

Directional growth, physicochemical and quantum chemical investigations on Pyridinium 2-carboxylate: 4-nitrophenol (P2C4N) single crystal for nonlinear optical (NLO) applications

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

1. Determination of linear optical parameters

The absorption coefficient of the grown crystal was evaluated using optical transmission data by the following equation

$$\alpha = \frac{2.303 \times \log \left(\frac{1}{T} \right)}{t} \text{----- (1)}$$

where 'T' is the percentage of transmittance and 't' is the thickness of the sample (1 mm) which was used in UV-Vis-NIR transmittance analysis. Optical band gap (E_g) was evaluated using Tauc's plot relation by the following equation [1]

$$\alpha h\nu = A(h\nu - E_g)^n \text{----- (2)}$$

where ' E_g ' denotes the band gap of the sample, 'A' is a constant, 'h' is Planck's constant, ' ν ' is the frequency of the incident photon and 'n' is the characteristics of an electronic transition of the given material. In the above relation, if n=1/2 for direct allowed transitions, n=3/2 for direct forbidden transitions, n=2 for indirect allowed transitions and n=3 for indirect forbidden transitions [2].

The reflectance (R) in terms of absorption coefficient can be calculated by the following equation

$$R = \frac{\exp(-\alpha t) \pm \sqrt{\exp(-\alpha t)T - \exp(-3\alpha t)T + \exp(-2\alpha t)T^2}}{\exp(-\alpha t) + \exp(-2\alpha t)T} \text{----- (2)}$$

The refractive index (n_0) of the grown crystal was determined by the following equation [3]

$$n_0 = -(R+1) \pm 2 \frac{\sqrt{R}}{(R-1)} \text{----- (3)}$$

The extinction coefficient of the title crystal was determined by the following equation

$$K = \frac{\lambda\alpha}{4\pi} \text{----- (4)}$$

2. Determination of third-order nonlinear optical (NLO) parameters

The Rayleigh diffraction length (Z_R) of laser beam was calculated by the following equation [4]

$$Z_R = \frac{K\omega_0^2}{2} \text{----- (5)}$$

where, ‘K’ denotes the wavevector ($K=2\pi/\lambda$) and ‘ ω_0 ’ is the beam waist at the focal point.

The beam waist (ω_0) of the laser source can be calculated by the following equation [4]

$$\omega_0 = \frac{f\lambda}{D} \text{----- (6)}$$

where, ‘f’ denotes the focal length of the lens, ‘ λ ’ is the wavelength of the source and ‘D’ is the beam radius at the lens. In order to determine the nonlinear refractive index (n_2), the difference between normalized peak and valley transmittance (ΔT_{p-v}) from the closed aperture (Fig.13b) can be calculated in terms of axis phase shift ($|\Delta\phi|$) at the focus by the following equation [5]

$$|\Delta\phi| = \frac{\Delta T_{p-v}}{0.406(1-S)^{0.25}} \text{----- (7)}$$

where, ‘S’ is the linear transmittance of the aperture and it is calculated using the following relation

$$S = 1 - \exp\left(\frac{-2r_a^2}{\omega_a^2}\right) \text{-----} (8)$$

where ‘ r_a ’ denotes the radius of the aperture and ‘ ω_a ’ denotes the beam radius at the aperture. The third-order nonlinear refractive index (n_2) of the grown crystal was determined by the following relation

$$n_2 = \frac{\Delta\Phi_0}{KI_0L_{eff}} \text{-----} (9)$$

where, $K = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$, ‘ L_{eff} ’ is the effective thickness of the sample and ‘ I_0 ’ is the intensity of the laser beam at the focal point. The effective thickness ‘ L_{eff} ’ can be calculated by the following relation

$$L_{eff} = \frac{[1 - \exp(-\alpha L)]}{\alpha} \text{-----} (10)$$

where ‘ α ’ is the linear absorption coefficient and it was obtained by UV-Vis-NIR transmittance analysis and ‘L’ denotes the thickness of the crystal which is used for the UV-Vis-NIR analysis. From OP curve (Fig. 13a), the nonlinear refractive index of absorption coefficient (β) can be calculated using the following relation [4]

$$\beta = \frac{2\sqrt{2} \Delta T}{I_0 L_{eff}} \text{-----} (11)$$

where ‘ ΔT ’ is normalized peak transmittance in the open aperture curve ($Z=0$). Based on the results, the real and imaginary parts of the third-order nonlinear optical susceptibility can be calculated by the following relations [6]

$$\text{Re } \chi^{(3)} \text{ (esu)} = \frac{10^{-4} (\epsilon_0 C^2 n_0^2 n_2)}{\pi} \left(\frac{cm^2}{W} \right) \text{----- (12)}$$

$$\text{Im } \chi^{(3)} \text{ (esu)} = \frac{10^{-2} (\epsilon_0 C^2 n_0 \lambda \beta)}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{cm}{W} \right) \text{----- (13)}$$

where, ‘ ϵ_0 ’ denotes the vacuum permittivity (8.851×10^{-12} F/m), ‘C’ denotes the velocity of light in vacuum (3×10^8 m/s) and ‘ n_0 ’ denotes the linear refractive index of P2C4N crystal. The n_0 was calculated from UV-Vis-NIR analysis at 632 nm and it was found to be 1.35. The absolute third-order nonlinear susceptibility of the title crystal can be calculated by the following relation.

$$|\chi^{(3)}| = [(\text{Re}(\chi^{(3)}))^2 + (\text{Im}(\chi^{(3)}))^2]^{1/2} \text{ esu} \text{----- (14)}$$

Further, the second-order hyperpolarizability (γ) of the title crystal was estimated by the following equation [6]

$$\text{Re } [\gamma] = \frac{\text{Re} (\chi^{(3)})}{Nf^4} \text{----- (15)}$$

where, ‘N’ is the number of molecules per unit volume and it can be obtained by the following equation

$$N = \frac{\rho^* (N_A)}{M} \text{----- (16)}$$

where ‘ (ρ^*) ’ denotes the density of P2C4N crystal, ‘ N_A ’ denotes the Avogadro number and ‘M’ denotes the molecular weight. The local field correction factor (f) can be obtained from the following equation

$$f = \frac{(n_0^2 + 2)}{3} \text{----- (17)}$$

where, 'n₀' denotes the linear refractive index of the grown crystal and it was calculated by the UV-Vis-NIR analysis. The coupling factor can be determined by the ratio of the imaginary and real part of the third-order susceptibility of the grown crystal [7]

$$\rho^* = \text{Im}(\chi^{(3)}) / \text{Re}(\chi^{(3)}) \text{-----} (18)$$

In order to know the suitability of the grown crystal for optical switching applications, two figure of merit were evaluated using the following equations [8]

$$W = n_2 I_0 / \alpha \lambda \text{-----} (19)$$

$$T = \beta \lambda / n_2 \text{-----} (20)$$

where, 'n₂' is nonlinear refractive index, 'I₀' is the intensity of the laser beam (I₀=26.31 MW/m²), 'α' is linear absorption coefficient, 'λ' is wavelength of laser source and 'β' is nonlinear absorption coefficient.

