

## Supplementary information

### **Molecular architecture using novel types of non-covalent $\pi$ -interactions involving aromatic neutrals, aromatic cations and $\pi$ -anions**

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**Table S1** Hydrogen bond parameters of the title complex (Å, °).

D-H...A	D-H	H...A	D...A	D-H...A	Symmetry
N1-H1...O3	0.86	1.97	2.740(2)	149	---
N3-H3...O7	0.86	2.58	3.085(2)	118	---
N3-H3...O9	0.86	2.19	2.989(2)	155	---
N4-H4...O7	0.86	1.84	2.694(2)	171	1+x, 1+y, z
O1W-H1W1...O6	0.86	2.04	2.871(2)	163	-1+x, y, z
O1W-H2W1...O4	0.86	2.19	3.013(2)	160	1-x, 1-y, -z
C1-H1A...O2	0.93	2.58	3.262(2)	131	---
C1-H1A...O2	0.93	2.42	3.222(2)	145	1-x, -y, 1-z
C2-H2...O1	0.93	2.49	3.268(2)	142	1-x, -y, 1-z
C3-H3A...O5	0.93	2.53	3.344(2)	146	2-x, 1-y, 1-z
C3-H3A...O6	0.93	2.47	3.366(2)	162	2-x, 1-y, 1-z
C4-H4A...O9	0.93	2.31	3.171(2)	154	1-x, 1-y, 1-z
C13-H13...O3	0.93	2.38	3.211(2)	149	1-x, -y, -z
C15-H15...O7	0.93	2.43	3.016(2)	121	---
C15-H15...O4	0.93	2.40	3.094(2)	131	1-x, -y, -z
C19-H19...O4	0.93	2.32	3.234(2)	168	2-x, 1-y, -z

**Table S2** Geometrical parameters (distance in Å) for the  $\pi$ -stacking moieties involved in the  $\pi^+$ - $\pi$  and  $\pi^+-\pi^+$  interactions for the title complex.

rings <i>I</i> - <i>J</i>	Rc <sup>a</sup>	R1v <sup>b</sup>	R2v <sup>c</sup>	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	symmetry
rings 1A...2	3.6915(9)	3.4930(5)	3.3956(5)	4.27(6)	23.10	18.87	1-x, 1-y, 1-z
rings 1B...1B	3.5279(9)	3.2934(6)	3.2934(6)	0.00	21.01	21.01	1-x, -y, -z
Rings 3...1A	4.3164(9)	2.9971(6)	4.1279(5)	32.92(7)	16.99	46.02	2-x, 1-y, 1-z

<sup>a</sup> Centroid distance between rings *I* and *J*; <sup>b</sup> Vertical distance from ring centroid *I* to ring *J*; <sup>c</sup> Vertical distance from ring centroid *J* to ring *I*;  $\alpha$  is the dihedral angle between planes *I* and *J*;  $\beta$  is the angle between Cg(*I*)→Cg(*J*) vector and normal to plane *I*;  $\gamma$  is the angle between Cg(*I*)→Cg(*J*) vector and normal to plane *J*. Ring (1A): N1/C1–C5; Ring (2): N2/C6–C10 ;Ring (1B): N3/C11–C15 and Ring (3): N4/C16–C20.

**Table S3** Geometrical parameters (Å, °) for the  $\pi$ -anion and  $\pi^+$ -anion interactions for the title complex.

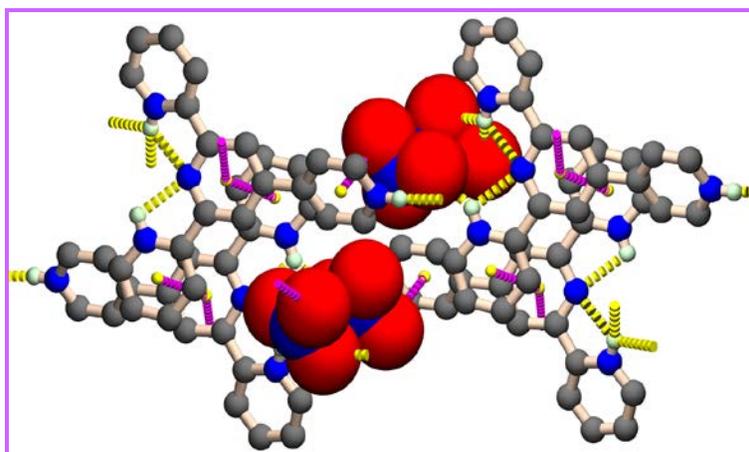
Y–X...Cg	X...Cg	Y...Cg	Y–X...Cg	Symmetry
N5–O1...Cg(3)	3.5994(16)	3.8503(15)	92.17(9)	x, -1+y, z
N6–O4...Cg(1B)	3.6968(16)	3.4254(15)	67.78(8)	1+x, y, z
N6–O5...Cg(2)	3.3177(15)	3.9041(14)	109.38(10)	x, y, z
N6–O5...Cg(1B)	3.4876(15)	3.4254(15)	76.90(9)	1+x, y, z
N6–O6...Cg(1B)	3.7558(17)	3.4254(15)	65.20(9)	1+x, y, z
N7–O8...Cg(1A)	3.1537(13)	4.1954(13)	141.95(11)	-1+x, y, z

