

**Table 1.** Electronic structure of adsorbed orthocarborane ( $1,2\text{-C}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{12}$ ). The comparison of the semi-empirical ground state theory of the molecular orbitals (PM3-NDO and MNDO), for a single orthocarborane, with experiment. All energies are in eV.  $\{\dagger\}$  refers to reference [1],  $\{\$\}$  refers to reference [2] and  $\{\#\}$  refers to reference [3].

symmetry representation	theory: MNDO	theory: PM3	Cu	Ag	Co
12a <sub>1</sub>	-0.11\\$	0.288			
8b <sub>1</sub>	-0.41\\$	0.157			
9b <sub>2</sub>	-0.43\\$	-0.113	5.6\\$		3.4#
7b <sub>2</sub>	-0.7\\$	-0.368			
11a <sub>1</sub>	-0.93\\$	-0.679			
7b <sub>1</sub> (LUMO)	-1.21\\$	-0.696			
6b <sub>2</sub> (HOMO)	-12.18\\$, -12.18†	-10.778			
6b <sub>1</sub>	-12.2\\$, -12.20†	-10.874	-5.7\\$	-5.9	-4.9#
3a <sub>2</sub>	-12.36\\$, -12.37†	-10.998			
10a <sub>1</sub>	-12.37\\$, -12.71†	-11.042			
9a <sub>1</sub>	-12.71\\$, -12.86†	-11.364			
5b <sub>2</sub>	-12.93\\$, -12.93†	-11.435			
5b <sub>1</sub>	-13.15\\$, -13.15†	-11.440			
2a <sub>2</sub>	-13.23\\$, -13.24†	-12.038			
8a <sub>1</sub>	-13.68\\$, -13.68†	-13.138	-6.7\\$		
4b <sub>1</sub>	-15.1\\$, -15.10†	-14.015			
4b <sub>2</sub>	-15.4\\$, -15.43†	-14.034	-8.5\\$	-8.9	-7.5#
7a <sub>1</sub>	-15.43\\$, -15.43†	-14.540			
3b <sub>1</sub>	-16.25\\$, -16.26†	-14.687			
6a <sub>1</sub>	-16.57\\$, -16.56†	-15.111	-11.4\\$	-11.5	
3b <sub>2</sub>	-17.1\\$, -17.07†	-15.330			
5a <sub>2</sub>	-18.96\\$		-12.5		

**Table 2.** Electronic structure of adsorbed metacarborane ( $1,7\text{-C}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{12}$ ). The comparison of the semi-empirical ground state theory (PM3-NDO and MNDO) of the molecular orbitals of a single orthocarborane with experiment. All energies are in eV.  $\{\dagger\}$  refers to reference [1], and  $\{\#\}$  refers to reference [3].

symmetry representation	theory: MNDO	theory: PM3	Ag	Au	Co
	1.19#	1.557			
	1#	1.110			
	0.8#	1.007			
$9\text{b}_1$	0.7#	0.685		4.7	
$8\text{b}_1$	0.54#	0.681			
$9\text{b}_2$	0.27#	0.500			
$4\text{a}_2$	-0.08#	0.190			
$12\text{a}_1$	-0.22#	0.163			
$8\text{b}_2$	-0.26#	0.154			
$11\text{a}_1$	-0.58#	-0.426		3.2	2.5#
$7\text{b}_1$	-1#	-0.641			
$7\text{b}_2$ (LUMO)	-1.25#	-0.678			
$10\text{a}_1$ (HOMO)	-12.12#, -12.12 $\dagger$	-10.717			
$3\text{a}_2$	-12.27#, -12.27 $\dagger$	-10.831	-6.4	-5.8	-5.6#
$6\text{b}_2$	-12.45#, -12.46 $\dagger$	-10.986			
$6\text{b}_1$	-12.67#, -12.64 $\dagger$	-11.326			
$9\text{a}_1$	-12.77#, -12.76 $\dagger$	-11.365			
$5\text{b}_2$	-12.93#, -12.91 $\dagger$	-11.814			
$8\text{a}_1$	-13.12#, -13.15 $\dagger$	-11.910	-6.9	-6.9	
$2\text{a}_2$	-13.41#, -13.40 $\dagger$	-12.403			
$5\text{b}_1$	-13.51#, -13.40 $\dagger$	-12.497			
$7\text{a}_1$	-15.13#, -15.13 $\dagger$	-13.851			
$4\text{b}_2$	-15.16#, -15.15 $\dagger$	-13.967	-8.7	-8.8	-7.8#
$4\text{b}_1$	-15.54#, -15.55 $\dagger$	-14.547			
$3\text{b}_1$	-16.24#, -16.24 $\dagger$	-14.624	-9.3		
$3\text{b}_2$	-16.54#, -16.55 $\dagger$	-14.913			
$6\text{a}_1$	-16.97#, -16.96 $\dagger$	-15.340	-11.7	-11.6	
$5\text{a}_1$	-18.86#, -18.86 $\dagger$	-18.644	-16.3	-15.9	

