

Supplementary Information

Hydrogen bonds in complexes of noble gases with the H(HCB₁₁F₁₁) carborane acid – DFT calculations

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Abstract. The noble gases when interact with the H(HCB₁₁F₁₁) carborane acid, that is classified in several studies as the strongest acid, lose the part of their electron charge. Hence the noble gases act as Lewis base units in complexes formed. These complexes are linked by interactions which possess numerous characteristics of the hydrogen bond.

Theoretical methods. The ω B97XD/aug-cc-pVTZ calculations on complexes of the H(HCB₁₁F₁₁) carborane acid with noble gas centres have been performed with the use of Gaussian16 set of codes.¹ The ω B97XD functional² with the aug-cc-pVTZ basis sets (aug-cc-pVTZ-PP for Xe and Rn)³⁻⁶ were used. In earlier studies it has been proven that in analyses of interactions, the ω B97XD functional in conjunction with the Dunning-style basis sets offers results more reliable than other functionals.⁷ Frequency calculations have been performed at the same ω B97XD/aug-cc-pVTZ level for complexes analysed in this study to justify that they correspond to energetic minima (there are not imaginary frequencies). Interaction energies were calculated as differences between the energy of the complex and the sum of energies of monomers. The monomers' geometries in the above calculations come from geometries of complexes. The interaction energies contain BSSE corrections.⁸

The calculations with other functionals and basis sets were not performed for complexes analysed here. However, the aim of this study was to analyse how hydrogen bond properties change with the change of the atomic number of the noble gas centre and not to obtain precise geometric and energetic values.

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Geometries of complexes analysed

Atoms' coordinates related to Å.

H(HCB₁₁F₁₁)-He

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|--------|--------|-------------------------|----------|----------|--|
| Center | Atomic | Coordinates (Angstroms) | | | |
| Number | Number | X | Y | Z | |
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| 1 | 6 | 1.198487 | 0.000044 | 1.232147 | |

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| 2 | 5 | -0.223404 | 0.915509 | 1.529650 |
| 3 | 5 | -1.411715 | -0.000151 | 0.605357 |
| 4 | 5 | -0.223254 | -0.915687 | 1.529576 |
| 5 | 5 | -0.653611 | -1.487991 | -0.104820 |
| 6 | 5 | -0.863542 | -0.000036 | -1.046115 |
| 7 | 5 | -0.653853 | 1.487879 | -0.104694 |
| 8 | 5 | 1.048197 | 1.467771 | 0.350785 |
| 9 | 5 | 0.604895 | 0.928934 | -1.312994 |
| 10 | 5 | 0.605050 | -0.928735 | -1.313073 |
| 11 | 5 | 1.048438 | -1.467628 | 0.350664 |
| 12 | 5 | 1.814961 | 0.000163 | -0.378283 |
| 13 | 9 | -2.818040 | -0.000253 | 0.570186 |
| 14 | 9 | -0.380504 | 1.573334 | 2.687667 |
| 15 | 9 | -0.380236 | -1.573637 | 2.687537 |
| 16 | 9 | -1.441752 | 2.563166 | -0.348371 |
| 17 | 9 | -2.208268 | -0.000094 | -1.804898 |
| 18 | 9 | -1.441310 | -2.563404 | -0.348579 |
| 19 | 1 | 1.934973 | 0.000070 | 2.026292 |
| 20 | 9 | 1.822356 | 2.518387 | 0.662744 |
| 21 | 9 | 3.141276 | 0.000277 | -0.583361 |
| 22 | 9 | 1.822771 | -2.518149 | 0.662529 |
| 23 | 9 | 0.890254 | 1.638072 | -2.423327 |
| 24 | 9 | 0.890539 | -1.637734 | -2.423459 |
| 25 | 1 | -2.835708 | -0.000080 | -1.042766 |
| 26 | 2 | -5.412382 | -0.000035 | -1.477345 |

