

**Table S1:** Coefficients of the one-dimensional Fourier expansion for the potential energy curves calculated using different methods in combination with the basis set 6-311++G(d,p) given in Figure 2. The potential is expanded as  $V(\varphi) = \sum_{i=0}^6 a_i f_i$ .

<i>i</i>	<i>f<sub>i</sub></i>	MP2		B3LYP-D3BJ		M06-2X	
		<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> / Hartree	<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> / cm <sup>-1</sup>	<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> / Hartree	<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> / cm <sup>-1</sup>	<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> / Hartree	<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> / cm <sup>-1</sup>
0	1	-743.5311916		-745.1229207		-744.9051433	
1	cos α	0.0028798	632.1	0.0029098	638.6	0.0031160	683.9
2	cos 2α	0.0019198	421.3	0.0014663	321.8	0.0013606	298.6
3	cos 3α	0.0013365	293.3	0.0009516	208.8	0.0012842	281.9
4	cos 4α	-0.0000195	-4.3	-0.0002997	-65.8	-0.0003624	-79.5
5	cos 5α	-0.0001154	-25.3	-0.0002322	-51.0	-0.0002568	-56.4
6	cos 6α	-0.0000843	-18.5	-0.0001263	-27.7	-0.0001612	-35.4

**Table S2a:** Nuclear coordinates in the principal axis system of *syn*-2PT and *syn*-C<sub>1</sub>-2PT calculated at the MP2/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory (for atom numbering see Figure 1).

	<i>syn</i>			<i>syn</i> -C <sub>1</sub>		
	<i>a</i> / Å	<i>b</i> / Å	<i>c</i> / Å	<i>a</i> / Å	<i>b</i> / Å	<i>c</i> / Å
<b>S1</b>	1.456117	-1.068910	-0.001120	-1.425833	-0.996238	0.254844
<b>C2</b>	0.238294	0.148986	-0.026017	-0.117773	0.040897	-0.169793
<b>C3</b>	0.799023	1.424550	-0.018429	-0.558553	1.346264	-0.383623
<b>C4</b>	2.212207	1.395798	-0.001248	-1.949355	1.490184	-0.179608
<b>C5</b>	2.702798	0.099129	0.010986	-2.547706	0.289409	0.170759
<b>C6</b>	-1.185448	-0.244282	0.007579	1.240941	-0.522254	-0.308733
<b>O7</b>	-1.511642	-1.426265	0.005583	1.433700	-1.731191	-0.218555
<b>C8</b>	-2.210229	0.878001	0.051818	2.385416	0.456373	-0.480162
<b>C9</b>	-3.643985	0.365936	-0.032649	2.767487	1.065373	0.878463
<b>H10</b>	3.738959	-0.215527	0.018085	-3.592871	0.111123	0.391075
<b>H11</b>	2.847947	2.274112	0.001793	-2.496545	2.419991	-0.287911
<b>H12</b>	0.207180	2.333266	-0.025575	0.102771	2.158244	-0.665391
<b>H13</b>	-2.046611	1.439292	0.980700	3.226298	-0.105303	-0.895256
<b>H14</b>	-1.990902	1.571496	-0.768932	2.110935	1.245735	-1.187078
<b>H15</b>	-3.859336	-0.318246	0.790567	3.040577	0.273916	1.582180
<b>H16</b>	-4.347855	1.201449	0.010884	3.622152	1.738740	0.770310
<b>H17</b>	-3.805358	-0.178476	-0.965846	1.933921	1.630514	1.304393

**Table S2b:** Nuclear coordinates in the principal axis system of *anti*-2PT and *anti*-C<sub>1</sub>-2PT calculated at the MP2/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory (for atom numbering see Figure 1).

	<i>anti</i>			<i>anti</i> -C <sub>1</sub>		
	<i>a</i> / Å	<i>b</i> / Å	<i>c</i> / Å	<i>a</i> / Å	<i>b</i> / Å	<i>c</i> / Å
<b>S1</b>	1.099446	-1.204830	0.078603	0.950111	-1.140002	-0.345710
<b>C2</b>	0.288352	0.316970	0.037589	0.184278	0.387191	-0.108543
<b>C3</b>	1.199980	1.363632	-0.062459	1.103078	1.343126	0.314990
<b>C4</b>	2.539798	0.918524	-0.087529	2.411701	0.826757	0.431822
<b>C5</b>	2.636546	-0.463186	-0.020129	2.477640	-0.519817	0.105100
<b>C6</b>	-1.188412	0.459930	0.014194	-1.269272	0.614848	-0.297548
<b>O7</b>	-1.701405	1.566525	0.118265	-1.722777	1.753125	-0.277448
<b>C8</b>	-2.014906	-0.800719	-0.177295	-2.170530	-0.597062	-0.419678
<b>C9</b>	-3.510253	-0.560055	-0.003688	-2.534641	-1.118626	0.979733
<b>H10</b>	3.532510	-1.070837	-0.007143	3.348220	-1.163379	0.095270
<b>H11</b>	3.405298	1.568197	-0.155130	3.276633	1.400721	0.745249
<b>H12</b>	0.875141	2.396935	-0.112830	0.804975	2.365382	0.519900
<b>H13</b>	-1.793798	-1.186669	-1.181312	-3.071398	-0.281771	-0.952686
<b>H14</b>	-1.654866	-1.562684	0.525883	-1.681298	-1.386698	-1.000875
<b>H15</b>	-3.863945	0.191879	-0.711809	-3.035041	-0.334200	1.554160
<b>H16</b>	-4.065697	-1.487335	-0.167249	-3.208707	-1.976139	0.905548
<b>H17</b>	-3.728552	-0.195626	1.002962	-1.641039	-1.431822	1.527205

**Table S3a:** Rotational constants and dihedral angles of *syn*-2PT calculated at various levels of theory. The deviations between the calculated and the experimental values are given as  $\Delta A$ ,  $\Delta B$  and  $\Delta C$ .

