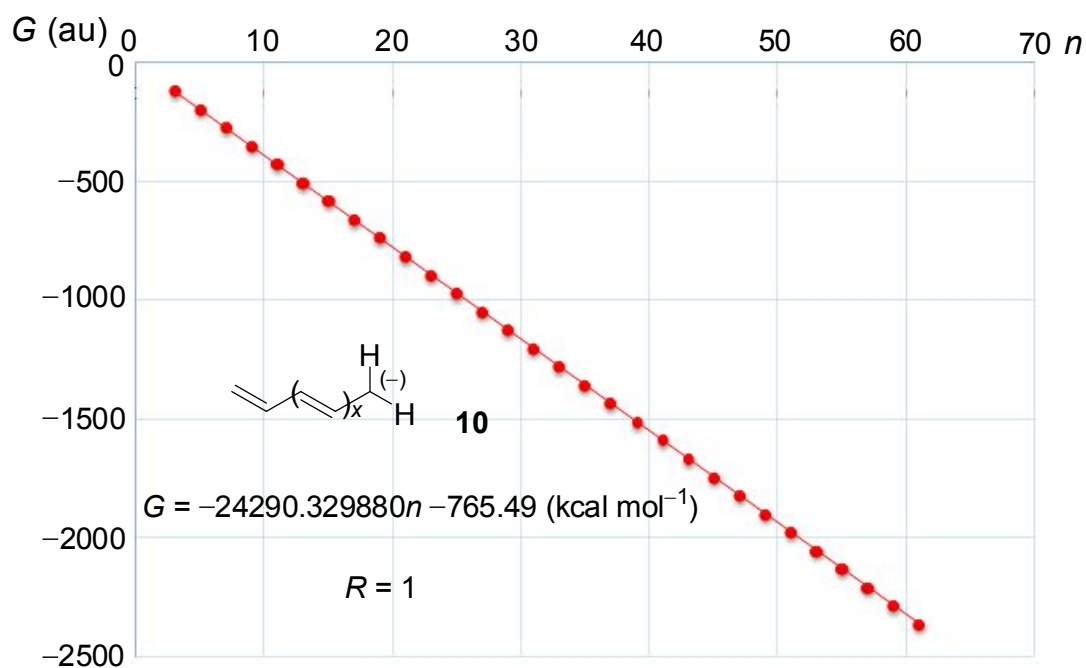
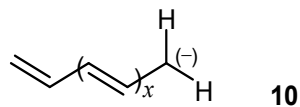


Fig. S-43. G_n values of linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1m) (see Table S-38).

Table S-39. Linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 3$).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	G_n/n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 2353.6 / n^{2.097}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-117.293 738	-39.097 913	-24 534.31	—	—
1	5	-194.732 190	-38.946 438	-24 439.26	95.05	80.54
2	7	-272.164 590	-38.880 656	-24 397.98	38.00	39.77
3	9	-349.591 953	-38.843 550	-24 374.70	23.28	23.48
4	11	-427.016 705	-38.819 700	-24 359.73	14.97	15.41
5	13	-504.439 573	-38.803 044	-24 349.28	10.45	10.86
6	15	-581.861 159	-38.790 744	-24 341.56	7.72	8.04
7	17	-659.281 786	-38.781 281	-24 335.62	5.94	6.19
8	19	-736.701 728	-38.773 775	-24 330.91	4.71	4.90
9	21	-814.121 171	-38.767 675	-24 327.08	3.83	3.97
10	23	-891.540 327	-38.762 623	-24 323.91	3.17	3.28
11	25	-968.959 282	-38.758 371	-24 321.25	2.67	2.76
12	27	-1 046.373 544	-38.754 576	-24 318.86	2.38	2.35
13	29	-1 123.791 344	-38.751 426	-24 316.89	1.98	2.02
14	31	-1 201.208 921	-38.748 675	-24 315.16	1.73	1.76
15	33	-1 278.626 384	-38.746 254	-24 313.64	1.52	1.54
16	35	-1 356.043 827	-38.744 109	-24 312.30	1.35	1.36
17	37	-1 433.464 542	-38.742 285	-24 311.15	1.14	1.21
18	39	-1 510.882 713	-38.740 582	-24 310.08	1.07	1.08
19	41	-1 588.297 786	-38.738 970	-24 309.07	1.01	0.98
20	43	-1 665.714 487	-38.737 546	-24 308.18	0.89	0.88
21	45	-1 743.128 549	-38.736 190	-24 307.33	0.85	0.80
22	47	-1 820.547 999	-38.735 064	-24 306.62	0.71	0.73
23	49	-1 897.964 572	-38.733 971	-24 305.93	0.69	0.67
24	51	-1 975.381 061	-38.732 962	-24 305.30	0.63	0.62
25	53	-2 052.797 664	-38.732 031	-24 304.72	0.58	0.57
26	55	-2 130.213 986	-38.731 163	-24 304.17	0.54	0.53

27	57	-2 207.630 352	-38.730 357	-24 303.67	0.51	0.49
28	59	-2 285.046 755	-38.729 606	-24 303.20	0.47	0.45
29	61	-2 362.463 270	-38.728 906	-24 302.76	0.44	0.42

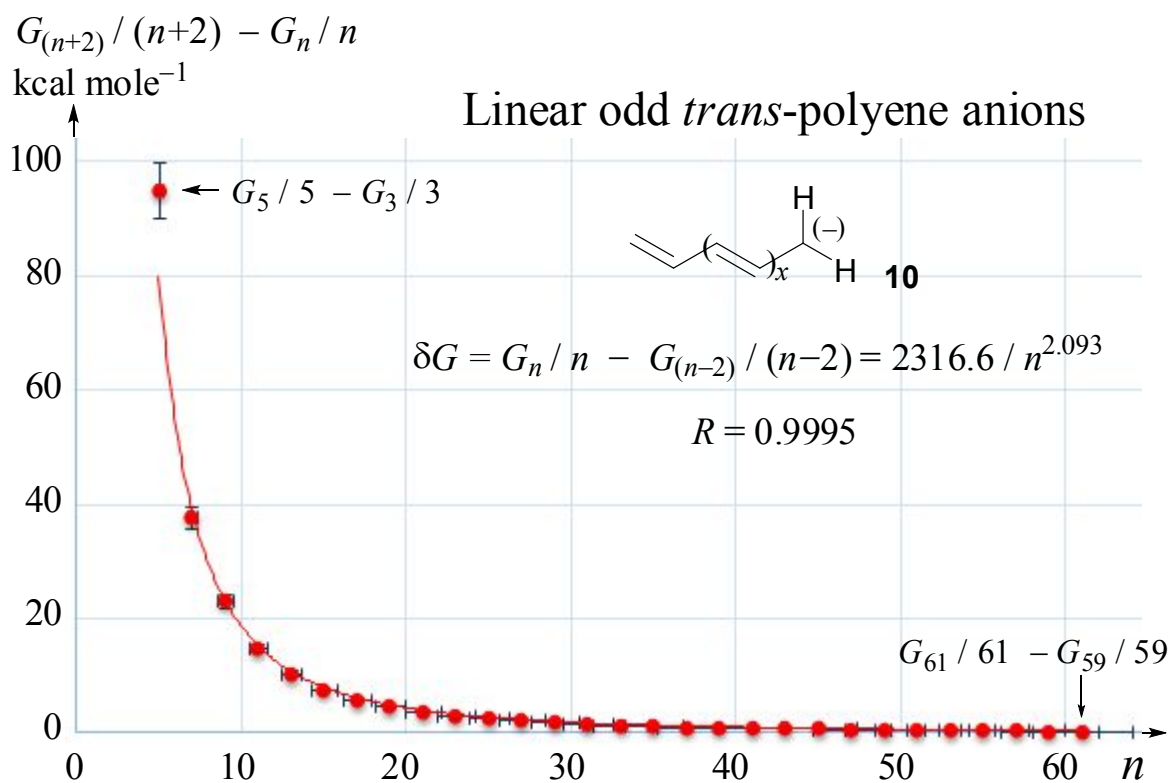


Fig. S-44. Power law (2t): variations of δG values of linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-39).

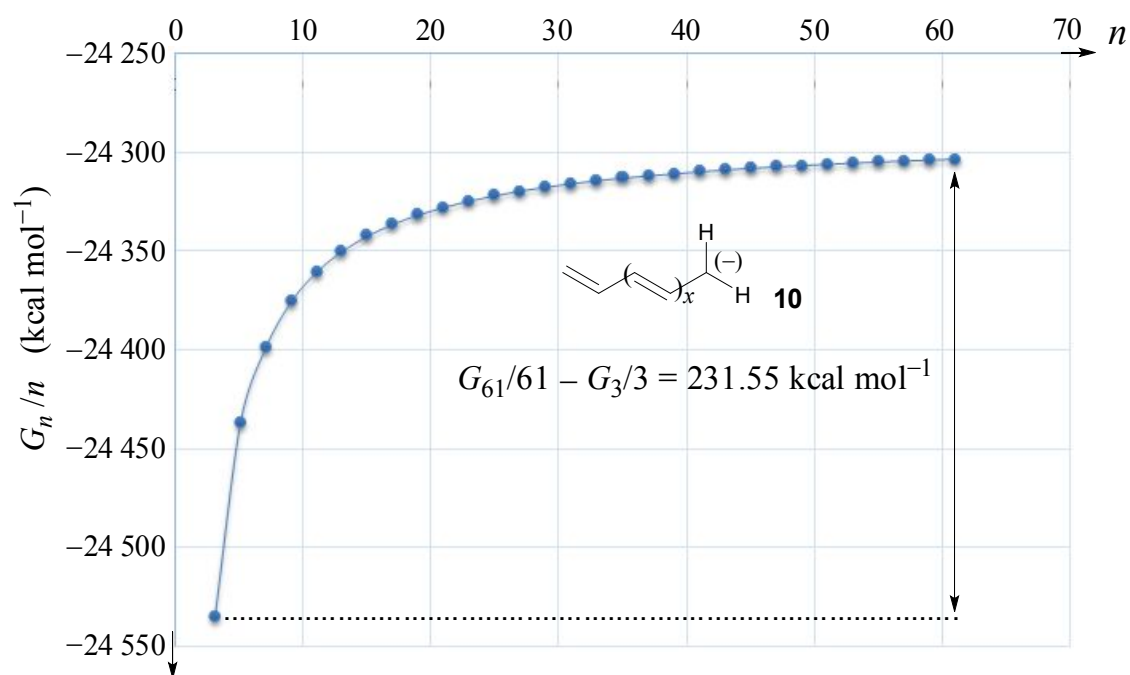
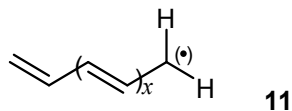


Fig. S-45. Variations of G_n/n values of linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-39).

Table S-40. Linear odd *trans*-polyene radicals **11**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the uB3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule) and linear relationship (1n).



x	$n = 2x + 3$	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24286.413605n - 730.88$ (1n) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-117.266 783	-73 586.0204	-73 590.12	4.10
1	5	-194.677 747	-122 162.136	-122 162.95	0.81
2	7	-272.085 866	-170 736.466	-170 735.78	-0.68
3	9	-349.492 704	-219 309.992	-219 308.61	-1.38
4	11	-426.898 842	-267 883.079	-267 881.43	-1.65
5	13	-504.304 533	-316 455.885	-316 454.26	-1.62
6	15	-581.709 898	-365 028.487	-365 027.09	-1.40
7	17	-659.115 101	-413 600.987	-413 599.92	-1.07
8	19	-736.520 161	-462 173.398	-462 172.74	-0.66
9	21	-813.925 016	-510 745.68	-510 745.57	-0.11
10	23	-891.329 746	-559 317.883	-559 318.4	0.52
11	25	-968.734 392	-607 890.034	-607 891.23	1.20
12	27	-1 046.138 932	-656 462.118	-656 464.05	1.93

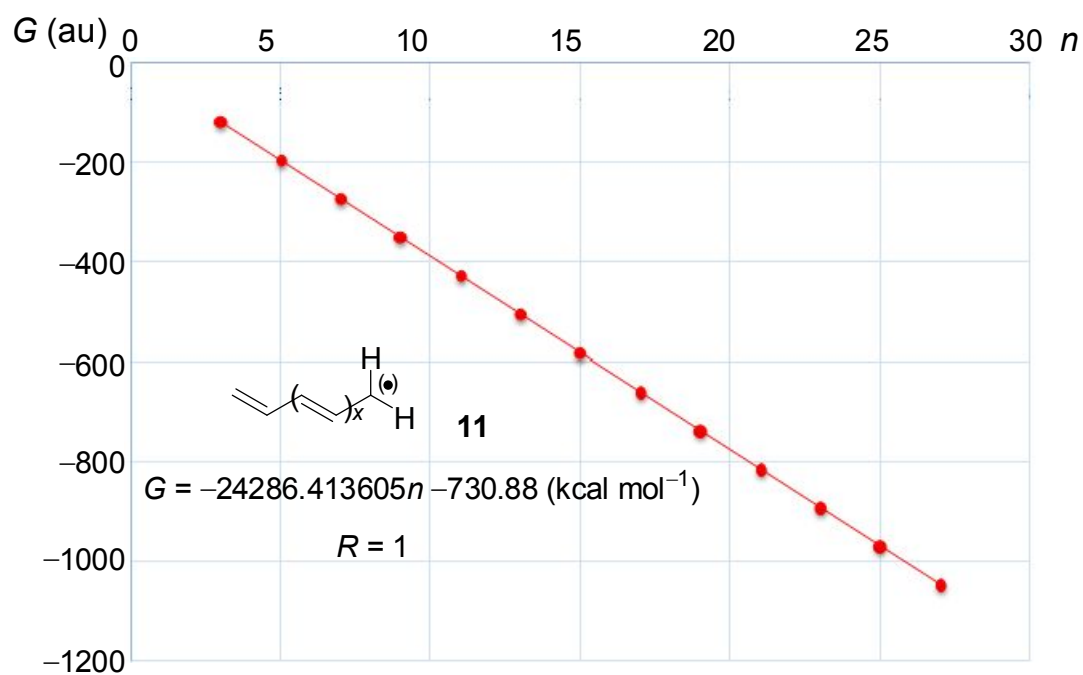
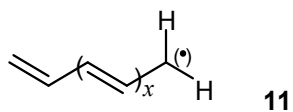


Fig. S-46. G_n values of linear odd *trans*-polyene radicals **11** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the uB3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1n) (see Table S-40).

Table S-41. Linear odd *trans*-polyene radicals **11**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the uB3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule).



x	$n = 2x + 3$	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 3\,146.2 / n^{2.218}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-117.266 783	-39.088 928	—	—
1	5	-194.677 747	-38.935 549	96.25	88.60
2	7	-272.085 866	-38.869 409	41.50	42.01
3	9	-349.492 704	-38.832 523	23.15	24.06
4	11	-426.898 842	-38.808 986	14.77	15.41
5	13	-504.304 533	-38.792 656	10.25	10.64
6	15	-581.709 898	-38.780 660	7.53	7.75
7	17	-659.115 101	-38.771 476	5.76	5.87
8	19	-736.520 161	-38.764 219	4.55	4.58
9	21	-813.925 016	-38.758 334	3.69	3.67
10	23	-891.329 746	-38.753 467	3.05	3.00
11	25	-968.734 392	-38.749 376	2.57	2.50
12	27	-1 046.138 932	-38.745 886	2.19	2.10

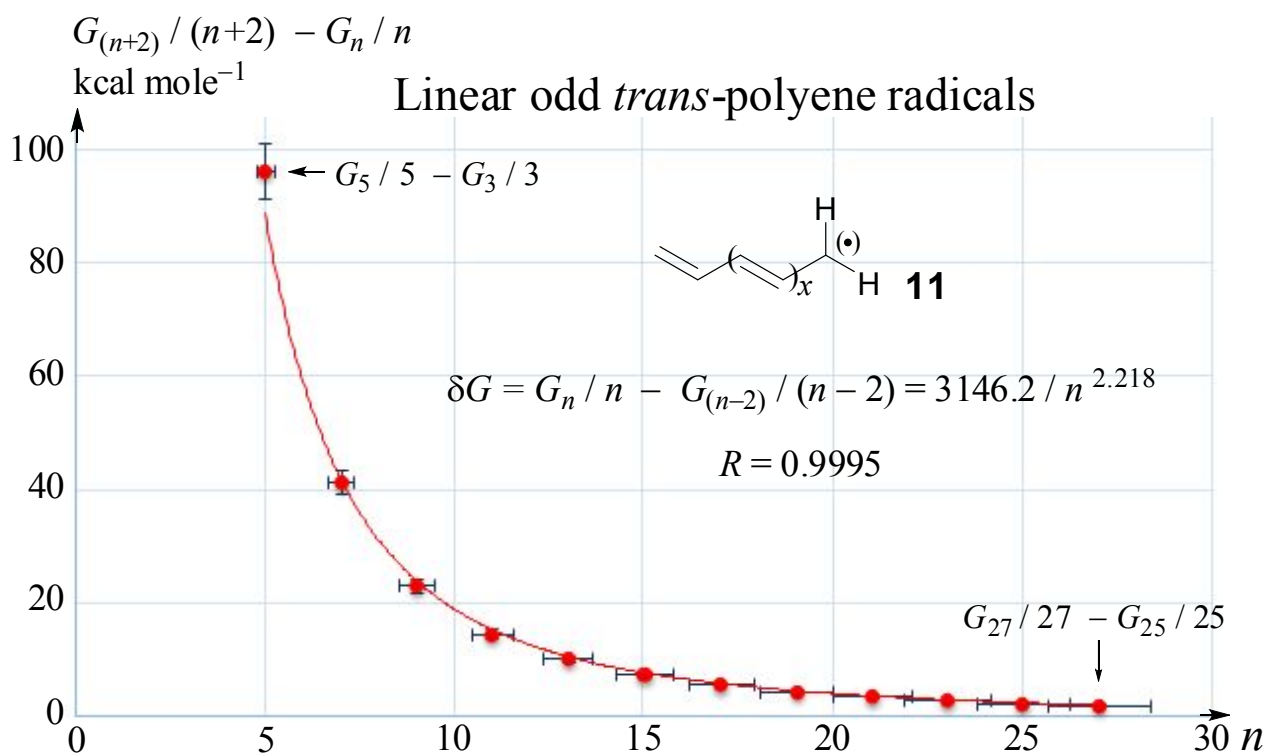
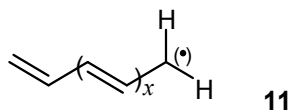


Fig. S-47. Power law (2u): variations of δG values of linear odd *trans*-polyene radicals **11** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the uB3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-41).