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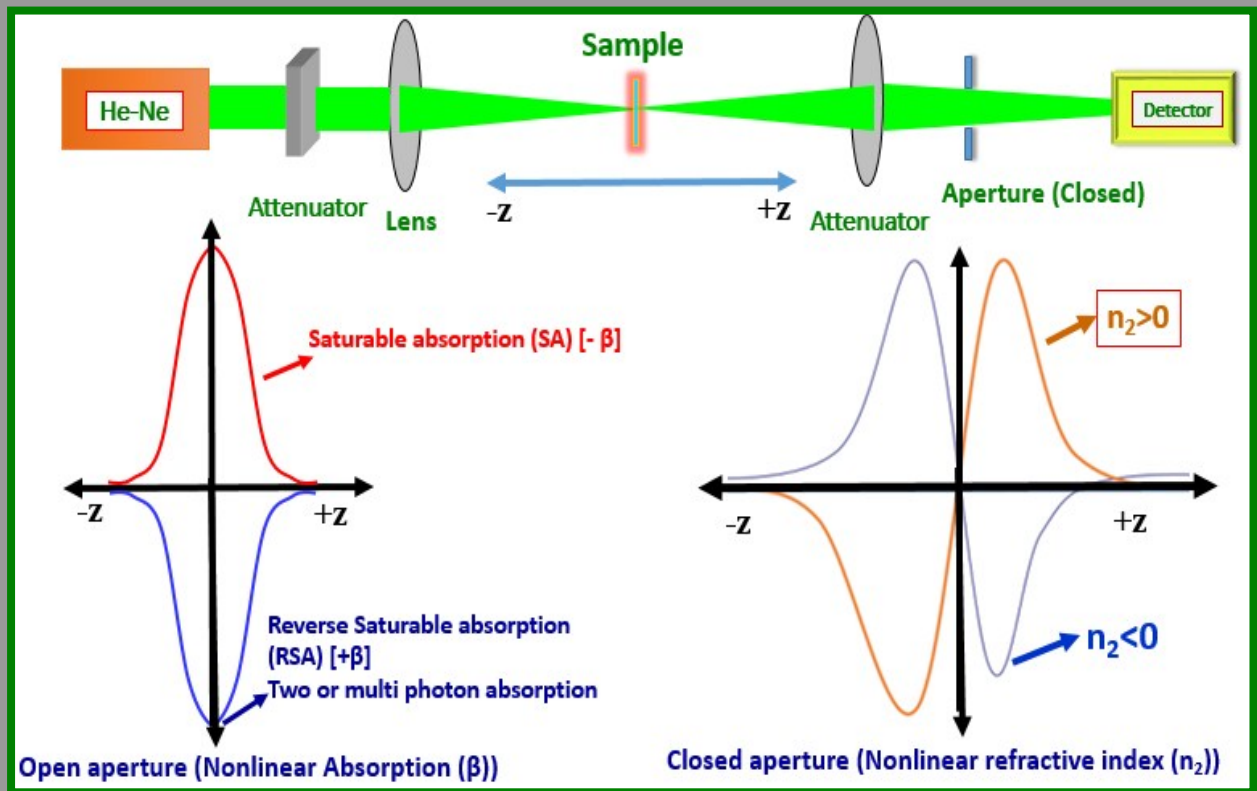


Fig.S1. Z-scan experimental setup

| S. No | Temperature at top portion (°C) | Temperature at bottom portion (°C) | Growth observations (Solvent-Methanol) | Growth rate |
|-------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | 37 | 34 | Multi-nucleation was formed at top of the glass ampoule | Crystal growth is not possible |
| 2 | 36 | 34 | Poor quality crystal | Growth rate is above ~3 mm/day |
| 3 | 35 | 35 | (Multi nucleation was effectively controlled) Good quality crystals | Optimized growth rate is ~3 mm/day (Growth period is 60 days) |

