

Supporting Information

Pushing the Limits of Oxygen Balance in Pentazolate Salts via the Theoretical Construction of Oxidizer-based Cocrystal

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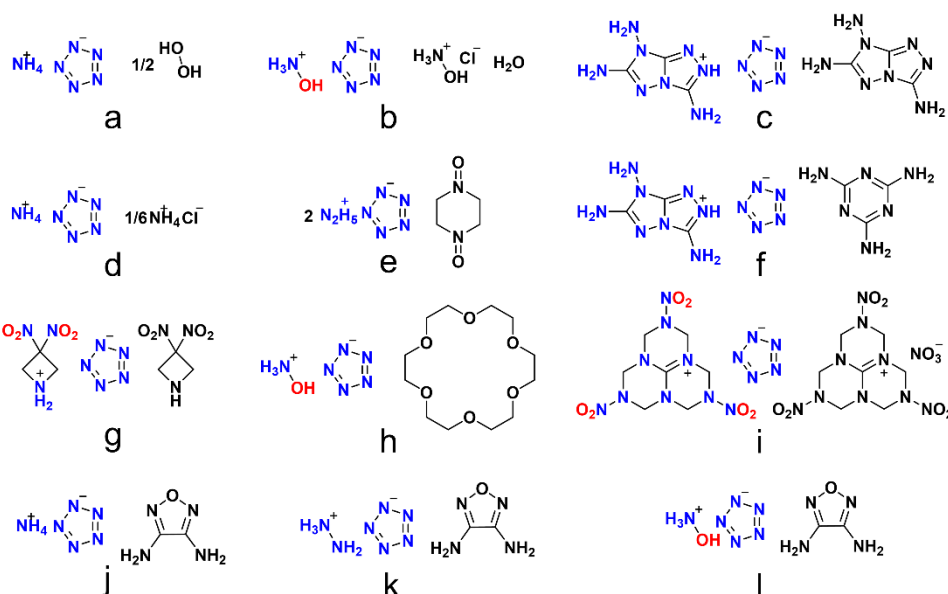
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SI 1. Reported c - N_5^- cocrystals.

Table S1. Selected parameters of reported c - N_5^- cocrystals.

| Crystal | Space Group | Formula Unit | d (g cm ⁻³) | OB% | Ref |
|--|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------|------|
| [NH ₄][N ₅]·1/2H ₂ O (a) | 14 | 4 | 1.509 | -22.86% | [1] |
| ([NH ₃ OH][N ₅]) ₂ ·[NH ₃ OH]Cl·H ₂ O(b) | 14 | 4 | 1.588 | -16.24% | [2] |
| [HTATOT][N ₅]·TATOT (c) | 14 | 4 | 1.664 | -52.77% | [3] |
| [NH ₄][N ₅]·1/6[NH ₄]Cl (d) | 227 | 2 | 1.438 | -38.52% | [4] |
| 2[N ₂ H ₅][N ₅]·PDO (e) | 2 | 1 | 1.608 | -45.28% | [5] |
| [HTATOT][N ₅]·Ma (f) | 15 | 8 | 1.743 | -56.98% | [6] |
| [HDNAZ][N ₅]·DNAZ (g) | 56 | 4 | 1.679 | -15.34% | [7] |
| [NH ₃ OH][N ₅]/18C6 (h) | 19 | 4 | 1.292 | -82.61% | [8] |
| [TNHAHP][N ₅]·[TNHAHP][NO ₃](i) | 61 | 8 | 1.687 | -22.92% | [9] |
| [NH ₄][N ₅]·DAF (j) | 19 | 4 | 1.569 | -42.55% | [10] |
| [N ₂ H ₅][N ₅]·DAF (k) | 14 | 4 | 1.589 | -43.35% | [10] |
| [NH ₃ OH][N ₅]·DAF (l) | 15 | 8 | 1.604 | -31.37% | [10] |



SI 2. Computational methods

Table S2. The energy and force convergence criteria.

| Energy and force | maximum |
|----------------------------------|---|
| geometry change | 3×10^{-3} bohr |
| force component | 4.5×10^{-4} hartree bohr ⁻¹ |
| root-mean-square geometry change | 1.5×10^{-3} bohr |
| root-mean-square force | 3×10^{-4} hartree bohr ⁻¹ |

