

Zn(NH₃)CO₃: A “Three-in-One” UV Nonlinear Optical Crystal Built by Polar Molecule Bonding Strategy

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Supplementary DFT calculations

In the static case, the imaginary part of the static second-order optical susceptibility can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^{abc} &= \frac{e^3}{\hbar^2 \Omega} \sum_{nml,k} \frac{r_{nm}^a (r_{ml}^b r_{ln}^c + r_{ml}^c r_{ln}^b)}{2\omega_{nm} \omega_{ml} \omega_{ln}} [\omega_n f_{ml} + \omega_m f_{ln} + \omega_l f_{nm}] \\ &+ \frac{ie^3}{4\hbar^2 \Omega} \sum_{nm,k} \frac{f_{nm}}{\omega_{mn}^2} [r_{nm}^a (r_{mn;c}^b + r_{mn;b}^c) + r_{nm}^b (r_{mn;c}^a + r_{mn;a}^c) + r_{nm}^c (r_{mn;b}^a + r_{mn;a}^b)] \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where r is the position operator, $\hbar\omega_{nm} = \hbar\omega_n - \hbar\omega_m$ is the energy difference for the bands m and n , $f_{mn} = f_m - f_n$ is the difference of the Fermi distribution functions, subscripts a , b , and c are Cartesian indices, and $r_{mn;a}^b$ is the so-called generalized derivative of the coordinate operator in k space,

$$r_{nm;a}^b = \frac{r_{nm}^a \Delta_{mn}^b + r_{nm}^b \Delta_{mn}^a}{\omega_{nm}} + \frac{i}{\omega_{nm}} \times \sum_l (\omega_{lm} r_{nl}^a r_{lm}^b - \omega_{nl} r_{nl}^b r_{lm}^a) \quad (2)$$

where $\Delta_{nm}^a = (p_{nn}^a - p_{mm}^a) / m$ is the difference between the electronic velocities at the bands n and m . The $\chi^{(2)}$ coefficients here were calculated from PBE wave functions with a $5 \times 7 \times 9$ k-point grid and about 168 bands.

Tables

Table S1. Crystallographic data for Zn(NH₃)CO₃.

Empirical formula	Zn(NH ₃)CO ₃
Formula weight	142.41
<i>T</i> (K)	293(2)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>Pna</i> 2 ₁
<i>a</i> (Å)	9.161(7)
<i>b</i> (Å)	7.592(6)
<i>c</i> (Å)	5.498(4)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	382.4(5)
<i>Z</i>	4
ρ_{calcd} (g·cm ⁻³)	2.474
μ (mm ⁻¹)	6.266
<i>F</i> (000)	280.0
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0445
GOF on <i>F</i> ²	1.153
Flack factor	0.04(5)
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)) ^[a]	0.0332, 0.0803
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0343, 0.0812

[a] $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$; $wR_2 = \{\sum w[(F_o)^2 - (F_c)^2]^2 / \sum w[(F_o)^2]^2\}^{1/2}$.

Table S2. Atomic coordinates, equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å²) and bond valence sums (BVS) of Zn(NH₃)CO₃. *U*_{eq} is defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized *U*_{ij} tensor.

Atom	Wyckoff	x	y	z	<i>U</i> _{eq}	BVS
Zn1	4a	0.14437(6)	-0.16822(8)	0.4629(3)	0.0213(2)	2.03
O1	4a	0.2213(5)	0.0466(6)	0.3001(10)	0.0278(10)	1.85
O2	4a	0.1587(5)	0.2783(7)	0.0786(10)	0.0276(11)	1.84
O3	4a	-0.0128(4)	0.1011(6)	0.2235(9)	0.0217(9)	1.84
N1	4a	0.0671(7)	-0.3304(7)	0.2051(12)	0.0301(13)	2.96
C1	4a	0.1234(7)	0.1420(8)	0.2035(13)	0.0186(11)	4.03
H1	4a	0.08704	-0.28608	0.05896	0.0360	0.99
H2	4a	-0.02908	-0.34146	0.22203	0.0360	0.99
H3	4a	0.10907	-0.43557	0.21995	0.0360	0.99

Table S3. Selected bond lengths (Å) of Zn(NH₃)CO₃.