Table S-42. Linear odd *trans*-polyene radicals **11**. Absolute energies, E_n , at the uB3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule).



x	$n = 2x + 3$	E_n (au)	E_n/n (au)	$\delta E = E_n/n - E_{(n-1)}/(n-1)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta E_{\text{calc}} = 2\,862.6 / n^{2.18}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-117.307 680	-39.102 560	—	—
1	5	-194.748 826	-38.949 765	95.88	85.80
2	7	-272.186 978	-38.883 854	41.36	41.19
3	9	-349.623 808	-38.847 090	23.07	23.81
4	11	-427.059 908	-38.823 628	14.72	15.37
5	13	-504.495 573	-38.807 352	10.21	10.68
6	15	-581.930 948	-38.795 396	7.50	7.81
7	17	-659.366 102	-38.786 241	5.74	5.94
8	19	-736.801 093	-38.779 005	4.54	4.66
9	21	-814.235 998	-38.773 143	3.68	3.75
10	23	-891.670 808	-38.768 296	3.04	3.07
11	25	-969.105 554	-38.764 222	2.55	2.56
12	27	-1 046.540 248	-38.760 750	2.18	2.17
13	29	-1 123.974 854	-38.757 754	1.88	1.85
14	31	-1 201.409 405	-38.755 142	1.64	1.60
15	33	-1 278.844 036	-38.752 837	1.45	1.40
16	35	-1 356.278 583	-38.750 817	1.27	1.23
17	37	-1 433.713 120	-38.749 003	1.14	1.09

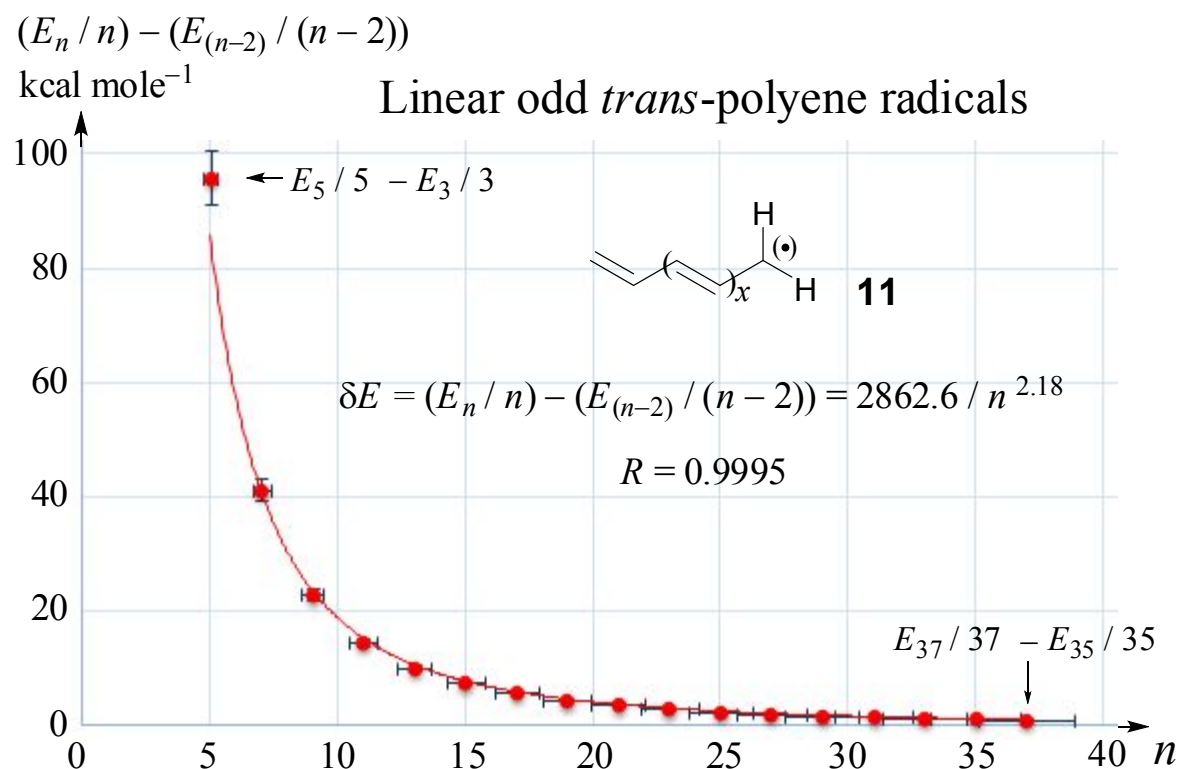


Fig. S-48. Power law (2v): variations of δE values of linear odd *trans*-polyene radicals **11** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the uB3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-42).

Table S-43. Linear odd *trans*-polyene radicals **11**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the uTPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 3$) and linear relationship (1o).

x	n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24289.609002n - 731.40$ (1o) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-117.279 111	-73 593.7563	-73 600.23	6.47
1	5	-194.699 507	-122 175.79	-122 177.38	1.59
2	7	-272.118 810	-170 757.138	-170 758.66	1.52
3	9	-349.536 275	-219 337.333	-219 337.88	0.55
4	11	-426.953 425	-267 917.33	-267 917.10	-0.23
5	13	-504.369 843	-316 496.868	-316 496.32	-0.55
6	15	-581.786 523	-365 076.57	-365 075.54	-1.03
7	17	-659.202 779	-413 656.006	-413 654.75	-1.25
8	19	-736.619 065	-462 235.461	-462 233.97	-1.49
9	21	-814.034 609	-510 814.45	-510 813.19	-1.26
10	23	-891.450 495	-559 393.654	-559 392.41	-1.24
11	25	-968.867 411	-607 973.505	-607 971.63	-1.87
12	27	-1046.283 354	-656 552.744	-656 550.84	-1.90
13	29	-1123.699 336	-705 132.008	-705 130.06	-1.95
14	31	-1201.115 232	-753 711.219	-753 709.28	-1.94
15	33	-1278.531 335	-802 290.559	-802 288.50	-2.06
16	35	-1355.947 474	-850 869.921	-850 867.72	-2.20
17	37	-1 433.363 533	-899 449.234	-899 446.93	-2.30
18	39	-1 510.779 779	-948 028.664	-948 026.15	-2.51
19	41	-1 588.191 540	-996 605.279	-996 605.37	0.09
20	43	-1 665.606 316	-1 045 183.79	-1 045 184.59	0.79
21	45	-1 743.022 502	-1 093 763.18	-1 093 763.80	0.62
22	47	-1 820.438 028	-1 142 342.16	-1 142 343.02	0.86
23	49	-1 897.853 754	-1 190 921.26	-1 190 922.24	0.98
24	51	-1 975.269 492	-1 239 500.37	-1 239 501.50	1.13
25	53	-2 052.685 229	-1 288 079.48	-1 288 080.68	1.20
26	55	-2 130.100 926	-1 336 658.57	-1 336 659.89	1.32
27	57	-2 207.516 653	-1 385 237.67	-1 385 239.11	1.44

28	59	-2 284.932 402	-1 433 816.79	-1 433 818.33	1.54
29	61	-2 362.348 199	-1 482 395.94	-1 482 397.55	1.61

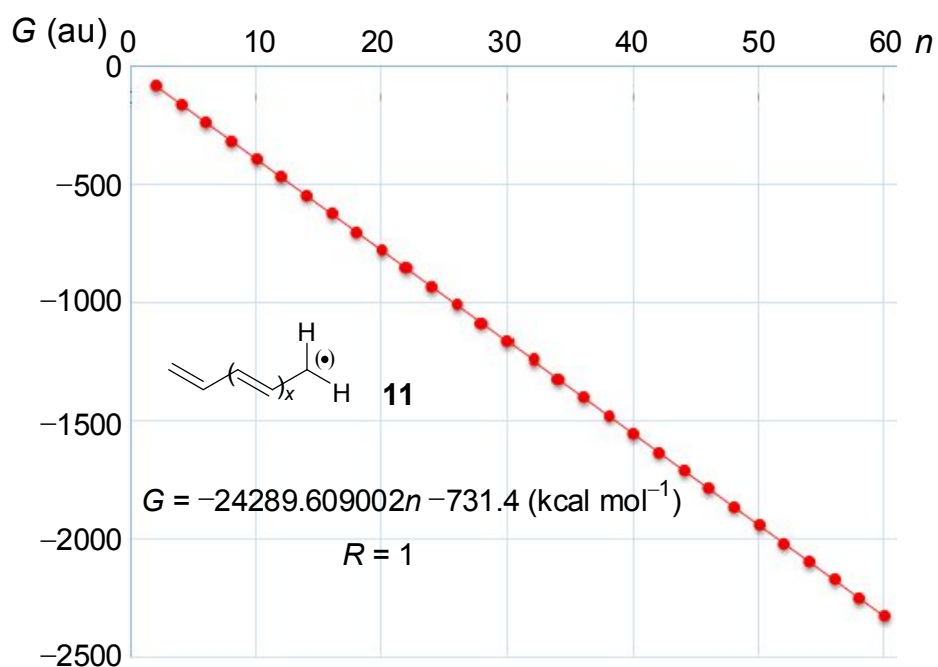


Fig. S-49. G_n values of linear odd *trans*-polyene radicals **11** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the uTPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1o) (see Table S-43).

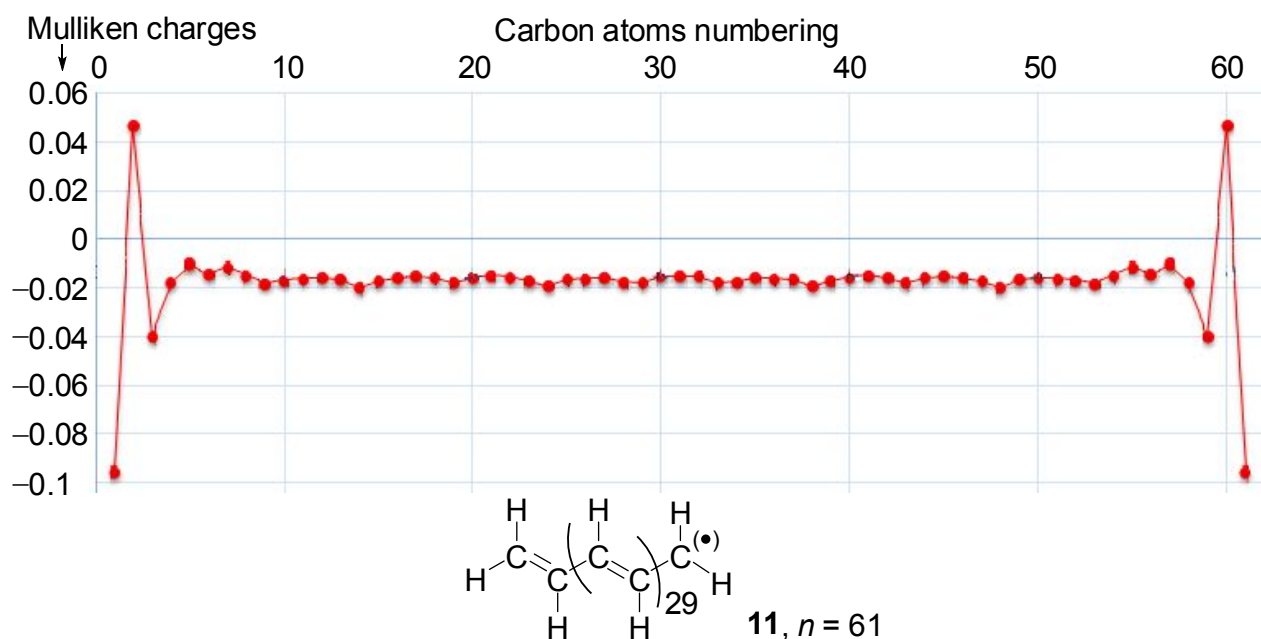


Fig. S-50. Mulliken charges of *trans*-polyenyl radicals **11** ($n = 61$) as a function of the numbering of carbon atoms at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-43).

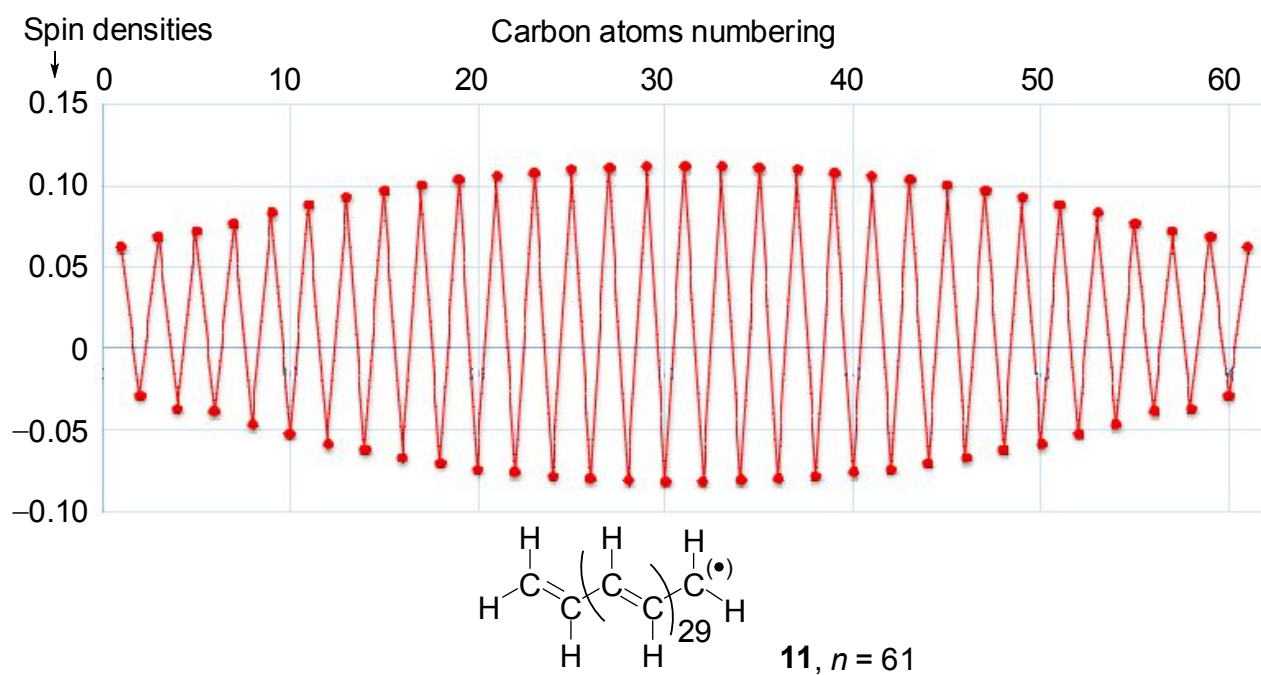
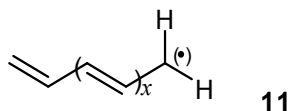


Fig. S-51. Spin densities of *trans*-polyenyl radicals **11** ($n = 61$) as a function of the numbering of carbon atoms at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-43).

