

Supporting Information

Pressure-preferred symmetric reactions of 4,4'-bipyridine hydrobromide

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Table S1. Comparison of CH \cdots Br contacts in the structure of 4,4'-biPy2CH₃Br calculated for the methyl-group orientation obtained by using constrains AFIX 33 and AFIX 137. Because the H \cdots Br contacts are shorter for the AFIX 33 constrain, this model has been accepted for the discussions in the text.

4,4'-biPy2CH ₃ Br						
CH \cdots Br	AFIX 33			AFIX 137		
	H \cdots Br (Å)	C \cdots Br (Å)	C-H \cdots Br (°)	H \cdots Br (Å)	C \cdots Br (Å)	C-H \cdots Br (°)
C6-H6 \cdots Br ⁱ	2.793	3.664(22)	156	2.794	3.668(21)	157
C2-H2 \cdots Br ⁱⁱ	2.830	3.592(18)	140	2.825	3.589(18)	140
C3-H3 \cdots Br ⁱⁱⁱ	2.770	3.662(20)	161	2.772	3.663(20)	161
C7-H7b \cdots Br ⁱⁱ	3.036	3.795(26)	137	3.212	3.792(26)	121
C7-H7c \cdots Br ^{iv}	2.955	3.722(25)	138	3.029	3.713(24)	129

Table S2. Crystal data and structure-refinements details for 44'biPy2HBr.

Pressure	0.10(2) MPa	0.10(2) GPa	0.20 (2) GPa	0.50(2) GPa	1.00(2) GPa
Temperature (K)	296(2)	296(2)	296(2)	296(2)	296(2)
Formula weight	318.02	318.02	318.02	318.02	318.02
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	$P\bar{1}$	$P\bar{1}$	$P\bar{1}$	$P\bar{1}$	$P\bar{1}$
Unit cell dimensions (Å, °)					
<i>a</i>	4.8986(6)	4.8839(15)	4.874(4)	4.8450(11)	4.8011(17)
<i>b</i>	7.6614(10)	7.622(5)	7.567(6)	7.453(2)	7.275(4)
<i>c</i>	7.9890(9)	7.951(4)	7.936(4)	7.875(5)	7.759(5)
α	70.464(11)	70.87(6)	70.73(6)	70.89(4)	71.06(6)
β	87.005(10)	86.78(4)	86.64(5)	86.82(4)	86.46(5)
γ	77.176(11)	77.39(5)	77.47(7)	77.82(2)	78.64(4)
Volume (Å ³)	275.44(6)	272.8(3)	269.7(3)	262.61(19)	251.3(2)
Z	1	1	1	1	1
Calculated density (g/cm ³)	1.917	1.935	1.958	2.011	2.101
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.408	7.389	7.476	7.677	8.022
F(000)	154	154	154	154	154
Crystal size (mm)	0.30/0.15/0.12	0.24/0.12/0.11	0.21/0.16/0.11	0.26/0.11/0.10	0.26/0.11/0.10
θ -range for data collection (°)	4.27 to 25.29	2.71 to 27.71	4.65 to 27.20	4.30 to 26.44	4.33 to 34.93
Min/max indices:h, k, l	-5/5, -9/9, -9/9	-6/6, -2/2, -8/8	-6/6, -4/4, -9/9	-6/6,-9/9, -3/3	-7/7,-11/11, -4/4
Reflect. Collected/unique	3434 / 905	1219 / 183	1159 / 185	953 / 155	1865/309
R _{int}	0.0219	0.1986	0.0953	0.0487	0.0942
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²				
Completeness (%)	90.7	14.2	15.3	14.5	14.0
Data/restraints/parameters	905/0/64	183/0/ 22	185/6/34	155/6/34	309/0/34
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.045	1.211	1.048	1.438	1.006
Final R ₁ /wR ₂ (I>2 σ ₁)	0.0184/0.0448	0.0623/0.1467	0.0487/0.1178	0.0332/0.0656	0.0511/0.1094
R ₁ /wR ₂ (all data)	0.0193/0.0451	0.0670/0.1523	0.0535/0.1238	0.0427/0.0693	0.0820/0.1273

Table S3. Crystal data and structure-refinements details for 44'biPy2CH₃Br.

