

Chiral Jahn-Teller Distortion in Quasi-Planar Boron Clusters

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Table S1. The coefficients of the fitted planes.

species	A	B	C	D
$^2B_{16}$	0.00000	0.00000	1.00000	0.00000
$^2B_{20}$	0.00000	0.00000	1.00000	0.00000
$^2B_{24}$	-0.99999	-0.00378	-0.00000	-0.00000
$^2B_{28}$	0.00000	0.00000	1.00000	-0.00000
$^4B_{16}$	0.00000	-0.00000	1.00000	0.00000
$^4B_{20}$	0.00000	-0.00000	1.00000	0.00000
$^4B_{24}$	1.00000	-0.00275	0.00000	-0.00000
$^4B_{28}$	-0.00001	0.00006	-1.00000	0.00000

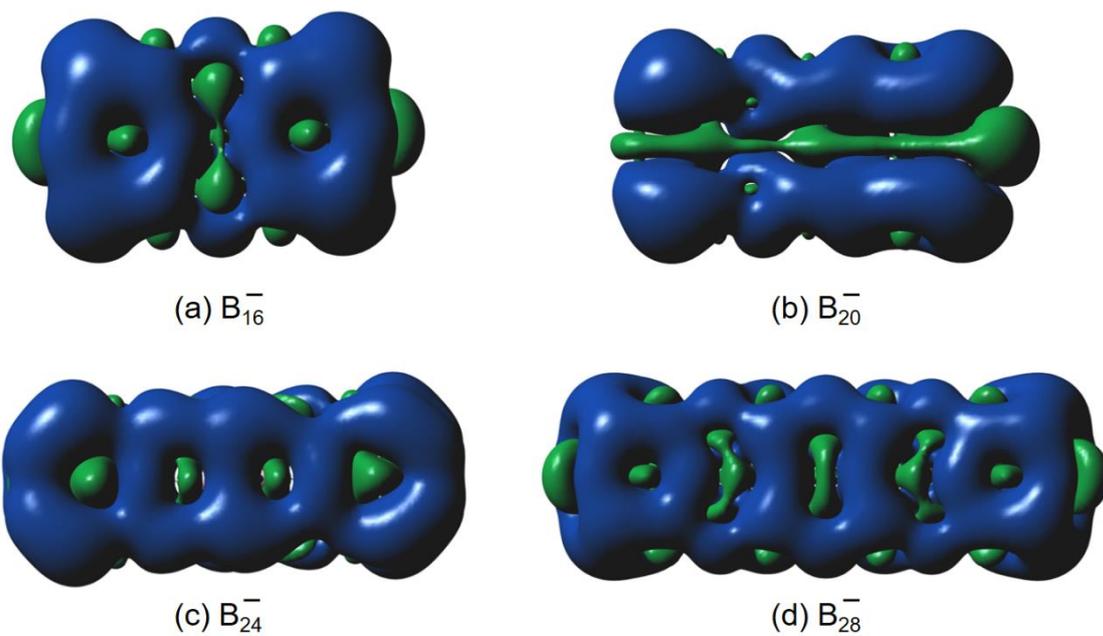


Figure S1. Shown here are the spin density maps of excited-state (a) ${}^4B_{16}^-$, (b) ${}^4B_{20}^-$, (c) ${}^4B_{24}^-$, and (d) ${}^4B_{28}^-$ obtained at the PBE0/6-311+G(d) level. The isovalue was set to be 0.0004 a.u.