Table S-44. Linear odd *trans*-polyene radicals **11**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the uTPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 3$).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	G_n/n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 2481.9 / n^{2.128}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-117.279 111	-39.093 037	-24 531.25	—	—
1	5	-194.670 866	-38.934 173	-24 431.56	99.69	80.79
2	7	-272.118 810	-38.874 116	-24 393.88	37.69	39.48
3	9	-349.536 275	-38.837 364	-24 370.81	23.06	23.13
4	11	-426.953 425	-38.813 948	-24 356.12	14.69	15.09
5	13	-504.369 843	-38.797 680	-24 345.91	10.21	10.58
6	15	-581.786 523	-38.785 768	-24 338.44	7.47	7.80
7	17	-659.202 779	-38.776 634	-24 332.71	5.73	5.97
8	19	-736.619 065	-38.769 424	-24 328.18	4.52	4.72
9	21	-814.034 609	-38.763 553	-24 324.50	3.68	3.81
10	23	-891.450 495	-38.758 717	-24 321.46	3.03	3.14
11	25	-968.867 411	-38.754 696	-24 318.94	2.52	2.63
12	27	-1046.283 354	-38.751 235	-24 316.77	2.17	2.23
13	29	-1123.699 336	-38.748 253	-24 314.90	1.87	1.92
14	31	-1201.115 232	-38.745 653	-24 313.26	1.63	1.66
15	33	-1278.531 335	-38.743 374	-24 311.83	1.43	1.46
16	35	-1355.947 474	-38.741 356	-24 310.57	1.27	1.28
17	37	-1 433.363 533	-38.739 555	-24 309.44	1.13	1.14
18	39	-1 510.779 779	-38.737 943	-24 308.43	1.01	1.02
19	41	-1 588.191 540	-38.736 379	-24 307.44	0.98	0.92
20	43	-1 665.606 316	-38.735 031	-24 306.60	0.85	0.83
21	45	-1 743.022 502	-38.733 833	-24 305.85	0.75	0.75
22	47	-1 820.438 028	-38.732 724	-24 305.15	0.70	0.69
23	49	-1 897.853 754	-38.731 709	-24 304.51	0.64	0.63
24	51	-1 975.269 492	-38.730 774	-24 303.93	0.59	0.58
25	53	-2 052.685 229	-38.729 910	-24 303.39	0.54	0.53
26	55	-2 130.100 926	-38.729 108	-24 302.88	0.50	0.49
27	57	-2 207.516 653	-38.728 362	-24 302.41	0.47	0.46

28	59	-2 284.932 402	-38.727 668	-24 301.98	0.44	0.42
29	61	-2 362.348 199	-38.727 020	-24 301.57	0.41	0.39

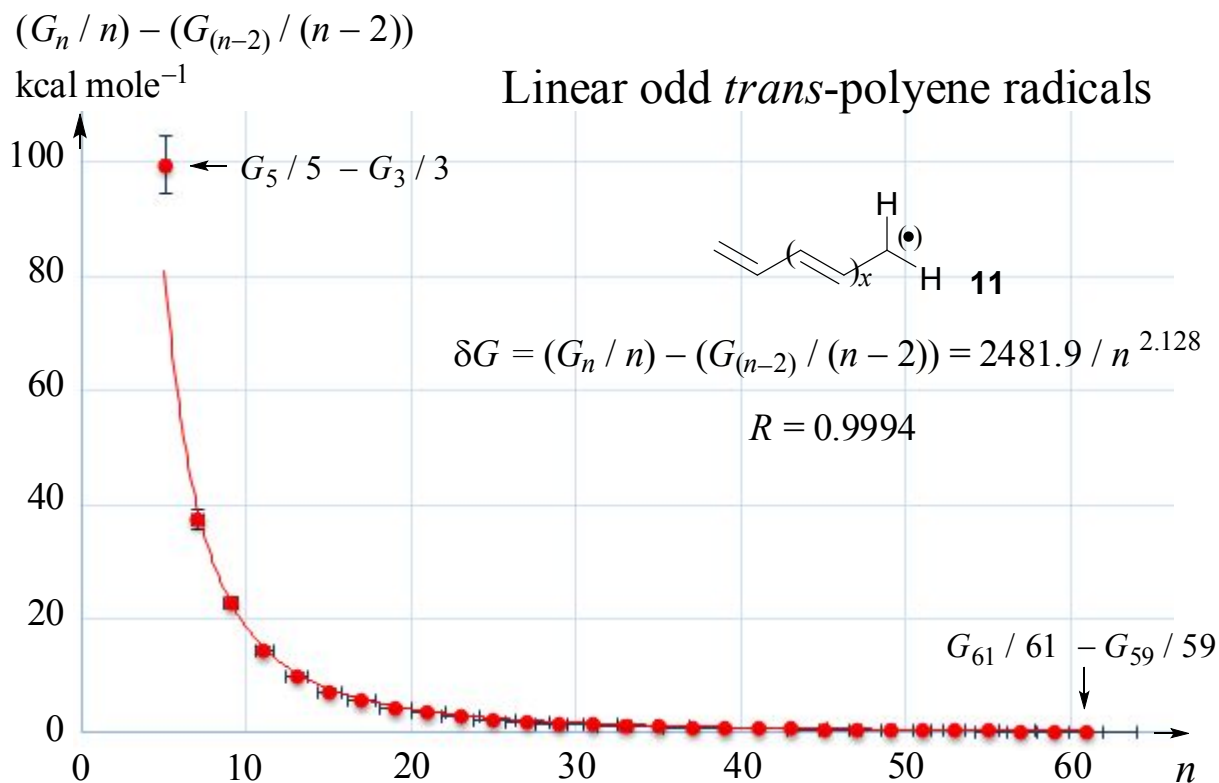


Fig. S-52. Power law (2w): variations of δG values of linear odd *trans*-polyene radicals **11** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the uTPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-44).

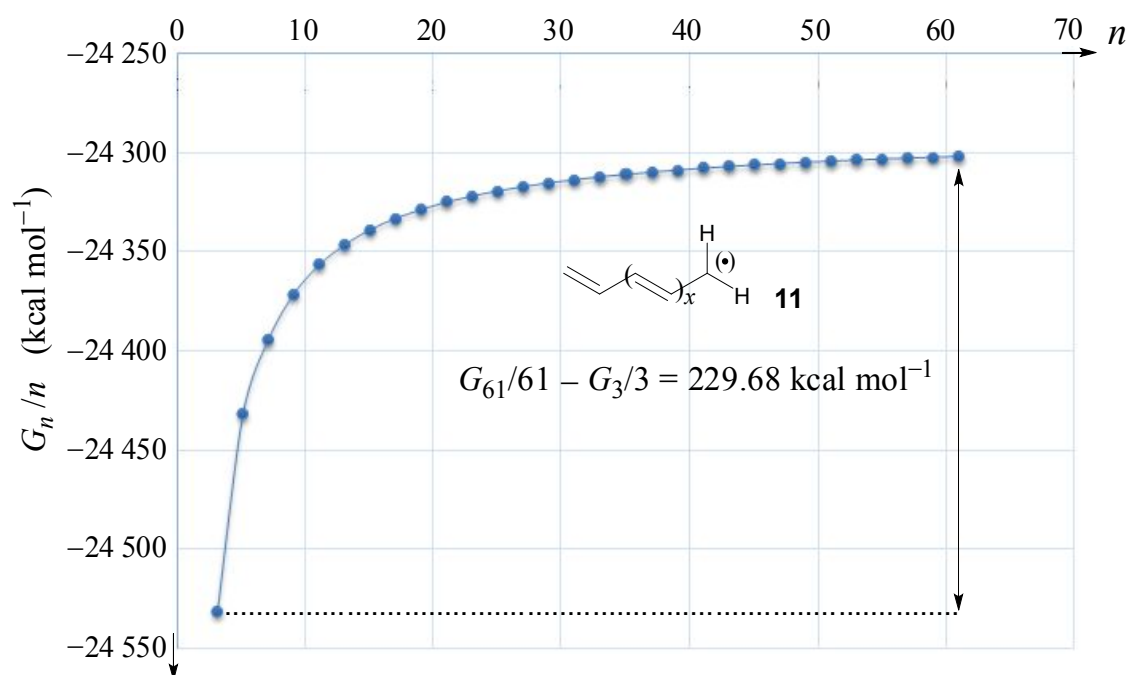
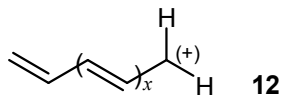


Fig. S-53. Variations of G_n/n values of linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the uTPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-44).

Table S-45. Linear odd *trans*-polyene cations **12**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule) and linear relationship (1p).



x	$n = 2x + 3$	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24288.212596n - 558.48$ (1p) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-116.967 350	-73 398.1233	-73 423.12	25.00
1	5	-194.406 847	-121 992.143	-121 999.54	7.40
2	7	-271.833 229	-170 577.934	-170 575.97	-1.96
3	9	-349.252 155	-219 159.045	-219 152.39	-6.65
4	11	-426.667 202	-267 737.723	-267 728.82	-8.90
5	13	-504.079 736	-316 314.823	-316 305.24	-9.58
6	15	-581.490 520	-364 890.825	-364 881.67	-9.15
7	17	-658.900 150	-413 466.104	-413 458.09	-8.01
8	19	-736.308 868	-462 040.81	-462 034.52	-6.29
9	21	-813.716 850	-510 615.054	-510 610.94	-4.11
10	23	-891.124 290	-559 188.958	-559 187.37	-1.59
11	25	-968.531 322	-607 762.606	-607 763.79	1.18
12	27	-1 045.937 977	-656 336.017	-656 340.22	4.20
13	29	-1 123.344 480	-704 909.333	-704 916.64	7.31
14	31	-1 200.749 942	-753 481.996	-753 493.07	11.07

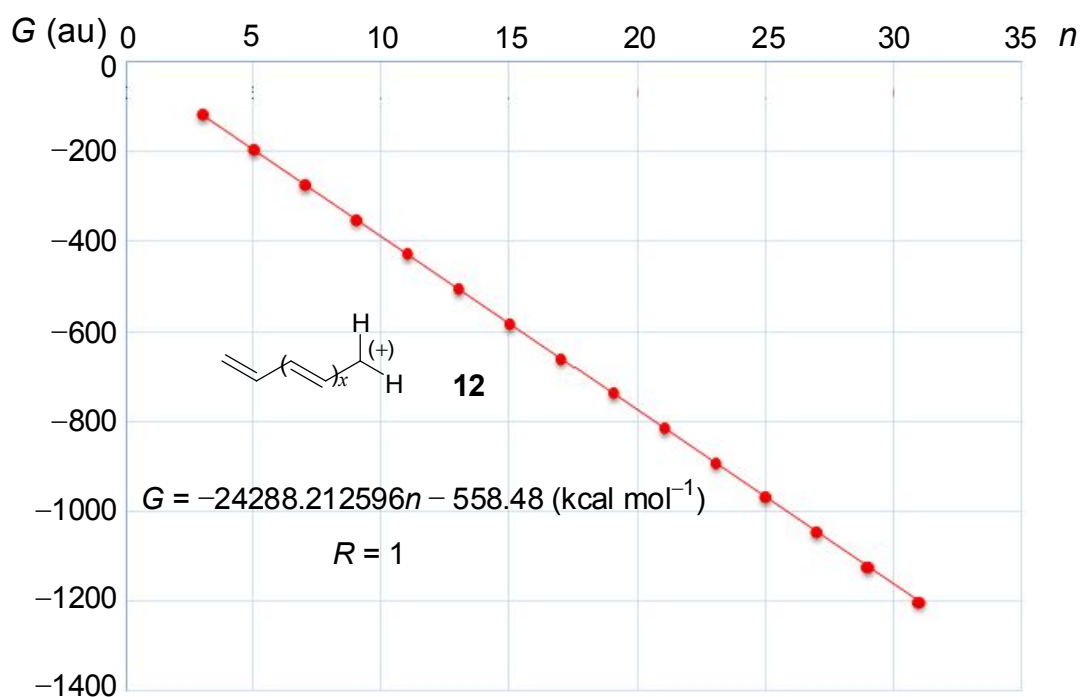
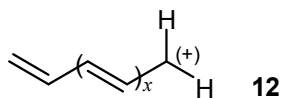


Fig. S-54. G_n values of linear odd *trans*-polyene cations **12** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1p) (see Table S-45).

Table S-46. Linear odd *trans*-polyene cations **12**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule).



x	$n = 2x + 3$	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 1\,889.6 / n^{2.123}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-116.967 350	-38.989 117	—	—
1	5	-194.406 847	-38.881 369	67.61	62.00
2	7	-271.833 229	-38.833 318	30.15	30.35
3	9	-349.252 155	-38.805 795	17.27	17.80
4	11	-426.667 202	-38.787 927	11.21	11.63
5	13	-504.079 736	-38.775 364	7.88	8.15
6	15	-581.490 520	-38.766 035	5.85	6.02
7	17	-658.900 150	-38.758 832	4.52	4.61
8	19	-736.308 868	-38.753 098	3.60	3.64
9	21	-813.716 850	-38.748 421	2.93	2.95
10	23	-891.124 290	-38.744 534	2.44	2.43
11	25	-968.531 322	-38.741 253	2.06	2.03
12	27	-1 045.937 977	-38.738 444	1.76	1.73
13	29	-1 123.344 480	-38.736 016	1.52	1.48
14	31	-1 200.749 942	-38.733 869	1.35	1.29

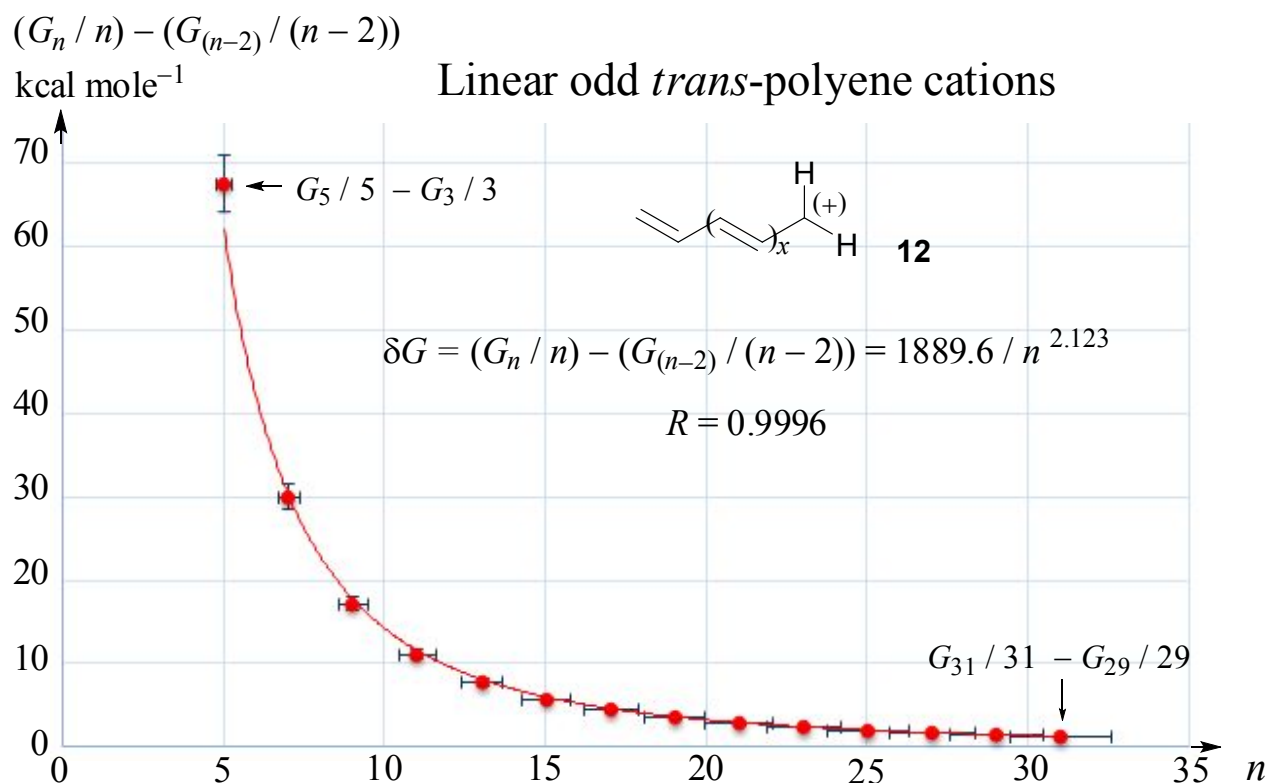
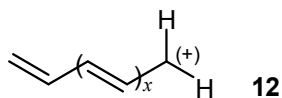


Fig. S-55. Power law (2x): variations of δG values of linear odd *trans*-polyene cations **12** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-46).