Method/Basis Set	<i>A</i> /	$\Delta A$ /	<i>B</i> /	$\Delta B$ /	<i>C</i> /	$\Delta C$ /	$\alpha$ /	$\beta$ /
	MHz	MHz	MHz	MHz	MHz	MHz	°	°
MP2/6-31G(d,p)	3410.4	-17.0	879.3	2.1	705.1	0.2	0.0	180.0
MP2/6-31+G(d,p)	3393.4	-34.0	877.5	0.3	703.6	-1.3	-3.2	174.2
MP2/6-31++G(d,p)	3391.1	-36.3	877.8	0.6	703.8	-1.1	-3.7	172.5
MP2/6-311G(d,p)	3404.6	-22.8	877.6	0.4	703.8	-1.1	0.0	180.0
MP2/6-311+G(d,p)	3396.0	-31.4	876.8	-0.4	703.1	-1.8	-2.4	175.9
MP2/6-311++G(d,p)	3394.9	-32.5	877.0	-0.2	703.1	-1.8	-2.6	175.2
MP2/6-311G(df,pd)	3429.5	2.1	883.0	5.8	708.3	3.4	0.0	180.0
MP2/6-311+G(df,pd)	3418.4	-9.0	882.1	4.9	707.5	2.6	-3.5	174.5
MP2/6-311++G(df,pd)	3418.3	-9.1	882.2	5.0	707.6	2.7	-3.5	174.1
MP2/6-311G(3df,3pd)	3442.3	14.9	885.9	8.7	710.7	5.8	0.0	180.0
MP2/6-311+G(3df,3pd)	3432.6	5.2	885.4	8.2	709.9	5.0	0.0	180.0
MP2/6-311++G(3df,3pd)	3432.7	5.3	885.4	8.2	709.9	5.0	0.0	-180.0
MP2/cc-pVDZ	3370.3	-57.1	870.7	-6.5	698.0	-6.9	0.0	180.0
MP2/cc-pVTZ	3423.4	-4.0	883.9	6.7	708.6	3.7	0.0	180.0
MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ	3351.6	-75.8	869.8	-7.4	696.6	-8.3	0.0	180.0
MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ	3419.5	-7.9	883.9	6.7	708.4	3.5	0.0	180.0

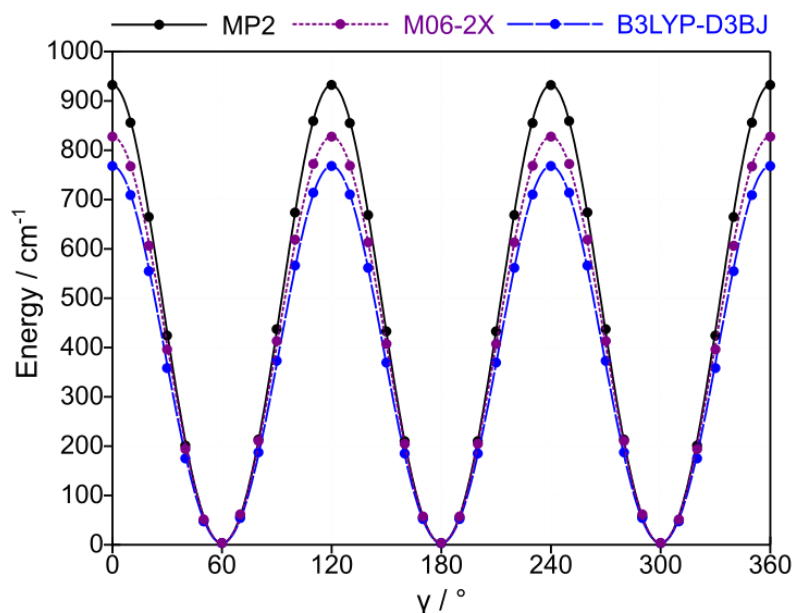
B3LYP-D3/6-31G(d,p)	3395.6	-31.8	870.4	-6.8	698.7	-6.2	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-31+G(d,p)	3385.0	-42.4	868.2	-9.0	696.9	-8.0	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-31++G(d,p)	3385.0	-42.4	868.2	-9.0	696.9	-8.0	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d,p)	3406.5	-20.9	871.5	-5.7	699.9	-5.0	0.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p)	3400.3	-27.1	870.5	-6.7	699.0	-5.9	0.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311++G(d,p)	3400.1	-27.3	870.5	-6.7	699.0	-5.9	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311G(df,pd)	3416.5	-10.9	873.8	-3.4	701.8	-3.1	0.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(df,pd)	3410.6	-16.8	872.8	-4.4	700.9	-4.0	0.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311++G(df,pd)	3410.6	-16.8	872.8	-4.4	700.9	-4.0	0.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311G(3df,3pd)	3437.9	10.5	876.3	-0.9	704.3	-0.6	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(3df,3pd)	3429.9	2.5	875.8	-1.4	703.6	-1.3	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311++G(3df,3pd)	3429.7	2.3	875.8	-1.4	703.6	-1.3	0.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/cc-pVDZ	3385.4	-42.0	868.5	-8.7	697.2	-7.7	0.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/cc-pVTZ	3423.8	-3.6	874.6	-2.6	702.6	-2.3	0.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/aug-cc-pVDZ	3377.9	-49.5	867.3	-9.9	696.0	-8.9	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3/aug-cc-pVTZ	3421.1	-6.3	874.5	-2.7	702.4	-2.5	0.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-31G(d,p)	3400.4	-27.0	872.9	-4.3	700.6	-4.3	0.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-31+G(d,p)	3389.2	-38.2	870.7	-6.5	698.7	-6.2	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-31++G(d,p)	3389.2	-38.2	870.7	-6.5	698.7	-6.2	0.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311G(d,p)	3410.7	-16.7	874.0	-3.2	701.7	-3.2	0.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311+G(d,p)	3404.1	-23.3	873.1	-4.1	700.8	-4.1	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311++G(d,p)	3404.0	-23.4	873.1	-4.1	700.8	-4.1	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311G(df,pd)	3420.5	-6.9	876.3	-0.9	703.6	-1.3	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311+G(df,pd)	3414.1	-13.3	875.4	-1.8	702.7	-2.2	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311++G(df,pd)	3414.0	-13.4	875.4	-1.8	702.7	-2.2	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311G(3df,3pd)	3441.7	14.3	878.8	1.6	706.0	1.1	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311+G(3df,3pd)	3433.2	5.8	878.3	1.1	705.4	0.5	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311++G(3df,3pd)	3433.1	5.7	878.4	1.2	705.4	0.5	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/cc-pVDZ	3390.4	-37.0	871.0	-6.2	699.0	-5.9	0.0	180.0
<b>B3LYP-D3BJ/cc-pVTZ</b>	<b>3427.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>877.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>704.4</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-180.0</b>
B3LYP-D3BJ/aug-cc-pVDZ	3382.3	-45.1	869.8	-7.4	697.9	-7.0	0.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/aug-cc-pVTZ	3424.7	-2.7	877.1	-0.1	704.2	-0.7	0.0	-180.0
M06-2X/6-31G(d,p)	3436.0	8.6	878.6	1.4	705.7	0.8	0.0	-180.0
M06-2X/6-31+G(d,p)	3427.5	0.1	876.7	-0.5	704.2	-0.7	0.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-31++G(d,p)	3427.5	0.1	876.7	-0.5	704.2	-0.7	0.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311G(d,p)	3441.7	14.3	879.5	2.3	706.5	1.6	0.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p)	3437.2	9.8	878.6	1.4	705.8	0.9	0.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311++G(d,p)	3437.1	9.7	878.6	1.4	705.8	0.9	0.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311G(df,pd)	3449.4	22.0	881.2	4.0	708.0	3.1	0.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311+G(df,pd)	3445.3	17.9	880.3	3.1	707.2	2.3	0.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311++G(df,pd)	3445.2	17.8	880.3	3.1	707.2	2.3	0.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311G(3df,3pd)	3469.5	42.1	883.3	6.1	710.1	5.2	0.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311+G(3df,3pd)	3463.1	35.7	882.9	5.7	709.7	4.8	0.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd)	3463.0	35.6	882.9	5.7	709.6	4.7	0.0	180.0
<b>M06-2X/cc-pVDZ</b>	<b>3427.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>877.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>704.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>180.0</b>
M06-2X/cc-pVTZ	3456.1	28.7	882.6	5.4	709.1	4.2	0.0	180.0
M06-2X/aug-cc-pVDZ	3420.5	-6.9	876.1	-1.1	703.6	-1.3	0.0	-180.0