Table S3. Comparison of calculated and experimental crystal parameters for selected *c*-N₅⁻ cocrystals.

| Crystal | | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | α | β | γ |
|---|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| | | (Å) | (Å) | (Å) | (°) | (°) | (°) |
| [NH ₄][N ₅]·1/2H ₂ O | Experiment | 3.84 | 13.19 | 9.19 | 90.00 | 96.73 | 90.00 |
| | Calculation | 3.56 | 12.59 | 8.46 | 90.00 | 97.69 | 90.00 |
| | deviation (%) | 7.23 | 4.58 | -7.93 | 0.00 | 0.99 | 0.00 |
| 2[N ₂ H ₅][N ₅]·PDO | Experiment | 6.18 | 7.36 | 7.25 | 108.08 | 91.51 | 114.82 |
| | Calculation | 6.63 | 7.83 | 7.94 | 117.14 | 93.12 | 111.674 |
| | deviation (%) | 6.75 | 6.05 | 8.74 | 7.73 | 1.74 | 2.82 |
| [THZAP][N ₅]·[THZAP][NO ₃] | Experiment | 11.92 | 16.29 | 30.18 | 90.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| | Calculation | 11.19 | 15.77 | 28.61 | 90.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| | deviation (%) | 6.08 | 3.16 | 5.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| [NH ₄][N ₅]·DAF | Experiment | 3.71 | 10.04 | 21.37 | 90.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 |

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|---------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Calculation | 3.57 | 9.33 | 19.97 | 90.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| deviation (%) | 3.92 | 7.11 | 6.56 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Table S4. A comparison of the lattice parameters of $2[\text{N}_2\text{H}_5][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{PDO}$ obtained from simulation and experimental measurements.

| | a (Å) | b (Å) | c (Å) | d (g cm ⁻³) | V (Å ³) |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Experiment | 6.630 | 7.834 | 7.945 | 1.608 | 328.63 |
| Simulation | 6.051 | 7.507 | 7.534 | 1.684 | 313.87 |
| Relative deviation (%) | 3.95 | 3.82 | 5.51 | 4.73 | 4.41 |

SI 3. Crystal structures

Table S5 Relative energies for the ranked $[\text{NH}_4][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{ADN}$ structures.

| [NH ₄][N ₅] \cdot ADN | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Space group | PBE-D3(BJ) | | PBE0-D3(BJ) | | RPBE-D3(BJ) | |
| | Rank | ΔE^a | Rank | ΔE^b | Rank | ΔE^c |
| $P2_1/c, Z=4$ | 7 | 13.50 | 5 | 6.25 | 1 | 0 |
| $P2_1/c, Z=4$ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 15.08 |
| $P2_1/c, Z=4$ | 2 | 2.47 | 2 | 1.37 | 3 | 19.44 |
| $Pbca, Z=8$ | 3 | 5.96 | 4 | 4.06 | 4 | 39.61 |
| $Pna2_1, Z=4$ | 4 | 6.35 | 3 | 3.76 | 5 | 44.89 |
| $P2_1/c, Z=4$ | 6 | 10.84 | 7 | 10.43 | 6 | 56.23 |
| $P2_12_12_1, Z=4$ | 5 | 9.64 | 6 | 7.52 | 7 | 69.61 |
| $P1, Z=4$ | 8 | 33.65 | 8 | 33.19 | 8 | 118.5 |

(a) PBE-D3(BJ), (b) PBE0-D3(BJ) and (c) RPBE-D3(BJ) functionals were employed with the TZV2P-MOLOPT-GTH basis set to calculate the total energies per asymmetric unit (in kJ/mol) relative to the most stable structure.