Table S-47. Linear odd *trans*-polyene cations **12**. Absolute energies, E_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule).



x	$n = 2x + 3$	E_n (au)	E_n/n (au)	$\delta E = E_n/n - E_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta E_{\text{calc}} = 1\,845.3 / n^{2.113}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-117.011 015	-39.003 672		—
1	5	-194.481 921	-38.896 384	67.32	61.54
2	7	-271.938 083	-38.848 297	30.17	30.22
3	9	-349.387 341	-38.820 816	17.24	17.77
4	11	-426.832 663	-38.802 969	11.20	11.63
5	13	-504.275 499	-38.790 423	7.87	8.17
6	15	-581.716 645	-38.781 110	5.84	6.04
7	17	-659.156 545	-38.773 914	4.52	4.63
8	19	-736.595 523	-38.768 185	3.59	3.66
9	21	-814.033 825	-38.763 515	2.93	2.96
10	23	-891.471 562	-38.759 633	2.44	2.45
11	25	-968.908 858	-38.756 354	2.06	2.05
12	27	-1 046.345 787	-38.753 548	1.76	1.74
13	29	-1 123.782 382	-38.751 117	1.53	1.50
14	31	-1 201.218 751	-38.748 992	1.33	1.30
15	33	-1 278.654 803	-38.747 016	1.24	1.14
16	35	-1 356.090 877	-38.745 454	0.98	1.01

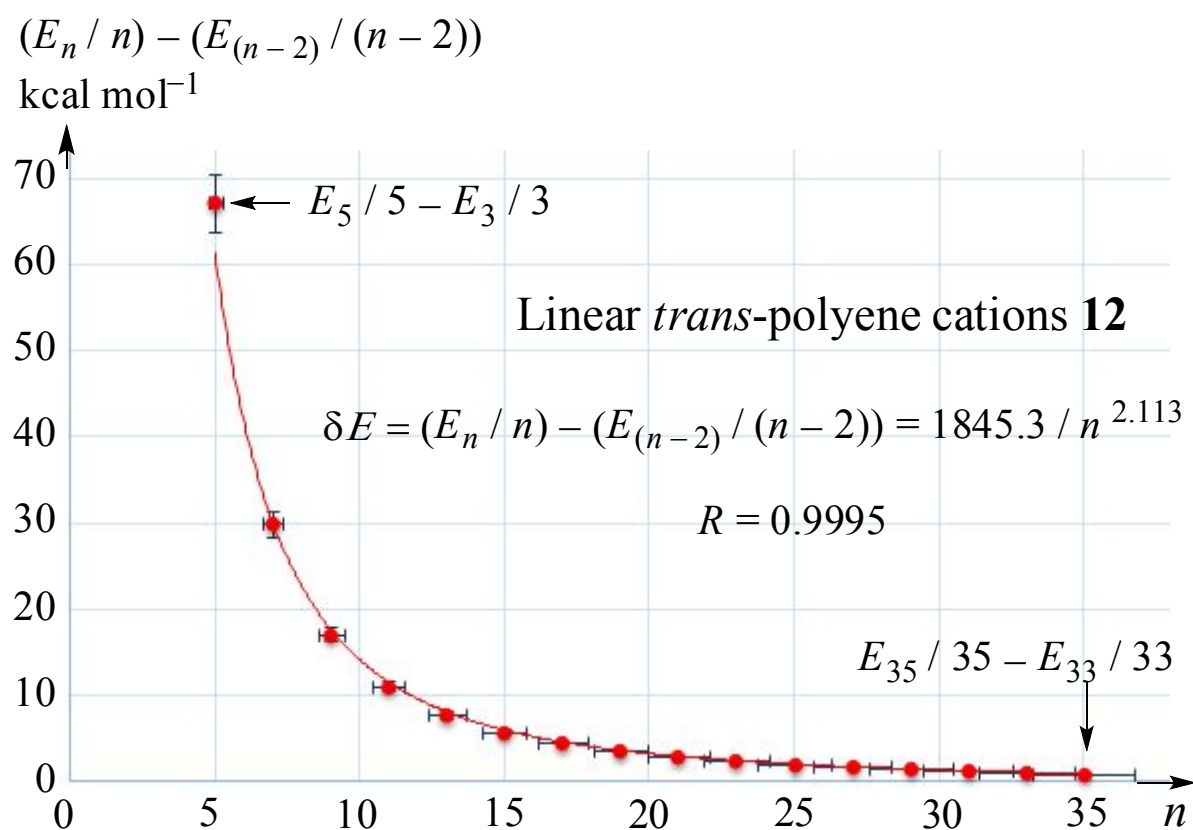
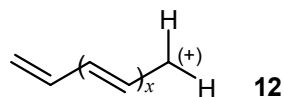


Fig. S-56. Power law (2y): variations of δE values of linear odd *trans*-polyene cations **12** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-47).

Table S-48. Linear odd *trans*-polyene cations **12**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 3$) and linear relationship (1q).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -24290.62735n - 573.47$ (1q) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-116.982 098	-73 407.3778	-73 445.35	37.97
1	5	-194.399 531	-121 987.552	-122 026.61	39.06
2	7	-271.870 329	-170 601.214	-170 607.86	6.64
3	9	-349.300 534	-219 189.403	-219 189.12	-0.28
4	11	-426.726 984	-267 775.236	-267 770.37	-4.87
5	13	-504.150 961	-316 359.517	-316 351.62	-7.90
6	15	-581.573 345	-364 942.799	-364 932.88	-9.92
7	17	-658.994 496	-413 525.307	-413 514.13	-11.18
8	19	-736.415 009	-462 107.414	-462 095.39	-12.02
9	21	-813.834 875	-510 689.115	-510 676.64	-12.47
10	23	-891.254 165	-559 270.455	-559 257.9	-12.55
11	25	-968.673 206	-607 851.639	-607 839.15	-12.49
12	27	-1 046.087 680	-656 429.957	-656 420.41	-9.55
13	29	-1 123.505 635	-705 010.459	-705 001.66	-8.80
14	31	-1 200.923 342	-753 590.806	-753 582.92	-7.88
15	33	-1 278.341 005	-802 171.125	-802 164.17	-6.95
16	35	-1 355.758 540	-850 751.364	-850 745.43	-5.93
17	37	-1 433.175 754	-899 331.401	-899 326.68	-4.72
18	39	-1 510.592 847	-947 911.362	-947 907.94	-3.42
19	41	-1 588.009 599	-996 491.109	-996 489.19	-1.92
20	43	-1 665.429 556	-1 045 072.87	-1 045 070.45	-2.42
21	45	-1 742.843 690	-1 093 650.97	-1 093 651.70	0.73
22	47	-1 820.263 138	-1 142 232.41	-1 142 232.96	0.55
23	49	-1 897.679 717	-1 190 812.05	-1 190 814.21	2.16
24	51	-1 975.096 274	-1 239 391.68	-1 239 395.46	3.78

25	53	-2 052.512 786	-1 287 971.27	-1 287 976.72	5.45
26	55	-2 129.929 216	-1 336 550.82	-1 336 557.97	7.15
27	57	-2 207.345 630	-1 385 130.35	-1 385 139.23	8.88
28	59	-2 284.762 074	-1 433 709.91	-1 433 720.48	10.57
29	61	-2 362.178 608	-1 482 289.52	-1 482 301.74	12.22

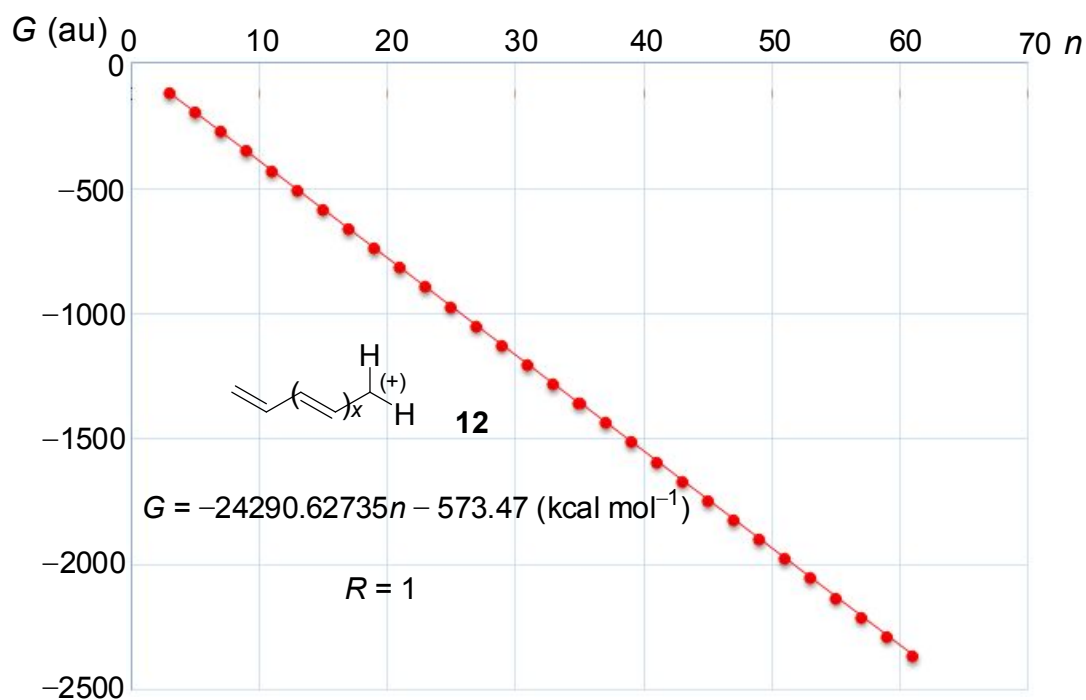
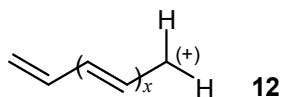


Fig. S-57. G_n values of linear odd *trans*-polyene cations **12** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1q) (see Table S-48).

Table S-49. Linear odd *trans*-polyene cations **12**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df, pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 3$).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	G_n/n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 1625.9 / n^{2.068}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-116.982 098	-38.994 033	-24 469.13	—	—
1	5	-194.399 531	-38.879 906	-24 397.51	71.62	58.29
2	7	-271.870 329	-38.838 618	-24 370.60	25.91	29.07
3	9	-349.300 534	-38.811 170	-24 354.38	17.22	17.29
4	11	-426.726 984	-38.793 362	-24 343.20	11.17	11.42
5	13	-504.150 961	-38.780 843	-24 335.35	7.86	8.08
6	15	-581.573 345	-38.771 556	-24 329.52	5.83	6.01
7	17	-658.994 496	-38.764 382	-24 325.02	4.50	4.64
8	19	-736.415 009	-38.758 685	-24 321.44	3.57	3.69
9	21	-813.834 875	-38.754 042	-24 318.53	2.91	3.00
10	23	-891.254 165	-38.750 181	-24 316.11	2.42	2.48
11	25	-968.673 206	-38.746 928	-24 314.06	2.04	2.09
12	27	-1 046.087 680	-38.743 988	-24 312.22	1.84	1.78
13	29	-1 123.505 635	-38.741 574	-24 310.71	1.51	1.54
14	31	-1 200.923 342	-38.739 463	-24 309.38	1.32	1.34
15	33	-1 278.341 005	-38.737 606	-24 308.22	1.16	1.18
16	35	-1 355.758 540	-38. 735 958	-24 307.18	1.03	1.04
17	37	-1 433.175 754	-38.734 480	-24 306.25	0.93	0.93
18	39	-1 510.592 847	-38.733 150	-24 305.42	0.83	0.83
19	41	-1 588.009 599	-38.731 941	-24 304.66	0.76	0.75
20	43	-1 665.429 556	-38.730 920	-24 304.02	0.64	0.68
21	45	-1 742.843 690	-38.729 860	-24 303.35	0.66	0.62
22	47	-1 820.263 138	-38.729 003	-24 302.82	0.54	0.57
23	49	-1 897.679 717	-38.728 157	-24 302.29	0.53	0.52
24	51	-1 975.096 274	-38.727 378	-24 301.80	0.49	0.48
25	53	-2 052.512 786	-38.726 656	-24 301.34	0.45	0.44

26	55	-2 129.929 216	-38.725 986	-24 300.92	0.42	0.41
27	57	-2 207.345 630	-38.725 362	-24 300.53	0.39	0.38
28	59	-2 284.762 074	-38.724 781	-24 300.17	0.36	0.35
29	61	-2 362.178 608	-38.724 239	-24 299.83	0.34	0.33

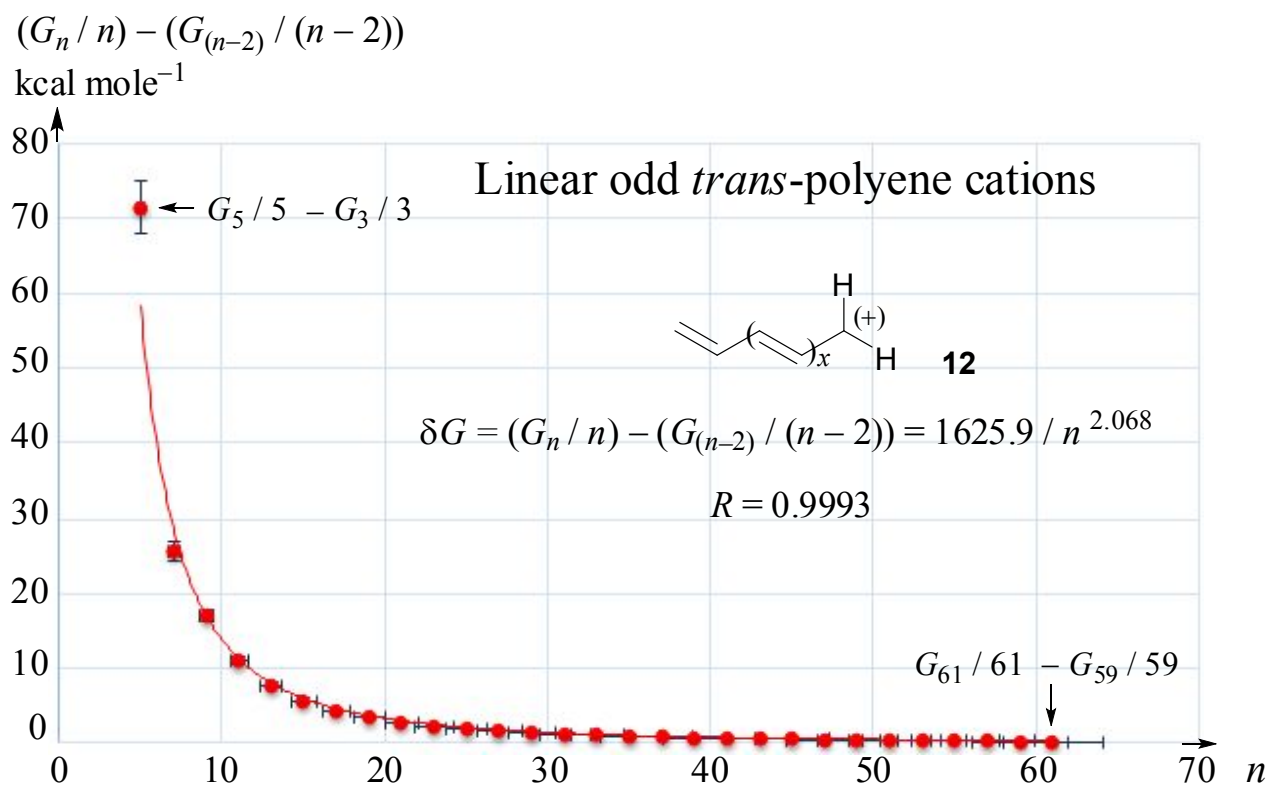


Fig. S-58. Power law (2z): variations of δG values of linear odd *trans*-polyene cations **12** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-49).