H(HCB₁₁F₁₁)-Ne

| Center Number | Atomic Number | Coordinates (Angstroms) | | |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | X | Y | Z |
| 1 | 6 | -1.666019 | 0.000014 | 1.009511 |
| 2 | 5 | -0.323244 | -0.915478 | 1.563533 |
| 3 | 5 | 1.015718 | -0.000049 | 0.874416 |
| 4 | 5 | -0.323199 | 0.915420 | 1.563567 |
| 5 | 5 | 0.401256 | 1.487775 | 0.036567 |
| 6 | 5 | 0.780455 | -0.000010 | -0.849823 |
| 7 | 5 | 0.401182 | -1.487811 | 0.036512 |
| 8 | 5 | -1.355821 | -1.467856 | 0.170631 |
| 9 | 5 | -0.613810 | -0.928662 | -1.382647 |
| 10 | 5 | -0.613765 | 0.928726 | -1.382613 |
| 11 | 5 | -1.355749 | 1.467898 | 0.170686 |
| 12 | 5 | -1.975192 | 0.000052 | -0.686341 |
| 13 | 9 | 2.402743 | -0.000092 | 1.101733 |
| 14 | 9 | -0.382031 | -1.573433 | 2.730654 |
| 15 | 9 | -0.381955 | 1.573335 | 2.730712 |
| 16 | 9 | 1.220145 | -2.563392 | -0.057920 |
| 17 | 9 | 2.240666 | -0.000041 | -1.351928 |
| 18 | 9 | 1.220265 | 2.563324 | -0.057824 |
| 19 | 1 | -2.536115 | 0.000023 | 1.654451 |
| 20 | 9 | -2.174227 | -2.518446 | 0.334781 |

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| 21 | 9 | -3.240949 | 0.000092 | -1.132675 |
| 22 | 9 | -2.174103 | 2.518523 | 0.334873 |
| 23 | 9 | -0.689988 | -1.637157 | -2.527020 |
| 24 | 9 | -0.689912 | 1.637267 | -2.526960 |
| 25 | 1 | 2.722457 | -0.000013 | -0.491839 |
| 26 | 10 | 5.346471 | 0.000006 | -0.399796 |

H(HCB₁₁F₁₁)-Ar

| Center Number | Atomic Number | Coordinates (Angstroms) | | |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | X | Y | Z |
| 1 | 6 | 1.856420 | 0.000075 | 0.990186 |
| 2 | 5 | 0.966463 | 1.466395 | 0.934301 |
| 3 | 5 | -0.704902 | 0.914672 | 0.691920 |
| 4 | 5 | 0.345357 | 0.000011 | 1.799395 |
| 5 | 5 | -0.704820 | -0.914772 | 0.691943 |
| 6 | 5 | -0.643121 | -0.000061 | -0.812269 |
| 7 | 5 | 0.303169 | 1.488444 | -0.723594 |
| 8 | 5 | 1.965958 | 0.905168 | -0.465689 |
| 9 | 5 | 0.929024 | 0.000005 | -1.605995 |
| 10 | 5 | 0.303309 | -1.488476 | -0.723555 |
| 11 | 5 | 0.966598 | -1.466338 | 0.934341 |
| 12 | 5 | 1.966040 | -0.905031 | -0.465661 |
| 13 | 9 | -1.840451 | 1.579161 | 1.044444 |

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| 14 | 9 | 1.368062 | 2.530136 | 1.649808 |
| 15 | 9 | 0.290139 | 0.000041 | 3.142116 |
| 16 | 9 | -0.038839 | 2.608807 | -1.401312 |
| 17 | 9 | -1.937393 | -0.000153 | -1.661546 |
| 18 | 9 | -1.840314 | -1.579343 | 1.044479 |
| 19 | 1 | 2.737317 | 0.000127 | 1.619739 |
| 20 | 9 | 3.099913 | 1.558912 | -0.767695 |
| 21 | 9 | 3.100053 | -1.558678 | -0.767668 |
| 22 | 9 | 1.368312 | -2.530022 | 1.649865 |
| 23 | 9 | 1.083222 | -0.000018 | -2.948981 |
| 24 | 9 | -0.038587 | -2.608876 | -1.401267 |
| 25 | 1 | -2.744263 | -0.000158 | -1.137227 |
| 26 | 18 | -4.506888 | -0.000012 | -0.218860 |