Table S6 Relative energies for the ranked $[\text{N}_2\text{H}_5][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{HNF}$ structures.

| $[\text{N}_2\text{H}_5][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{HNF}$ | | | | | | |
|--|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Space group | PBE-D3(BJ) | | PBE0-D3(BJ) | | RPBE-D3(BJ) | |
| | Rank | ΔE^a | Rank | ΔE^b | Rank | ΔE^c |
| <i>Pna2</i> ₁ , Z=4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8.586 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Pna2</i> ₁ , Z=4 | 2 | 0.107 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1.76 |
| <i>P2</i> ₁ /c, Z=4 | 7 | 25.333 | 7 | 30.63 | 3 | 19.26 |
| <i>Pbca</i> , Z=8 | 4 | 17.30 | 5 | 20.75 | 4 | 34.15 |
| <i>P2</i> ₁ <i>2</i> ₁ <i>2</i> ₁ , Z=4 | 5 | 20.31 | 8 | 44.42 | 5 | 44.13 |
| <i>P1</i> , Z=4 | 3 | 10.36 | 3 | 10.33 | 6 | 46.00 |
| <i>Pna2</i> ₁ , Z=4 | 6 | 20.98 | 4 | 20.57 | 7 | 73.45 |
| <i>Pna2</i> ₁ , Z=4 | 8 | 25.53 | 6 | 29.74 | 8 | 101.48 |

(a) PBE-D3(BJ), (b) PBE0-D3(BJ) and (c) RPBE-D3(BJ) functionals were employed with the TZV2P-MOLOPT-GTH basis set to calculate the total energies per asymmetric unit (in kJ/mol) relative to the most stable structure.

Table S7. A comparison of the lattice parameters of $2[\text{N}_2\text{H}_5][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{PDO}$ obtained from simulation and experimental measurements.

| | <i>P1</i> | <i>P-1</i> |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Lattice energy (kJ mol ⁻¹) | -416.612 | -425.427 |

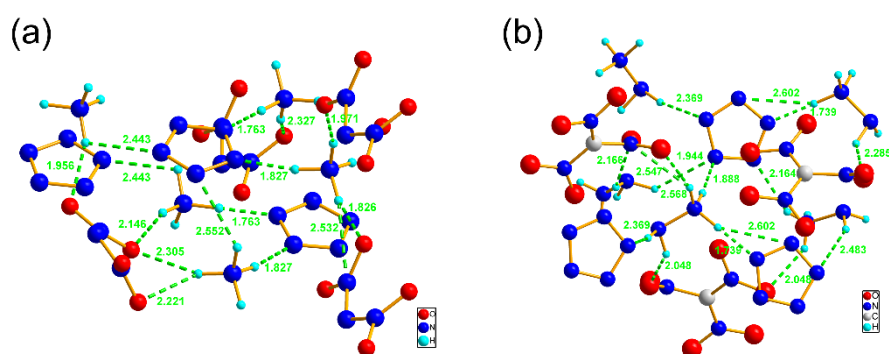


Fig. S1 hydrogen-bond distributions (a) $[\text{NH}_4][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{ADN}$ and (b) $[\text{N}_2\text{H}_5][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{HNF}$.

Table S8 Hydrogen bonds for $[\text{NH}_4][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{ADN}$.

| D-H...A | D-H (Å) | H...A (Å) | D...A (Å) | D-H...A (°) |
|--------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| N6-H6A...O4 | 1.04 | 2.15 | 3.1540 | 163 |
| N6-H6B...O3 | 1.04 | 1.96 | 2.9460 | 157 |
| N6-H6B...N4 | 1.04 | 2.45 | 2.9850 | 111 |
| N6-H6C...N5 | 1.04 | 2.58 | 3.0302 | 106 |
| N6-H6C...O4 | 1.04 | 2.33 | 3.2991 | 156 |
| N6-H6D...N1 | 1.07 | 1.72 | 2.7904 | 179 |
| N7-H7A...N3 | 1.04 | 2.53 | 3.0354 | 109 |
| N7-H7A...O1 | 1.04 | 1.97 | 2.9791 | 162 |
| N7-H7B...O2 | 1.05 | 1.83 | 2.8495 | 163 |
| N7-H7B...N10 | 1.05 | 2.51 | 3.5706 | 169 |
| N7-H7C...O2 | 1.03 | 2.22 | 2.9821 | 129 |
| N7-H7C...O4 | 1.03 | 2.30 | 3.290 | 159 |
| N7-H7C...N2 | 1.06 | 1.83 | 2.8890 | 171 |

Table S9 Hydrogen bonds for $[\text{N}_2\text{H}_5][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{HNF}$.

| D-H...A | D-H (Å) | H...A (Å) | D...A (Å) | D-H...A (°) |
|-------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| N1-H1A...N5 | 1.03 | 2.37 | 3.3828 | 168 |
| N1-H1B...O4 | 1.03 | 2.41 | 3.0217 | 117 |