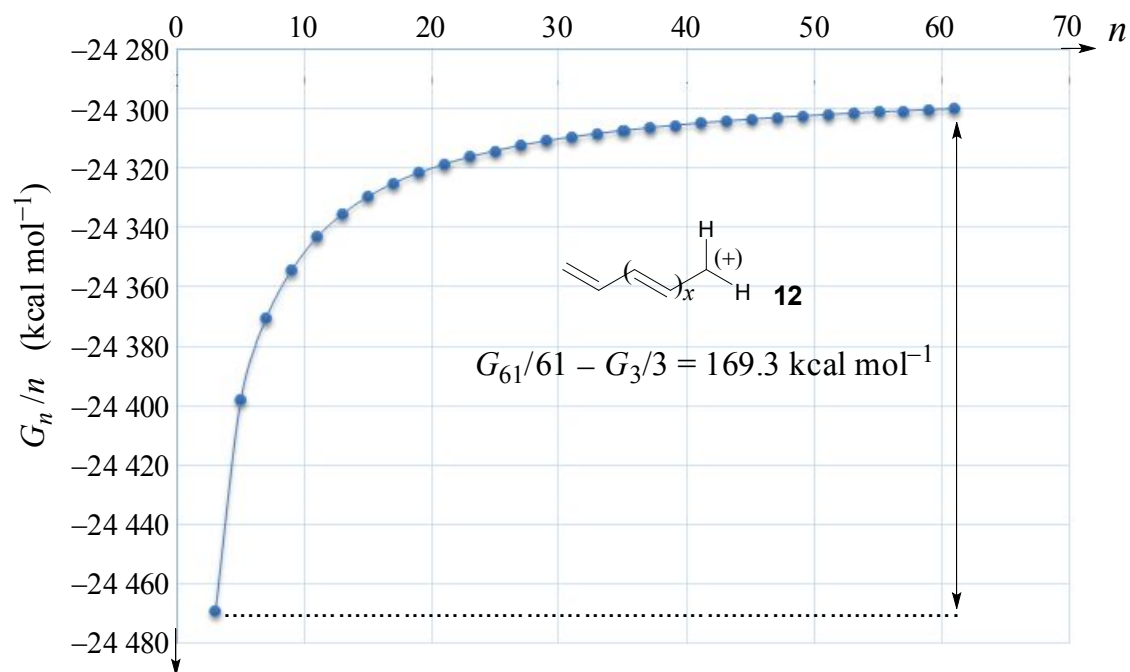
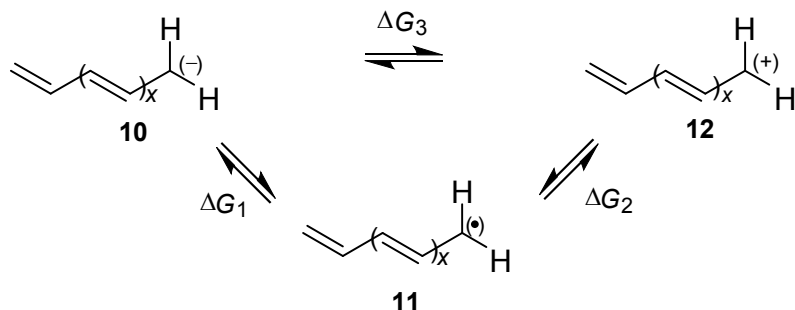


Fig. S-59. Variations of G_n/n values of linear odd *trans*-polyene cations **12** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-49).

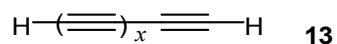
Table S-50. Differences between values of absolute free energies of linear odd *trans*-polyene anions **10**, and those of the corresponding linear odd *trans*-polyene radical **11** or linear odd *trans*-polyene cations **12** at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule)



x	$n = 2x + 3$	10 G_n (au)	11 G_n (au)	12 G_n (au)	ΔG_1 (kcal mol ⁻¹)	ΔG_2 (kcal mol ⁻¹)	ΔG_3 (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	3	-117.293 738	-117.279 111	-116.982 098	9.18	186.38	195.56
1	5	-194.706 036	-194.670 866	-194.399 531	22.07	170.26	192.33
2	7	-272.164 590	-272.118 810	-271.870 329	28.73	155.92	184.65
3	9	-349.591 953	-349.536 275	-349.300 534	34.94	147.93	182.87
4	11	-427.016 705	-426.953 425	-426.726 984	39.71	142.09	181.80
5	13	-504.439 573	-504.369 843	-504.150 961	43.76	137.35	181.11
6	15	-581.861 159	-581.786 523	-581.573 345	46.83	133.77	180.60
7	17	-659.281 786	-659.202 779	-658.994 496	49.58	130.70	180.28
8	19	-736.701 728	-736.619 065	-736.415 009	51.87	128.05	179.92
9	21	-814.121 171	-814.034 609	-813.834 875	54.32	125.33	179.65
10	23	-891.540 327	-891.450 495	-891.254 165	56.37	123.20	179.57
11	25	-968.959 282	-968.867 411	-968.673 206	57.65	121.86	179.51
12	27	-1 046.373 544	-1046.283 354	-1 046.087 680	57.00	122.79	179.79
13	29	-1 123.791 344	-1123.699 336	-1 123.505 635	57.74	121.55	179.29
14	31	-1 201.208 920	-1201.115 232	-1 200.923 342	58.79	120.41	179.20
15	33	-1 278.626 382	-1 278.529 024	-1 278.341 005	61.09	117.98	179.07
16	35	-1 356.043 824	-1355.947 404	-1 355.758 540	60.50	118.51	179.01
17	37	-1 433.464 542	-1 433.363 533	-1 433.175 754	63.38	117.83	181.22
18	39	-1 510.882 713	-1 510.779 779	-1 510.592 847	64.59	117.30	181.89
19	41	-1 588.297 786	-1 588.191 540	-1 588.009 599	66.67	114.17	180.84
20	43	-1 665.714 487	-1 665.606 316	-1 665.429 556	67.87	110.92	178.79
21	45	-1 743.128 549	-1 743.022 502	-1 742.843 690	66.54	112.21	178.75

22	47	-1 820.547 999	-1 820.438 028	-1 820.263 138	69.01	109.75	178.76
23	49	-1 897.964 572	-1897.853 754	-1 897.679 717	69.54	109.21	178.75
24	51	-1 975.381 061	-1975.269 492	-1 975.096 274	70.01	108.70	178.71
25	53	-2 052.797 664	-2052.685 229	-2 052.512 786	70.55	108.21	178.76
26	55	-2 130.213 986	-2130.100 926	-2129.929 216	70.95	107.75	178.70
27	57	-2 207.630 352	-2207.516 653	-2 207.345 630	71.35	107.32	178.67
28	59	-2 285.046 755	-2284.932 402	-2 284.762 074	71.76	106.88	178.64
29	61	-2 362.463 270	-2 362.348 199	-2 362.178 608	72.21	106.42	178.63

Table S-51. Polyynes **13**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule) and linear relationship (1r).



x	$n = 2x + 2$	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -23901.203617n - 735.64$ (1r) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-77.355 015	-48 541.0068	-48 538.05	-2.96
1	4	-153.528 201	-96 340.4046	-96 340.45	0.046
2	6	-229.704 939	-144 142.031	-144 142.86	0.83
3	8	-305.882 657	-191 944.273	-191 945.27	1.00
4	10	-382.060 842	-239 746.808	-239 747.68	0.87
5	12	-458.239 117	-287 549.399	-287 550.08	0.68
6	14	-534.417 439	-335 352.02	-335 352.49	0.47
7	16	-610.595 319	-383 154.363	-383 154.90	0.54
8	18	-686.773 695	-430 957.018	-430 957.30	0.28
9	20	-762.951 962	-478 759.604	-478 759.71	0.11
10	22	-839.130 337	-526 562.258	-526 562.12	-0.14
11	24	-915.308 977	-574 365.079	-574 364.53	-0.55
12	26	-991.487 912	-622 168.084	-622 166.93	-1.15

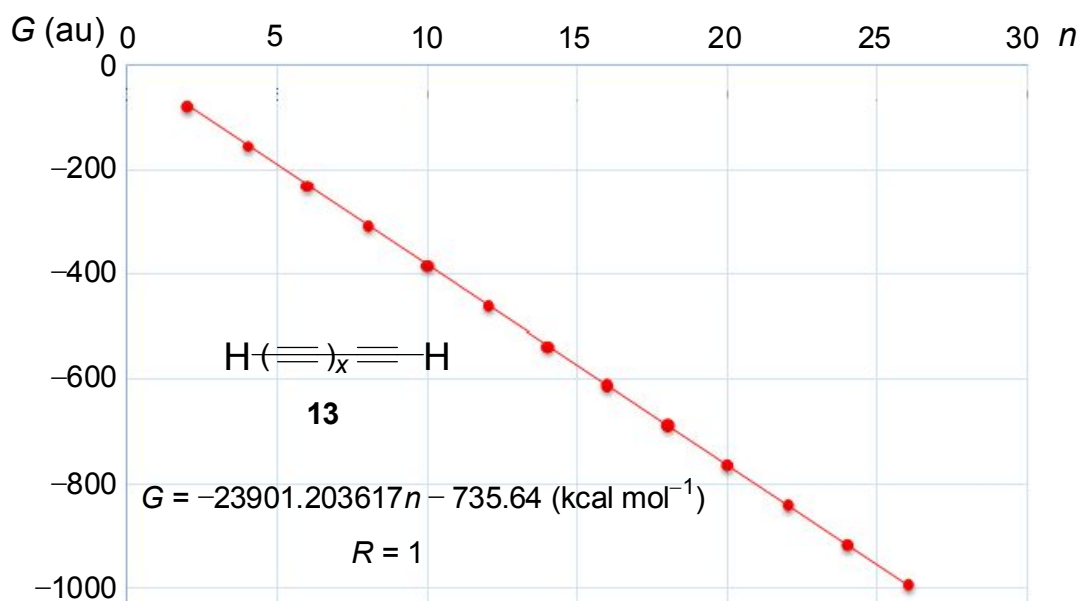
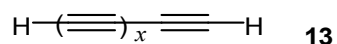


Fig. S-60. G_n values of linear odd polyynes **13** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1r) (see Table S-51).

Table S-52. Polyynes **13**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule).



x	$n = 2x + 2$	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 3\,868.9 / n^{2.294}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-77.355 015	-38.677 507	—	—
1	4	-153.528 201	-38.382 050	185.40	160.86
2	6	-229.704 939	-38.284 156	61.43	63.46
3	8	-305.882 657	-38.235 332	30.64	32.80
4	10	-382.060 842	-38.206 084	18.35	19.66
5	12	-458.239 117	-38.186 593	12.23	12.94
6	14	-534.417 439	-38.172 674	8.73	9.08
7	16	-610.595 319	-38.162 207	6.57	6.69
8	18	-686.773 695	-38.154 094	5.09	5.10
9	20	-762.951 962	-38.147 598	4.08	4.01
10	22	-839.130 337	-38.142 288	3.33	3.22
11	24	-915.308 977	-38.137 874	2.77	2.64
12	26	-991.487 912	-38.134 150	2.33	2.20

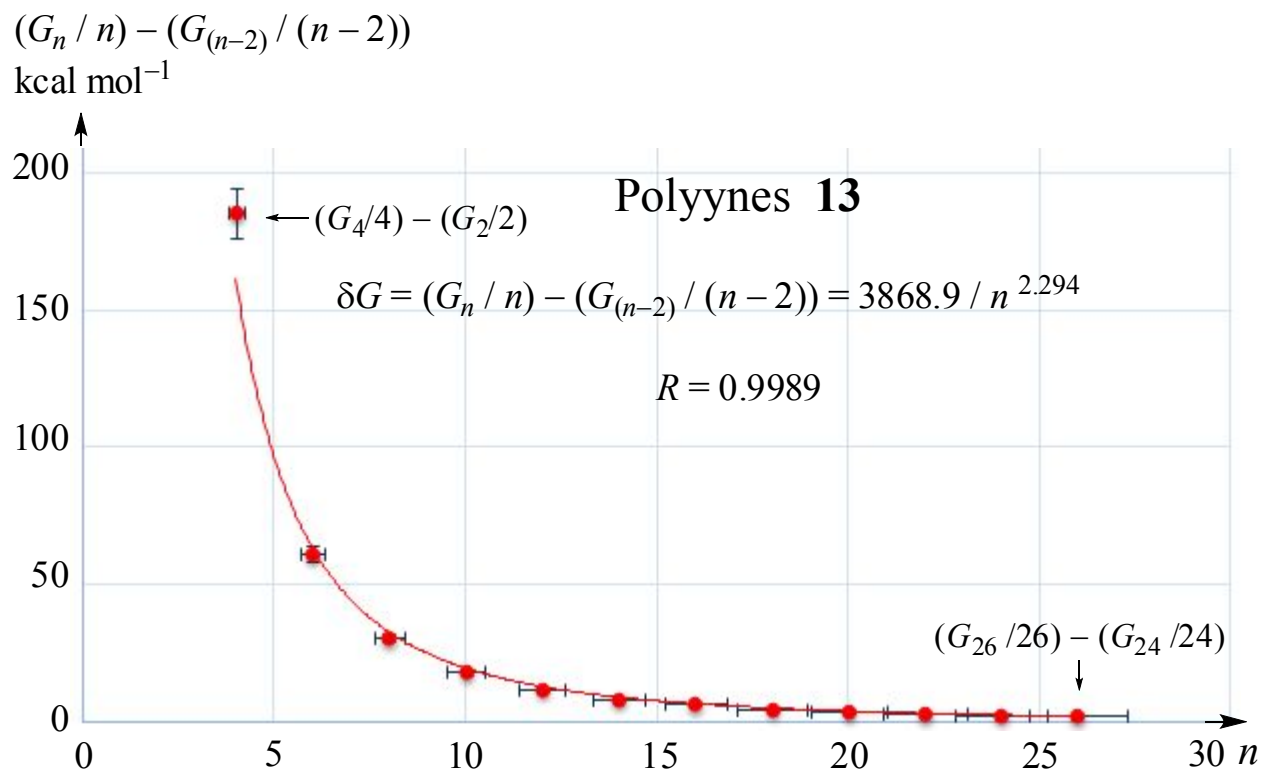
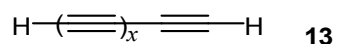


Fig. S-61. Power law (2aa): variations of δG values of polyynes **13** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-52).

Table S-53. Polyynes **13**. Absolute energies, E_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule).



x	$n = 2x + 2$	E_n (au)	E_n/n (au)	$\delta E = E_n/n - E_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 3\,860 / n^{2.293}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-77.362 337	-38.681 168	—	—
1	4	-153.542 623	-38.385 656	185.44	160.72
2	6	-229.726 321	-38.287 720	61.45	63.42
3	8	-305.911 150	-38.238 894	30.64	32.79
4	10	-382.096 484	-38.209 648	18.35	19.66
5	12	-458.282 047	-38.190 171	12.22	12.94
6	14	-534.467 740	-38.176 267	8.72	9.09
7	16	-610.653 486	-38.165 843	6.54	6.69
8	18	-686.839 276	-38.157 737	5.09	5.11
9	20	-763.025 096	-38.151 255	4.07	4.01
10	22	-839.210 928	-38.145 951	3.33	3.22
11	24	-915.396 738	-38.141 531	2.77	2.64
12	26	-991.582 568	-38.137 791	2.35	2.20

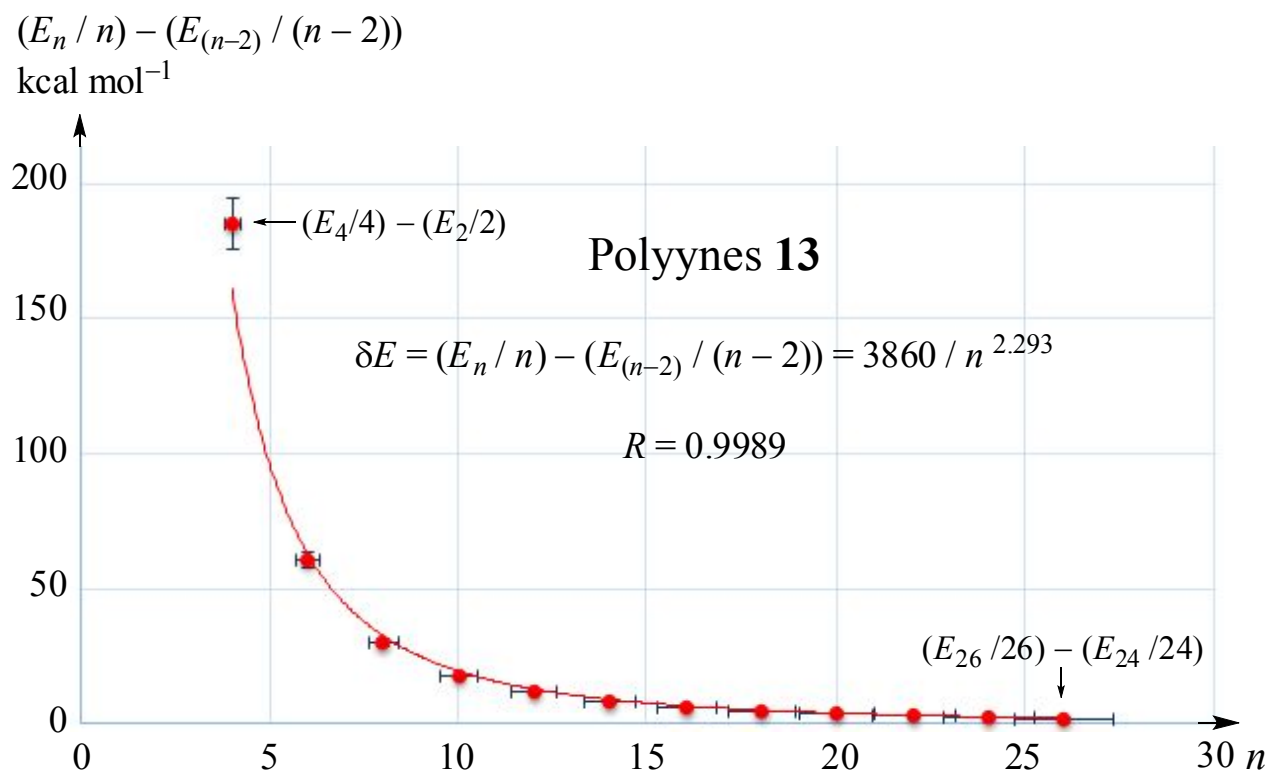
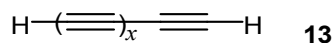


Fig. S-62. Power law (2ab): variations of δE values of polyynes **13** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-53).