**Table 3.** Electronic structure of adsorbed paracarborane ( $1,12\text{-C}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{12}$ ). The comparison of the semi-empirical ground state theory (PM3-NDO and MNDO) of the molecular orbitals of a single paracarborane with experiment. All energies are in eV.  $\{\dagger\}$  and refers to reference [4].

symmetry representation	theory: Gaussian,3-21G)	theory: PM3	Ag	Au
$7\text{a}_{1g}$		3.82559		
$4\text{e}_{2u}$		3.67172		
$4\text{e}_{2u}$		3.67138		
$6\text{e}_{1u}$		3.59679		
$6\text{e}_{1u}$		3.59542		
$1\text{a}_{1u}$		3.41784		
$6\text{a}_{2u}$		3.38797	5.35	
$5\text{a}_{2u}$		3.15252		
$5\text{e}_{1u}$		2.97673		
$5\text{e}_{1u}$		2.97562		
$6\text{a}_{1g}$		2.62901		
$4\text{e}_{1u}$		2.43577		
$4\text{e}_{1u}$		2.43418		
$4\text{e}_{2g}$		1.693		
$4\text{e}_{2g}$		1.69203		
$5\text{a}_{1g}$		0.96332		
$4\text{e}_{1g}$		0.51974		
$4\text{e}_{1g}$		0.51645		
$3\text{e}_{2g}$		0.49789		
$3\text{e}_{2g}$		0.4971	1.5	
$3\text{e}_{1g}$		0.02319		
$3\text{e}_{1g}$		0.02296		
$4\text{a}_{2u}$		-0.35775		
$3\text{e}_{2u}$		-0.63943		
$3\text{e}_{2u}$ (LUMO)	3.32 $\dagger$	-0.63999		
$2\text{e}_{2u}$ (HOMO)	-10.99 $\dagger$	-10.65521		
$2\text{e}_{2u}$		-10.65606	-8	
$2\text{e}_{2u}$		-11.2579	-8.5	
$2\text{e}_{2u}$		-11.25819	-8.55	
$2\text{e}_{1g}$		-11.94996	-9.8	-10.2
$2\text{e}_{1g}$		-11.95086		
$4\text{a}_{1g}$		-12.02213		
$3\text{e}_{1u}$		-12.16138		
$3\text{e}_{1u}$	-12.53 $\dagger$	-12.16623		
$2\text{e}_{1u}$	-13.09 $\dagger$	-13.80127		
$2\text{e}_{1u}$	-13.15 $\dagger$	-13.80167		
$1\text{e}_{2u}$	-13.35 $\dagger$	-14.51568	-13.4	-12.3
$1\text{e}_{2u}$	-15.06 $\dagger$	-14.51657		
$3\text{a}_{2u}$	-15.23 $\dagger$	-14.81571		
$2\text{a}_{2u}$	-15.84 $\dagger$	-15.84573		
$3\text{a}_{1g}$	-18.41 $\dagger$	-18.59202		
$1\text{e}_{2g}$	-19.68 $\dagger$	-19.06446		
$1\text{e}_{2g}$	-22.67 $\dagger$	-19.06659	-16.5	-15
$1\text{e}_{1g}$		-19.53194		
$1\text{e}_{1g}$		-19.53809		