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|--------------|------|------|--------|-----|
| N1-H1B...O6 | 1.03 | 2.29 | 3.1209 | 137 |
| N2-H2A...N8 | 1.07 | 1.74 | 2.7959 | 170 |
| N2-H2A...N9 | 1.07 | 2.60 | 3.5524 | 148 |
| N2-H2B...O3 | 1.04 | 2.40 | 2.8145 | 103 |
| N2-H2B...O6 | 1.04 | 1.94 | 2.9256 | 157 |
| N2-H2B...N10 | 1.04 | 2.55 | 3.2915 | 128 |
| N2-H2C...N6 | 1.05 | 1.89 | 2.9230 | 169 |
| N3-H3A...N7 | 1.05 | 1.90 | 2.9421 | 171 |
| N3-H3B...N1 | 1.05 | 1.99 | 3.0038 | 160 |
| N3-H3B...O1 | 1.05 | 2.48 | 2.8728 | 101 |
| N3-H3B...O5 | 1.05 | 2.44 | 2.9443 | 108 |
| N3-H3C...O3 | 1.05 | 1.81 | 2.8099 | 159 |
| N3-H3C...N12 | 1.05 | 2.43 | 3.2490 | 134 |
| N4-H4A...N5 | 1.03 | 2.48 | 3.4164 | 151 |
| N4-H4B...N6 | 1.03 | 2.57 | 3.3825 | 136 |

SI 5. Structural stability

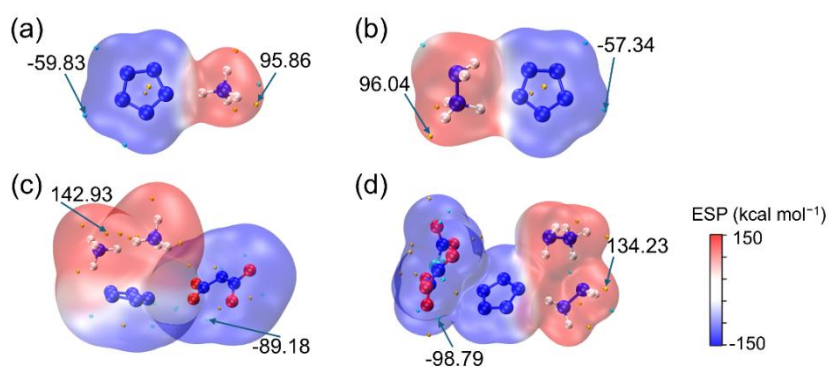


Fig. S2 ESP-mapped surfaces of $[\text{NH}_4][\text{N}_5]$ (a), $[\text{N}_2\text{H}_5][\text{N}_5]$ (b), $[\text{NH}_4][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{ADN}$ (c) and $[\text{N}_2\text{H}_5][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{HNF}$ (d)

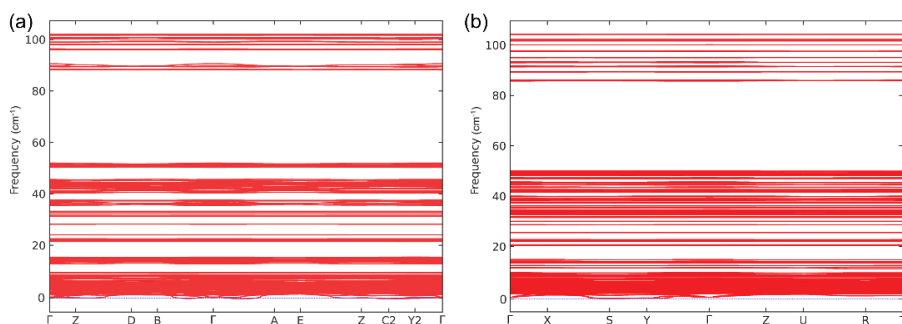


Fig. S3 Phonon spectrum of $[\text{NH}_4][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{ADN}$ (a) and $[\text{N}_2\text{H}_5][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{HNF}$ (b)