Table S-54. Polyynes **13**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 2$) and linear relationship (1s).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -23906.64925n - 721.56$ (1s) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-77.361 367	-48 544.9927	-48 534.86	-10.13
1	4	-153.546 940	-96 352.1635	-96 348.16	-4.00
2	6	-229.736 807	-144 162.029	-144 161.46	-0.57
3	8	-305.929 837	-191 973.879	-191 974.75	0.87
4	10	-382.125 244	-239 787.221	-239 788.05	0.83
5	12	-458.321 189	-287 600.90	-287 601.35	0.45
6	14	-534.515 791	-335 413.737	-335 414.65	0.91
7	16	-610.706 543	-383 224.157	-383 227.95	3.79
8	18	-686.903 890	-431 038.717	-431 041.25	2.53
9	20	-763.103 072	-478 854.427	-478 854.54	0.11
10	22	-839.296 282	-526 666.39	-526 667.84	1.45
11	24	-915.489 051	-574 478.077	-574 481.14	3.06
12	26	-991.686 281	-622 292.562	-622 294.44	1.88
13	28	-1 067.883 003	-670 106.729	-670 107.74	1.01
14	30	-1 144.076 903	-717 919.125	-717 921.04	1.91
15	32	-1 220.270 861	-765 731.558	-765 734.34	2.78
16	34	-1 296.470 695	-813 547.678	-813 547.63	-0.05
17	36	-1 372.665 420	-861 360.591	-861 360.93	0.34
18	38	-1 448.855 940	-909 170.866	-909 174.23	3.36
19	40	-1 525.056 649	-956 987.535	-956 987.53	-0.005
20	42	-1 601.252 931	-1 004 801.43	-1 004 800.83	-0.6
21	44	-1 677.449 113	-1 052 615.25	-1 052 614.13	-1.12
22	46	-1 753.640 430	-1 100 426.03	-1 100 427.43	1.40
23	48	-1 829.837 885	-1 148 240.66	-1 148 240.76	0.10
24	50	-1 906.037 242	-1 196 056.48	-1 196 054.02	-2.46
25	52	-1 982.233 086	-1 243 870.09	-1 243 867.32	-2.77
26	54	-2 058.424 083	-1 291 680.67	-1 291 680.62	-0.05

27	56	-2 134.621 886	-1 339 495.51	-1 339 493.92	-1.59
28	58	-2 210.817 382	-1 387 308.91	-1 387 307.22	-1.69
30	60	-2 287.012 882	-1 435 122.31	-1 435 120.52	-1.79

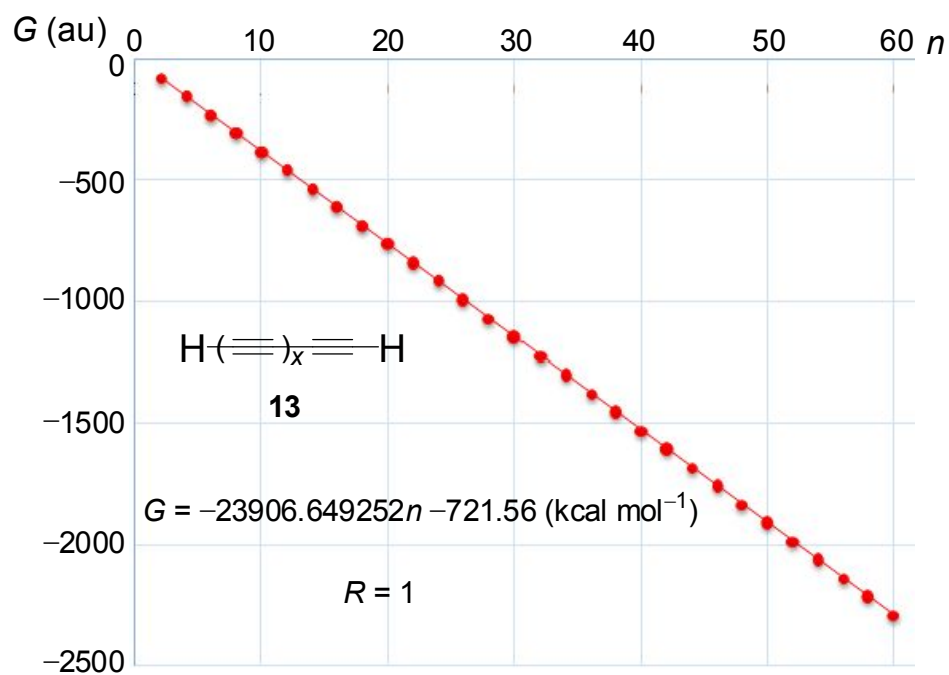


Fig. S-63. G_n values of polyynes **13** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1s) (see Table S-54).

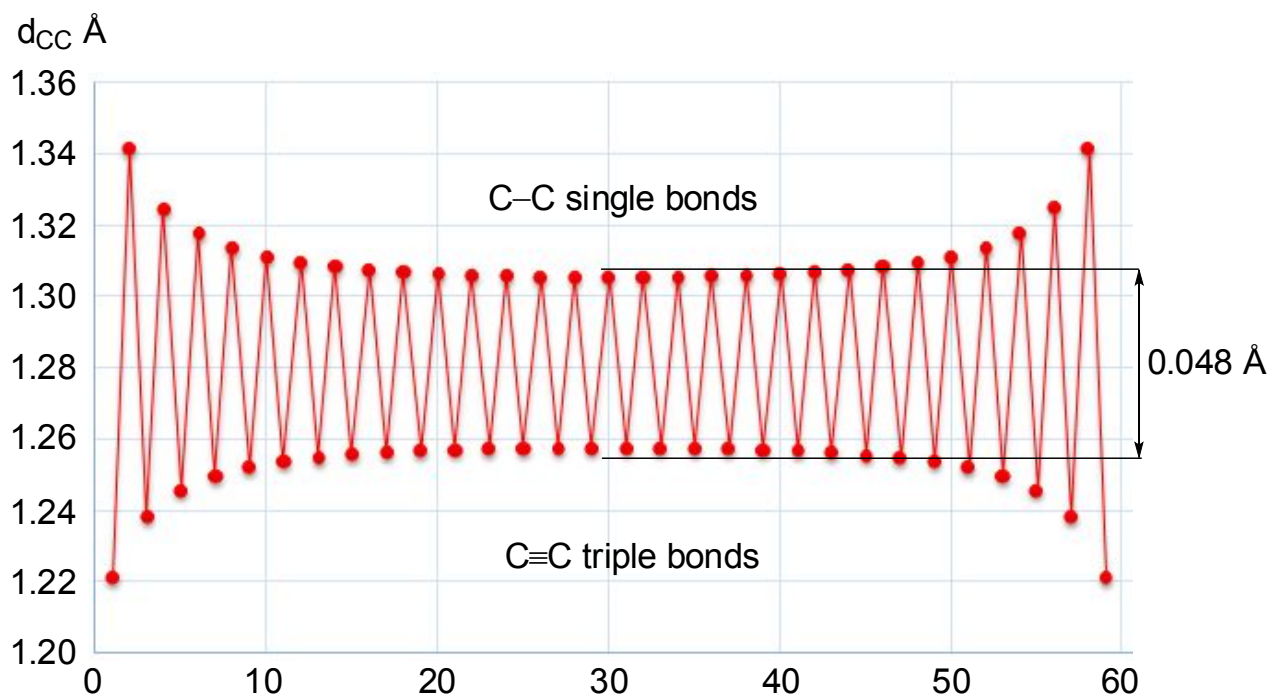


Fig. S-64. Variations of the C-C bond lengths (from $d(C_1)-(C_2)$ to $d(C_{59})-(C_{60})$) for the polyynes $C_{60}H_2$.

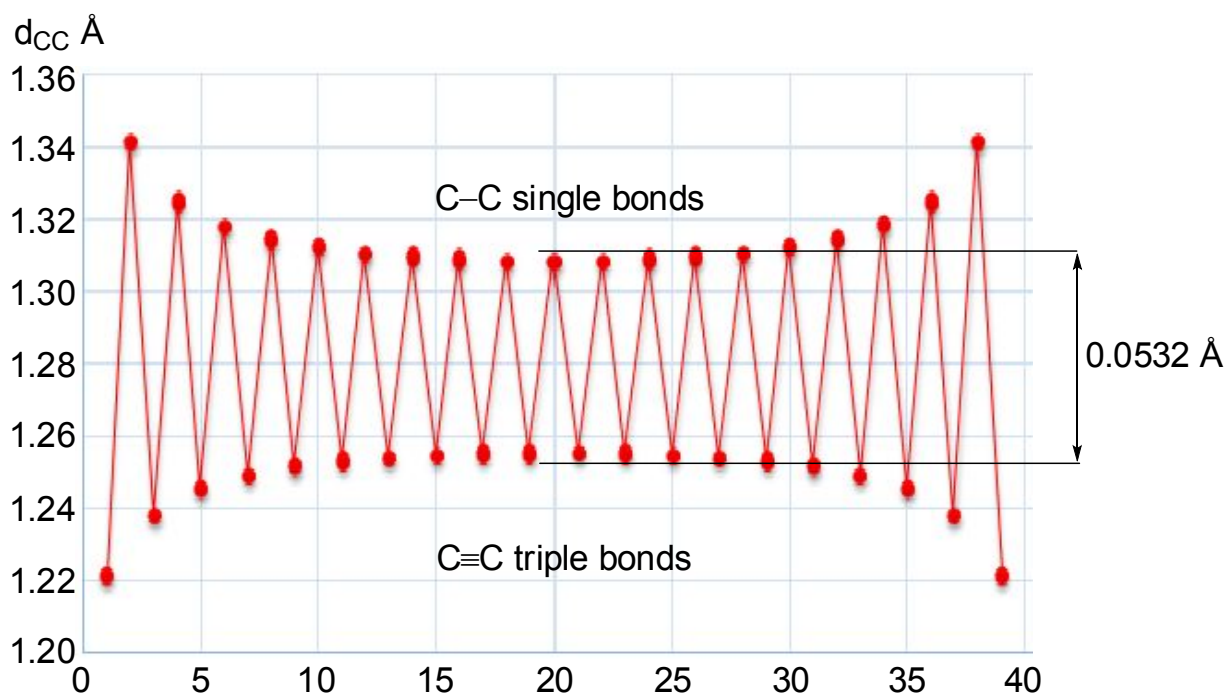


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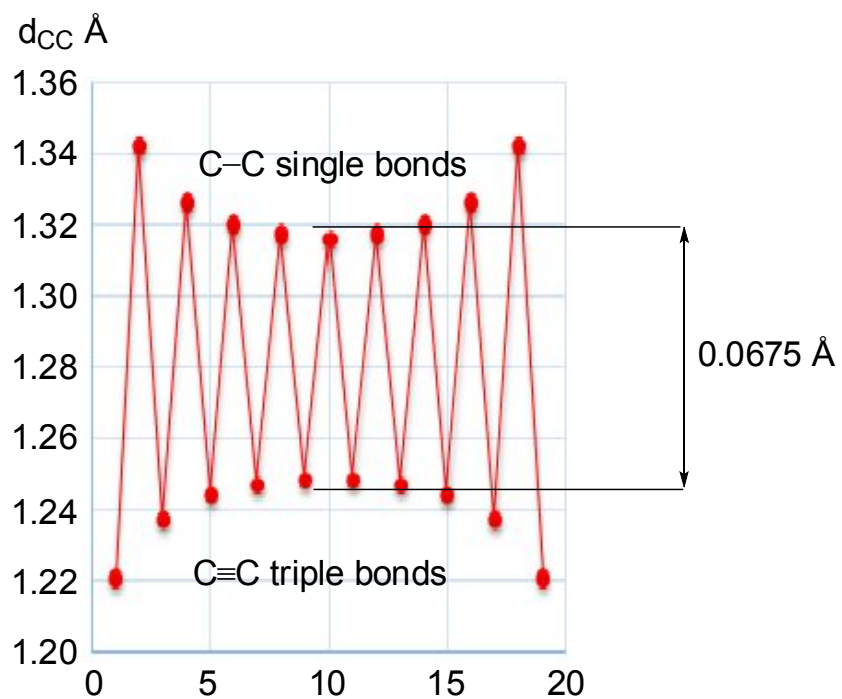
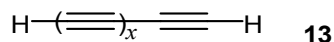


Fig. S-66. Variations of the C-C bond lengths (from $d(C_1)-(C_2)$ to $d(C_{19})-(C_{20})$) for the polyynes $C_{20}H_2$.

Table S-55. Polyynes **13**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 2$).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	G_n/n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 3002.2 / n^{2.192}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-77.361 367	-38.680 683	-24 272.50	—	—
1	4	-153.546 940	-38.386 735	-24 088.04	184.45	143.79
2	6	-229.736 807	-38.289 468	-24 027.00	61.04	59.12
3	8	-305.929 837	-38.241 123	-23 996.67	30.27	31.47
4	10	-382.125 244	-38.212 524	-23 978.72	17.95	19.29
5	12	-458.321 189	-38.193 432	-23 966.74	11.98	12.94
6	14	-534.515 791	-38.179 699	-23 958.12	8.62	9.23
7	16	-610. 706 543	-38.169 159	-23 951.51	6.61	6.89
8	18	-686.903 890	-38.161 327	-23 946.59	4.91	5.32
9	20	-763.103 072	-38.155 154	-23 942.72	3.87	4.22
10	22	-839.296 282	-38.149 831	-23 939.38	3.34	3.43
11	24	-915.489 051	-38.145 377	-23 936.59	2.79	2.83
12	26	-991.686 281	-38.141 780	-23 934.33	2.26	2.37
13	28	-1 067.883 003	-38.138 679	-23 932.38	1.95	2.02
14	30	-1 144.076 903	-38.135 897	-23 930.64	1.74	1.74
15	32	-1 220.270 861	-38.133 464	-23 929.11	1.53	1.51
16	34	-1 296.470 695	-38.131 491	-23 927.87	1.24	1.32
17	36	-1 372.665 420	-38.129 595	-23 926.68	1.19	1.16
18	38	-1 448.855 940	-38.127 788	-23 925.55	1.13	1.03
19	40	-1 525.056 649	-38.126 416	-23 924.69	0.86	0.92
20	42	-1 601.252 931	-38.125 070	-23 923.84	0.84	0.83
21	44	-1 677.449 113	-38.123 843	-23 923.07	0.77	0.75
22	46	-1 753.640 430	-38.122 618	-23 922.30	0.77	0.68
23	48	-1 829.837 885	-38.121 623	-23 921.68	0.62	0.62
24	50	-1 906.037 242	-38.120 745	-23 921.13	0.55	0.57
25	52	-1 982.233 086	-38.119 867	-23 920.58	0.55	0.52
26	54	-2 058.424 083	-38.118 964	-23 920.01	0.56	0.48

27	56	-2 134.621 886	-38.118 248	-23 919.56	0.45	0.44
28	58	-2 210.817 382	-38.117 541	-23 919.12	0.44	0.41
30	60	-2 287.012 882	-38.116 881	-23 918.70	0.41	0.38