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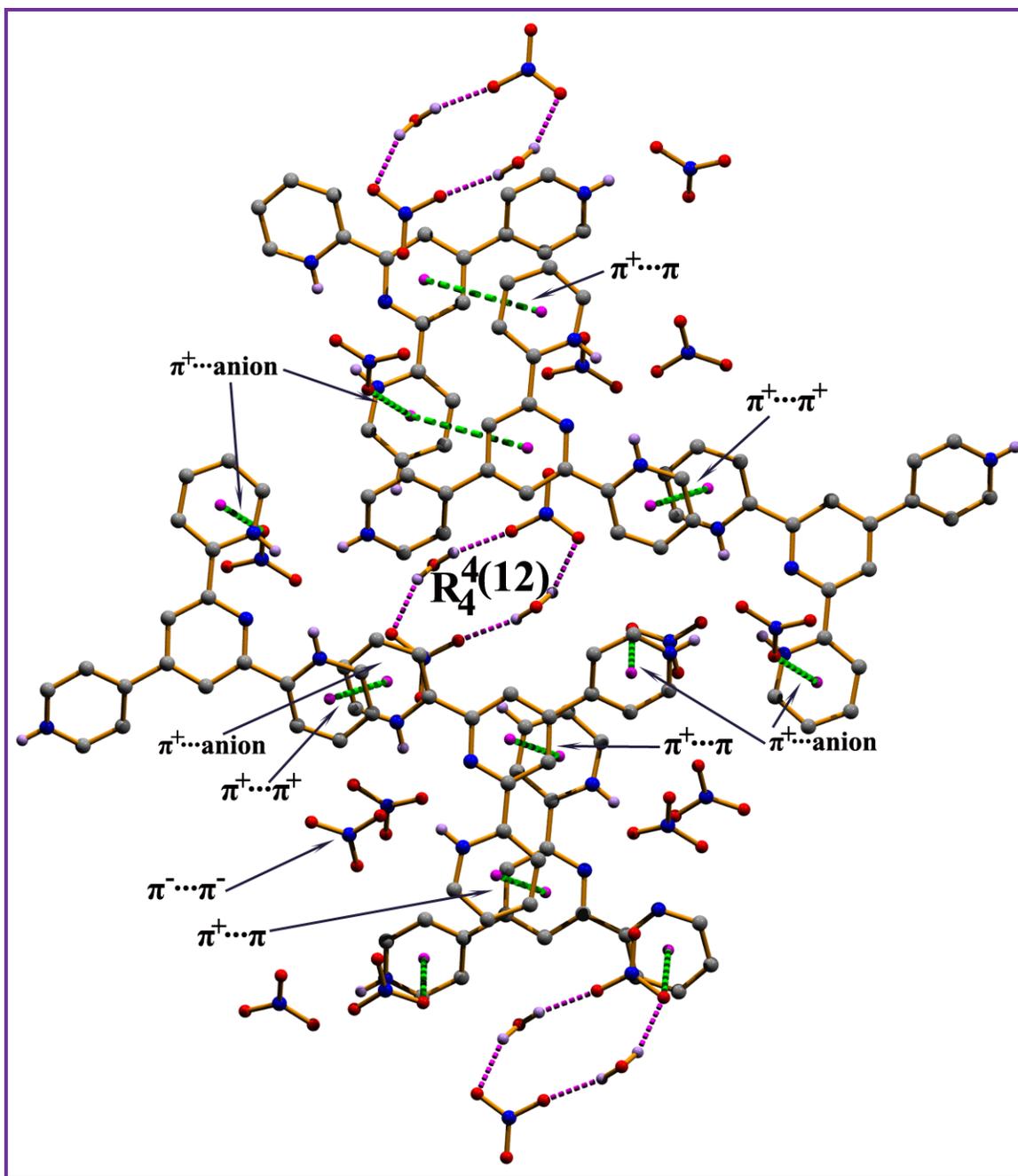
**Table S4** Crystal data and structure refinement parameters.