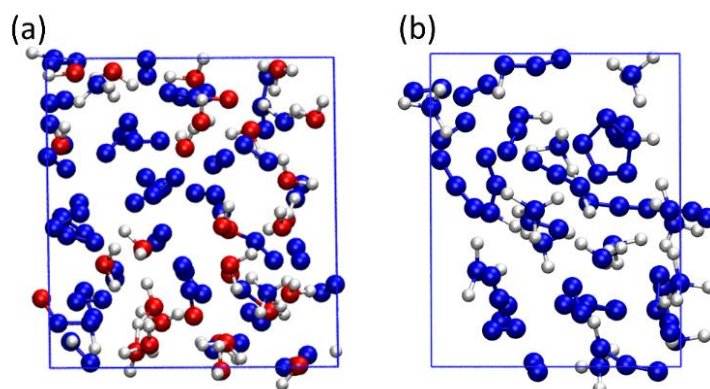


Fig. S4 Simulation snapshots of (a) $[\text{NH}_4][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{ADN}$ and (b) $[\text{NH}_4][\text{N}_5]$ at 1800 K after 25 ps.

Table S10. Number of major species from the decomposition of $[\text{NH}_4][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{ADN}$ and $[\text{NH}_4][\text{N}_5]$ at 1800 K.

| | N_5 | HN_5 | N_2 | HN_3 | N_3^- | NH_3 | H_2O | N_2O |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| $[\text{NH}_4][\text{N}_5]\cdot\text{ADN}$ | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 2 |
| $[\text{NH}_4][\text{N}_5]$ | 1 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |

SI 6. Heat of formation.

The solid-state heat of formation (cocrystal ΔH_f) was calculated based on a Born–Haber energy cycle¹¹ with the following simplified equation for calculation:

$$\Delta H_f(\text{cocrystal}, 298\text{K}) = 2\Delta H_f(\text{cation}, 298\text{K}) + \Delta H_f(\text{anion 1}, 298\text{K}) + \Delta H_f(\text{anion 2}, 298\text{K}) - \Delta H_{\text{sub}}$$

The heat of sublimation can be estimated using the DFT method with the RPBE (revised Perdew Burke-Ernzerhof) exchange-correlation functional in CP2K program with the TZV2P-MOLOPT-GTH basis set.

Table S11. The related heat of formations for several species.

| | Heat of formation (kJ mol ⁻¹ 298K) |
|---|---|
| NH ₄ cation ^a | 639.2 |
| DN anion ^b | -156.2 |
| N ₂ H ₅ cation ^a | 776.1 |
| NF anion ^c | -228.8 |
| N ₅ anion ^a | 258.7 |
| [NH ₄][N ₅]·ADN | 644.2 |
| [N ₂ H ₅][N ₅]·HNF | 860.1 |

^a Ref 12. ^b Ref 13. ^c Ref 11.

SI 7. Detonation performance

Detonation velocity (D in km s⁻¹) and detonation pressure (P in GPa) were predicted by the empirical Kamlet–Jacobs¹⁴ as follows:

$$D = 1.01 \left(N \bar{M}^{\frac{1}{2}} Q^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 + 1.30\rho) \quad (3)$$

$$P = 1.558\rho^2 N \bar{M}^{\frac{1}{2}} Q^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (4)$$

in which N (mol g⁻¹) is the moles of detonation gases per gram explosive, M (g mol⁻¹) represents the average molecular weight of these gases, and Q (cal g⁻¹) is the heat of detonation.

Table S12. Formulas of N , \bar{M} , and Q for C_aH_bO_cN_d Explosives

| | $c \geq 2a + \frac{b}{2}$ | $2a + \frac{b}{2} > c > \frac{b}{2}$ | $\frac{b}{2} > c$ |
|-----------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| N | $\frac{b + c + 2d}{4M}$ | $\frac{b + c + 2d}{4M}$ | $\frac{b + d}{2M}$ |
| \bar{M} | $\frac{4M}{b + c + 2d}$ | $\frac{56d + 88c - 8b}{b + 2c + 2d}$ | $\frac{2b + 28d + 32c}{b + d}$ |
| Q | $\frac{28.9b + 94.05c + 0.239\Delta H_f}{4M}$ | $\frac{5.3875b + 47.025c + 0.239\Delta H_f}{4M}$ | $\frac{57.8c + 0.239\Delta H_f}{4M}$ |

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