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Density Functional Theory Study of an All Ferrous 4Fe-4S Cluster**

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**Decomposition of BS  $M_S = 4$  state (II in Figure 2) in terms of proper cluster spin states:**

$$|M_{1-3} = 6, M_4 = -2, M_S = 4\rangle = \sum_{S=4}^8 C_S | \{S_{1-3} = 6, S_4 = 2\} S, M_S = 4 \rangle$$

The moduli and squares of the expansion coefficients are given in following table:

**Expansion of BS  $M_S = 4$  in pure spin states**

$S$	$ C_S $	$C_S^2$
4	0.832	0.692
5	0.492	0.242
6	0.239	0.057
7	0.091	0.008
8	0.023	0.001

**Optimized geometry in the BS  $M_S = 4$  state (II in Figure 2)**

Fe	0.590685	0.169731	1.131776
Fe	1.810722	-1.108396	2.931825
Fe	0.555542	-2.379398	1.097003
Fe	-0.814166	-1.093936	2.955277
S	0.470718	0.724019	3.369041
S	0.419954	-2.896559	3.374047
S	-1.334126	-1.042429	0.782289
S	2.607280	-1.147844	0.605893
C	-2.404857	-1.182354	4.038934
C	3.694965	-1.216625	3.723450
C	0.962706	-3.896456	-0.240343
C	1.022349	1.624783	-0.237848
C	-4.526351	-0.879892	4.881085
C	-3.880943	-1.740845	5.715084
C	5.609684	-1.318673	4.976484
C	5.976375	-1.311555	3.660936
C	2.213138	-4.966126	-1.824710
C	1.092813	-5.720172	-1.620139
C	1.157259	3.435120	-1.634413
C	2.244131	2.644051	-1.876200
N	-2.603418	-1.905225	5.191078
N	-3.615786	-0.552076	3.880964
N	4.800546	-1.248710	2.935087
N	4.221522	-1.259925	4.983457
N	2.101842	-3.877529	-0.979266
N	0.354287	-5.047147	-0.654523
N	0.434786	2.792107	-0.636817
N	2.132379	1.564839	-1.018321
H	-5.532112	-0.481005	4.919362
H	-4.218709	-2.233563	6.617978
H	6.206568	-1.358046	5.879440
H	6.958266	-1.344906	3.205457
H	3.053001	-5.122189	-2.490288
H	0.773355	-6.651913	-2.070642
H	0.851297	4.374741	-2.077642
H	3.062905	2.770107	-2.573582
H	-1.881906	-2.522050	5.547538
H	-3.801223	0.042588	3.082890
H	4.651103	-1.230159	1.913811
H	3.640860	-1.250159	5.813227
H	2.740970	-3.078438	-0.836111
H	-0.537718	-5.351503	-0.283632
H	-0.432386	3.126469	-0.233885
H	2.752606	0.749105	-0.891398

**Bond distances in the optimized BS  $M_S = 4$  geometry. (Fe<sub>4</sub> is special iron)**

	Distance (Å)
Fe <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>1</sub>	2.224
Fe <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>2</sub>	2.235
Fe <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>3</sub>	2.264
Fe <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>2</sub>	2.301
Fe <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>3</sub>	2.308
Fe <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>4</sub>	2.466
Fe <sub>2</sub> -S <sub>1</sub>	2.308
Fe <sub>2</sub> -S <sub>3</sub>	2.312
Fe <sub>2</sub> -S <sub>4</sub>	2.459
Fe <sub>3</sub> -S <sub>1</sub>	2.339
Fe <sub>3</sub> -S <sub>2</sub>	2.336
Fe <sub>3</sub> -S <sub>4</sub>	2.443
Fe <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>1</sub>	2.044
Fe <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>2</sub>	2.047
Fe <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>3</sub>	2.063
Fe <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>4</sub>	1.927

**Bond angles in the optimized BS M<sub>S</sub> = 4 geometry. (Fe<sub>4</sub> is special iron)**

	Angle (°)
Fe <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>2</sub> -Fe <sub>1</sub>	70.7
Fe <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>3</sub> -Fe <sub>1</sub>	70.1
Fe <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>1</sub> -Fe <sub>2</sub>	70.8
Fe <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>3</sub> -Fe <sub>2</sub>	70.0
Fe <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>1</sub> -Fe <sub>3</sub>	70.7
Fe <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>2</sub> -Fe <sub>3</sub>	70.6
Fe <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>3</sub> -Fe <sub>2</sub>	66.2
Fe <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>4</sub> -Fe <sub>2</sub>	61.6
Fe <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>2</sub> -Fe <sub>3</sub>	66.7
Fe <sub>1</sub> -S <sub>4</sub> -Fe <sub>3</sub>	62.6
Fe <sub>2</sub> -S <sub>1</sub> -Fe <sub>3</sub>	66.9
Fe <sub>2</sub> -S <sub>4</sub> -Fe <sub>3</sub>	63.0