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### Supporting Information

# **Synergistic Dual-Modification Strategy of $\pi$ -Conjugated Cations and Tetrahedra: Rational Design of Ultraviolet High-Birefringence Monofluorophosphates**

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## Experimental Procedures

### Synthesis

All of the chemicals were of analytical grade from commercial sources and used without further purification.  $\text{CH}_6\text{N}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  (Aladdin, 98.5%), HCl (AR),  $\text{Na}_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}$  (Macklin, 98 %),  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}$  (99 %), and HF were purchased from Macklin.

Two compounds were synthesized at room temperature without additional heating. The millimeter-sized single crystals of  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  were obtained by the solution volatilization method.

Growth of  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  crystals by evaporation method:

- A solution was prepared by adding  $\text{CH}_6\text{N}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  (10 mmol) and 10 mL of distilled water to a 250 mL plastic beaker, followed by the slow addition of HF solution to induce  $\text{CO}_2$  gas evolution. This mixture was designated as Solution A.
- $\text{Na}_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}$  (5 mmol) was added to Solution A, and the mixture was stirred thoroughly to ensure homogeneity.
- The crystals were isolated from the mother liquor following natural evaporation, with care taken to prevent complete evaporation of the solution.

Growth of  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  crystals by evaporation method:

- A solution was prepared by adding  $\text{CH}_6\text{N}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  (10 mmol) and 20 mL of distilled water to a 250 mL plastic beaker, followed by the slow addition of HCl solution to induce  $\text{CO}_2$  gas evolution. This mixture was designated as Solution B.
- $\text{Na}_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}$  (5 mmol) and 100 ml  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}$  were added to Solution B, and the mixture was stirred thoroughly to ensure homogeneity.
- The crystals were isolated from the mother liquor following natural evaporation, with care taken to prevent complete evaporation of the solution.

### Structural Determination

To perform the structural characterization of the as-synthesized samples, plate-shaped single crystals with suitable sizes of the title compounds were selected under an optical microscope. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data of the two compounds were collected on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer assembled with monochromatic Mo-K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) as the radiation source. By using the Bruker SAINT program, data integration was performed.<sup>1</sup> The structure of the two crystals was determined by the direct method and refined through the SHELXTL system using Olex2 software.<sup>2,3</sup> The positions of all the atoms were refined by full matrix least-squares techniques. The PLATON program was used to confirm the above structures as no higher symmetry was recommended.<sup>4</sup>

### Powder X-ray Diffraction

The purity of polycrystalline powder samples of the two compounds was confirmed using the Bruker D2 PHASER X-ray diffractometer with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$ ), and the diffraction data were collected in the  $2\theta$  range from 5 to 50 ° (step size: 0.02 °), respectively.

### Spectral Analysis

The infrared (IR) absorption spectra were measured to confirm the presence of the anionic units of  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  on a SHIMADZU IR-Affinity-1 Fourier Transform IR spectrometer in the range of 400–4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Polycrystalline powders of the two compounds were mixed with dried KBr in a mass ratio of 1:100 to prepare the samples tested. To determine the cutoff edge of  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , UV-vis-NIR transmittance spectra were measured by a Shimadzu SolidSpec-3700DUV spectrophotometer at room temperature.

### Computational Details and Methods

The electronic structures as well as optical properties of  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  were determined employing the CASTEP package based on density functional theory (DFT) with the norm-conserving pseudopotentials (NCP).<sup>5,6</sup> The functionals developed by Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) in generalized gradient approximation (GGA)<sup>7</sup> form were adopted to model the exchange-correlation terms in the Hamiltonian. The plane-wave energy cutoff of  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  was set at 850 and 940 eV. Self-consistent field (SCF) calculations were performed with a convergence criterion of  $10^{-6}$  and  $5.0 \times 10^{-6}$  eV/atom on the total energy. The k-points of the Monkhorst-Pack grid used in the calculation of  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  are  $5 \times 1 \times 2$  and  $5 \times 4 \times 3$ . Besides, the contribution of planar  $\pi$ -conjugated cations,  $[\text{PO}_3\text{F}]$ , and  $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  units to the birefringence of  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  were further investigated using the real space atom-cutting method. The cutting radii of C, N, O, P, F, and H were set as 0.77, 0.75, 0.73, 1.06, 0.72, and 0.32  $\text{Å}$ , respectively.

The HOMO–LUMO gap, energy level, and polarizability anisotropy of functional units were calculated using DFT implemented by the Gaussian09 package.<sup>8</sup> The B3LYP (Becke, three-parameter, Lee–Yang–Parr) exchange-correlation functional with the Lee–Yang–Parr correlation functional at the 6-31G+ and 6-31G++ basis set in Gaussian was employed.