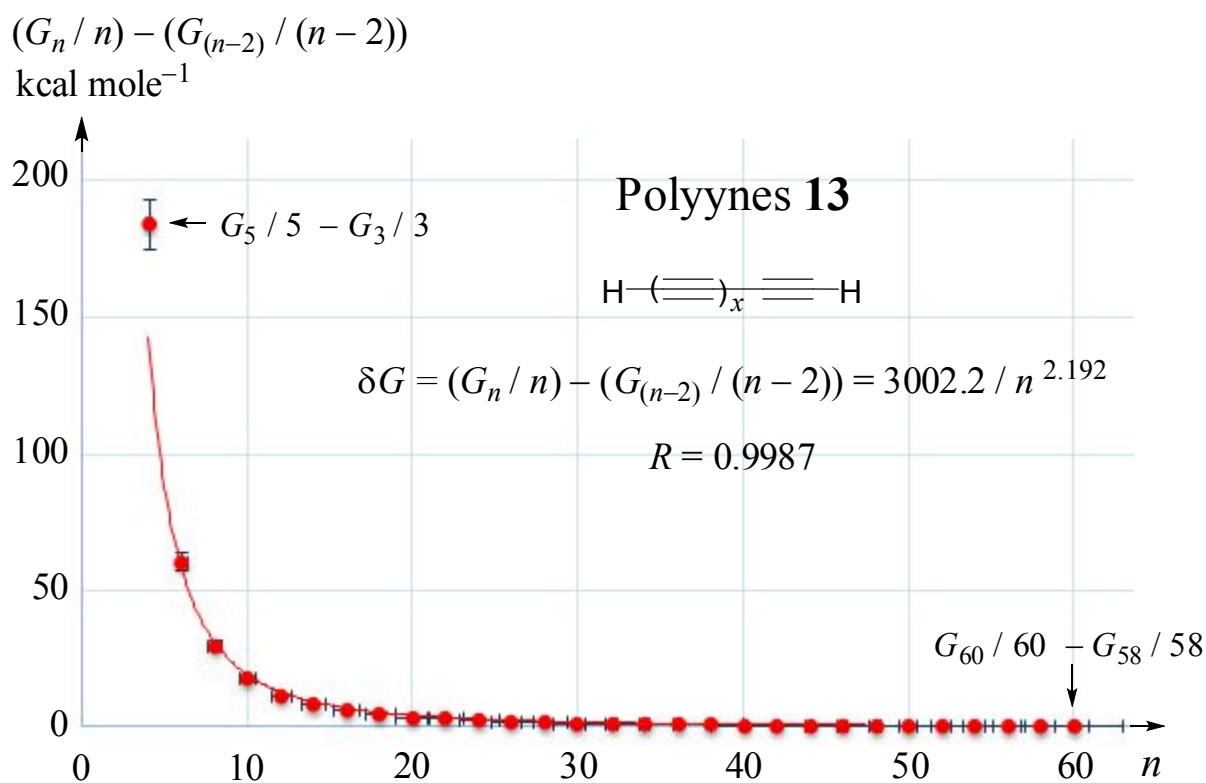


Fig. S-67. Power law (2ac): variations of δG values of polyynes **13** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule) (see Table S-55).

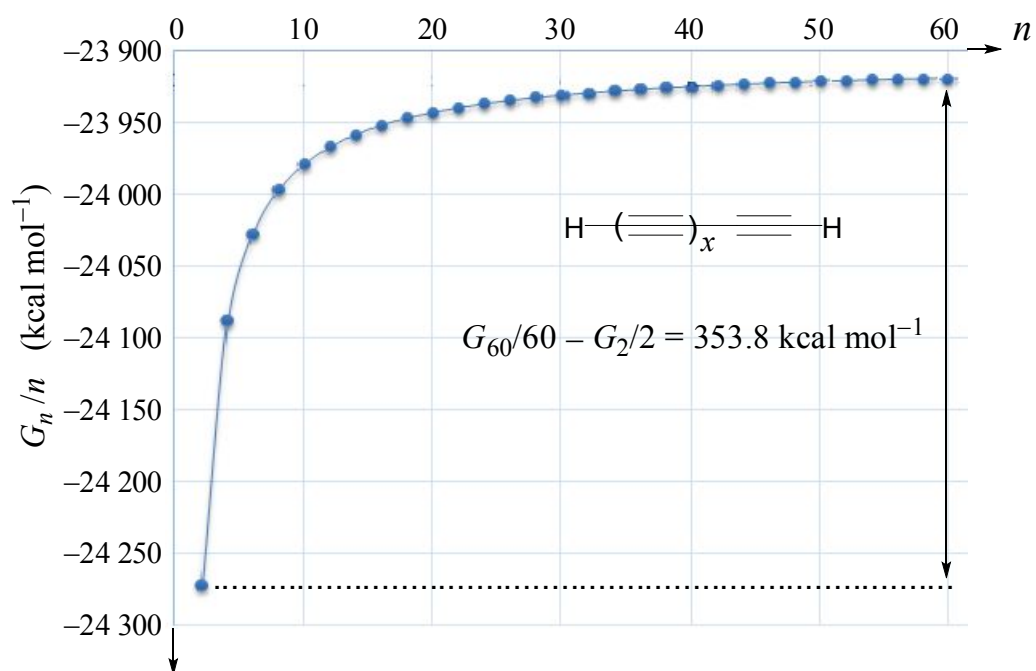
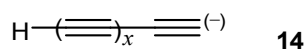


Fig. S-68. Variations of G_n/n values of polyacetylenes **13** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-55).

Table S-56. Polyyne anions **14**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule) and linear relationship (1t).



x	$n = 2x + 2$	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -23903.040516n - 369.43$ (1t) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-76.755 447	-48 164.7722	-48 175.51	10.74
1	4	-152.952 159	-95 978.9328	-95 981.59	2.66
2	6	-229.143 124	-143 789.487	-143 787.67	-1.82
3	8	-305.330 630	-191 597.871	-191 593.75	-4.12
4	10	-381.515 878	-239 404.838	-239 399.83	-5.01
5	12	-457.699 600	-287 210.847	-287 205.92	-4.93
6	14	-533.882 344	-335 016.243	-335 012.00	-4.24
7	16	-610.064 201	-382 821.082	-382 818.08	-3.00
8	18	-686.244 975	-430 625.241	-430 624.16	-1.08
9	20	-762.425 566	-478 429.286	-478 430.24	0.95
10	22	-838.605 005	-526 232.607	-526 236.32	3.71
11	24	-914.784 996	-574 036.275	-574 042.40	6.12

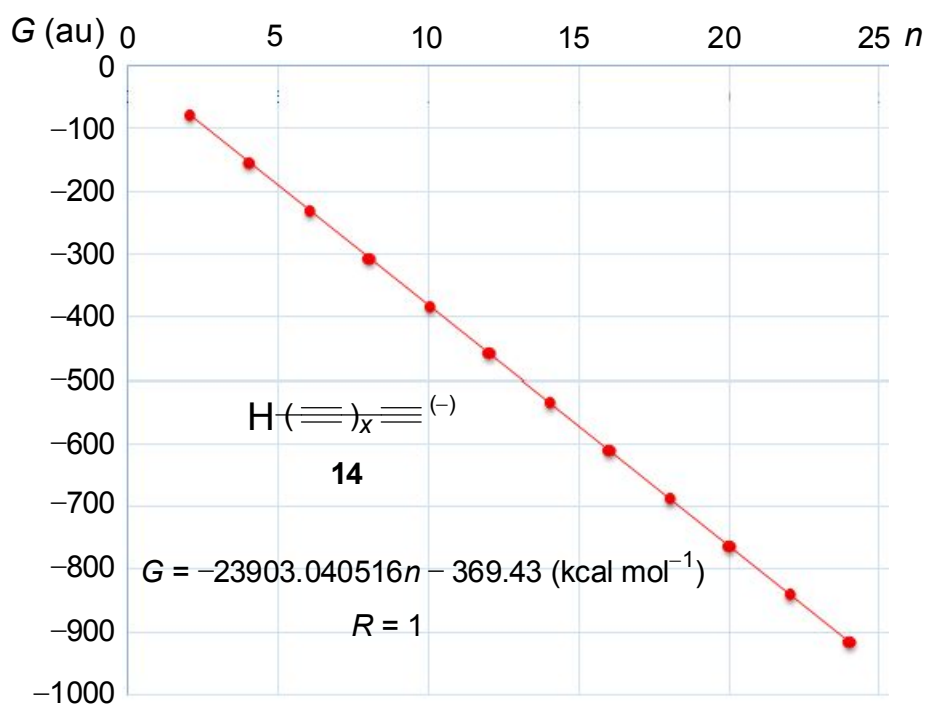
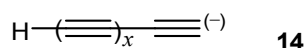


Fig. S-69. G_n values of polyynes **14** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1t) (see Table S-56)

Table S-57. Polyyne Anions **14**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule).



x	$n = 2x + 2$	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 1\,686.9 / n^{2.231}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-76.755 447	-38.377 723	—	—
1	4	-152.952 159	-38.238 040	87.65	76.54
2	6	-229.143 124	-38.190 521	29.82	30.98
3	8	-305.330 630	-38.166 329	15.18	16.30
4	10	-381.515 878	-38.151 588	9.25	9.91
5	12	-457.699 600	-38.141 633	6.25	6.60
6	14	-533.882 344	-38.134 453	4.50	4.68
7	16	-610.064 201	-38.129 126	3.41	3.47
8	18	-686.244 975	-38.124 721	2.76	2.67
9	20	-762.425 566	-38.121 278	2.16	2.11
10	22	-838.605 005	-38.118 409	1.80	1.71
11	24	-914.784 996	-38.116 041	1.48	1.41

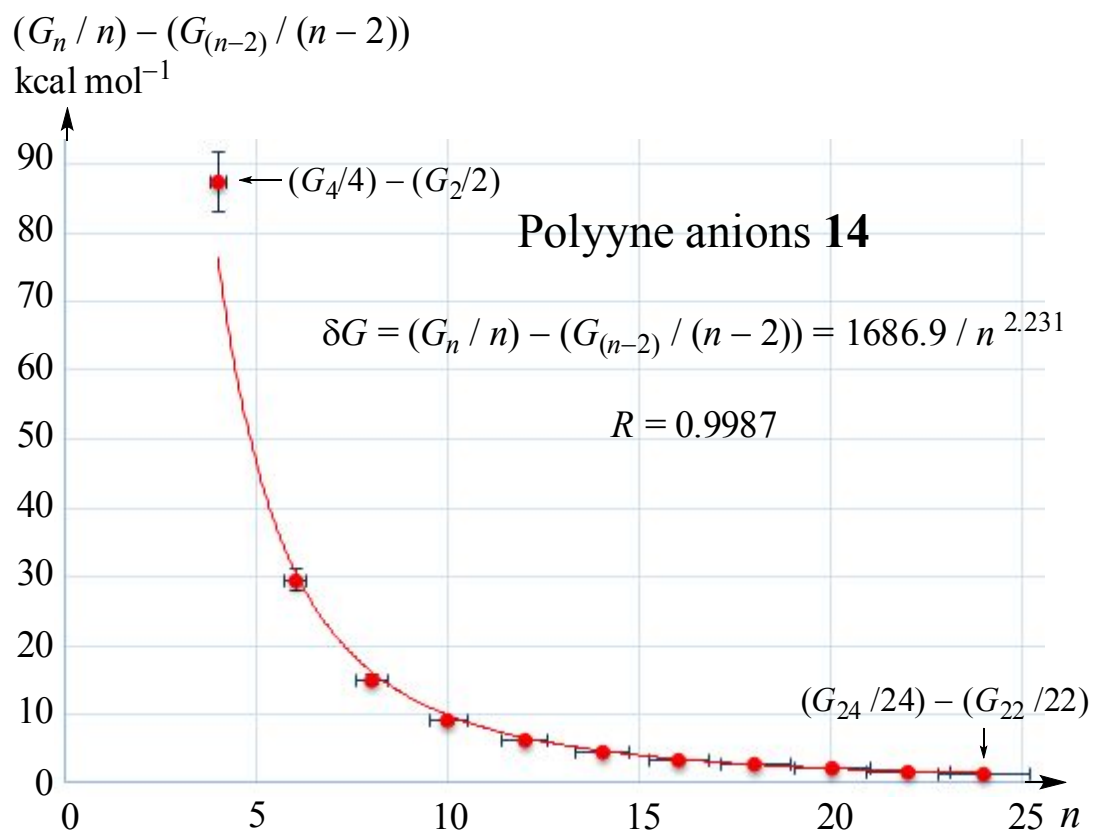
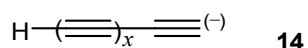


Fig. S-70. Power law (2ad): variations of δG values of polyynes anions **14** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule) (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-57).

Table S-58. Polyyne Anions **14**. Absolute energies, E_n , at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule).



x	$n = 2x + 2$	E_n (au)	E_n/n (au)	$\delta E = E_n/n - E_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta E_{\text{calc}} = 1\,653.2 / n^{2.221}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-76.750 473	-38.375 236	—	—
1	4	-152.953 821	-38.238 455	85.83	76.06
2	6	-229.151 878	-38.191 980	29.16	30.91
3	8	-305.346 415	-38.168 302	14.86	16.31
4	10	-381.538 776	-38.153 877	9.05	9.94
5	12	-457.729 630	-38.144 136	6.11	6.63
6	14	-533.919 442	-38.137 103	4.41	4.70
7	16	-610.108 468	-38.131 779	3.34	3.50
8	18	-686.296 874	-38.127 604	2.62	2.69
9	20	-762.484 869	-38.124 243	2.11	2.13
10	22	-838.672 509	-38.121 478	1.74	1.73
11	24	-914.859 814	-38.119 159	1.46	1.42
12	26	-991.046 876	-38.117 187	1.24	1.19

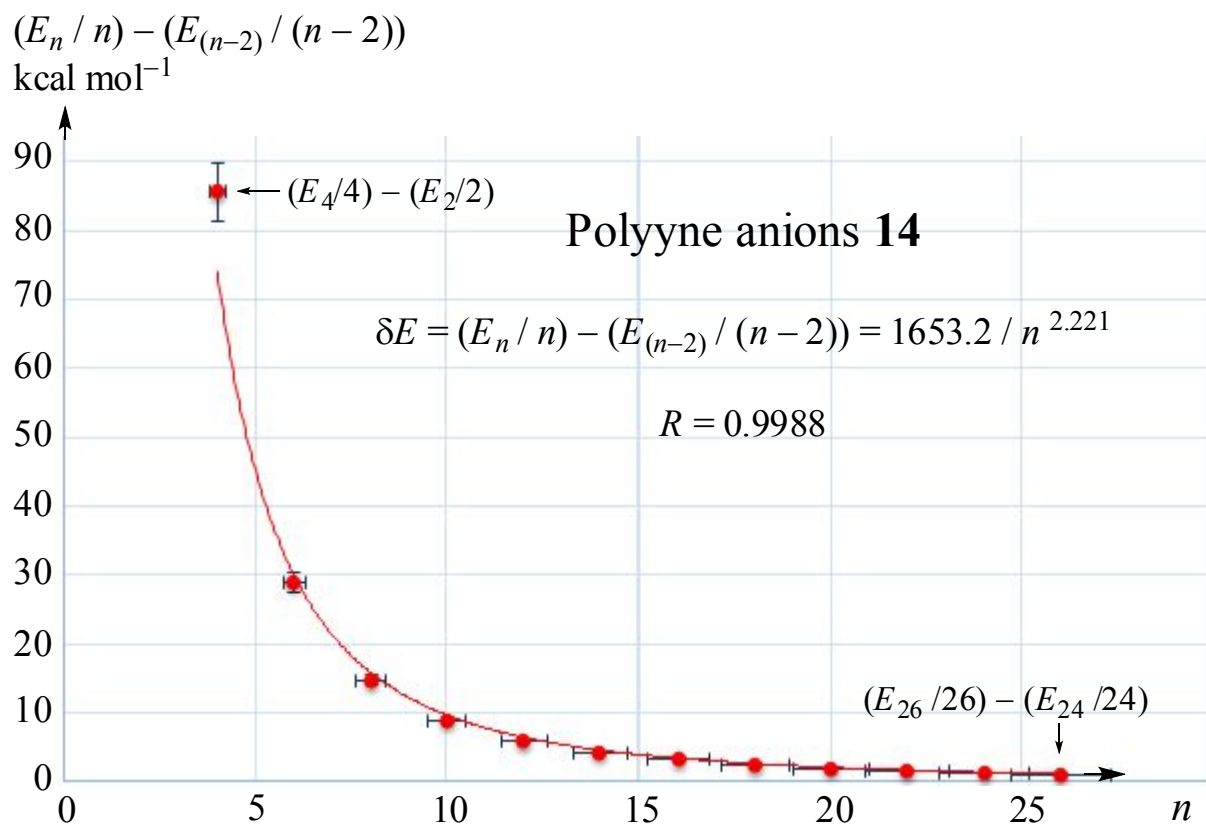
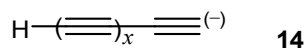


Fig. S-71. Power law (2ae): variations of δE values of polyynes anions **14** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the at the B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule) (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-58).