H(HCB₁₁F₁₁)-Kr

| Center | Atomic | Coordinates (Angstroms) | | |
|--------|--------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Number | Number | X | Y | Z |
| 1 | 6 | 2.303284 | 0.000011 | 0.965868 |
| 2 | 5 | 1.412238 | 1.466005 | 0.924857 |
| 3 | 5 | -0.263914 | 0.915098 | 0.712308 |
| 4 | 5 | 0.806307 | 0.000437 | 1.800608 |
| 5 | 5 | -0.264192 | -0.914401 | 0.712740 |
| 6 | 5 | -0.230714 | -0.000014 | -0.793548 |

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| 7 | 5 | 0.719454 | 1.487616 | -0.720492 |
| 8 | 5 | 2.386811 | 0.904654 | -0.491903 |
| 9 | 5 | 1.329370 | -0.000445 | -1.612505 |
| 10 | 5 | 0.719002 | -1.487900 | -0.719787 |
| 11 | 5 | 1.411792 | -1.465733 | 0.925551 |
| 12 | 5 | 2.386540 | -0.905341 | -0.491484 |
| 13 | 9 | -1.388293 | 1.584516 | 1.090334 |
| 14 | 9 | 1.825608 | 2.530157 | 1.633393 |
| 15 | 9 | 0.773864 | 0.000766 | 3.144324 |
| 16 | 9 | 0.366541 | 2.608286 | -1.392527 |
| 17 | 9 | -1.527266 | -0.000050 | -1.630616 |
| 18 | 9 | -1.388780 | -1.583289 | 1.091068 |
| 19 | 1 | 3.195069 | 0.000024 | 1.579847 |
| 20 | 9 | 3.515352 | 1.558382 | -0.814291 |
| 21 | 9 | 3.514886 | -1.559553 | -0.813571 |
| 22 | 9 | 1.824832 | -2.529673 | 1.634594 |
| 23 | 9 | 1.459394 | -0.000782 | -2.958334 |
| 24 | 9 | 0.365718 | -2.608766 | -1.391296 |
| 25 | 1 | -2.339172 | 0.000109 | -1.103216 |
| 26 | 36 | -4.189327 | -0.000001 | -0.106702 |

H(HCB₁₁F₁₁)-Xe

| Center | Atomic | Coordinates (Angstroms) | | |
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| Number | Number | X | Y | Z |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 6 | 2.691948 | 0.000093 | 0.960304 |
| 2 | 5 | 1.799876 | 1.465130 | 0.922303 |
| 3 | 5 | 0.122045 | 0.914786 | 0.716247 |
| 4 | 5 | 1.197568 | 0.000088 | 1.799408 |
| 5 | 5 | 0.122122 | -0.914784 | 0.716344 |
| 6 | 5 | 0.147165 | -0.000078 | -0.791473 |
| 7 | 5 | 1.100358 | 1.486770 | -0.719595 |
| 8 | 5 | 2.769295 | 0.904911 | -0.497549 |
| 9 | 5 | 1.707338 | -0.000073 | -1.613006 |
| 10 | 5 | 1.100476 | -1.486854 | -0.719425 |
| 11 | 5 | 1.799981 | -1.465020 | 0.922468 |
| 12 | 5 | 2.769364 | -0.904864 | -0.497446 |
| 13 | 9 | -0.994440 | 1.590341 | 1.106851 |
| 14 | 9 | 2.214321 | 2.529719 | 1.630131 |
| 15 | 9 | 1.169114 | 0.000169 | 3.143573 |
| 16 | 9 | 0.745851 | 2.608141 | -1.390208 |
| 17 | 9 | -1.135481 | -0.000248 | -1.638076 |
| 18 | 9 | -0.994331 | -1.590394 | 1.106945 |
| 19 | 1 | 3.585899 | 0.000167 | 1.571052 |
| 20 | 9 | 3.896369 | 1.559481 | -0.824241 |
| 21 | 9 | 3.896494 | -1.559366 | -0.824092 |
| 22 | 9 | 2.214502 | -2.529498 | 1.630412 |
| 23 | 9 | 1.831544 | -0.000154 | -2.959758 |
| 24 | 9 | 0.745972 | -2.608284 | -1.389944 |

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| 25 | 1 | -1.966881 | -0.000052 | -1.123502 |
| 26 | 54 | -3.949220 | 0.000002 | -0.068983 |