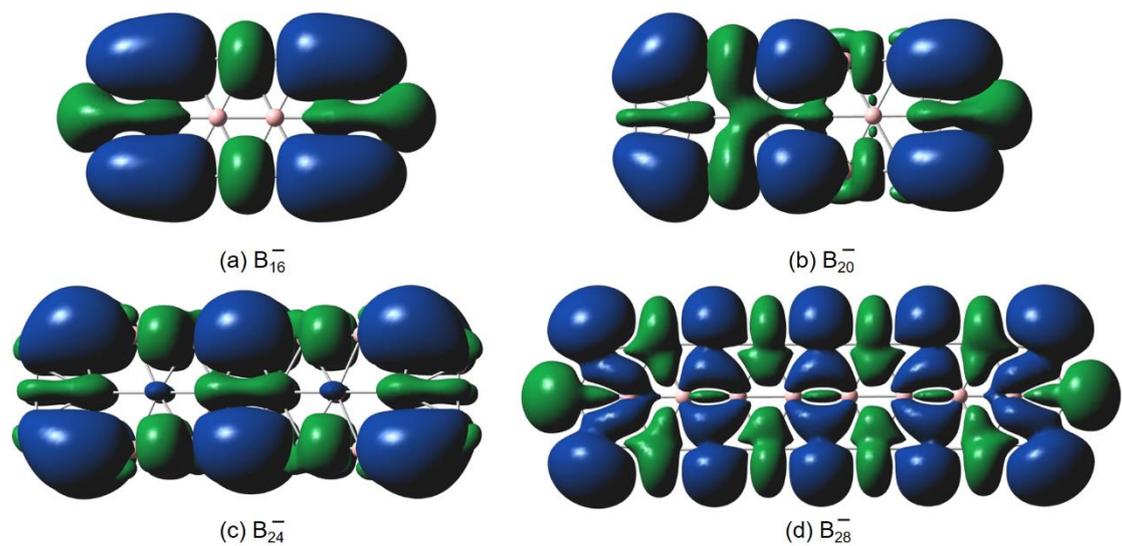


Figure S2. Shown here are the spin density maps of ground-state (a) ${}^2B_{16}^-$, (b) ${}^2B_{20}^-$, (c) ${}^2B_{24}^-$, and (d) ${}^2B_{28}^-$ obtained at the PBE0/6-311+G(d) level with boron atoms forced to be in a plane. The isovalue was set to be 0.0004 a.u.