Table.S1. Growth observation of unidirectional SR method grown P2C4N crystal

| Bond length(Å) | XRD | B3LYP/ cc- pVTZ | Bond angle (°) | XRD | B3LYP/ cc-pVTZ | Dihedral angle (°) | XRD | B3LYP/ cc-pVTZ |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--|----------|-------------------|---|----------|-------------------|
| C ₁ -C ₈ | 1.3673 | 1.3838 | C ₈ -C ₁ -C ₁₀ | 124.8498 | 128.3031 | C ₁₀ -C ₁ -C ₈ -C ₆ | 179.957 | -180.01 |
| C ₁ -C ₁₀ | 1.5155 | 1.5441 | C ₈ -C ₁ -N ₁₁ | 118.3769 | 118.9879 | C ₁₀ -C ₁ -C ₈ -H ₉ | -0.0295 | -0.0092 |
| C ₁ -N ₁₁ | 1.3350 | 1.3388 | C ₁₀ -C ₁ -N ₁₁ | 116.7710 | 112.709 | N ₁₁ -C ₁ -C ₈ -C ₆ | 0.5140 | -0.0028 |
| C ₂ -H ₃ | 0.9299 | 1.0792 | H ₃ -C ₂ -C ₄ | 120.1254 | 123.962 | N ₁₁ -C ₁ -C ₈ -H ₉ | -179.472 | 179.9975 |
| C ₂ -C ₄ | 1.3625 | 1.3778 | H ₃ -C ₂ -N ₁₁ | 120.0949 | 117.3405 | C ₈ -C ₁ -C ₁₀ -O ₁₂ | 178.590 | 180.0131 |
| C ₂ -N ₁₁ | 1.3350 | 1.3401 | C ₄ -C ₂ -N ₁₁ | 119.7796 | 118.6975 | C ₈ -C ₁ -C ₁₀ -O ₁₃ | -2.9456 | 0.015 |
| C ₄ -H ₅ | 0.9295 | 1.0792 | C ₂ -C ₄ -H ₅ | 120.4433 | 119.6798 | N ₁₁ -C ₁ -C ₁₀ -O ₁₂ | -1.9580 | 0.0068 |
| C ₄ -C ₆ | 1.3635 | 1.397 | C ₂ -C ₄ -C ₆ | 119.0821 | 119.0252 | N ₁₁ -C ₁ -C ₁₀ -O ₁₃ | 176.505 | 180.0086 |
| C ₆ -H ₇ | 0.9302 | 1.0816 | H ₅ -C ₄ -C ₆ | 120.4744 | 121.295 | C ₈ -C ₁ -N ₁₁ -C ₂ | -0.5953 | 0.0015 |
| C ₆ -C ₈ | 1.3800 | 1.3877 | C ₄ -C ₆ -H ₇ | 120.0556 | 119.5774 | C ₈ -C ₁ -N ₁₁ -H ₁₄ | -0.5953 | -180.003 |
| C ₈ -H ₉ | 0.9305 | 1.0795 | C ₄ -C ₆ -C ₈ | 119.8945 | 120.3121 | C ₁₀ -C ₁ -N ₁₁ -C ₂ | 179.916 | 180.0072 |
| C ₁₀ -O ₁₂ | 1.2329 | 1.2441 | H ₇ -C ₆ -C ₈ | 120.0497 | 120.1105 | C ₁₀ -C ₁ -N ₁₁ -H ₁₄ | 3.4454 | 0.0031 |
| C ₁₀ -O ₁₃ | 1.2352 | 1.2404 | C ₁ -C ₈ -C ₆ | 119.8384 | 118.7051 | H ₃ -C ₂ -C ₄ -H ₅ | 0.7226 | -0.0021 |
| N ₁₁ -H ₁₄ | 0.8669 | 1.0352 | C ₁ -C ₈ -H ₉ | 120.0951 | 118.2175 | H ₃ -C ₂ -C ₄ -C ₆ | -179.298 | -180.003 |
| O ₁₃ -H ₂₉ | 1.7732 | 1.7189 | C ₆ -C ₈ -H ₉ | 120.0664 | 123.0774 | N ₁₁ -C ₂ -C ₄ -H ₅ | -179.267 | -180.001 |
| C ₁₅ -C ₁₆ | 1.3934 | 1.4041 | C ₁ -C ₁₀ -O ₁₂ | 116.6164 | 112.2723 | N ₁₁ -C ₂ -C ₄ -C ₆ | 0.7108 | -0.0018 |