Bond	Bond lengths	Bond	Bond lengths
Zn(1)–O(1)	1.989(5)	C(1)–O(1)	1.270(8)
Zn(1)–O(2)#1	1.956(5)	C(1)–O(2)	1.283(8)
Zn(1)–O(3)#2	1.940(5)	C(1)–O(3)	1.291(8)
Zn(1)–N(1)	2.007(6)		

Symmetry codes: #1 1/2-x, -1/2+y, 1/2+z; #2 -x, -y, 1/2+z.

Table S4. Selected bond angles (deg.) of Zn(NH₃)CO₃.

Bond	Bond angles	Bond	Bond angles
O(1)–Zn(1)–N(1)	108.1(2)	N(1)–Zn(1)–O(3)#2	117.6(2)
O(1)–Zn(1)–O(2)#1	89.4(2)	O(1)–C(1)–O(2)	120.4(6)
O(1)–Zn(1)–O(3)#2	109.7(2)	O(1)–C(1)–O(3)	120.7(6)
O(2)#1–Zn(1)–O(3)#2	112.8(2)	O(2)–C(1)–O(3)	118.9(6)
N(1)–Zn(1)–O(2)#1	115.3(3)		

Symmetry codes: #1 1/2-x, -1/2+y, 1/2+z; #2 -x, -y, 1/2+z.

Table S5. The local dipole moment (μ) of Zn(NH₃)CO₃ in Debye.

	μ_x	μ_y	μ_z	$ \mu $
ZnO ₃ (NH ₃)	-3.0699	-5.1258	-5.0941	7.85
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Total	0	0	-20.3764	

Figures

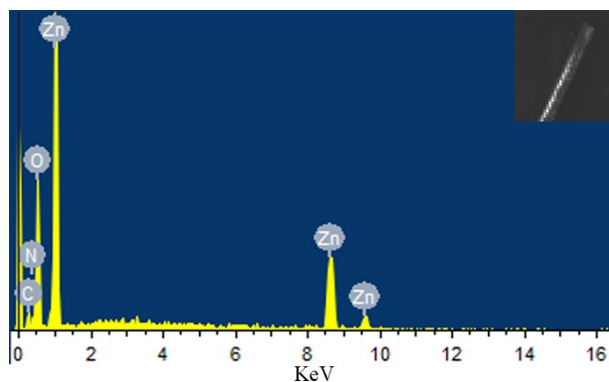


Figure S1. EDS spectrum of Zn(NH₃)CO₃.

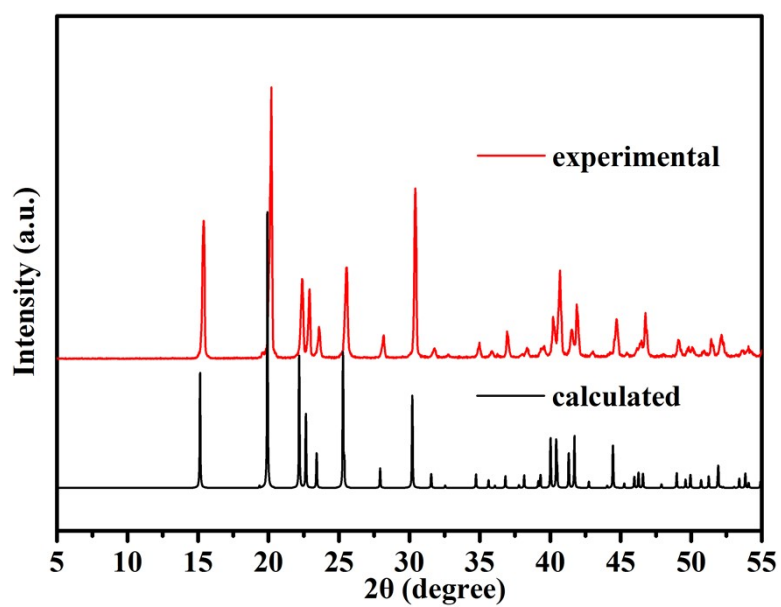


Figure S2. PXRD pattern of Zn(NH₃)CO₃.