H(HCB₁₁F₁₁)-Rn

| Center Number | Atomic Number | Coordinates (Angstroms) | | |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | X | Y | Z |
| 1 | 6 | 3.219749 | 0.000149 | 0.960616 |
| 2 | 5 | 2.327662 | 1.464933 | 0.921645 |
| 3 | 5 | 0.649521 | 0.915074 | 0.715213 |
| 4 | 5 | 1.724810 | 0.000605 | 1.798648 |
| 5 | 5 | 0.649309 | -0.914318 | 0.715824 |
| 6 | 5 | 0.673377 | -0.000124 | -0.793161 |
| 7 | 5 | 1.628378 | 1.486043 | -0.720050 |
| 8 | 5 | 3.297435 | 0.904468 | -0.497419 |
| 9 | 5 | 2.235437 | -0.000586 | -1.612306 |
| 10 | 5 | 1.628037 | -1.486472 | -0.719050 |
| 11 | 5 | 2.327313 | -1.464462 | 0.922633 |
| 12 | 5 | 3.297226 | -0.905159 | -0.496816 |
| 13 | 9 | -0.463676 | 1.594202 | 1.109488 |
| 14 | 9 | 2.741385 | 2.529918 | 1.629538 |
| 15 | 9 | 1.695176 | 0.001077 | 3.142939 |
| 16 | 9 | 1.274732 | 2.607671 | -1.391000 |
| 17 | 9 | -0.601209 | -0.000374 | -1.646562 |

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| 18 | 9 | -0.464077 | -1.592912 | 1.110480 |
| 19 | 1 | 4.113481 | 0.000253 | 1.571651 |
| 20 | 9 | 4.424624 | 1.559034 | -0.824118 |
| 21 | 9 | 4.424274 | -1.560180 | -0.823091 |
| 22 | 9 | 2.740790 | -2.529063 | 1.631242 |
| 23 | 9 | 2.360020 | -0.001058 | -2.959197 |
| 24 | 9 | 1.274052 | -2.608422 | -1.389283 |
| 25 | 1 | -1.440859 | -0.000295 | -1.136306 |
| 26 | 86 | -3.474866 | 0.000001 | -0.042893 |

H(HCB₁₁F₁₁) not involved in interactions

| Center Number | Atomic Number | Coordinates (Angstroms) | | |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | X | Y | Z |
| 1 | 6 | -0.682392 | 0.003005 | -1.513202 |
| 2 | 5 | -0.816647 | 1.471468 | -0.629446 |
| 3 | 5 | 0.649063 | 1.485274 | 0.348103 |
| 4 | 5 | 0.763438 | 0.912180 | -1.338131 |
| 5 | 5 | 1.587848 | -0.007170 | -0.081545 |
| 6 | 5 | 0.539417 | -0.002425 | 1.307434 |
| 7 | 5 | -0.933117 | 0.932879 | 1.088600 |
| 8 | 5 | -1.782422 | 0.007699 | -0.185640 |
| 9 | 5 | -0.941182 | -0.924805 | 1.088299 |
| 10 | 5 | 0.636136 | -1.490945 | 0.347861 |

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| 11 | 5 | 0.755622 | -0.919105 | -1.338365 |
| 12 | 5 | -0.829367 | -1.464593 | -0.629773 |
| 13 | 9 | 1.322615 | 2.557510 | 0.830744 |
| 14 | 9 | -1.445042 | 2.524863 | -1.173232 |
| 15 | 9 | 1.286952 | 1.568173 | -2.383992 |
| 16 | 9 | -1.558121 | 1.644232 | 2.047900 |
| 17 | 9 | 1.573847 | -0.006853 | 2.453993 |
| 18 | 9 | 2.908495 | -0.012310 | 0.405894 |
| 19 | 1 | -1.124917 | 0.004790 | -2.501729 |
| 20 | 9 | -3.104501 | 0.013265 | -0.416537 |
| 21 | 9 | -1.467542 | -2.511903 | -1.173780 |
| 22 | 9 | 1.273603 | -1.578628 | -2.384720 |
| 23 | 9 | -1.571690 | -1.630960 | 2.047916 |
| 24 | 9 | 1.299785 | -2.569028 | 0.831117 |
| 25 | 1 | 2.409706 | -0.010342 | 1.926201 |