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|----------------------------------|--------|--------|---|----------|----------|--|----------|----------|
| C ₁₅ -C ₂₃ | 1.3904 | 1.4043 | C ₁ -C ₁₀ -O ₁₃ | 115.8770 | 114.7467 | H ₃ -C ₂ -N ₁₁ -C ₁ | 179.989 | 180.0017 |
| C ₁₅ -O ₂₆ | 1.3362 | 1.3369 | O ₁₂ -C ₁₀ -O ₁₃ | 127.4855 | 132.981 | H ₃ -C ₂ -N ₁₁ -H ₁₄ | -3.5025 | 0.0064 |
| C ₁₆ -H ₁₇ | 0.9299 | 1.0808 | C ₁ -N ₁₁ -C ₂ | 123.0216 | 124.2722 | C ₄ -C ₂ -N ₁₁ -C ₁ | -0.0203 | 0.0009 |
| C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ | 1.3678 | 1.379 | C ₁ -N ₁₁ -H ₁₄ | 119.0020 | 109.6662 | C ₄ -C ₂ -N ₁₁ -H ₁₄ | 176.487 | 180.0056 |
| C ₁₈ -H ₁₉ | 0.9299 | 1.0788 | C ₂ -N ₁₁ -H ₁₄ | 117.8861 | 126.0616 | C ₂ -C ₄ -C ₆ -H ₇ | 179.2051 | 179.9987 |
| C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ | 1.3794 | 1.3929 | C ₁₀ -O ₁₃ -H ₂₉ | 117.8950 | 127.3267 | C ₂ -C ₄ -C ₆ -C ₈ | -0.7725 | 0.0004 |
| C ₂₀ -C ₂₁ | 1.3812 | 1.3915 | C ₁₆ -C ₁₅ -C ₂₃ | 119.2379 | 119.4638 | H ₅ -C ₄ -C ₆ -H ₇ | -0.8163 | -0.0019 |
| C ₂₀ -N ₂₅ | 1.4482 | 1.4568 | C ₁₆ -C ₁₅ -O ₂₆ | 117.5051 | 117.4851 | H ₅ -C ₄ -C ₆ -C ₈ | 179.206 | 179.9998 |
| C ₂₁ -H ₂₂ | 0.9298 | 1.0789 | C ₂₃ -C ₁₅ -O ₂₆ | 123.2501 | 123.0511 | C ₄ -C ₆ -C ₈ -C ₁ | 0.1616 | 0.0019 |
| C ₂₁ -C ₂₃ | 1.3705 | 1.3817 | C ₁₅ -C ₁₆ -H ₁₇ | 119.7136 | 118.5331 | C ₄ -C ₆ -C ₈ -H ₉ | -179.851 | -179.998 |
| C ₂₃ -H ₂₄ | 0.9295 | 1.0818 | C ₁₅ -C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ | 120.5756 | 120.4723 | H ₇ -C ₆ -C ₈ -C ₁ | -179.815 | 180.0036 |
| N ₂₅ -O ₂₇ | 1.2223 | 1.2275 | H ₁₇ -C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ | 119.7106 | 120.9946 | H ₇ -C ₆ -C ₈ -H ₉ | 0.1707 | 0.0033 |
| N ₂₅ -O ₂₈ | 1.2250 | 1.2276 | C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ -H ₁₉ | 120.3380 | 121.3076 | C ₁ -C ₁₀ -O ₁₃ -H ₂₉ | 171.736 | 180.0116 |
| O ₂₆ -H ₂₉ | 0.8384 | 0.9881 | C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ | 119.2414 | 119.399 | O ₁₂ -C ₁₀ -O ₁₃ -H ₂₉ | -9.9948 | 0.0139 |
| | | | H ₁₉ -C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ | 120.4205 | 119.2934 | C ₁₀ -O ₁₃ -O ₂₆ -C ₁₅ | 65.2125 | 0.0093 |
| | | | C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ -C ₂₁ | 121.1985 | 120.8909 | C ₂₃ -C ₁₅ -C ₁₆ -H ₁₇ | -178.446 | -180.004 |
| | | | C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ -N ₂₅ | 119.6131 | 119.5235 | C ₂₃ -C ₁₅ -C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ | 1.6343 | -0.0049 |
| | | | C ₂₁ -C ₂₀ -N ₂₅ | 119.1859 | 119.5856 | O ₂₆ -C ₁₅ -C ₁₆ -H ₁₇ | 2.4709 | -0.003 |
| | | | C ₂₀ -C ₂₁ -H ₂₂ | 120.2803 | 119.2221 | O ₂₆ -C ₁₅ -C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ | -177.448 | 179.9961 |
| | | | C ₂₀ -C ₂₁ -C ₂₃ | 119.4079 | 119.8506 | C ₁₆ -C ₁₅ -C ₂₃ -C ₂₁ | -2.1391 | 0.0038 |
| | | | H ₂₂ -C ₂₁ -C ₂₃ | 120.3117 | 120.9273 | C ₁₆ -C ₁₅ -C ₂₃ -H ₂₄ | 177.878 | 179.9999 |
| | | | C ₁₅ -C ₂₃ -C ₂₁ | 120.3083 | 119.9235 | O ₂₆ -C ₁₅ -C ₂₃ -C ₂₁ | 176.888 | -179.997 |
| | | | C ₁₅ -C ₂₃ -H ₂₄ | 119.8527 | 119.7967 | O ₂₆ -C ₁₅ -C ₂₃ -H ₂₄ | -3.0941 | -0.0011 |
| | | | C ₂₁ -C ₂₃ -H ₂₄ | 119.8389 | 120.2798 | C ₁₆ -C ₁₅ -O ₂₆ -H ₂₉ | 172.6174 | 179.9557 |
| | | | C ₂₀ -N ₂₅ -O ₂₇ | 118.1174 | 118.1174 | C ₂₃ -C ₁₅ -O ₂₆ -H ₂₉ | -6.4256 | -0.0432 |
| | | | C ₂₀ -N ₂₅ -O ₂₈ | 118.6440 | 118.1429 | C ₁₅ -C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ -H ₁₉ | 179.445 | -179.997 |
| | | | O ₂₇ -N ₂₅ -O ₂₈ | 122.8478 | 123.7397 | C ₁₅ -C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ | -0.5329 | 0.0021 |
| | | | C ₁₅ -O ₂₆ - H ₂₉ | 109.4443 | 112.909 | H ₁₇ -C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ -H ₁₉ | -0.4743 | 0.0018 |
| | | | | | | H ₁₇ -C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ | 179.547 | -179.999 |
| | | | | | | C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ -C ₂₁ | -0.0857 | 0.0017 |
| | | | | | | C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ -N ₂₅ | 179.3357 | 180.0013 |
| | | | | | | H ₁₉ -C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ -C ₂₁ | 179.936 | 180.0011 |
| | | | | | | H ₁₉ -C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ -N ₂₅ | -0.6424 | 0.0007 |
| | | | | | | C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ -C ₂₁ -H ₂₂ | 179.590 | -180 |
| | | | | | | C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ -C ₂₁ -C ₂₃ | -0.4180 | -0.0028 |
| | | | | | | N ₂₅ -C ₂₀ -C ₂₁ -H ₂₂ | 0.1665 | 0.001 |
| | | | | | | N ₂₅ -C ₂₀ -C ₂₁ -C ₂₃ | -179.841 | 179.9977 |
| | | | | | | C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ -N ₂₅ -O ₂₇ | -1.3651 | 0.0238 |
| | | | | | | C ₁₈ -C ₂₀ -N ₂₅ -O ₂₈ | 178.095 | -179.975 |

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| | | | | | | C ₂₁ -C ₂₀ -N ₂₅ -O ₂₇ | 178.068 | -179.977 |
| | | | | | | C ₂₁ -C ₂₀ -N ₂₅ -O ₂₈ | -2.4711 | 0.0248 |
| | | | | | | C ₂₀ -C ₂₁ -C ₂₃ -C ₁₅ | 1.5379 | -0.0001 |
| | | | | | | C ₂₀ -C ₂₁ -C ₂₃ -H ₂₄ | -178.479 | -179.996 |
| | | | | | | H ₂₂ -C ₂₁ -C ₂₃ -C ₁₅ | -178.470 | -180.003 |
| | | | | | | H ₂₂ -C ₂₁ -C ₂₃ -H ₂₄ | 1.5117 | 0.0005 |

Table.S2. The comparison of bond lengths, bond angles, dihedral angle for P2C4N by the single crystal XRD and DFT method