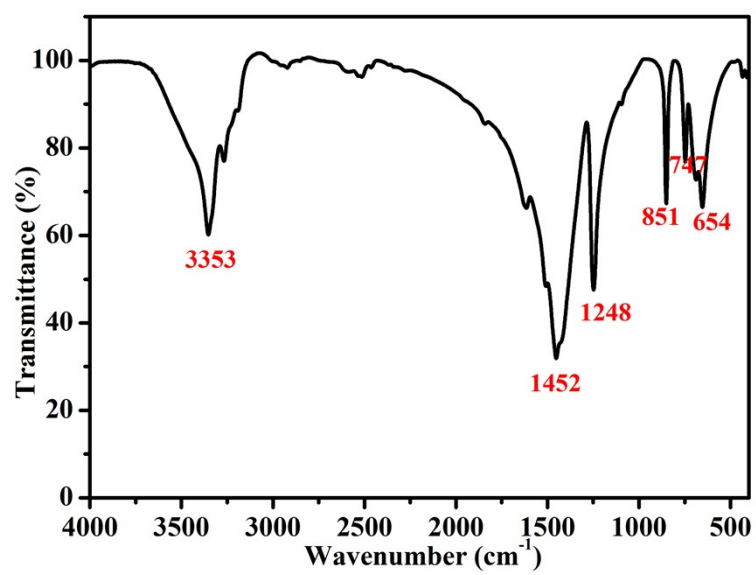


Figure S3. IR spectrum of Zn(NH₃)CO₃.

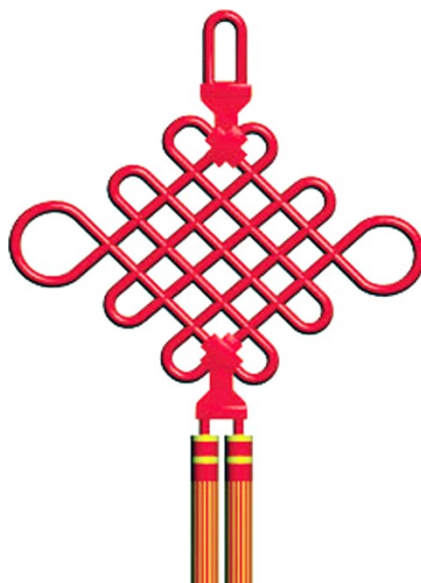


Figure S4. A Chinese knot.

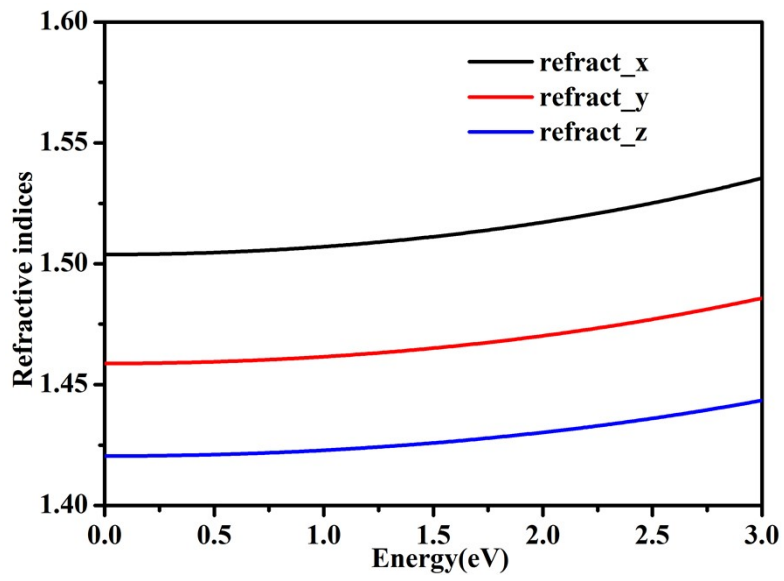


Figure S5. The calculated frequency-dependent refractive indices of Zn(NH₃)CO₃.

