

## Supplementary Information

### Insights into the effects produced by doping of medium-sized boron clusters with Ruthenium

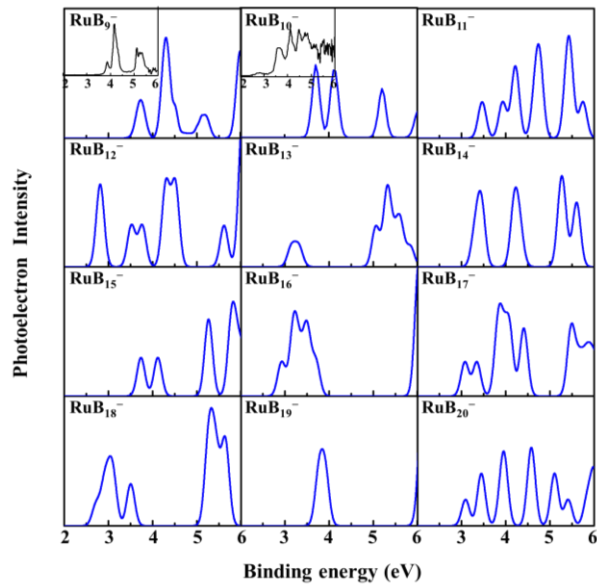
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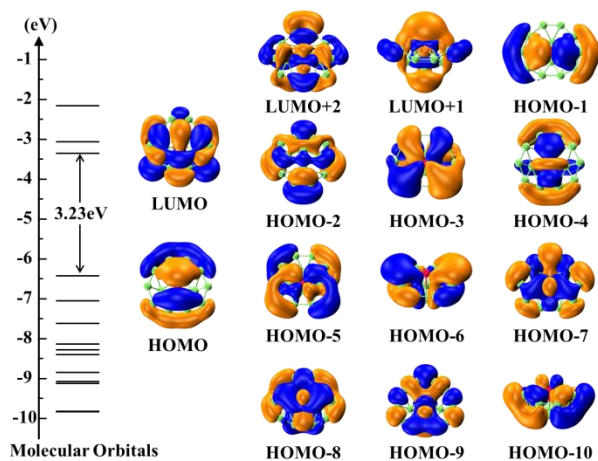
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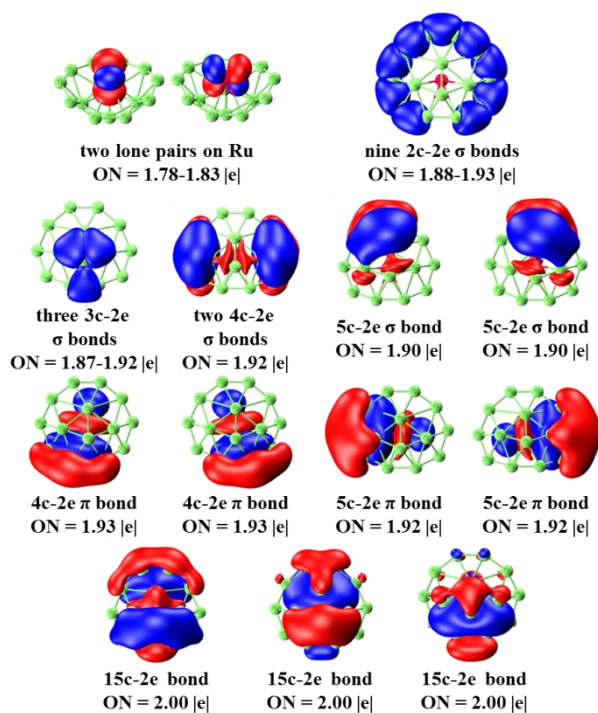
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**Figure S1.** Our simulated photoelectron spectra of the lowest total energy states of  $\text{RuB}_n^-$  ( $n = 9\text{-}20$ ) clusters with the experimental PES from Romanescu *et al*<sup>1</sup> for comparison.



**Figure S2.** Molecular orbitals of the RuB<sub>14</sub> cluster.



**Figure S3.** Chemical bonding patterns of the RuB<sub>14</sub> cluster according to the results of the AdNDP analysis. "ON" stands for the occupation number.

**Table S1.** Compare the calculated vertical and adiabatic electron detachment energies with available experimental data.

Cluster	VDE(eV)		ADE(eV)	
	Theo.	Exp.	Theo.	Exp.
RuB <sub>9</sub> <sup>-</sup>	3.75	3.85 <sup>a</sup>	3.65	3.83 ± 0.02 <sup>a</sup>
RuB <sub>10</sub> <sup>-</sup>	3.72	3.61 <sup>a</sup>	3.51	3.35 <sup>a</sup>
RuB <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup>	3.47		3.52	
RuB <sub>12</sub> <sup>-</sup>	3.52		2.73	
RuB <sub>13</sub> <sup>-</sup>	3.14		3.00	
RuB <sub>14</sub> <sup>-</sup>	3.31		2.90	
RuB <sub>15</sub> <sup>-</sup>	3.73		3.15	
RuB <sub>16</sub> <sup>-</sup>	2.92		2.71	
RuB <sub>17</sub> <sup>-</sup>	3.35		2.77	
RuB <sub>18</sub> <sup>-</sup>	3.02		2.72	
RuB <sub>19</sub> <sup>-</sup>	3.77		3.55	
RuB <sub>20</sub> <sup>-</sup>	3.09		2.96	

<sup>a</sup> Ref.1.

## REFERENCE

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**Table S2.** The calculated relative energy ( $\Delta E$ ) values for  $\text{RuB}_{12}^{0/-}$  and  $\text{RuB}_{14}^{0/-}$  clusters at the CCSD(T)/Stuttgart/Ru/6-311+G(d)/B level of theory.

Isomers		$\Delta E$ (eV)	Isomers		$\Delta E$ (eV)
$\text{RuB}_{12}$	12n-1	0.00	$\text{RuB}_{12}^-$	12a-1	0.00
	12n-2	0.34		12a-2	0.97
	12n-3	1.17		12a-3	1.20
$\text{RuB}_{14}$	14n-1	0.00	$\text{RuB}_{14}^-$	14a-1	0.00
	14n-2	0.25		14a-2	0.76
	14n-3	2.05		14a-3	2.19