The linear optical properties of the title compounds including the dielectric function  $\varepsilon(\omega)$  is obtained based on the following equations<sup>9–11</sup>:

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_1(\omega) + i\varepsilon_2(\omega) \quad (1)$$

$$\varepsilon_2(\omega) = \frac{4\pi^2 e^2}{\Omega} \lim_{q \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{q^2} \times \sum_{c,v,k} 2\omega_k \delta(E_c - E_k - \omega) | \langle c | e \cdot q | v \rangle |^2 \quad (2)$$

where,  $\varepsilon_1(\omega)$  and  $\varepsilon_2(\omega)$  are the real and the imaginary part of the dielectric function, respectively. According to the formula (2),  $\varepsilon_2(\omega)$  is determined by the integrated optical transitions  $| \langle c | e \cdot q | v \rangle |$  from the valence states ( $v$ ) to the conduction states ( $c$ ), and  $e, q$  denotes the polarization direction of the photon and the electron momentum operator, respectively. The real part of the dielectric function  $\varepsilon_1(\omega)$  can be obtained from the imaginary part of the dielectric function  $\varepsilon_2(\omega)$  based on the Kramers-Kronig transformation<sup>12</sup>:

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$$\varepsilon_1(\omega) = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\Omega \varepsilon_2(\Omega)}{\Omega^2 - \omega^2} d\Omega \quad (3)$$

Then the refractive index  $n(\omega)$  (and the birefringence  $\Delta n$ ) can be calculated by using the following equation:

$$n(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \left[ \sqrt{\varepsilon_1^2(\omega) + \varepsilon_2^2} + \varepsilon_1(\omega) \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (4)$$

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**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for  $(C_4N_4H_{11})_2PO_3F \cdot H_2O$ .

Formula	$(C_4N_4H_{11})_2PO_3F \cdot H_2O$
Formula weight	346.32
Temperature / K	298
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	$P\bar{1}$
$a / \text{Å}$	7.3372(6)
$b / \text{Å}$	9.0541(8)
$c / \text{Å}$	12.6489(10)
$\alpha / ^\circ$	96.383(3)
$\beta / ^\circ$	96.496(3)
$\gamma / ^\circ$	97.670(3)
Volume / $\text{Å}^3$	820.59(12)
$Z$	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}} / \text{g/cm}^3$	1.402
$\mu / \text{mm}^{-1}$	0.208
$F(000)$	368.0
Radiation	Mo $K\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
$2\theta$ range for data collection / $^\circ$	3.268 to 50.678
Index ranges	$-8 \leq h \leq 8, -10 \leq k \leq 10, -15 \leq l \leq 15$
Reflections collected	11366
Independent reflections	2990 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0371, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0333$ ]
Completeness (%)	99.9
Data/restraints/parameters	2990 / 1 / 216
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.042
Final $R$ indices [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ] <sup>a</sup>	$R_1 = 0.0398, wR_2 = 0.1072$
Final $R$ indices (all data) <sup>a</sup>	$R_1 = 0.0461, wR_2 = 0.1130$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ Å}^{-3}$	0.34 / -0.34

<sup>a</sup> $R_1 = \sum(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum|F_o|$  and  $wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum wF_o^4]^{1/2}$  for  $F_o^2 > 2\sigma(F_o^2)$

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**Table S2.** Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .  $U(\text{eq})$  is defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

atom	x	y	z	$U(\text{eq})$
C(1)	5919(3)	4419(2)	8581(2)	29(1)
C(2)	3431(4)	1032(3)	10735(2)	54(1)
C(3)	3122(3)	1986(2)	9862(2)	34(1)
C(4)	1210(3)	1850(3)	9303(3)	57(1)
C(5)	2011(3)	-2853(2)	4489(2)	34(1)
C(6)	4092(4)	363(3)	7004(2)	55(1)
C(7)	3213(3)	698(2)	5956(2)	40(1)
C(8)	3113(4)	2301(3)	5815(2)	56(1)
N(1)	7509(2)	4119(2)	9038(1)	40(1)
N(2)	5862(2)	5308(2)	7824(1)	35(1)
N(3)	4335(2)	3761(2)	8870(1)	31(1)
N(4)	4545(2)	2838(2)	9675(1)	34(1)
N(5)	1988(3)	-4261(2)	4690(2)	43(1)
N(6)	1521(3)	-2542(2)	3514(1)	43(1)
N(7)	2595(3)	-1778(2)	5309(1)	38(1)
N(8)	2535(2)	-284(2)	5158(1)	38(1)
P(1)	1093(1)	6262(1)	7651(1)	29(1)
O(1)	949(2)	4844(2)	8167(1)	48(1)
O(2)	2673(2)	6460(2)	7002(1)	40(1)
O(3)	-739(2)	6508(2)	7092(1)	37(1)
O(4)	-942(4)	-500(2)	6886(2)	85(1)
F(1)	1576(2)	7572(2)	8608(1)	60(1)