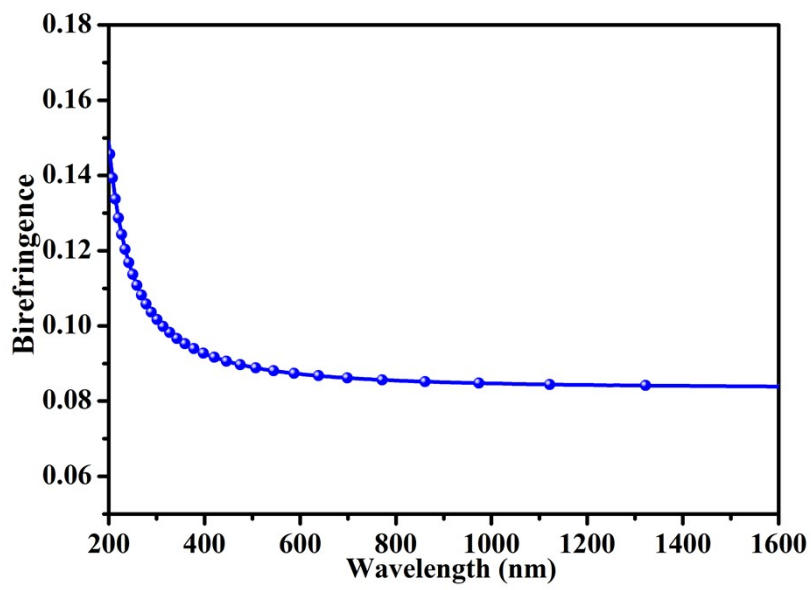


Figure S6. The birefringence of Zn(NH₃)CO₃.

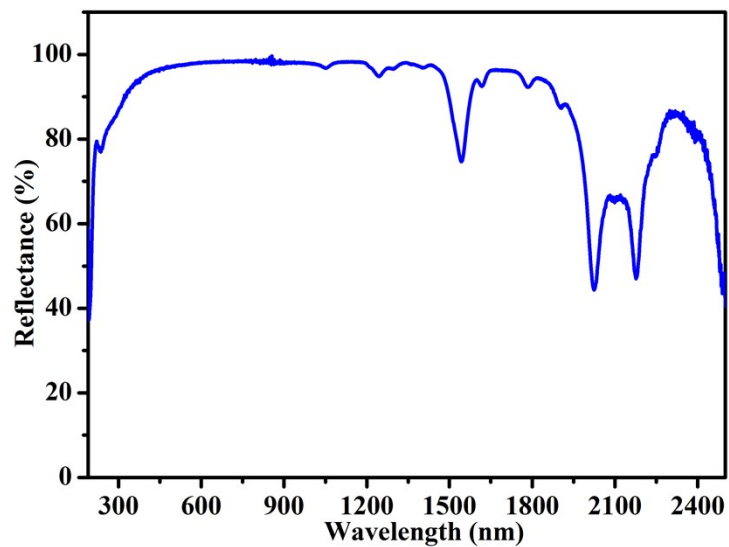


Figure S7. The UV-vis-NIR diffuse reflectance spectrum of $\text{Zn}(\text{NH}_3)\text{CO}_3$. The absorption peak at 1543, 1900–2300 nm may be caused by the overtone vibration of N–H bond.

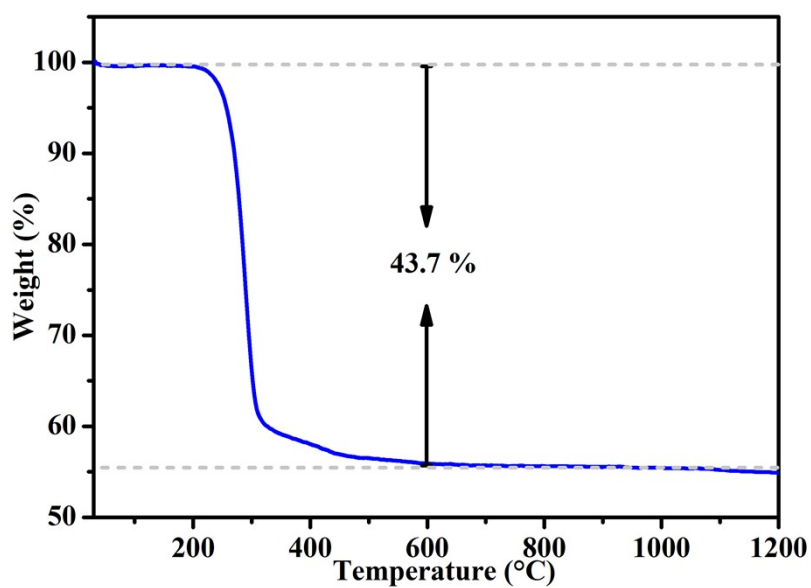


Figure S8. TG curve of $\text{Zn}(\text{NH}_3)\text{CO}_3$.

