

Supporting Information

Structures and Energies of $[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_n]^m$ ($m = 0, 1+, 1-$) and $\text{HCo}(\text{CO})_n$: Density Functional Studies

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Table S1 B3LYP/6-311+G(d) total electronic energies (E_{tot} , au), zero-point energies (ZPE, kcal/mol), multiplicity, number of imaginary frequencies

Species	symmetry	multiplicity	ZPE	NImag	$E_{\text{tot}}^{\text{a}}$
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})]^+ (\mathbf{1a}^+)$	C_{∞_v}	3	4.5	0	−1495.81936 (−1494.38703)
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})]^+ (\mathbf{1b}^+)$	C_s	3	4.3	0	−1495.83313 (−1494.39795)
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_2]^+ (\mathbf{2}^+)$	D_{∞_h}	3	9.8	0	−1609.24142
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_3]^+ (\mathbf{3a}^+)$	C_s	3	14.1	0	−1722.62314
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_3]^+ (\mathbf{3b}^+)$	D_{3h}	3	13.7	0	−1722.57100
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]^+ (\mathbf{4a}^+)$	C_{2v}	3	18.9	0	−1836.00433
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]^+ (\mathbf{4b}^+)$	D_{4h}	3	17.5	1	−1835.98261
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]^+ (\mathbf{4c}^+)$	D_{4h}	1	20.7	0	−1835.99201
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]^+ (\mathbf{4d}^+)$	C_{3v}	1	19.4	0	−1835.95523
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]^+ (\mathbf{4e}^+)$	T_d	3	17.4	2	−1835.99057
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_5]^+ (\mathbf{5a}^+)$	D_{3h}	1	25.8	0	−1949.37165
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_5]^+ (\mathbf{5b}^+)$	C_{4v}	1	25.7	1	−1949.36822
$\text{CoCO} (\mathbf{1a})$	C_{∞_v}	2	4.4	1	−1496.05623 (−1494.59630)
$\text{CoCO} (\mathbf{1b})$	C_s	2	4.1	0	−1496.09017 (−1494.62349)
$\text{Co}(\text{CO})_2 (\mathbf{2a})$	D_{∞_h}	2	9.4	2	−1609.47126
$\text{Co}(\text{CO})_2 (\mathbf{2b})$	C_s	2	9.4	0	−1609.50256
$\text{Co}(\text{CO})_3 (\mathbf{3a})$	C_s	2	14.4	0	−1722.89305
$\text{Co}(\text{CO})_3 (\mathbf{3b})$	D_{3h}	2	14.0	0	−1722.89224
$\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4 (\mathbf{4})$	C_{3v}	2	19.4	0	−1836.27951
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})]^- (\mathbf{1a}^-)$	C_s	3	3.7	0	−1496.11910
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})]^- (\mathbf{1b}^-)$	C_{∞_v}	1	4.1	0	−1496.08222
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_2]^- (\mathbf{2}^-)$	C_{2v}	1	9.5	0	−1609.53009

$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_3]^-$ (3a⁻)	C_{3v}	1	14.3	0	-1722.95715
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_3]^-$ (3b⁻)	D_{3h}	1	14.2	1	-1722.95697
$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]^-$ (4⁻)	T_d	1	20.1	0	-1836.37695
HCo(CO) (1a-H)	$C_{\infty v}$	3	7.7	0	-1496.68734
HCo(CO) (1b-H)	C_s	3	7.8	0	-1496.70305
HCo(CO) (1c-H)	$C_{\infty v}$	1	9.0	0	-1496.62788
HCo(CO) (1d-H)	C_s	1	8.7	0	-1496.65608
HCo(CO) ₂ (2a-H)	C_{2v}	1	14.0	1	-1610.06889
HCo(CO) ₂ (2b-H)	C_s	3	12.8	0	-1610.08156
HCo(CO) ₂ (2c-H)	C_s	1	14.3	0	-1610.06997
HCo(CO) ₃ (3a-H)	C_{2v}	1	19.7	0	-1723.48074
HCo(CO) ₃ (3b-H)	C_{3v}	1	19.5	0	-1723.46387
HCo(CO) ₃ (3c-H)	C_s	3	18.1	0	-1723.46388
HCo(CO) ₄ (4-H)	C_{3v}	1	25.5	0	-1836.87546
(HCO)Co(CO) ₃ (6a)	C_s	1	25.8	0	-1836.83079
(HCO)Co(CO) ₃ (6aT)	C_s	3	24.7	0	-1836.81919
(HCO)Co(CO) ₃ (6b)	C_s	1	26.7	0	-1836.84004
(HCO)Co(CO) ₃ (6bT)	C_s	3	24.9	0	-1836.82140
(HCO)Co(CO) ₃ (6c)	C_s	1	26.2	2	-1836.82113
(HCO)Co(CO) ₃ (6d)	C_s	1	26.1	1	-1836.83178
H	K_h	2			-0.50216
CO	$C_{\infty v}$	1	3.2	0	-113.34905
Co ⁺	K_h	3			-1382.41974
Co	K_h	4			-1382.70337
Co ⁻	K_h	3			-1382.74131

a) The CCSD(T) values in parenthesis