**Table 4.** Electronic structure of adsorbed orthophosphacarborane ( $1,2\text{-PCB}_{10}\text{H}_{12}$ ). The comparison of the semi-empirical ground state theory (PM3-NDO) of the molecular orbitals of a single orthophosphacarborane with experiment. All energies are in eV.

theory (PM3)	Ag	Au
1.343	4.9	5.2
0.796		
0.669		
0.241		
0.176	3	
-0.049		
-0.064		
-0.854		
-1.087		
-1.265	1.9	2.4
-1.370		
-1.958 (LUMO)		
-10.228 (HOMO)	-6.1	-5.6
-10.866		
-10.943		
-11.025		
-11.166	-7.3	-7.1
-11.169		
-11.415		
-12.050		
-12.178	-9.2	-8.3
-12.916		
-13.707		
-14.307		
-14.729	-12	-11.3
-14.798		
-15.255		
-18.018		
-19.219		
-19.472	-16.7	-14.8
-19.582		
-19.899		
-20.956		-18.1

**Table 5.** Electronic structure of adsorbed metaphosphacarborane ( $1,7\text{-PCB}_{10}\text{H}_{12}$ ). The comparison of the semi-empirical ground state theory (PM3-NDO) of the molecular orbitals of a single orthophosphacarborane with experiment. All energies are in eV.

theory: (PM3)	Ag	Au
0.524		
0.127	4.5	
0.0688		
-0.089		
-0.093		
-1.030		
-1.120	2.8	
-1.218		
-1.391		
-1.656 (LUMO)	1.8	
-10.201 (HOMO)		
-10.912		
-11.085	-8	-7.6
-11.138		
-11.143		
-11.310		
-11.604		
-12.011	-8.9	
-12.267		
-13.169		
-13.916		
-14.253	-10.7	-10.4
-14.784		
-14.912		

**Table 6.** Crystal data and structure refinement for 1,7- PCB<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>.

Identification code	1,7_CB10H11		
Empirical formula	C H <sub>11</sub> B <sub>10</sub> P		
Formula weight	162.17		
Temperature	223(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Cubic		
Space group	Pa-3		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.7418(14) Å	α= 90°.	
	b = 9.7418(14) Å	β= 90°.	
	c = 9.7418(14) Å	γ = 90°.	
Volume	924.5(2) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.165 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.214 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	328		
Crystal size	0.5 x 0.5 x 0.25 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Theta range for data collection	3.62 to 27.48°.		
Index ranges	-1<=h<=12, -12<=k<=1, -12<=l<=1		
Reflections collected	1434		
Independent reflections	356 [R(int) = 0.0624]		
Completeness to theta = 27.48°	100.0 %		
Absorption correction	Psi-scan		
Max. and min. transmission	0.811 and 0.693		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>		
Data / restraints / parameters	356 / 0 / 27		
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.141		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0445, wR2 = 0.1288		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0545, wR2 = 0.1369		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.193 and -0.099 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>		

**Table 7.** Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 1,7- PCB<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U<sup>ij</sup> tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
B(1)	5348(1)	9567(1)	1751(1)	43(1)
B(2)	4021(1)	10844(1)	1242(1)	46(1)
C(1)	5348(1)	9567(1)	1751(1)	43(1)
C(2)	4021(1)	10844(1)	1242(1)	46(1)
P(1)	5348(1)	9567(1)	1751(1)	43(1)
P(2)	4021(1)	10844(1)	1242(1)	46(1)

**Table 8.** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 1,7- PCB<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>.