| Donor(j) | Acceptor | | E ⁽²⁾ (kcal/mol) | E(j)-E(j) | F(i,j) |
|--|---|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| σ (C ₁ - C ₈) | σ^* (C ₁ - C ₁₀) | 1.96906 | 0.96 | 1.09 | 0.03 |
| σ (C ₁ - C ₈) | σ^* (C ₁ - N ₁₁) | | 0.79 | 1.2 | 0.028 |
| σ (C ₁ - C ₈) | σ^* (C ₆ - H ₇) | | 2.7 | 1.14 | 0.05 |
| σ (C ₁ - C ₈) | σ^* (C ₆ - C ₈) | | 1.59 | 1.26 | 0.04 |
| σ (C ₁ - C ₈) | σ^* (C ₈ - H ₉) | | 0.88 | 1.16 | 0.029 |
| σ (C ₁ - C ₈) | σ^* (N ₁₁ - H ₁₄) | | 2.54 | 1.1 | 0.048 |
| σ (C ₁ - C ₁₀) | σ^* (C ₁ - C ₈) | | 1.18 | 1.12 | 0.033 |
| σ (C ₁ - C ₁₀) | σ^* (C ₁ - C ₁₀) | 1.96906 | 0.82 | 0.95 | 0.026 |
| σ (C ₁ - C ₁₀) | σ^* (C ₂ - N ₁₁) | | 6.39 | 1.04 | 0.073 |
| σ (C ₁ - C ₁₀) | σ^* (C ₆ - C ₈) | | 2.9 | 1.12 | 0.051 |
| σ (C ₁ - C ₁₀) | σ^* (N ₁₁ - H ₁₄) | | 0.98 | 0.96 | 0.028 |
| σ (C ₁ - N ₁₁) | σ^* (C ₁ - C ₈) | | 1.21 | 1.4 | 0.037 |
| σ (C ₁ - N ₁₁) | σ^* (C ₂ - H ₃) | | 1.71 | 1.25 | 0.041 |
| σ (C ₁ - N ₁₁) | σ^* (C ₂ - N ₁₁) | | 1.58 | 1.32 | 0.041 |
| σ (C ₁ - N ₁₁) | σ^* (C ₈ - H ₉) | | 1.68 | 1.3 | 0.042 |
| σ (C ₁ - N ₁₁) | σ^* (C ₁₀ - O ₁₃) | | 0.75 | 1.49 | 0.03 |
| σ (C ₁ - N ₁₁) | σ^* (N ₁₁ - H ₁₄) | | 0.7 | 1.24 | 0.026 |
| σ (C ₁ - N ₁₁) | π^* (C ₁ - N ₁₁) | | 0.52 | 0.33 | 0.013 |
| σ (C ₁ - N ₁₁) | π^* (C ₂ - C ₄) | | 22.94 | 0.36 | 0.083 |
| σ (C ₁ - N ₁₁) | π^* (C ₁₀ - O ₁₃) | | 5.36 | 0.42 | 0.045 |
| σ (C ₂ - H ₃) | σ^* (C ₁ - N ₁₁) | | 6.21 | 1.03 | 0.072 |
| σ (C ₂ - H ₃) | σ^* (C ₂ - C ₄) | | 0.64 | 1.08 | 0.023 |
| σ (C ₂ - H ₃) | σ^* (C ₄ - C ₆) | | 3.7 | 1.07 | 0.056 |
| σ (C ₂ - H ₃) | σ^* (N ₁₁ - H ₁₄) | | 0.51 | 0.93 | 0.02 |
| σ (C ₂ - C ₄) | σ^* (C ₂ - H ₃) | | 0.96 | 1.13 | 0.029 |
| σ (C ₂ - C ₄) | σ^* (C ₂ - N ₁₁) | | 0.87 | 1.2 | 0.029 |
| σ (C ₂ - C ₄) | σ^* (C ₄ - H ₅) | | 0.72 | 1.16 | 0.026 |
| σ (C ₂ - C ₄) | σ^* (C ₄ - C ₆) | | 1.45 | 1.25 | 0.038 |

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| σ (C2 - C4) | σ^* (C6 - H7) | | 2.43 | 1.16 | 0.048 |
| σ (C2 - C4) | σ^* (N11 - H14) | | 3.35 | 1.12 | 0.055 |
| π (C2 - C4) | π^* (C1 - N11) | | 13.45 | 0.25 | 0.054 |
| π (C2 - C4) | π^* (C2 - C4) | | 0.97 | 0.29 | 0.015 |
| σ (C2 - N11) | σ^* (C1 - C10) | | 1.6 | 1.25 | 0.041 |
| σ (C2 - N11) | σ^* (C1 - N11) | | 1.84 | 1.35 | 0.045 |
| σ (C2 - N11) | σ^* (C2 - C4) | | 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.035 |
| σ (C2 - N11) | σ^* (C4 - H5) | | 1.62 | 1.3 | 0.041 |
| σ (C2 - N11) | σ^* (N11 - H14) | | 0.57 | 1.26 | 0.024 |
| σ (C4 - H5) | σ^* (C2 - N11) | | 4.83 | 0.99 | 0.062 |
| σ (C4 - H5) | σ^* (C6 - C8) | | 4.13 | 1.07 | 0.059 |
| σ (C4 - C6) | σ^* (C2 - H3) | | 2.81 | 1.11 | 0.05 |
| σ (C4 - C6) | σ^* (C2 - C4) | | 1.45 | 1.24 | 0.038 |
| σ (C4 - C6) | σ^* (C4 - H5) | | 0.89 | 1.14 | 0.028 |
| σ (C4 - C6) | σ^* (C6 - H7) | | 0.59 | 1.14 | 0.023 |
| σ (C4 - C6) | σ^* (C6 - C8) | | 1.45 | 1.26 | 0.038 |
| σ (C4 - C6) | σ^* (C8 - H9) | | 2.65 | 1.16 | 0.05 |
| σ (C6 - H7) | σ^* (C1 - C8) | | 4.46 | 1.07 | 0.062 |
| σ (C6 - H7) | σ^* (C2 - C4) | | 4.43 | 1.05 | 0.061 |
| σ (C6 - H7) | σ^* (C4 - H5) | | 0.52 | 0.95 | 0.02 |
| σ (C6 - C8) | σ^* (C1 - C8) | | 1.56 | 1.26 | 0.04 |
| σ (C6 - C8) | σ^* (C1 - C10) | | 3.56 | 1.09 | 0.057 |
| σ (C6 - C8) | σ^* (C4 - H5) | | 2.58 | 1.14 | 0.048 |
| σ (C6 - C8) | σ^* (C4 - C6) | | 1.45 | 1.23 | 0.038 |
| σ (C6 - C8) | σ^* (C6 - H7) | | 0.69 | 1.14 | 0.025 |
| σ (C6 - C8) | σ^* (C8 - H9) | | 0.93 | 1.16 | 0.029 |
| σ (C8 - H9) | σ^* (C1 - C8) | | 0.7 | 1.05 | 0.024 |
| σ (C8 - H9) | σ^* (C1 - N11) | | 6 | 0.99 | 0.069 |
| σ (C8 - H9) | σ^* (C4 - C6) | | 4.37 | 1.03 | 0.06 |
| σ (C8 - H9) | σ^* (C6 - H7) | | 0.54 | 0.93 | 0.02 |
| σ (C10 - O12) | σ^* (C1 - C8) | | 1.68 | 1.49 | 0.045 |
| σ (C10 - O12) | σ^* (C10 - O13) | | 1.96 | 1.58 | 0.05 |
| σ (C10 - O13) | σ^* (C1 - N11) | | 1.12 | 1.43 | 0.036 |
| σ (C10 - O13) | σ^* (C10 - O12) | | 2.14 | 1.57 | 0.052 |
| σ (C10 - O13) | π^* (C1 - N11) | | 6.39 | 0.27 | 0.042 |
| σ (C10 - O13) | π^* (C10 - O13) | | 1.74 | 0.36 | 0.025 |
| σ (N11 - H14) | σ^* (C1 - C8) | | 4.92 | 1.2 | 0.069 |
| σ (N11 - H14) | σ^* (C1 - C10) | | 0.55 | 1.03 | 0.022 |
| σ N 11 - H 14 | σ^* (C1 - N11) | | 0.73 | 1.14 | 0.026 |
| σ N 11 - H 14 | σ^* (C2 - H3) | | 0.88 | 1.05 | 0.027 |
| σ N 11 - H 14 | σ^* (C2 - C4) | | 3.05 | 1.19 | 0.054 |
| n_1C_8 | π^* (C1 - N11) | | 160.26 | 0.09 | 0.126 |
| n_1C_8 | π^* (C10 - O13) | | 0.56 | 0.17 | 0.011 |
| n_1O_{12} | σ^* (C1 - C10) | | 2.79 | 1.03 | 0.049 |