M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ	3454.9	27.5	882.5	5.3	709.0	4.1	0.0	180.0
CCSD/cc-pVDZ	3372.0	-55.4	863.9	-13.3	693.7	-11.2	0.0	180.0
<b>Experiment</b>	<b>3427.4</b>		<b>877.2</b>		<b>704.9</b>			

**Table S3b:** Rotational constants and dihedral angles of *anti*-2PT calculated at various levels of theory. The deviations between the calculated and the experimental values are given as  $\Delta A$ ,  $\Delta B$  and  $\Delta C$ .

Method/Basis Set	<i>A</i> / MHz	$\Delta A$ / MHz	<i>B</i> / MHz	$\Delta B$ / MHz	<i>C</i> / MHz	$\Delta C$ / MHz	$\alpha$ / °	$\beta$ / °
MP2/6-31G(d,p)	3268.9	-5.1	903.6	-2.1	714.1	-2.1	-180.0	180.0
MP2/6-31+G(d,p)	3242.8	-31.2	904.3	-1.5	715.3	-1.0	172.8	171.7
MP2/6-31++G(d,p)	3241.1	-32.9	904.5	-1.2	715.5	-0.8	172.8	171.4
MP2/6-311G(d,p)	3267.4	-6.6	902.9	-2.8	713.7	-2.6	-180.0	-180.0
MP2/6-311+G(d,p)	3247.0	-27.0	904.6	-1.1	715.7	-0.5	173.3	172.7
MP2/6-311++G(d,p)	3245.4	-28.6	904.8	-1.0	716.0	-0.2	172.8	172.5
MP2/6-311G(df,pd)	3290.8	16.8	909.1	3.4	718.7	2.4	178.8	178.1
MP2/6-311+G(df,pd)	3266.8	-7.2	910.7	5.0	720.9	4.7	172.5	172.1
MP2/6-311++G(df,pd)	3265.7	-8.3	910.8	5.0	721.1	4.9	172.1	172.0
MP2/6-311G(3df,3pd)	3302.2	28.2	913.2	7.5	721.7	5.4	-180.0	180.0
MP2/6-311+G(3df,3pd)	3293.8	19.8	913.7	7.9	721.6	5.3	-180.0	180.0
MP2/6-311++G(3df,3pd)	3293.9	19.9	913.7	7.9	721.6	5.3	-180.0	180.0
MP2/cc-pVDZ	3231.7	-42.3	895.7	-10.1	707.5	-8.7	-180.0	180.0
MP2/cc-pVTZ	3284.1	10.1	911.2	5.4	719.5	3.3	-180.0	180.0
MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ	3215.3	-58.7	897.6	-8.2	707.9	-8.3	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-31G(d,p)	3249.9	-24.1	894.7	-11.1	707.6	-8.6	-180.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-31+G(d,p)	3240.8	-33.2	893.9	-11.9	706.7	-9.5	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-31++G(d,p)	3240.7	-33.3	893.9	-11.8	706.7	-9.5	-180.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d,p)	3260.1	-13.9	895.9	-9.8	708.9	-7.3	-180.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p)	3253.6	-20.4	896.4	-9.4	708.9	-7.4	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311++G(d,p)	3253.4	-20.6	896.4	-9.3	708.9	-7.3	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311G(df,pd)	3269.7	-4.3	898.7	-7.1	711.1	-5.2	-180.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(df,pd)	3263.5	-10.5	899.1	-6.6	711.0	-5.2	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311++G(df,pd)	3263.3	-10.7	899.1	-6.6	711.0	-5.2	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311G(3df,3pd)	3291.7	17.7	901.6	-4.1	713.9	-2.3	-179.9	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(3df,3pd)	3284.1	10.1	902.3	-3.5	714.0	-2.3	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/6-311++G(3df,3pd)	3284.0	10.0	902.3	-3.5	714.0	-2.3	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/cc-pVDZ	3239.1	-34.9	892.9	-12.8	706.1	-10.1	180.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3/cc-pVTZ	3276.8	2.8	900.6	-5.1	712.6	-3.7	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/aug-cc-pVDZ	3233.5	-40.5	893.6	-12.1	706.3	-10.0	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3/aug-cc-pVTZ	3274.2	0.2	901.0	-4.7	712.7	-3.5	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-31G(d,p)	3247.0	-27.0	899.1	-6.7	710.2	-6.0	180.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-31+G(d,p)	3237.7	-36.3	898.4	-7.4	709.4	-6.9	-180.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-31++G(d,p)	3237.7	-36.3	898.4	-7.4	709.4	-6.9	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311G(d,p)	3256.8	-17.2	900.4	-5.4	711.5	-4.7	180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311+G(d,p)	3250.0	-24.0	901.0	-4.8	711.6	-4.7	-180.0	180.0