Structure	(1)
Empirical formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>7</sub> O <sub>10</sub>
Formula Weight	517.42
Temperature (K)	150(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic
space group	P-1
a, b, c (Å)	7.1843(7), 11.8503(12), 13.9092(14)
α, β, γ (°)	114.553(3), 95.7160(10), 91.176(2)
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1069.23(18)
Z / Density (calc.) (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 / 1.607
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.132
F(000)	536
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.35 × 0.31 × 0.28
θ range for data collection (°)	3.82 to 25.00
Limiting indices	-8 ≤ h ≤ 8, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -16 ≤ l ≤ 16
Reflections collected / unique	10035/3757[R(int)=0.0202]
Completeness to θ (%)	99.5
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data/restraints/parameters	3757 / 0 / 337
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.035
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1=0.0330, wR2=0.0894
R indices (all data)	R1=0.0354, wR2=0.0917
Extinction Coefficient	0.052(3)
Largest diff. peak and hole (e.Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.361 and -0.290

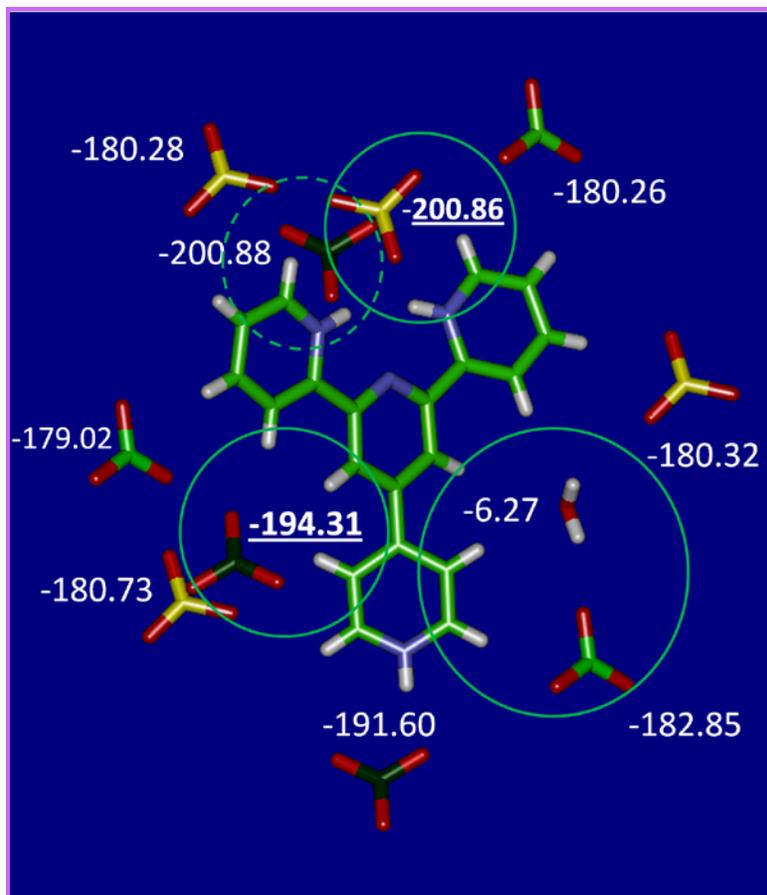
$R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}$ ,  $wR_2 = \frac{[\sum \{(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2\} / \sum \{w(F_o^2)^2\}]^{1/2}}$ ,  $w = 1 / \{\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP\}$ , where a = 0.0487 and b = 0.4662 for (1). P = (F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> + 2F<sub>c</sub><sup>2</sup>)/3 for the title structure.



**Fig. S1**  $\text{NO}_3 \cdots \text{NO}_3$  interactions along with hydrogen bonding leads to positioning of nitrate ions in between successive PTPH<sub>3</sub> molecules.



**Fig. S2** Stacking arrangement of PTPH<sub>3</sub> molecules through  $\pi^+ - \pi^+$ ,  $\pi^+ - \pi$ ,  $\pi^+ - \text{anion}$ ,  $\pi - \text{anion}$  and  $\pi^- - \pi^-$  interactions. The dimeric ring motif  $R_4^4(12)$  has been generated through O-H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bonding in between water molecules and nitrate anions.



**Fig. S3** Ten different non- $\pi$  interactions around PTPH<sub>3</sub> in the crystal. Interactions with lowest interaction energies are circled.