Pressure	0.35(2) GPa
Temperature (K)	296(2)
Formula weight	318.02
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P2₁/c</i>
Unit cell dimensions (Å, °)	
<i>a</i>	5.947(3)
<i>b</i>	8.068(8)
<i>c</i>	13.411(5)
α	90
β	95.94(3)
γ	90
Volume (Å ³)	640.0(7)
<i>Z</i>	2
Calculated density (g/cm ³)	1.796
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	6.308
F(000)	340
Crystal size (mm)	0.28/0.22/0.15
θ -range for data collection (°)	3.05 to 27.23
Min/max indices:h, k, l	-7/7, -4/4, -16/16
Reflect. Collected/unique	2131/313
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.2281
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Completeness (%)	21.8
Data/restraints/parameters	313/0/33
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.041
Final <i>R</i> ₁ / <i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>I</i> >2 σ ₁)	0.0879/0.2298
<i>R</i> ₁ / <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0970/0.2400

Table S4. Symmetry codes used for the shortest contacts in 44'biPy2HBr and 44'biPy2CH₃Br.

Code	Symmetry code	Code	Symmetry code
44'biPy2HBr		44'biPy2CH ₃ Br	
i	1+x, y, z	j	1+x, y, z
ii	1-x, 1-y, 2-z	jj	1+x, 0.5-y, 0.5+z
iii	x, 1+y, z	jjj	x, 0.5-y, 0.5+z
iv	1-x, 1-y, 1-z	jv	1-x, 1-y, 1-z

Table S5. The shortest NH \cdots Br and CH \cdots Br contacts in 44'biPy2HBr and 44'biPy2CH₃Br.

DH \cdots A	H \cdots A (Å)	D \cdots A (Å)	DH \cdots A (°)
44'biPy2HBr			
0.1 MPa			
NH\cdotsBr			
N1-H1 \cdots Br1 ⁱ	2.447	3.207(2)	148
CH\cdotsBr			
C2-H2 \cdots Br1 ⁱⁱ	2.805	3.523(3)	135
C3-H3 \cdots Br1 ⁱⁱⁱ	3.042	3.621(2)	122
C6-H6 \cdots Br1 ^{iv}	2.896	3.616(3)	135
0.1 GPa			
NH\cdotsBr			
N1-H1 \cdots Br1 ⁱ	2.387	3.148(23)	148
CH\cdotsBr			
C2-H2 \cdots Br1 ⁱⁱ	2.810	3.522(15)	134
C3-H3 \cdots Br1 ⁱⁱⁱ	3.002	3.598(42)	123
C6-H6 \cdots Br1 ^{iv}	2.804	3.514(21)	134
0.2 GPa			
NH\cdotsBr			
N1-H1 \cdots Br1 ⁱ	2.572	3.276(44)	140
CH\cdotsBr			
C2-H2 \cdots Br1 ⁱⁱ	2.834	3.511(14)	130
C3-H3 \cdots Br1 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.993	3.524(57)	118
C6-H6 \cdots Br1 ^{iv}	2.876	3.528(33)	128
0.5 GPa			
NH\cdotsBr			
N1-H1 \cdots Br1 ⁱ	2.464	3.190(19)	142
CH\cdotsBr			
C2-H2 \cdots Br1 ⁱⁱ	2.751	3.419(53)	130
C3-H3 \cdots Br1 ⁱⁱⁱ	3.013	3.518(22)	116
C6-H6 \cdots Br1 ^{iv}	2.886	3.578(56)	132
1.0 GPa			
NH\cdotsBr			
N1-H1 \cdots Br1 ⁱ	2.481	3.184(17)	139
CH\cdotsBr			
C2-H2 \cdots Br1 ⁱⁱ	2.840	3.469(43)	126
C3-H3 \cdots Br1 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.897	3.438(18)	118
C6-H6 \cdots Br1 ^{iv}	2.796	3.531(44)	137
44'biPy2CH₃Br			
0.35 GPa			
CH\cdotsBr			
C6-H6 \cdots Br1 ^j	2.793	3.664(22)	156
C2-H2 \cdots Br1 ⁱⁱ	2.830	3.592(18)	140
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