B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311++G(d,p)	3249.8	-24.2	901.0	-4.7	711.6	-4.6	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311G(df,pd)	3265.9	-8.1	903.2	-2.5	713.7	-2.5	180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311+G(df,pd)	3259.4	-14.6	903.8	-1.9	713.8	-2.5	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311++G(df,pd)	3259.2	-14.8	903.9	-1.9	713.8	-2.4	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311G(3df,3pd)	3287.2	13.2	906.4	0.6	716.7	0.4	-180.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311+G(3df,3pd)	3279.4	5.4	907.1	1.3	716.7	0.5	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311++G(3df,3pd)	3279.3	5.3	907.1	1.3	716.7	0.5	-180.0	180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/cc-pVDZ	3236.5	-37.5	897.3	-8.4	708.7	-7.5	-180.0	180.0
<b>B3LYP-D3BJ/cc-pVTZ</b>	<b>3272.7</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>905.3</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>715.3</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-179.9</b>	<b>-180.0</b>
B3LYP-D3BJ/aug-cc-pVDZ	3230.3	-43.7	898.2	-7.5	709.0	-7.3	-180.0	-180.0
B3LYP-D3BJ/aug-cc-pVTZ	3269.8	-4.2	905.8	0.1	715.5	-0.7	-180.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-31G(d,p)	3286.7	12.7	904.7	-1.0	715.7	-0.6	-180.0	-180.0
M06-2X/6-31+G(d,p)	3279.5	5.5	904.0	-1.8	714.9	-1.4	-180.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-31++G(d,p)	3279.3	5.3	904.0	-1.7	714.9	-1.4	-180.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311G(d,p)	3293.4	19.4	906.0	0.3	716.8	0.6	-180.0	-180.0
M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p)	3288.3	14.3	906.4	0.7	716.8	0.6	-180.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311++G(d,p)	3288.0	14.0	906.5	0.8	716.8	0.6	-180.0	-180.0
M06-2X/6-311G(df,pd)	3301.1	27.1	908.2	2.4	718.5	2.2	-180.0	-180.0
M06-2X/6-311+G(df,pd)	3296.3	22.3	908.6	2.8	718.5	2.3	-179.9	180.0
M06-2X/6-311++G(df,pd)	3296.2	22.2	908.6	2.8	718.5	2.3	-179.9	180.0
M06-2X/6-311G(3df,3pd)	3321.5	47.5	911.0	5.2	721.2	4.9	-180.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311+G(3df,3pd)	3315.4	41.4	911.5	5.7	721.2	5.0	-180.0	180.0
M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd)	3315.4	41.4	911.5	5.7	721.2	5.0	-180.0	180.0
<b>M06-2X/cc-pVDZ</b>	<b>3278.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>903.5</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>714.6</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-180.0</b>	<b>180.0</b>
M06-2X/cc-pVTZ	3307.7	33.7	910.8	5.0	720.4	4.2	-180.0	180.0
M06-2X/aug-cc-pVDZ	3274.7	0.7	903.9	-1.8	714.7	-1.6	-180.0	180.0
M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ	3306.6	32.6	911.1	5.4	720.6	4.4	-180.0	180.0
CCSD/6-311++G(d,p)	3244.2	-29.8	897.9	-7.8	711.0	-5.3	173.6	174.6
CCSD/cc-pVDZ	3223.0	-51.0	889.8	-15.9	703.5	-12.8	-180.0	180.0
<b>Experiment</b>	<b>3274.0</b>		<b>905.7</b>		<b>716.2</b>			



**Figure S1:** The potential energy curves of *syn*-2PT obtained by rotating the methyl group around the C8–C9 bond in 10° steps calculated at the different levels of theory with the 6-311++G(d,p) basis set. The predicted rotational barriers are 929.3 cm<sup>-1</sup> (MP2), 823.8 cm<sup>-1</sup> (M06-2X) and 764.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> (B3LYP-D3BJ). The Fourier coefficients of the parameterized potential are given in Table S4.

**Table S4:** Coefficients of the one-dimensional Fourier expansion for the potential energy curve of *syn*-2PT given in Figure S1 calculated using different methods in combination with the basis set 6-311++G(d,p). The potential is expanded as  $V(\varphi) = \sum_{i=0}^2 a_i f_i$ .

<i>i</i>	<i>f<sub>i</sub></i>	MP2		B3LYP-D3BJ		M06-2X	
		<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> / Hartree	<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> / cm <sup>-1</sup>	<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> / Hartree	<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> / cm <sup>-1</sup>	<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> / Hartree	<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> / cm <sup>-1</sup>
0	1	-743.591750		-745.1212221		-744.9032898	
1	cos 3α	0.0021111	463.3	0.0017355	380.9	0.0018733	411.1
2	cos 6α	0.0000805	17.7	0.0000429	9.4	0.0000232	5.1

**Table S5:** Observed frequencies  $v_{obs}$  of 201 rotational transitions of *syn*-2PT with  $v_{obs}-v_{calc}$  values obtained from a fit with the program *XIAM*.