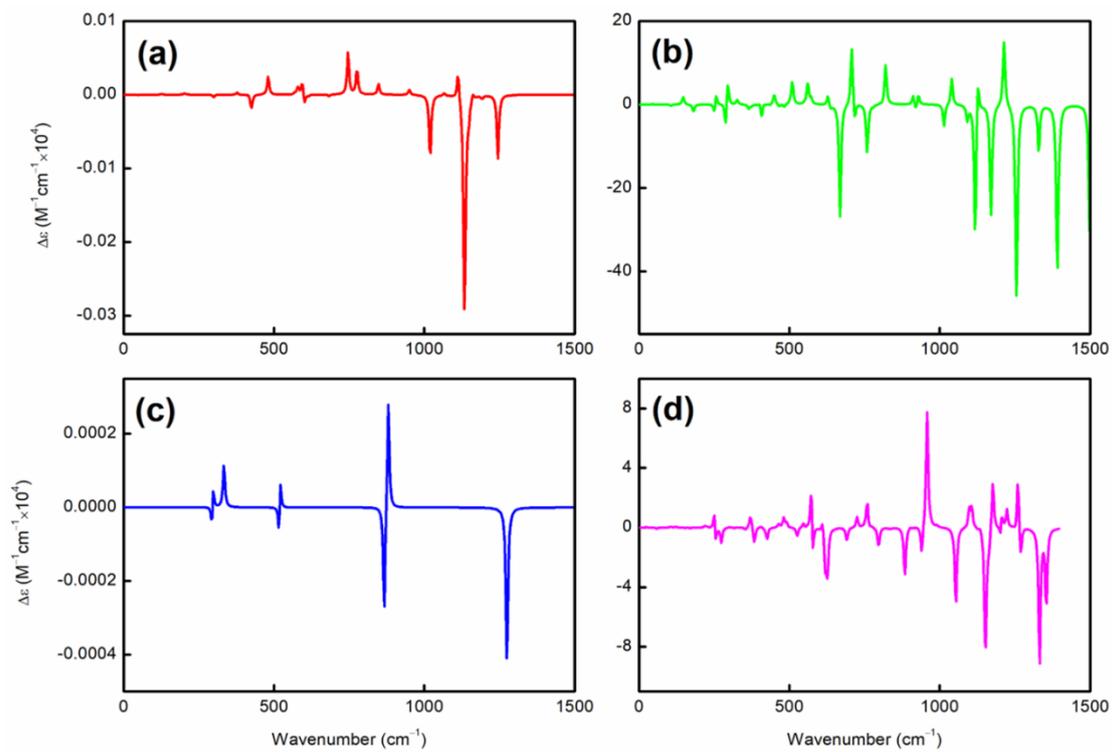


Figure S3. Excited-state VCD spectra of (a) ${}^4B_{16}^-$, (b) ${}^4B_{20}^-$, (c) ${}^4B_{24}^-$ and (d) ${}^4B_{28}^-$ obtained at the PBE0/6-311+G(d) level. The x/y -axis spans from (a) to (d).

${}^2B_{16}$

B	0.76706500	-0.00001200	0.01605200
B	-0.76706000	0.00001700	-0.01615800
B	2.37466600	-0.00002500	0.22121500
B	-2.37468300	0.00002900	-0.22115200
B	3.96019200	-0.00000900	-0.07694600
B	-3.96018500	0.00001000	0.07709700
B	3.21095700	-1.40875300	-0.05721800
B	3.21097200	1.40874200	-0.05700100
B	-3.21094500	1.40875400	0.05736100
B	-3.21095800	-1.40874200	0.05717500
B	1.63741300	-1.61594400	0.04092400
B	1.63744700	1.61594300	0.04116200
B	-1.63741400	1.61594200	-0.04104800
B	-1.63745900	-1.61595200	-0.04137700
B	0.00003400	1.56311700	-0.00051500
B	-0.00004200	-1.56311700	0.00042900

 ${}^2B_{20}$

B	-1.07844700	-1.54869500	0.02466900
B	2.11279500	-1.59892500	0.02171000
B	0.52838800	1.50991300	-0.01282000
B	-0.26223600	-0.00000700	0.11042100
B	-4.28634900	-1.38518900	-0.11941800
B	3.19474400	-0.00000200	-0.00594300
B	-2.69738600	1.55696800	0.02350400
B	-4.28635600	1.38519000	-0.11940500
B	-5.05518400	0.00000100	-0.08454500
B	-1.07845900	1.54868100	0.02457500
B	3.64586700	-1.75530700	-0.00356300
B	3.64587500	1.75530300	-0.00371100
B	4.80354600	0.77090700	-0.02350100
B	4.80353900	-0.77090900	-0.02324400
B	1.39399200	0.00000200	-0.10212600
B	-2.69737600	-1.55696100	0.02350300

B	-3.46381700	0.00000000	0.26319200
B	0.52838400	-1.50990700	-0.01312500
B	-1.86432600	-0.00000400	-0.00196100
B	2.11280300	1.59894000	0.02178700

${}^2B_{24}$			
B	0.00147700	4.27685400	0.00000000
B	-0.04193200	2.48783100	0.00000000
B	0.03382600	0.81571200	0.00000000
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B	0.04193200	-2.48783100	0.00000000
B	-0.00147700	-4.27685400	0.00000000
B	0.02969600	-4.72724800	1.74871500
B	0.03436800	-3.18798800	-1.60276300
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B	-0.01643000	1.60824700	1.49040200
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B	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.52771600
B	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.52771600
B	0.00000000	-5.89379500	0.76474100
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B	0.02969600	-4.72724800	-1.74871500
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B	0.00000000	5.89379500	-0.76474100
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B	-0.02969600	4.72724800	1.74871500

${}^2B_{28}$			
B	4.01886100	-0.00008000	-0.13718200
B	2.41969300	0.00001300	0.12861200
B	0.82288100	0.00004500	-0.13829500

