

**Table S1.** Standard enthalpies of formation at different methods as well as data from NIST [1].

Species		CH <sub>3</sub> (methyl)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> (acetylene)	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> (phenyl)	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (phenylacetylene)	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>8</sub> (naphthalene)	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>10</sub> (anthracene)
M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p)		157.33	247.69	367.03	367.64	208.80	315.14
B2PLYP-D3/def2-TZVPP		148.41	238.79	344.27	331.51	161.52	243.80
CCSD(T)	cc-pVDZ	231.92	378.59	742.86	861.31	820.86	1155.58
	cc-pVTZ	171.17	281.77	495.93 <sup>[2]</sup>	522.88	402.53	581.74
	cc-pVQZ	157.31	255.60	418.87	420.12	272.33 <sup>[2]</sup>	---
	CBS(DZ,TZ)	143.05	236.96	381.63 <sup>[2]</sup>	366.22	208.88	316.11
	CBS(TZ,QZ)	147.69	237.45	365.41	348.82	181.99 <sup>[2]</sup>	---
NIST		147.0±1.0	227.4±0.8	339.0±8.0	306.6±1.7	150.0±10.0	202.2±2.3

Note: All geometries were optimized at M062X/6-311+G(d,p) level, with zero-point energies (ZPEs) calculated at the same level using a scaling factor of 0.97 [3]. Single-point energies were refined using B2PLYPD3 and CCSD(T) methods at M062X optimized geometries. All values are given in kJ/mol.

The references cited in Table S1 are as follows:

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