B(2)-P(2)#1	1.8353(16)
B(2)-C(2)#1	1.8353(16)
B(2)-B(2)#1	1.8353(16)
B(1)-P(2)#2	1.8603(19)
B(1)-C(2)#2	1.8603(19)
B(1)-B(2)#2	1.8603(19)
B(1)-B(2)	1.8605(19)
B(1)-P(2)#1	1.8607(19)
B(1)-B(2)#1	1.8607(19)
B(1)-C(2)#1	1.8607(19)
B(1)-P(1)#3	1.877(2)
B(1)-C(1)#3	1.877(2)
B(1)-B(1)#3	1.877(2)
B(1)-H(1)	0.90(2)
B(2)-H(2)	0.996(19)
P(2)#2-B(1)-B(2)	59.11(5)
C(2)#2-B(1)-B(2)	59.11(5)
B(2)#2-B(1)-B(2)	59.11(5)
P(2)#2-B(1)-P(2)#1	105.96(10)
C(2)#2-B(1)-P(2)#1	105.96(10)
B(2)#2-B(1)-P(2)#1	105.96(10)
B(2)-B(1)-P(2)#1	59.10(5)
P(2)#2-B(1)-B(2)#1	105.96(10)
C(2)#2-B(1)-B(2)#1	105.96(10)
B(2)#2-B(1)-B(2)#1	105.96(10)
B(2)-B(1)-B(2)#1	59.10(5)
P(2)#2-B(1)-C(2)#1	105.96(10)
C(2)#2-B(1)-C(2)#1	105.96(10)
B(2)#2-B(1)-C(2)#1	105.96(10)
B(2)-B(1)-C(2)#1	59.10(5)
P(2)#2-B(1)-P(1)#3	107.10(7)
C(2)#2-B(1)-P(1)#3	107.10(7)
B(2)#2-B(1)-P(1)#3	107.10(7)

B(2)-B(1)-P(1)#3	107.09(6)
P(2)#1-B(1)-P(1)#3	59.70(8)
B(2)#1-B(1)-P(1)#3	59.70(8)
C(2)#1-B(1)-P(1)#3	59.70(8)
P(2)#2-B(1)-C(1)#3	107.10(7)
C(2)#2-B(1)-C(1)#3	107.10(7)
B(2)#2-B(1)-C(1)#3	107.10(7)
B(2)-B(1)-C(1)#3	107.09(6)
P(2)#1-B(1)-C(1)#3	59.70(8)
B(2)#1-B(1)-C(1)#3	59.70(8)
C(2)#1-B(1)-C(1)#3	59.70(8)
P(2)#2-B(1)-B(1)#3	107.10(7)
C(2)#2-B(1)-B(1)#3	107.10(7)
B(2)#2-B(1)-B(1)#3	107.10(7)
B(2)-B(1)-B(1)#3	107.09(6)
P(2)#1-B(1)-B(1)#3	59.70(8)
B(2)#1-B(1)-B(1)#3	59.70(8)
C(2)#1-B(1)-B(1)#3	59.70(8)
P(2)#2-B(1)-H(1)	122.1(12)
C(2)#2-B(1)-H(1)	122.1(12)
B(2)#2-B(1)-H(1)	122.1(12)
B(2)-B(1)-H(1)	122.1(13)
P(2)#1-B(1)-H(1)	123.2(12)
B(2)#1-B(1)-H(1)	123.2(12)
C(2)#1-B(1)-H(1)	123.2(12)
P(1)#3-B(1)-H(1)	122.5(12)
C(1)#3-B(1)-H(1)	122.5(12)
B(1)#3-B(1)-H(1)	122.5(12)
P(2)#1-B(2)-P(2)#2	108.07(8)
C(2)#1-B(2)-P(2)#2	108.07(8)
B(2)#1-B(2)-P(2)#2	108.07(8)
P(2)#1-B(2)-C(2)#2	108.07(8)
C(2)#1-B(2)-C(2)#2	108.07(8)
B(2)#1-B(2)-C(2)#2	108.07(8)
P(2)#1-B(2)-B(2)#2	108.07(8)
C(2)#1-B(2)-B(2)#2	108.07(8)