No.	<i>J</i>	<i>K<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>K<sub>c</sub></i>	<i>J</i>	<i>K<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>K<sub>c</sub></i>	Species	<i>V<sub>obs</sub></i>	<i>V<sub>obs</sub>-V<sub>calc</sub></i>
	upper level			lower level				MHz	kHz
1	2	0	2	1	0	1	A	3155.7033	-0.3
2	3	0	3	2	0	2	A	4712.5964	-0.2
3	4	0	4	3	0	3	A	6245.1040	-0.2
4	5	0	5	4	0	4	A	7747.4055	-0.1
5	6	0	6	5	0	5	A	9217.1304	-0.3
6	7	0	7	6	0	6	A	10656.5614	-0.7
7	8	0	8	7	0	7	A	12072.2521	-0.5
8	9	0	9	8	0	8	A	13472.8402	-0.3
9	10	0	10	9	0	9	A	14866.3298	0.2
10	11	0	11	10	0	10	A	16258.3959	-0.1
11	12	0	12	11	0	11	A	17652.1589	-0.2
12	13	0	13	12	0	12	A	19048.8281	0.7
13	14	0	14	13	0	13	A	20448.5041	-0.1
14	16	0	16	15	0	15	A	23255.1592	0.6
15	4	0	4	3	1	3	A	4088.6400	2.1
16	5	0	5	4	1	4	A	5868.4507	1.2
17	6	0	6	5	1	5	A	7640.2300	1.5
18	7	0	7	6	1	6	A	9381.8094	3.4
19	8	0	8	7	1	7	A	11078.0117	1.9
20	9	0	9	8	1	8	A	12722.2717	0.8
21	10	0	10	9	1	9	A	14315.5702	1.0
22	11	0	11	10	1	10	A	15863.7818	-0.5
23	12	0	12	11	1	11	A	17374.9293	0.8
24	13	0	13	12	1	12	A	18857.1752	-0.4
25	14	0	14	13	1	13	A	20317.7589	0.3
26	15	0	15	14	1	14	A	21762.5782	1.3
27	2	1	1	2	0	2	A	2903.2592	-2.4
28	3	1	2	3	0	3	A	3189.8822	-2.4
29	4	1	3	4	0	4	A	3599.9412	-0.8
30	5	1	4	5	0	5	A	4153.8831	4.6
31	7	1	6	7	0	7	A	5764.5981	3.9
32	9	1	8	9	0	9	A	8074.3749	3.8
33	12	1	11	12	0	12	A	12500.6450	3.1
34	13	1	12	13	0	13	A	14093.0648	1.2
35	14	1	13	14	0	14	A	15689.6540	2.6
36	2	1	2	1	0	1	A	5542.1227	-3.7
37	3	1	3	2	0	2	A	6869.0581	-4.8
38	4	1	4	3	0	3	A	8124.0624	2.1
39	4	1	4	3	0	3	E	8124.0531	-3.0
40	5	1	5	4	0	4	A	9324.3027	-5.1
41	6	1	6	5	0	5	A	10491.8819	-4.9
42	7	1	7	6	0	6	A	11650.8002	-4.7

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<b>43</b>	8	1	8	7	0	7	A	12822.8173	-4.9
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<b>46</b>	11	1	11	10	0	10	A	16535.6252	-1.4
<b>47</b>	12	1	12	11	0	11	A	17843.8116	0.6
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<b>50</b>	16	1	16	15	0	15	A	23294.2702	-0.6
<b>51</b>	2	1	1	1	1	0	A	3336.4190	-0.4
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<b>54</b>	5	1	4	4	1	3	A	8301.3421	0.1
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<b>57</b>	8	1	7	7	1	6	A	13143.9449	-0.2
<b>58</b>	9	1	8	8	1	7	A	14710.9244	-0.5
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<b>61</b>	12	1	11	11	1	10	A	19210.4969	-1.2
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<b>69</b>	10	1	10	9	1	9	A	14710.1827	-0.2
<b>70</b>	11	1	11	10	1	10	A	16141.0128	-0.1
<b>71</b>	12	1	12	11	1	11	A	17566.5806	0.2
<b>72</b>	13	1	13	12	1	12	A	18987.9215	0.3
<b>73</b>	14	1	14	13	1	13	A	20405.9769	0.8
<b>74</b>	15	1	15	14	1	14	A	21821.5508	1.0
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174	8	3	6	8	2	7	A	13626.0119	-0.8
175	8	3	6	8	2	7	E	13625.9924	1.6
176	9	3	7	9	2	8	A	13863.2060	-0.6
177	9	3	7	9	2	8	E	13863.1852	-0.2
178	4	3	1	4	2	2	A	13086.4264	-1.1
179	4	3	1	4	2	2	E	13086.4740	2.3
180	6	3	3	5	2	4	A	22808.3610	4.4
181	6	3	3	5	2	4	E	22808.3413	0.2
182	5	3	2	4	3	1	A	7942.1169	1.4
183	5	3	2	4	3	1	E	7942.0647	-1.7

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<b>184</b>	6	3	3	5	3	2	A	9546.1950	0.8
<b>185</b>	6	3	3	5	3	2	E	9546.1807	-2.0
<b>186</b>	7	3	4	6	3	3	A	11161.1629	-2.3
<b>187</b>	5	3	3	4	3	2	A	7936.7101	-1.3
<b>188</b>	5	3	3	4	3	2	E	7936.7597	-0.6
<b>189</b>	6	3	4	5	3	3	A	9531.8671	-2.3
<b>190</b>	6	3	4	5	3	3	E	9531.8811	0.5
<b>191</b>	7	3	5	6	3	4	A	11129.2568	0.9
<b>192</b>	8	3	6	7	3	5	A	12727.7789	-0.4
<b>193</b>	4	4	0	4	3	1	A	18438.2480	0.5
<b>194</b>	5	4	1	5	3	2	A	18425.2556	-3.9
<b>195</b>	6	4	2	6	3	3	A	18400.3063	2.4
<b>196</b>	7	4	3	7	3	4	A	18356.0687	-3.0
<b>197</b>	4	4	1	4	3	2	A	18440.0479	-0.7
<b>198</b>	5	4	2	5	3	3	A	18432.4090	-3.3
<b>199</b>	6	4	3	6	3	4	A	18421.5439	-1.6
<b>200</b>	7	4	4	7	3	5	A	18408.4348	-3.5
<b>201</b>	4	4	1	5	3	2	A	10496.1272	1.8

**Table S6:** Observed frequencies  $V_{obs}$  of 135 rotational transitions of *anti*-2PT, with  $V_{obs}-V_{calc}$  values obtained from a fit with the program *XIAM*.