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| n ₁ O 12 | σ*(C10 - O13) | | 2.67 | 1.29 | 0.053 |
| n ₁ O 12 | σ*(N11 - H14) | | 1.24 | 1.04 | 0.032 |
| LP (2) O 12 | σ*(C1 - C8) | | 0.95 | 0.74 | 0.025 |
| LP (2) O 12 | σ*(C1 - C10) | | 21.77 | 0.58 | 0.1 |
| LP (2) O 12 | σ*(C2 - N11) | | 0.8 | 0.66 | 0.021 |
| LP (2) O 12 | σ*(C10 - O13) | | 19.78 | 0.83 | 0.118 |
| LP (2) O 12 | σ*(N11 - H14) | | 6.26 | 0.58 | 0.055 |
| LP (3) O 12 | π*(C10 - O13) | | 120.36 | 0.25 | 0.154 |
| n ₁ O 13 | σ*(C1 - C10) | | 0.55 | 1.01 | 0.022 |
| n ₁ O 13 | σ*(C10 - O12) | | 6.9 | 1.26 | 0.084 |
| LP (2) O 13 | σ*(C1 - C10) | | 25.28 | 0.59 | 0.109 |
| LP (2) O 13 | σ*(C1 - N11) | | 1.14 | 0.7 | 0.026 |
| LP (2) O 13 | σ*(C10 - O12) | | 14.29 | 0.84 | 0.1 |
| π*(C1 - N11) | π*(C2 - C4) | | 69.45 | 0.03 | 0.069 |
| π*(C1 - N11) | π*(C10 - O13) | | 35.4 | 0.09 | 0.074 |
| σ(C1 - C10) | σ*(C23 - H24) | | 0.09 | 1.11 | 0.009 |
| σ(C1 - C10) | σ*(O26 - H29) | | 0.32 | 1.09 | 0.017 |
| n ₁ O 12 | σ*(C23 - H24) | | 0.35 | 1.19 | 0.018 |
| LP (2) O 12 | σ*(C23 - H24) | | 1.1 | 0.73 | 0.026 |
| n ₁ O 13 | σ*(C15 - O26) | | 0.11 | 1.12 | 0.01 |
| n ₁ O 13 | σ*(O26 - H29) | | 6.46 | 1.14 | 0.077 |
| LP (2) O 13 | σ*(C15 - O26) | | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.008 |
| LP (2) O 13 | σ*(O26 - H29) | | 15.25 | 0.73 | 0.096 |
| LP (2) O 26 | π*(C10 - O13) | | 0.05 | 0.28 | 0.004 |
| σ(C15 - C16) | σ*(C15 - C23) | | 2.14 | 1.22 | 0.046 |
| σ(C15 - C16) | σ*(C16 - H17) | | 0.68 | 1.11 | 0.025 |
| σ(C15 - C16) | σ*(C16 - C18) | | 1.9 | 1.25 | 0.044 |
| σ(C15 - C16) | σ*(C18 - H19) | | 2.71 | 1.13 | 0.049 |
| σ(C15 - C16) | σ*(C23 - H24) | | 2.4 | 1.14 | 0.047 |
| σ(C15 - C16) | σ*(O26 - H29) | | 2.29 | 1.12 | 0.045 |
| σ(C15 - C23) | σ*(C15 - C16) | | 2.32 | 1.22 | 0.048 |
| σ(C15 - C23) | σ*(C16 - H17) | | 2.29 | 1.12 | 0.045 |
| σ(C15 - C23) | σ*(C21 - H22) | | 2.66 | 1.13 | 0.049 |
| σ(C15 - C23) | σ*(C21 - C23) | | 2.03 | 1.26 | 0.045 |
| σ(C15 - C23) | σ*(C23 - H24) | | 0.81 | 1.14 | 0.027 |
| σ(C15 - O26) | σ*(C15 - C16) | | 0.6 | 1.44 | 0.026 |
| σ(C15 - O26) | σ*(C15 - C23) | | 0.78 | 1.45 | 0.03 |
| σ(C15 - O26) | σ*(C16 - C18) | | 1.57 | 1.48 | 0.043 |
| σ(C15 - O26) | σ*(C21 - C23) | | 1.31 | 1.48 | 0.039 |
| σ(C16 - H17) | σ*(C15 - C23) | | 4.3 | 1.04 | 0.06 |
| σ(C16 - H17) | σ*(C15 - O26) | | 0.75 | 0.91 | 0.023 |
| σ(C16 - H17) | σ*(C16 - C18) | | 0.63 | 1.08 | 0.023 |
| σ(C16 - H17) | σ*(C18 - C20) | | 4.5 | 1.05 | 0.061 |
| σ(C16 - C18) | σ*(C15 - C16) | | 1.46 | 1.23 | 0.038 |