B	-0.81367400	0.00006000	0.00714500
B	-2.42185300	-0.00000400	0.01169500
B	-4.01398100	0.00000500	-0.13793700
B	-4.85032400	-1.55340300	0.00577500
B	-3.23445000	1.54558900	-0.03831800
B	-3.23443600	-1.54555000	-0.03854300
B	3.23581900	1.54700700	-0.03810600
B	3.23574500	-1.54703300	-0.03777000
B	1.61186400	-1.53721700	-0.05652500
B	1.61189900	1.53731800	-0.05679500
B	-1.60443000	1.53892200	-0.04162700
B	-1.60439300	-1.53879300	-0.04198900
B	0.00350000	1.52939600	-0.05206100
B	0.00351200	-1.52924800	-0.05209800
B	-4.85032200	1.55332700	0.00633300
B	4.84452500	1.54710400	0.01165800
B	4.84447800	-1.54708300	0.01212700
B	-5.59739900	-0.00005600	0.18212100
B	-6.46588100	1.39223800	0.03364800
B	-6.46585300	-1.39232600	0.03317800
B	-7.21668500	-0.00004800	0.09765900
B	5.59347100	0.00001400	0.30182100
B	7.21520300	-0.00004800	0.08255300
B	6.45610600	1.37667300	-0.02382800
B	6.45612300	-1.37682100	-0.02325000

${}^4B_{16}^-$

B	0.79392500	0.00001400	0.04744400
B	-0.79387000	-0.00001400	-0.04440400
B	2.38837300	-0.00000500	-0.01688900
B	-2.38842100	0.00000500	0.01643100
B	4.01377200	0.00000300	-0.00438200
B	-4.01381400	-0.00000200	0.00184900
B	3.26175000	1.39677500	-0.00075500
B	3.26175400	-1.39677400	-0.00074200
B	-3.26176500	-1.39678000	-0.00069000
B	-3.26177100	1.39677900	-0.00073300
B	1.63338200	1.55245700	0.00521000
B	1.63338800	-1.55245700	0.00529900
B	-1.63336300	-1.55246600	-0.00439500
B	-1.63337100	1.55246800	-0.00453300
B	0.00001200	-1.55535200	0.00050600
B	0.00002000	1.55535000	0.00078200

 ${}^4B_{20}^-$

B	1.07373300	1.53640600	-0.07100500
B	-2.10017800	1.62724900	-0.00369800
B	-0.53584400	-1.52509400	-0.03820100
B	0.25898400	-0.00043800	-0.03762100
B	4.31917200	1.40714600	0.11120200
B	-3.22526500	0.00020200	0.04530100
B	2.71546900	-1.57122200	-0.01288100
B	4.31845500	-1.40679100	0.12323200
B	5.05770000	0.00011600	0.17887500
B	1.07390200	-1.53622100	-0.06000300
B	-3.65974400	1.75116000	0.03707200
B	-3.66009700	-1.75062000	0.01325700
B	-4.81847300	-0.77210800	0.07709200
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B	-1.40987700	0.00009100	-0.07990800
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B	1.84941800	-0.00083500	-0.14347900
B	-2.10042100	-1.62707900	-0.01616000

${}^4\bar{B}_{24}$

B	0.00656100	4.26979600	0.00000000
B	-0.09142000	2.47428100	0.00000000
B	0.07134500	0.83334000	0.00000000
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B	0.09142000	-2.47428100	0.00000000
B	-0.00656100	-4.26979600	0.00000000
B	-0.02774400	-4.71810400	1.75756400
B	-0.04559800	-3.17106000	-1.64607500
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B	0.04559800	3.17106000	-1.64607500
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B	0.01169800	1.60200900	1.50465700
B	0.01169800	1.60200900	-1.50465700
B	-0.01169800	-1.60200900	-1.50465700
B	-0.01169800	-1.60200900	1.50465700
B	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.55079700
B	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.55079700
B	0.00000000	-5.87439100	0.77736900
B	0.00000000	-5.87439100	-0.77736900
B	-0.02774400	-4.71810400	-1.75756400
B	0.02774400	4.71810400	-1.75756400
B	0.00000000	5.87439100	-0.77736900
B	0.00000000	5.87439100	0.77736900
B	0.02774400	4.71810400	1.75756400

${}^4\bar{B}_{28}$

B	-4.00448800	-0.00003700	-0.00691000
B	-2.42460400	0.00074100	-0.12150100
B	-0.80386200	0.00007800	0.02931900

B	0.80340800	-0.00033400	0.03028600
B	2.42428700	-0.00043300	-0.11378600
B	4.00406300	-0.00016600	-0.00603600
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