Table S-59. Polyyne Anions **14**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 2$) and linear relationship (1u).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$G = -23907.39063n - 371.7$ (1u) (kcal mol ⁻¹)	δG (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-76.760 036	-48 167.6518	-48 186.48	18.82
2	6	-229.175 321	-95 990.2543	-96 001.26	11.00
3	8	-305.379 195	-143 809.691	-143 816.04	6.35
4	10	-381.581 349	-191 628.346	-191 630.82	2.47
5	12	-457.784 279	-239 445.922	-239 445.60	-0.32
6	14	-533.983 143	-287 263.984	-287 260.39	-3.59
7	16	-610.179 141	-335 079.495	-335 075.17	-4.32
8	18	-686.378 843	-382 893.208	-382 889.95	-3.26
9	20	-762.579 763	-430 709.245	-430 704.73	-4.51
10	22	-838.777 524	-478 526.046	-478 519.51	-6.53
11	24	-914.971 287	-526 340.865	-526 334.30	-6.56
12	26	-991.170 580	-574 153.175	-574 149.07	-4.10
13	28	-1 067.369 08	-621 968.955	-621 963.86	-5.09
14	30	-1 143.567 750	-669 784.238	-669 778.64	-5.60
15	32	-1 219.759 846	-717 599.627	-717 593.42	-6.21
16	34	-1 295.960 518	-765 410.891	-765 408.20	-2.69
17	36	-1 372.156 934	-813 227.537	-813 223.00	-4.54
18	38	-1 448.347 849	-861 041.512	-861 037.76	-3.75
19	40	-1 524.549 200	-908 852.035	-908 852.54	0.50
20	42	-1 600.749 802	-956 669.106	-956 667.32	-1.79
21	44	-1 676.943 822	-1 004 485.71	-1 004 482.10	-3.61
22	46	-1 753.135 817	-1 052 298.18	-1 052 296.90	-1.28
23	48	-1 829.334 220	-1 100 109.38	-1 100 111.70	2.32
24	50	-1 905.533 582	-1 147 924.6	-1 147 926.45	1.85
25	52	-1 981.730 261	-1 195 740.43	-1 195 741.23	0.80
26	54	-2 057.922 266	-1 243 554.57	-1 243 556.00	1.43

27	56	-2 134.120 445	-1 291 365.77	-1 291 370.79	5.02
28	58	-2 210.316 266	-1 339 180.85	-1 339 185.57	4.72
29	60	-2 286.512 685	-1 386 994.45	-1 387 000.30	5.84

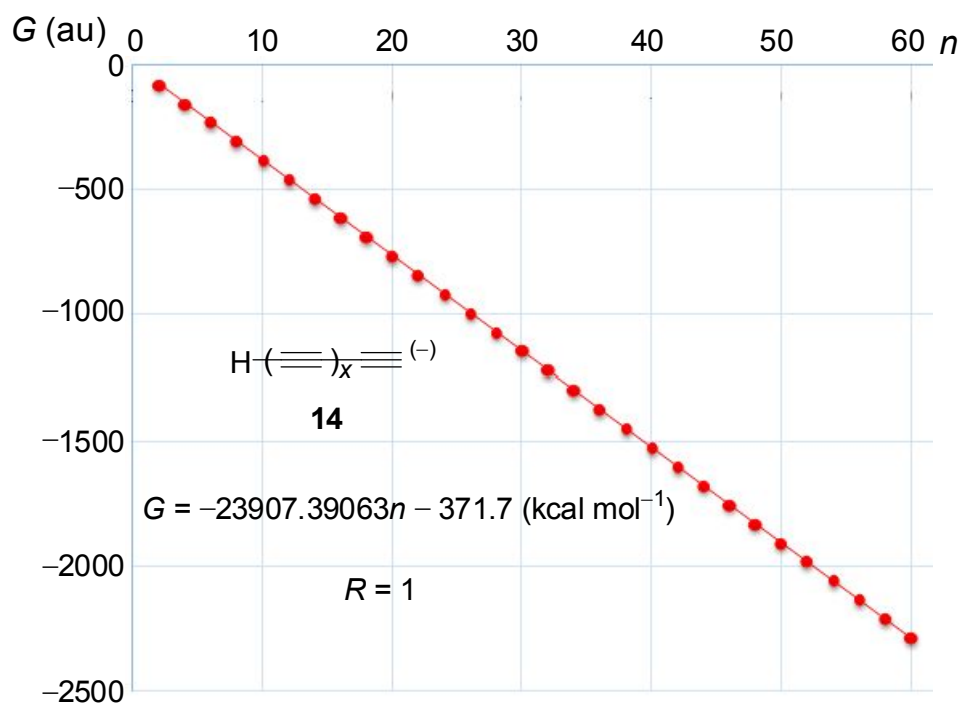
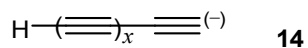


Fig. S-72. G_n values of polyynes **14** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (1u) (see Table S-59)

Table S-60. Polyyne Anions **14**. Absolute free energies, G_n , at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (n is the number of carbon atoms per molecule, $n = 2x + 2$).



x	n	G_n (au)	G_n/n (au)	G_n/n (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G = G_n/n - G_{(n-2)}/(n-2)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$\delta G_{\text{calc}} = 1\,271.2 / n^{2.124}$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)
0	2	-76.760 036	-38.380 018	-24 083.82	—	—
1	4	-152.970 201	-38.242 550	-23 997.56	86.26	66.90
2	6	-229.175 321	-38.195 886	-23 968.28	29.28	28.27
3	8	-305.379 195	-38.172 399	-23 953.54	14.74	15.35
4	10	-381.581 349	-38.158 135	-23 944.59	8.95	9.55
5	12	-457.784 279	-38.148 690	-23 938.66	5.93	6.49
6	14	-533.983 143	-38.141 653	-23 934.25	4.42	4.67
7	16	-610.179 141	-38.136 196	-23 930.83	3.42	3.52
8	18	-686.378 843	-38.132 158	-23 928.29	2.53	2.7
9	20	-762.579 763	-38.128 988	-23 926.30	1.98	2.19
10	22	-838.777 524	-38.126 251	-23 924.58	1.72	1.79
11	24	-914.971 287	-38.123 804	-23 923.05	1.53	1.49
12	26	-991.170 580	-38.121 953	-23 921.89	1.16	1.25
13	28	-1 067.369 08	-38.120 324	-23 920.86	1.02	1.07
14	30	-1 143.567 750	-38.118 925	-23 919.99	0.88	0.93
15	32	-1 219.759 846	-38.117 495	-23 919.09	0.90	0.81
16	34	-1 295.960 518	-38.116 486	-23 918.46	0.63	0.71
17	36	-1 372.156 934	-38.115 470	-23 917.82	0.64	0.63
18	38	-1 448.347 849	-38.114 417	-23 917.16	0.66	0.56
19	40	-1 524.549 200	-38.113 730	-23 916.73	0.43	0.50
20	42	-1 600.749 802	-38.113 090	-23 916.33	0.40	0.45
21	44	-1 676.943 822	-38.112 360	-23 915.87	0.45	0.41
22	46	-1 753.135 817	-38.111 648	-23 915.42	0.45	0.37
23	48	-1 829.334 220	-38.111 130	-23 915.10	0.33	0.34
24	50	-1 905.533 582	-38.110 672	-23 914.81	0.29	0.31
25	52	-1 981.730 261	-38.110 197	-23 914.51	0.30	0.29
26	54	-2 057.922 266	-38.109 671	-23 914.18	0.33	0.27
27	56	-2 134.120 445	-38.109 293	-23 913.94	0.24	0.25
28	58	-2 210.316 266	-38.108 901	-23 913.70	0.24	0.23

29	60	-2 286.512 685	-38.108 544	-23 913.47	0.22	0.21
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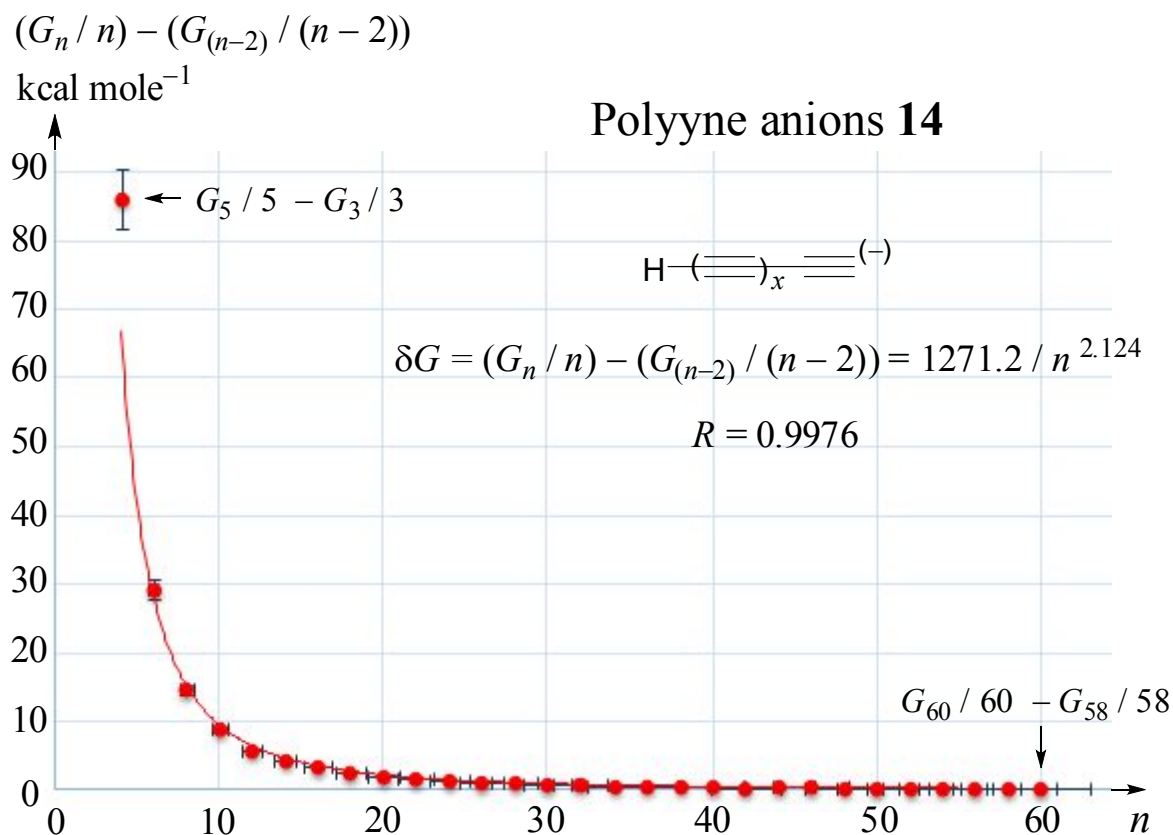


Fig. S-73. Power law (2af): variations of δG values of polyynes anions **14** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (error bars given for 95% confidence interval) (see Table S-60).

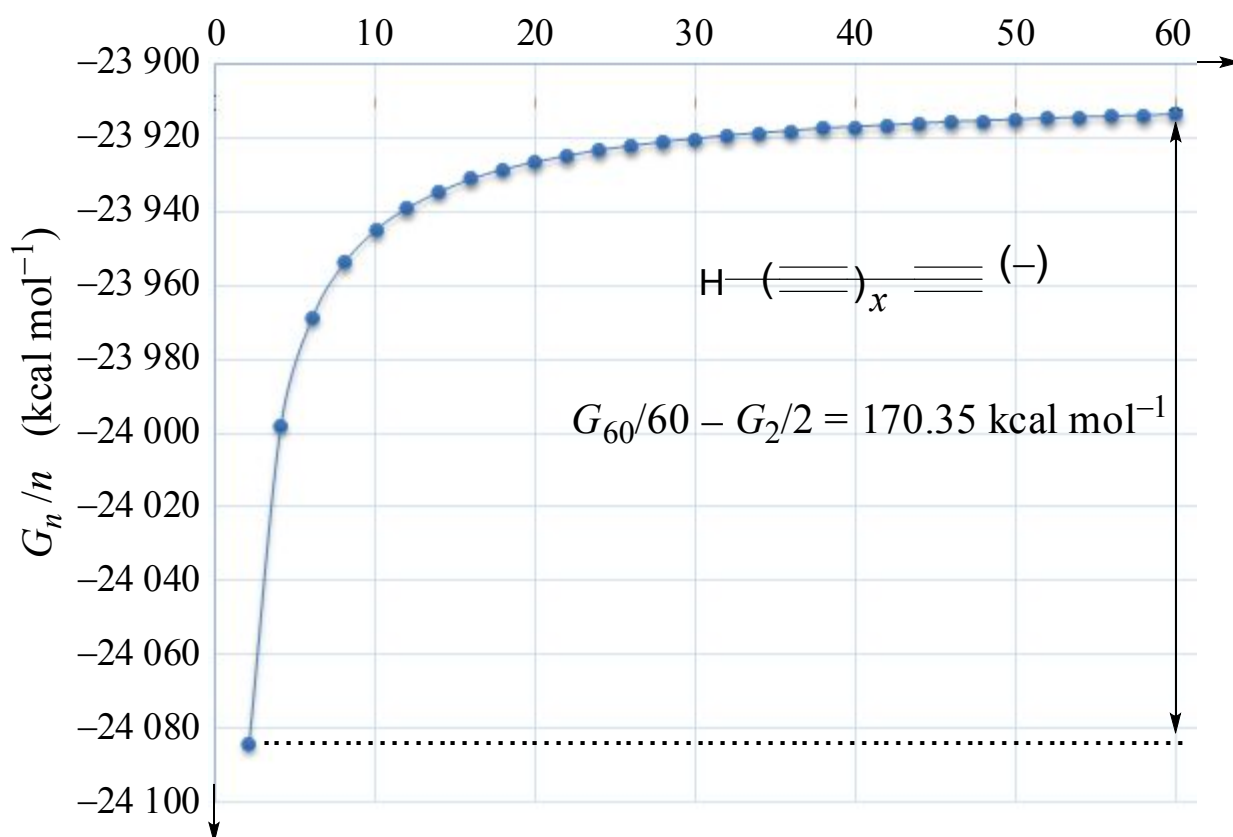


Fig. S-74. Variations of G_n/n values of polyacetylene anions **14** as a function of n (n = number of carbon atoms) at the TPSS-TPSS/6-311++G(df,pd) level of theory in ideal gas (see Table S-60).

Table S-61. Relative stability of various hydrocarbons derivatives in accordance with the lengthening of the chain.

Hydrocarbons	First compound G_n / n (au)	Last compound G_n / n (au)	Differences (au)	Differences (kcal mol ⁻¹)
<i>n</i> -Alkanes C ₁ –C ₆₀ (Ref. 1)	–40.511 040 / 1 = –40.511 040	–2 359.507 857 / 60 = –39.325 131	1.185 909	744.17
(<i>Z</i>)-Isoprenes 6	–196.527 734 / 5 = –39.305 547	–2 345.056 484 / 60 = –39.084 274	0.221 273	138.85
(<i>E</i>)-Isoprenes 7	–196.527 734 / 5 = –39.305 547	–2 345.056 666 / 60 = –39.084 278	0.221 269	138.85
<i>trans</i> -Polyenes 8	–78.599 411 / 2 = –39.299 705	–2 323.645 203 / 60 = –38.727 420	0.572 285	359.11
<i>trans</i> -Polyene cations 9	–78.224 891 / 2 = –39.112 445	–2 323.468 125 / 60 = –38.724 469	0.387 976	243.46
odd <i>trans</i> -Polyene anions 10	–117.293 738 / 3 = –39.097 913	–2 362.463 270 / 61 = –38.728 906	0.369 007	231.55
odd <i>trans</i> -Polyene radicals 11	–117.279 111 / 3 = –39.093 037	–2 362.348 199 / 61 = –38.727 020	0.366 017	229.68
odd <i>trans</i> -Polyene cations 12	–116.982 098 / 3 = –38.994 033	–2 362.178 608 / 61 = –38.724 439	0.269 793	169.30
Polyynes 13	–77.361 367 / 2 = –38.680 683	–2 287.012 882 / 60 = –38.116 881	0.563 802	353.79
Polyyne anions 14	–76.760 036 / 2 = –38.380 018	–2 286.512 685 / 60 = –38.108 545	0.271 473	170.35