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| σ (C16 - C18) | σ^* (C15 - O26) | | 3.42 | 1.11 | 0.055 |
| σ (C16 - C18) | σ^* (C16 - H17) | | 0.98 | 1.13 | 0.03 |
| σ (C16 - C18) | σ^* (C18 - H19) | | 0.92 | 1.15 | 0.029 |
| σ (C16 - C18) | σ^* (C18 - C20) | | 2.12 | 1.24 | 0.046 |
| σ (C16 - C18) | σ^* (C20 - N25) | | 4.62 | 1 | 0.062 |
| σ (C18 - H19) | σ^* (C15 - C16) | | 4.57 | 1.04 | 0.061 |
| σ (C18 - H19) | σ^* (C16 - H17) | | 0.52 | 0.94 | 0.02 |
| σ (C18 - H19) | σ^* (C16 - C18) | | 0.65 | 1.08 | 0.024 |
| σ (C18 - H19) | σ^* (C20 - C21) | | 4.96 | 1.05 | 0.065 |
| σ (C18 - H19) | σ^* (C20 - N25) | | 0.66 | 0.81 | 0.021 |
| σ (C18 - C20) | σ^* (C16 - H17) | | 2.84 | 1.13 | 0.051 |
| σ (C18 - C20) | σ^* (C16 - C18) | | 1.83 | 1.27 | 0.043 |
| σ (C18 - C20) | σ^* (C18 - H19) | | 0.9 | 1.14 | 0.029 |
| σ (C18 - C20) | σ^* (C20 - C21) | | 3.7 | 1.24 | 0.06 |
| σ (C18 - C20) | σ^* (C21 - H22) | | 2.33 | 1.14 | 0.046 |
| σ (C18 - C20) | σ^* (N25 - O28) | | 2.46 | 1.13 | 0.047 |
| σ (C20 - C21) | σ^* (C18 - H19) | | 2.35 | 1.14 | 0.046 |
| σ (C20 - C21) | σ^* (C18 - C20) | | 3.68 | 1.24 | 0.06 |
| σ (C20 - C21) | σ^* (C21 - H22) | | 0.89 | 1.14 | 0.028 |
| σ (C20 - C21) | σ^* (C21 - C23) | | 1.78 | 1.27 | 0.043 |
| σ (C20 - C21) | σ^* (C23 - H24) | | 2.68 | 1.15 | 0.05 |
| σ (C20 - C21) | σ^* (N25 - O27) | | 2.44 | 1.13 | 0.047 |
| σ (C20 - N25) | σ^* (C16 - C18) | | 1.73 | 1.35 | 0.043 |
| σ (C20 - N25) | σ^* (C18 - C20) | | 0.61 | 1.33 | 0.025 |
| σ (C20 - N25) | σ^* (C20 - C21) | | 0.63 | 1.33 | 0.026 |
| σ (C20 - N25) | σ^* (C21 - C23) | | 1.76 | 1.35 | 0.044 |
| σ (C21 - H22) | σ^* (C15 - C23) | | 4.65 | 1.04 | 0.062 |
| σ (C21 - H22) | σ^* (C18 - C20) | | 5.02 | 1.05 | 0.065 |
| σ (C21 - H22) | σ^* (C20 - N25) | | 0.68 | 0.81 | 0.021 |
| σ (C21 - H22) | σ^* (C21 - C23) | | 0.64 | 1.08 | 0.024 |
| σ (C21 - H22) | σ^* (C23 - H24) | | 0.53 | 0.96 | 0.02 |
| σ (C21 - C23) | σ^* (C15 - C23) | | 1.55 | 1.23 | 0.039 |
| σ (C21 - C23) | σ^* (C15 - O26) | | 4.18 | 1.1 | 0.061 |
| σ (C21 - C23) | σ^* (C20 - C21) | | 2.13 | 1.24 | 0.046 |
| σ (C21 - C23) | σ^* (C20 - N25) | | 4.63 | 1 | 0.062 |
| σ (C21 - C23) | σ^* (C21 - H22) | | 0.9 | 1.14 | 0.029 |
| σ (C21 - C23) | σ^* (C23 - H24) | | 1.08 | 1.15 | 0.032 |
| σ (C23 - H24) | σ^* (C15 - C16) | | 4.17 | 1.03 | 0.059 |
| σ (C23 - H24) | σ^* (C15 - O26) | | 0.63 | 0.91 | 0.021 |
| σ (C23 - H24) | σ^* (C20 - C21) | | 4.3 | 1.05 | 0.06 |
| σ (C23 - H24) | σ^* (C21 - H22) | | 0.51 | 0.95 | 0.02 |
| σ (C23 - H24) | σ^* (C21 - C23) | | 0.78 | 1.07 | 0.026 |
| σ (N25 - O27) | σ^* (C20 - C21) | | 1.14 | 1.6 | 0.038 |
| σ (N25 - O27) | σ^* (C20 - N25) | | 0.56 | 1.35 | 0.025 |

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| σ (N25 - O27) | π^* (N25 - O27) | | 7.82 | 0.32 | 0.054 |
| σ (N25 - O28) | σ^* (C18 - C20) | | 1.13 | 1.59 | 0.038 |
| σ (N25 - O28) | σ^* (C20 - N25) | | 0.56 | 1.35 | 0.025 |
| σ (O26 - H29) | σ^* (C15 - C16) | | 5.33 | 1.26 | 0.073 |
| n_1 C 20 | π^* (C16 - C18) | | 64.74 | 0.16 | 0.108 |
| n_1 C 20 | π^* (C21 - C23) | | 65.27 | 0.16 | 0.108 |
| n_1 C 20 | π^* (N25 - O27) | | 757.14 | 0.01 | 0.09 |
| n_1 O 26 | σ^* (C15 - C16) | | 0.63 | 1.08 | 0.023 |
| n_1 O 26 | σ^* (C15 - C23) | | 8.85 | 1.09 | 0.088 |
| n_1 O 27 | σ^* (C20 - N 25) | | 4.77 | 1.07 | 0.065 |
| n_1 O 27 | σ^* (N 25 - O28) | | 2.68 | 1.21 | 0.051 |
| LP (2) O 27 | σ^* (C16 - C18) | | 0.67 | 0.84 | 0.022 |
| LP (2) O 27 | σ^* (C20 - C21) | | 0.82 | 0.81 | 0.024 |
| LP (2) O 27 | σ^* (C20 - N25) | | 14.22 | 0.57 | 0.08 |
| LP (2) O 27 | σ^* (N25 - O28) | | 19.33 | 0.7 | 0.105 |
| n_1 O 28 | σ^* (C20 - N25) | | 4.77 | 1.07 | 0.065 |
| n_1 O 28 | σ^* (25 - O27) | | 2.68 | 1.21 | 0.051 |
| LP (2) O 28 | σ^* (C18 - C20) | | 0.82 | 0.81 | 0.024 |
| LP (2) O 28 | σ^* (C20 - N25) | | 14.23 | 0.57 | 0.081 |
| LP (2) O 28 | σ^* (C21 - C23) | | 0.67 | 0.84 | 0.022 |
| LP (2) O 28 | σ^* (N25 - O27) | | 19.32 | 0.7 | 0.105 |
| LP (3) O 28 | π^* (N25 - O27) | | 159.61 | 0.14 | 0.139 |