B(2)#1-B(2)-B(2)#2	108.07(8)
P(2)#1-B(2)-B(1)#1	60.45(6)
C(2)#1-B(2)-B(1)#1	60.45(6)
B(2)#1-B(2)-B(1)#1	60.45(6)
P(2)#2-B(2)-B(1)#1	108.87(6)
C(2)#2-B(2)-B(1)#1	108.87(6)
B(2)#2-B(2)-B(1)#1	108.87(6)
P(2)#1-B(2)-P(1)#1	60.45(6)
C(2)#1-B(2)-P(1)#1	60.45(6)
B(2)#1-B(2)-P(1)#1	60.45(6)
P(2)#2-B(2)-P(1)#1	108.87(6)
C(2)#2-B(2)-P(1)#1	108.87(6)
B(2)#2-B(2)-P(1)#1	108.87(6)
P(2)#1-B(2)-C(1)#1	60.45(6)
C(2)#1-B(2)-C(1)#1	60.45(6)
B(2)#1-B(2)-C(1)#1	60.45(6)
P(2)#2-B(2)-C(1)#1	108.87(6)
C(2)#2-B(2)-C(1)#1	108.87(6)
B(2)#2-B(2)-C(1)#1	108.87(6)
P(2)#1-B(2)-B(1)	60.45(8)
C(2)#1-B(2)-B(1)	60.45(8)
B(2)#1-B(2)-B(1)	60.45(8)
P(2)#2-B(2)-B(1)	60.44(8)
C(2)#2-B(2)-B(1)	60.44(8)
B(2)#2-B(2)-B(1)	60.44(8)
B(1)#1-B(2)-B(1)	109.92(10)
P(1)#1-B(2)-B(1)	109.92(10)
C(1)#1-B(2)-B(1)	109.92(10)
P(2)#1-B(2)-H(2)	122.2(10)
C(2)#1-B(2)-H(2)	122.2(10)
B(2)#1-B(2)-H(2)	122.2(10)
P(2)#2-B(2)-H(2)	121.1(9)
C(2)#2-B(2)-H(2)	121.1(9)
B(2)#2-B(2)-H(2)	121.1(9)
B(1)#1-B(2)-H(2)	121.1(9)
P(1)#1-B(2)-H(2)	121.1(9)

C(1)#1-B(2)-H(2)	121.1(9)
B(1)-B(2)-H(2)	120.4(10)

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -z+1/2,x+1/2,y-1 #2 y-1/2,z+1,-x+1/2 #3 -y+3/2,-z+1,x-1/2

**Table 9.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 1,7-PCB<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2 [ h^2 a^{*2} U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^{*} b^{*} U^{12} ]$

	U <sup>11</sup>	U <sup>22</sup>	U <sup>33</sup>	U <sup>23</sup>	U <sup>13</sup>	U <sup>12</sup>
B(1)	41(1)	41(1)	47(1)	1(1)	-1(1)	1(1)
B(2)	47(1)	45(1)	47(1)	4(1)	-4(1)	0(1)
C(1)	41(1)	41(1)	47(1)	1(1)	-1(1)	1(1)
C(2)	47(1)	45(1)	47(1)	4(1)	-4(1)	0(1)
P(1)	41(1)	41(1)	47(1)	1(1)	-1(1)	1(1)
P(2)	47(1)	45(1)	47(1)	4(1)	-4(1)	0(1)

**Table 10.** Hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 1,7- PCB<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(1)	5520(20)	9363(19)	2640(20)	57(6)
H(2)	3472(16)	11330(17)	1950(20)	48(5)

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