No.	<i>J</i>	<i>K<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>K<sub>c</sub></i>	<i>J</i>	<i>K<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>K<sub>c</sub></i>	Species	<i>V<sub>obs</sub></i>	<i>V<sub>obs</sub>-V<sub>calc</sub></i>
	upper level			lower level				MHz	kHz
<b>1</b>	2	0	2	1	0	1	A	3233.0313	-0.9
<b>2</b>	3	0	3	2	0	2	A	4822.4766	-0.3
<b>3</b>	4	0	4	3	0	3	A	6380.7904	-0.7
<b>4</b>	5	0	5	4	0	4	A	7901.5837	0.0
<b>5</b>	6	0	6	5	0	5	A	9384.0023	0.5
<b>6</b>	7	0	7	6	0	6	A	10833.7562	0.5
<b>7</b>	8	0	8	7	0	7	A	12261.1817	0.2
<b>8</b>	9	0	9	8	0	8	A	13677.2371	0.0
<b>9</b>	10	0	10	9	0	9	A	15090.2141	0.6
<b>10</b>	12	0	12	11	0	11	A	17922.7399	0.3
<b>11</b>	13	0	13	12	0	12	A	19344.2815	0.8
<b>12</b>	14	0	14	13	0	13	A	20768.8765	0.1
<b>13</b>	15	0	15	14	0	14	A	22195.8273	0.0
<b>14</b>	16	0	16	15	0	15	A	23624.4912	1.1
<b>15</b>	3	0	3	2	1	2	A	2632.7742	-0.4
<b>16</b>	3	0	3	2	1	2	E	2632.7765	-0.6
<b>17</b>	4	0	4	3	1	3	A	4438.5437	3.1
<b>18</b>	4	0	4	3	1	3	E	4438.5395	-3.5
<b>19</b>	5	0	5	4	1	4	A	6251.9501	-0.3
<b>20</b>	6	0	6	5	1	5	A	8043.6780	0.2
<b>21</b>	7	0	7	6	1	6	A	9791.0736	-1.1
<b>22</b>	8	0	8	7	1	7	A	11482.1107	-0.3

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<b>23</b>	9	0	9	8	1	8	A	13115.3559	-0.1
<b>24</b>	9	0	9	8	1	8	E	13115.3605	3.6
<b>25</b>	10	0	10	9	1	9	A	14696.7963	-1.1
<b>26</b>	10	0	10	9	1	9	E	14696.7991	1.1
<b>27</b>	11	0	11	10	1	10	A	16235.8761	0.3
<b>28</b>	12	0	12	11	1	11	A	17742.4807	0.2
<b>29</b>	13	0	13	12	1	12	A	19225.3272	0.6
<b>30</b>	14	0	14	13	1	13	A	20691.3810	0.2
<b>31</b>	15	0	15	14	1	14	A	22145.8753	-2.0
<b>32</b>	5	1	4	5	0	5	A	4172.0012	0.8
<b>33</b>	5	1	4	5	0	5	E	4171.9960	-2.1
<b>34</b>	6	1	5	6	0	6	A	4989.6610	1.7
<b>35</b>	6	1	5	6	0	6	E	4989.6548	-2.3
<b>36</b>	11	1	10	11	0	11	A	11653.7128	-1.0
<b>37</b>	11	1	10	11	0	11	E	11653.7101	-1.0
<b>38</b>	2	1	2	1	0	1	A	5422.7354	0.9
<b>39</b>	2	1	2	1	0	1	E	5422.7290	-3.0
<b>40</b>	3	1	3	2	0	2	A	6764.7284	1.1
<b>41</b>	3	1	3	2	0	2	E	6764.7230	-1.8
<b>42</b>	4	1	4	3	0	3	A	8030.4244	0.0
<b>43</b>	4	1	4	3	0	3	E	8030.4186	-3.2
<b>44</b>	5	1	5	4	0	4	A	9241.9082	0.5
<b>45</b>	5	1	5	4	0	4	E	9241.9051	-0.2
<b>46</b>	6	1	6	5	0	5	A	10426.6839	1.1
<b>47</b>	6	1	6	5	0	5	E	10426.6790	-1.4
<b>48</b>	7	1	7	6	0	6	A	11612.8290	2.7
<b>49</b>	7	1	7	6	0	6	E	11612.8241	0.0
<b>50</b>	8	1	8	7	0	7	A	12823.0596	-3.0
<b>51</b>	9	1	9	8	0	8	A	14070.6551	1.9
<b>52</b>	9	1	9	8	0	8	E	14070.6431	-8.5
<b>53</b>	10	1	10	9	0	9	A	15359.1143	0.0
<b>54</b>	11	1	11	10	0	10	A	16685.0363	0.7
<b>55</b>	11	1	11	10	0	10	E	16685.0289	-5.6
<b>56</b>	13	1	13	12	0	12	A	19421.7763	-0.1
<b>57</b>	14	1	14	13	0	13	A	20818.8259	-0.5
<b>58</b>	15	1	15	14	0	14	A	22227.7322	-1.5
<b>59</b>	16	1	16	15	0	15	A	23644.7147	0.4
<b>60</b>	2	1	1	1	1	0	A	3433.4649	-2.0
<b>61</b>	2	1	1	1	1	0	E	3433.4680	1.1
<b>62</b>	3	1	2	2	1	1	A	5143.1642	1.1
<b>63</b>	3	1	2	2	1	1	E	5143.1586	-4.5
<b>64</b>	4	1	3	3	1	2	A	6843.8542	-0.6
<b>65</b>	5	1	4	4	1	3	A	8531.5979	-0.7
<b>66</b>	6	1	5	5	1	4	A	10201.6615	0.9
<b>67</b>	7	1	6	6	1	5	A	11848.4320	0.1
<b>68</b>	8	1	7	7	1	6	A	13465.5925	0.9
<b>69</b>	9	1	8	8	1	7	A	15046.7483	0.9