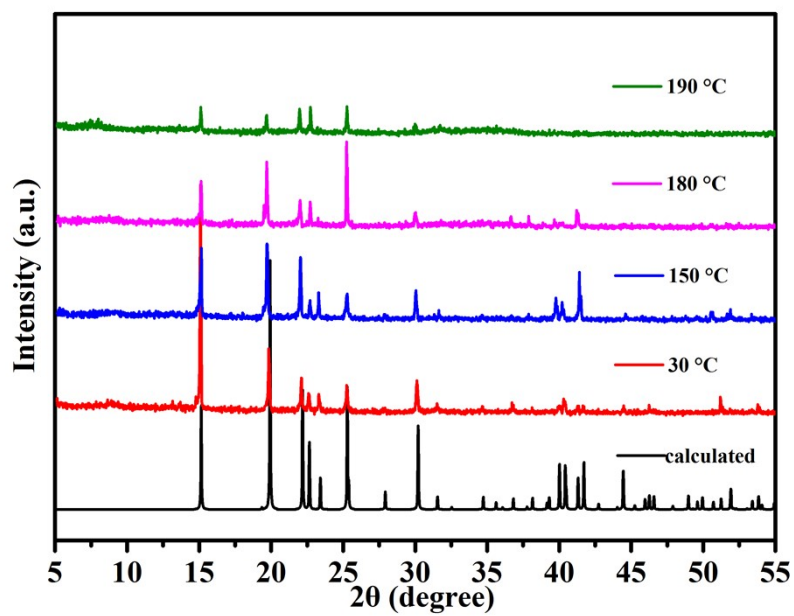


Figure S9. Variable temperature PXRD pattern of $\text{Zn}(\text{NH}_3)\text{CO}_3$.

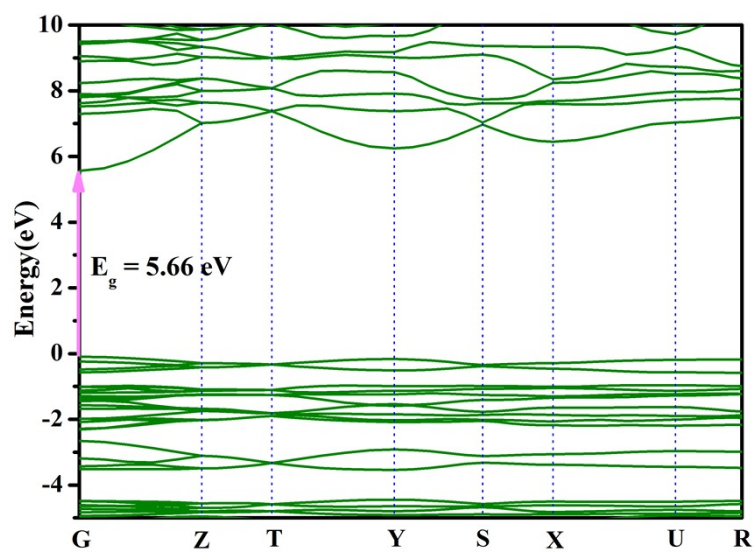


Figure S10. The calculated band structure of $\text{Zn}(\text{NH}_3)\text{CO}_3$.

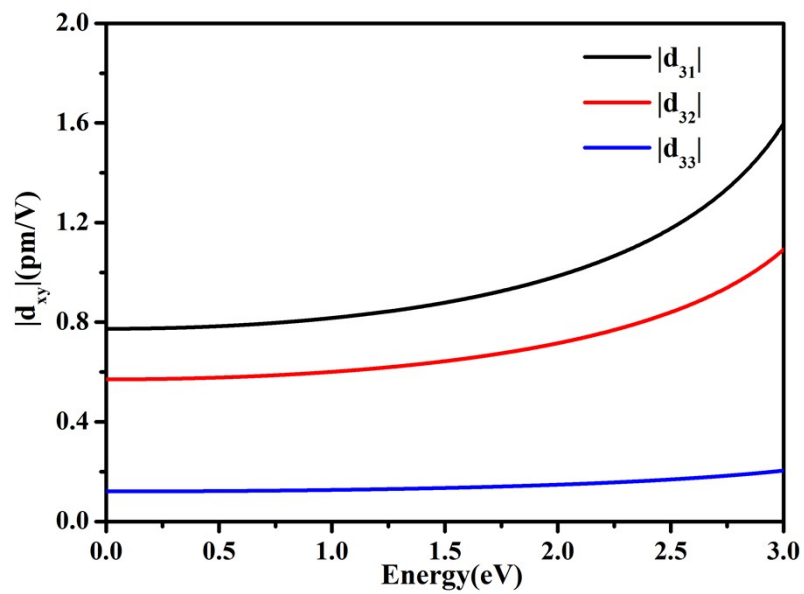


Figure S11. The frequency-dependent SHG coefficients of Zn(NH₃)CO₃.