Table.S3. Second-order perturbation theory analysis of Fock matrix in NBO basis

| RCP | Name | Atom count | ρ | $\nabla^2\rho$ |
|-----|------|------------|----------|----------------|
| 1 | RCP1 | 6 | 0.026021 | 0.167904 |
| 2 | RCP2 | 5 | 0.029197 | 0.176551 |
| 3 | RCP3 | 8 | 0.004723 | 0.017498 |
| 4 | RCP4 | 6 | 0.024176 | 0.148334 |

Table.S4. Characteristics of the ring CPs of P2C4N

| BCP | Name | Atoms | ρ | $\nabla^2\rho$ | Ellipticity | K |
|-----|-------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | BCP1 | C ₁₀ - O ₁₂ | 0.395982 | -0.59981 | 0.110473 | 0.673827 |
| 2 | BCP2 | C ₁ - N ₁₁ | 0.333354 | -0.76741 | 0.049919 | 0.509987 |
| 3 | BCP3 | C ₂ - C ₄ | 0.333136 | -1.13811 | 0.220928 | 0.399496 |
| 4 | BCP4 | C ₂ - N ₁₁ | 0.332658 | -0.79888 | 0.129743 | 0.50324 |
| 5 | BCP5 | C ₂ - H ₃ | 0.301899 | -1.24958 | 0.023183 | 0.346448 |
| 6 | BCP6 | C ₄ - C ₆ | 0.320136 | -1.05694 | 0.162463 | 0.365986 |
| 7 | BCP7 | C ₄ - H ₅ | 0.297706 | -1.2081 | 0.01348 | 0.340255 |
| 8 | BCP8 | C ₁₀ - O ₁₃ | 0.398189 | -0.5929 | 0.122627 | 0.681409 |
| 9 | BCP9 | C ₁ - C ₈ | 0.330857 | -1.12936 | 0.168437 | 0.391851 |
| 10 | BCP10 | C ₁ - C ₁₀ | 0.245602 | -0.61602 | 0.101877 | 0.212643 |
| 11 | BCP11 | C ₆ - H ₇ | 0.298513 | -1.21813 | 0.002764 | 0.340604 |
| 12 | BCP12 | C ₆ - C ₈ | 0.325906 | -1.09151 | 0.171019 | 0.379915 |
| 13 | BCP13 | C ₈ - H ₉ | 0.299457 | -1.22968 | 0.01171 | 0.342127 |
| 14 | BCP14 | N ₁₁ - H ₁₄ | 0.326188 | -1.94922 | 0.019127 | 0.53139 |
| 15 | BCP15 | O ₁₂ - H ₂₄ | 0.0101 | 0.035156 | 0.003142 | -0.00163 |
| 16 | BCP16 | O ₁₂ - H ₁₄ | 0.033106 | 0.124351 | 0.365731 | -0.00201 |
| 17 | BCP17 | O ₁₃ - H ₂₉ | 0.043442 | 0.098612 | 0.007538 | 0.008438 |
| 18 | BCP18 | O ₂₆ - H ₂₉ | 0.338109 | -2.50664 | 0.013705 | 0.694787 |
| 19 | BCP19 | C ₁₅ - C ₁₆ | 0.320025 | -1.0571 | 0.207141 | 0.364347 |
| 20 | BCP20 | C ₁₆ - H ₁₇ | 0.29373 | -1.17047 | 0.023069 | 0.33437 |
| 21 | BCP21 | C ₁₆ - C ₁₈ | 0.3284 | -1.09963 | 0.218135 | 0.387859 |
| 22 | BCP22 | C ₁₅ - C ₂₃ | 0.317952 | -1.03782 | 0.20131 | 0.361363 |
| 23 | BCP23 | C ₁₈ - H ₁₉ | 0.298217 | -1.21177 | 0.011131 | 0.34122 |
| 24 | BCP24 | C ₁₈ - C ₂₀ | 0.3221 | -1.062 | 0.202924 | 0.37104 |
| 25 | BCP25 | C ₂₃ - H ₂₄ | 0.295329 | -1.18289 | 0.019802 | 0.335044 |

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| 26 | BCP26 | C ₂₁ - C ₂₃ | 0.326524 | -1.08666 | 0.210652 | 0.383588 |
| 27 | BCP27 | C ₂₀ - N ₂₅ | 0.269117 | -0.73517 | 0.193812 | 0.327013 |
| 28 | BCP28 | N ₂₅ - O ₂₇ | 0.503162 | -1.11301 | 0.112268 | 0.658052 |
| 29 | BCP29 | C ₂₀ - C ₂₁ | 0.323036 | -1.06789 | 0.204425 | 0.373344 |
| 30 | BCP30 | N ₂₅ - O ₂₈ | 0.503045 | -1.11222 | 0.112189 | 0.657719 |
| 31 | BCP31 | C ₂₁ - H ₂₂ | 0.298263 | -1.21199 | 0.011194 | 0.341215 |
| 32 | BCP32 | C ₁₅ - O ₂₆ | 0.313884 | -0.59365 | 0.019113 | 0.48432 |

Table.S5. Characteristics of the bond CPs of P2C4N