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<b>70</b>	11	1	10	10	1	9	A	18083.6850	1.1
<b>71</b>	12	1	11	11	1	10	A	19540.4734	1.1
<b>72</b>	2	1	2	1	1	1	A	3054.4417	-3.1
<b>73</b>	2	1	2	1	1	1	E	3054.4448	-0.1
<b>74</b>	3	1	3	2	1	2	A	4575.0247	-0.4
<b>75</b>	4	1	4	3	1	3	A	6088.1737	-0.2
<b>76</b>	5	1	5	4	1	4	A	7592.2751	0.7
<b>77</b>	6	1	6	5	1	5	A	9086.3594	0.7
<b>78</b>	7	1	7	6	1	6	A	10570.1456	0.3
<b>79</b>	8	1	8	7	1	7	A	12043.9926	0.6
<b>80</b>	9	1	9	8	1	8	A	13508.7730	0.9
<b>81</b>	10	1	10	9	1	9	A	14965.6979	-0.3
<b>82</b>	11	1	11	10	1	10	A	16416.1349	0.0
<b>83</b>	13	1	13	12	1	12	A	19302.8228	0.6
<b>84</b>	14	1	14	13	1	13	A	20741.3308	0.1
<b>85</b>	2	2	0	1	1	1	A	10738.7473	-1.0
<b>86</b>	2	2	0	1	1	1	E	10738.7402	-2.3
<b>87</b>	3	2	1	2	1	2	A	12593.6948	4.2
<b>88</b>	3	2	1	2	1	2	E	12593.6757	-7.7
<b>89</b>	4	2	2	3	1	3	A	14605.1746	2.0
<b>90</b>	4	2	2	3	1	3	E	14605.1721	6.9
<b>91</b>	5	2	3	4	1	4	A	16810.8115	1.3
<b>92</b>	7	2	5	6	1	6	A	21950.3955	-1.1
<b>93</b>	3	2	1	3	1	2	A	6881.9978	3.6
<b>94</b>	3	2	1	3	1	2	E	6881.9837	-3.3
<b>95</b>	4	2	2	4	1	3	A	6624.6432	-3.3
<b>96</b>	5	2	3	5	1	4	A	6386.8651	5.7
<b>97</b>	5	2	3	5	1	4	E	6386.8521	-0.1
<b>98</b>	2	2	1	1	1	0	A	10538.3083	-5.0
<b>99</b>	3	2	2	2	1	1	A	11970.7775	-0.3
<b>100</b>	3	2	2	2	1	1	E	11970.7733	3.5
<b>101</b>	4	2	3	3	1	2	A	13307.0155	-1.9
<b>102</b>	4	2	3	3	1	2	E	13307.0101	0.5
<b>103</b>	5	2	4	4	1	3	A	14548.7730	0.1
<b>104</b>	5	2	4	4	1	3	E	14548.7617	-3.5
<b>105</b>	6	2	5	5	1	4	A	15699.9803	0.1
<b>106</b>	6	2	5	5	1	4	E	15699.9710	-1.6
<b>107</b>	7	2	6	6	1	5	A	16767.6598	2.0
<b>108</b>	7	2	6	6	1	5	E	16767.6477	-2.5
<b>109</b>	8	2	7	7	1	6	A	17762.9468	3.4
<b>110</b>	2	2	1	2	1	2	A	7673.3808	1.2
<b>111</b>	2	2	1	2	1	2	E	7673.3732	3.0
<b>112</b>	3	2	2	3	1	3	A	7964.2862	0.2
<b>113</b>	4	2	3	4	1	4	A	8355.5172	2.3
<b>114</b>	5	2	4	5	1	5	A	8848.8538	3.1
<b>115</b>	6	2	5	6	1	6	A	9445.3031	5.2
<b>116</b>	6	2	5	6	1	6	E	9445.2860	-4.3

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117	8	2	7	8	1	8	A	10944.2207	4.4
118	8	2	7	8	1	8	E	10944.2015	-7.2
119	4	2	2	3	2	1	A	6586.5063	-0.7
120	5	2	3	4	2	2	A	8293.8110	-0.5
121	6	2	4	5	2	3	A	10030.2289	-0.1
122	7	2	5	6	2	4	A	11787.9939	3.3
123	8	2	6	7	2	5	A	13554.4712	1.2
124	4	2	3	3	2	2	A	6479.4045	1.8
125	5	2	4	4	2	3	A	8085.6106	0.3
126	6	2	5	5	2	4	A	9682.8069	1.0
127	7	2	6	6	2	5	A	11269.3384	0.3
128	8	2	7	7	2	6	A	12843.7204	2.8
129	4	3	2	4	2	3	A	12350.9653	-1.6
130	5	3	2	4	3	1	A	8151.6731	-1.4
131	6	3	3	5	3	2	A	9803.2117	4.8
132	8	3	5	7	3	4	A	13156.3934	-1.0
133	5	3	3	4	3	2	A	8143.4489	-0.2
134	5	3	3	4	3	2	E	8143.4539	-7.0
135	6	3	4	5	3	3	A	9781.4585	3.0

**Table S7:** Molecular parameters of *syn*-2PT and *anti*-2PT obtained with the program *XIAM* where the angles between the internal rotor axis and the principal axes of inertia are fixed to values predicted at the B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory.

Par. <sup>a</sup>	Unit	<i>syn</i>	<i>Calc.</i> <sup>b</sup>	<i>anti</i>	<i>Calc.</i> <sup>b</sup>
$A_0$	MHz	3427.43880(19)	3383.114	3274.03476(39)	3222.920
$B_0$	MHz	877.177067(48)	866.872	905.747027(78)	895.759
$C_0$	MHz	704.893296(31)	696.450	716231414 (37)	707.766
$D_J$	kHz	0.01812(15)	0.0175	0.02330(31)	0.0228
$D_{JK}$	kHz	0.0749(27)	0.0820	0.0621(69)	0.0419
$D_K$	kHz	0.4474(93)	0.4541	1.842(58)	0.4957
$d_1$	kHz	-0.00370(10)	-0.0039	-0.00639(30)	-0.0056
$d_2$	kHz	-0.000275(69)	-0.0004	-0.00138(25)	-0.0004
$V_3$	cm <sup>-1</sup>	807.00(54)	764.5	865.4(88)	753.0
$\angle(i,a)$	deg	19.9 <sup>c</sup>	19.9	9.9 <sup>c</sup>	9.9
$\angle(i,b)$	deg	70.2 <sup>c</sup>	70.2	80.1 <sup>c</sup>	80.1
$\angle(i,c)$	deg	90.0 <sup>c</sup>	90.0	90.0 <sup>c</sup>	90.0
$N_A/N_E^d$	-	150/51		103/32	
$\sigma^e$	kHz	2.6		2.5	

<sup>a</sup> All parameters refer to the principal axis system. Watson's S reduction and I' representation were used. <sup>b</sup> Ground state rotational constants and centrifugal distortion constants from anharmonic frequency calculations, all other parameters from optimisations at the B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory. <sup>c</sup> Fixed to the values calculated at the B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311++G(d,p) level predicting a planar geometry. <sup>d</sup> Number of A and E species transitions. <sup>e</sup> Standard deviation of the fit.

**Table S8a:** Observed frequencies  $\nu_{obs}$  of 23 rotational transitions of the  $^{34}\text{S}$  isotopologue of *syn*-2PT with  $\nu_{obs}-\nu_{calc}$  values obtained from a fit with the program *XIAM*.

