

Supporting information for: Toward a thermodynamic stability order of the phosphorus allotropes

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I. ADDITIONAL COMPUTATIONAL DETAILS

Table I reports the phonon supercells and the corresponding k -meshes used for the calculation of thermodynamic properties.

Table I. Phonon supercells and the corresponding k -meshes used for the calculation of thermodynamic properties. The supercells were built from the primitive cells, except for the allotrope *oS8* where the crystallographic cell was used.

Parameter	<i>mS8</i>	<i>aP24</i>	<i>aP42</i>	<i>mP84</i>	<i>oS8^b</i>
k-mesh	4x4x6	6x2x2	2x2x6	4x4x1	6x6x6
SC expansion matrix	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
$a^{\text{SC}}, b^{\text{SC}}, c^{\text{SC}}$ (Å)	12.40, 12.40, 10.86	10.96, 10.79, 10.96	12.20, 12.99, 14.16	9.21, 9.15, 22.60	9.93, 10.47, 8.76
k-mesh^{SC}	3x3x3	3x3x3	3x3x3	3x3x1	3x3x3

II. EFFECT OF THE DISPERSION CORRECTION

We benchmarked the performance of plain DFT-PBE0, DFT-PBE0-D3 with zero-damping (ZD) and DFT-PBE0-D3(ZD) with three-body correction (ABC).[1, 2] The results of the benchmarks are reported in Table II.

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Table II. Benchmark of different dispersion correction schemes for DFT-PBE0/TZVPP. a , b and c are given in Åunits, α , β and γ in degrees, and volumes V in Å³. The percentage values in parentheses show the differences compared to experimental values. 90° angles are omitted.

Allotrope	Method	Disp.	Corr.	atoms/cell	a (Å)	Err. (%)	b (Å)	Err. (%)	c (Å)	Err. (%)	b/a (arb. un.)	Err. (%)	c/a (arb. un.)	Err. (%)	α (deg.)	Err. (%)	β (deg.)	Err. (%)	γ (deg.)	Err. (%)	V (Å ³)	Err. (%)		
White β	-	-	-		5.77	5.3	11.43	5.9	11.72	6.9	1.98	-1.0	2.03	1.5	1.03	0.9	92.1	-2.4	99.8	0.2	101.9	1.3	743.3	19.2
	PBE0	ZD		24	5.48	0.0	10.86	0.6	11.08	1.1	1.98	-0.9	2.02	1.0	1.02	0.4	93.9	-0.4	99.7	0.0	101.2	0.5	634.4	1.7
		ZD+ABC			5.51	0.5	10.91	1.1	11.12	1.4	1.98	-1.0	2.02	1.0	1.02	0.4	93.8	-0.5	99.8	0.2	101.2	0.5	641.6	2.9
		Exp. [3]			5.48		10.79		10.96		2.00		2.00		1.02		94.3		99.7		100.7		623.8	
White γ	-	-	-		9.97	8.7	8.93	7.1	5.5	2.2	0.90	-1.5	0.56	-6.0	0.62	-4.6	-	-	89.7	-0.7	-	-	493.7	18.8
	PBE0	ZD		8	9.25	0.9	8.25	-1.1	5.45	0.4	0.89	-2.0	0.59	-0.5	0.66	1.6	-	-	90.5	0.2	-	-	415.8	0.1
		ZD+ABC			9.30	1.4	8.25	-1.1	5.45	0.4	0.89	-2.0	0.59	-0.5	0.66	1.4	-	-	90.5	0.2	-	-	421.3	1.4
		Exp. [4]			9.17		8.34		5.43		0.91		0.59		0.65		-	-	90.3		-	-	415.5	
Red fibrous	-	-	-		12.95	6.1	13.02	0.2	7.62	7.7	1.01	-5.6	0.59	1.5	0.59	7.5	113.8	-2.8	109.1	2.7	97.7	-0.2	1057.5	16.1
	PBE0	ZD		42	12.27	0.6	13.00	0.1	7.11	0.5	1.06	-0.5	0.58	-0.1	0.55	0.4	116.9	-0.1	106.4	0.1	97.9	0.0	922.8	1.3
		ZD+ABC			12.36	1.3	13.01	0.1	7.15	1.0	1.05	-1.1	0.58	-0.3	0.55	0.9	116.6	-0.3	106.8	0.4	97.9	-0.1	936.1	2.8
		Exp. [5]			12.20		12.99		7.08		1.06		0.58		0.55		117.0		106.3		97.9		911.0	
Hittorf's Violet	-	-	-		9.27	0.7	9.23	0.9	23.89	5.7	1.00	0.2	2.58	5.0	2.59	4.8	-	-	104.8	-1.2	-	-	1976.6	8.0
	PBE0	ZD		84	9.22	0.1	9.13	-0.2	22.65	0.2	0.99	-0.3	2.46	0.1	2.48	0.4	-	-	106.0	-0.1	-	-	1832.9	0.2
		ZD+ABC			9.23	0.2	9.15	0.0	22.78	0.8	0.99	-0.3	2.47	0.6	2.49	0.8	-	-	105.8	-0.3	-	-	1850.6	1.1
		Exp. [6]			9.21		9.15		22.60		0.99		2.45		2.47		-	-	106.1		-	-	1829.8	
Black	-	-	-		3.30	-0.2	10.97	4.8	4.50	2.8	3.32	4.9	1.36	3.0	0.41	-1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	163.2	7.4
	PBE0	ZD		4	3.30	0.1	10.61	1.3	4.42	0.9	3.21	1.5	1.34	1.1	0.42	-0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	154.8	1.9
		ZD+ABC			3.31	-0.1	10.66	1.8	4.44	1.3	3.22	1.9	1.34	1.4	0.42	-0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	156.3	2.9
		Exp. [7]			3.31		10.47		4.38		3.16		1.32		0.42		-	-	-	-	-	-	151.9	

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^b B

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