No.	<i>J</i>	<i>K<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>K<sub>c</sub></i>	<i>J</i>	<i>K<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>K<sub>c</sub></i>	$\nu_{obs}$	$\nu_{obs}-\nu_{calc}$
	upper level			lower level			MHz	kHz
1	2	0	2	1	0	1	3130.6784	-0.1
2	3	0	3	2	0	2	4674.7172	-1.0
3	4	0	4	3	0	3	6194.0013	-0.3
4	5	0	5	4	0	4	7682.6943	0.5
5	6	0	6	5	0	5	9138.5519	1.6
6	2	1	2	1	0	1	5472.7622	-3.2
7	5	1	5	4	0	4	9219.1284	-1.8
8	6	1	6	5	0	5	10376.0502	-0.8
9	7	1	7	6	0	6	11525.3196	-0.2
10	3	1	3	2	1	2	4445.3162	-0.2
11	4	1	4	3	1	3	5917.6849	-1.1
12	5	1	5	4	1	4	7382.7606	-0.2
13	3	1	2	2	1	1	4961.7111	1.0
14	4	1	3	3	1	2	6604.9657	0.2
15	5	1	4	4	1	3	8238.2752	0.1
16	2	2	0	1	1	1	11009.4573	-3.3
17	3	2	1	2	1	2	12785.4664	-0.5
18	4	2	2	3	1	3	14696.4655	-7.9
19	4	2	3	3	1	2	13536.1898	4.1
20	3	2	1	3	1	2	7307.0851	-10.1
21	6	2	5	5	2	4	9379.2202	0.7
22	3	3	0	2	2	1	17673.5653	6.1
23	3	3	1	2	2	0	17664.7218	5.5

**Table S8b:** Observed frequencies  $\nu_{obs}$  of 15 rotational transitions of the  $^{13}\text{C}(6)$  isotopologue (for atom numbering see Figure 1) of *syn*-2PT with  $\nu_{obs}-\nu_{calc}$  values obtained from a fit with the program XIAM.

No.	$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$\nu_{obs}$ MHz	$\nu_{obs}-\nu_{calc}$ kHz
	upper level			lower level				
1	2	0	2	1	0	1	3148.8581	-0.6
2	3	0	3	2	0	2	4702.4997	0.9
3	4	0	4	3	0	3	6231.9455	1.1
4	5	0	5	4	0	4	7731.4034	1.0
5	2	1	2	1	0	1	5536.8014	0.1
6	3	1	3	2	0	2	6861.2767	-4.0
7	4	1	4	3	0	3	8114.0453	-1.3
8	5	1	5	4	0	4	9312.1487	-1.9
9	3	1	3	2	1	2	4473.3385	0.3
10	5	1	5	4	1	4	7430.0502	1.9
11	2	2	0	1	1	1	11162.2901	3.0
12	3	2	1	2	1	2	12945.8286	-4.3
13	4	2	2	3	1	3	14862.9280	-1.0
14	3	2	2	2	1	1	12389.3421	2.0
15	4	2	3	3	1	2	13709.4111	2.5

**Table S8c:** Observed frequencies  $\nu_{obs}$  of 14 rotational transitions of the  $^{13}\text{C}(8)$  isotopologue (for atom numbering see Figure 1) of *syn*-2PT, with  $\nu_{obs}-\nu_{calc}$  obtained from a fit with the program XIAM.

No.	$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$\nu_{obs}$ MHz	$\nu_{obs}-\nu_{calc}$ kHz
	upper level			lower level				
1	3	0	3	2	0	2	4674.5215	0.2
2	4	0	4	3	0	3	6194.9983	-0.9
3	5	0	5	4	0	4	7685.7609	1.6
4	2	1	2	1	0	1	5508.1655	-3.6
5	3	1	3	2	0	2	6824.9792	-0.4
6	4	1	4	3	0	3	8070.5414	2.3
7	5	1	5	4	0	4	9261.7360	-2.2
8	3	1	3	2	1	2	4446.8861	0.4
9	5	1	5	4	1	4	7386.1996	1.2
10	5	1	4	4	1	3	8232.9167	0.8
11	2	2	0	1	1	1	11108.0603	2.8
12	3	2	1	2	1	2	12880.6632	5.2
13	4	2	2	3	1	3	14785.7556	-5.1
14	4	2	3	3	1	2	13640.5904	-1.7



**Table S8d:** Observed frequencies  $\nu_{obs}$  of 12 rotational transitions of the  $^{13}\text{C}(9)$  isotopologue (for atom numbering see Figure 1) of *syn*-2PT, with  $\nu_{obs}-\nu_{calc}$  obtained from a fit with the program *XIAM*.

No.	<i>J</i>	<i>K<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>K<sub>c</sub></i>	<i>J</i>	<i>K<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>K<sub>c</sub></i>	$\nu_{obs}$ MHz	$\nu_{obs}-\nu_{calc}$ kHz
	upper level			lower level				
1	2	0	2	1	0	1	3091.1949	0.5
2	3	0	3	2	0	2	4617.5420	-1.3
3	4	0	4	3	0	3	6121.4372	-0.3
4	2	1	2	1	0	1	5500.6074	-2.6
5	4	1	4	3	0	3	8039.4466	-0.7
6	5	1	5	4	0	4	9220.0956	0.3
7	5	1	5	4	1	4	7302.0868	1.3
8	2	2	0	1	1	1	11139.0376	-1.7
9	3	2	1	2	1	2	12884.8388	0.7
10	4	2	2	3	1	3	14757.6418	-0.1
11	3	2	2	2	1	1	12349.8256	2.6
12	4	2	3	3	1	2	13650.0156	-0.4

**Table S8e:** Observed frequencies  $\nu_{obs}$  of 4 rotational transitions of the  $^{34}\text{S}$  isotopologue of *anti*-2PT, with  $\nu_{obs}-\nu_{calc}$  obtained from a tentative fit with the program *XIAM*.

No.	<i>J</i>	<i>K<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>K<sub>c</sub></i>	<i>J</i>	<i>K<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>K<sub>c</sub></i>	$\nu_{obs}$ MHz	$\nu_{obs}-\nu_{calc}$ kHz
	upper level			lower level				
1	2	2	0	1	1	1	10558.2584	-0.2
2	5	1	5	4	0	4	9134.7002	2.1
3	6	0	6	5	0	5	9318.5508	0.0
4	6	1	6	5	0	5	10310.7978	-1.7