**Table S3.** Bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [deg] for  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

C(1)-N(1)	1.317(2)	C(6)-C(7)	1.488(3)
C(1)-N(2)	1.318(2)	C(7)-C(8)	1.493(3)
C(1)-N(3)	1.341(2)	C(7)-N(8)	1.275(3)
C(2)-C(3)	1.491(3)	N(3)-N(4)	1.396(2)
C(3)-C(4)	1.482(3)	N(7)-N(8)	1.392(2)
C(3)-N(4)	1.273(3)	P(1)-O(1)	1.5007(15)
C(5)-N(5)	1.326(3)	P(1)-O(2)	1.4969(14)
C(5)-N(6)	1.316(3)	P(1)-O(3)	1.5022(14)
C(5)-N(7)	1.331(3)	P(1)-F(1)	1.5710(14)
C(1)-N(3)-N(4)	115.40(15)	N(2)-C(1)-N(3)	119.86(17)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	117.23(19)	N(5)-C(5)-N(6)	121.1(2)
C(2)-C(3)-N(4)	116.09(19)	N(5)-C(5)-N(7)	116.96(18)
C(3)-N(4)-N(3)	118.55(16)	N(6)-C(5)-N(7)	121.93(18)
C(4)-C(3)-N(4)	126.68(19)	C(6)-C(7)-N(8)	125.0(2)
C(5)-N(7)-N(8)	119.32(17)	O(1)-P(1)-O(2)	113.99(9)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	118.2(2)	O(1)-P(1)-O(3)	112.40(8)
C(7)-N(8)-N(7)	116.31(18)	O(1)-P(1)-F(1)	105.18(10)
C(8)-C(7)-N(8)	116.9(2)	O(2)-P(1)-O(3)	114.62(8)
N(1)-C(1)-N(2)	121.17(17)	O(2)-P(1)-F(1)	104.89(9)
N(1)-C(1)-N(3)	118.94(17)	O(3)-P(1)-F(1)	104.48(8)

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**Table S4.** Hydrogen bonds for  $(C_4N_4H_{11})_2PO_3F \cdot H_2O$ .

D-H...A	d(D-H)/Å	d(H...A)/Å	d(D...A)/Å	D-H...A <sup>o</sup>
N(1)-H(1)...O(1)#1	0.88	2.04	2.891(2)	164.1
N(2)-H(3)...O(3)#1	0.88	2.00	2.877(2)	176.4
N(2)-H(4)...O(2)	0.88	1.97	2.826(2)	165.1
N(3)-H(5)...O(1)	0.88	2.02	2.875(2)	162.4
N(5)-H(14)...O(3)#3	0.88	1.97	2.842(2)	173.5
N(5)-H(15)...O(2)#2	0.88	2.14	2.897(2)	144.0
N(6)-H(12)...O(4)#3	0.88	2.23	3.047(3)	153.5
N(6)-H(13)...O(4)#3	0.88	2.07	2.932(3)	166.7
N(7)-H(16)...O(2)#2	0.88	2.05	2.810(2)	144.4
O(4)-H(24)...O(3)#2	0.99	2.13	2.772(2)	121.0
O(4)-H(23)...N(8)#3	0.73	2.37	2.916(3)	132.7

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 x+1, y, z; #2 x, y-1, z; #3 -x,-y,-z+1

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**Table S5.** Crystal data and structure refinement for  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Formula	$(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$
Formula weight	266.20
Temperature / K	298
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$
$a / \text{\AA}$	4.9572(6)
$b / \text{\AA}$	20.492(3)
$c / \text{\AA}$	11.0338(16)
$\beta / ^\circ$	91.685(5)
Volume / $\text{\AA}^3$	1120.4(3)
$Z$	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}} / \text{g/cm}^3$	1.578
$\mu / \text{mm}^{-1}$	0.279
$F(000)$	560
Radiation	Mo $K\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
$2\theta$ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	3.976 to 50.694
Index ranges	$-5 \leq h \leq 5, -24 \leq k \leq 24, -13 \leq l \leq 13$
Reflections collected	9709
Independent reflections	2040 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0487, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0346$ ]
Completeness (%)	99.9
Data/restraints/parameters	2040 / 0 / 150
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.049
Final $R$ indices [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ] <sup>a</sup>	$R_1 = 0.0349, wR_2 = 0.0863$
Final $R$ indices (all data) <sup>a</sup>	$R_1 = 0.0445, wR_2 = 0.0929$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.18 / - 0.30

<sup>a</sup> $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$  and  $wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum wF_o^4]^{1/2}$  for  $F_o^2 > 2\sigma(F_o^2)$

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**Table S6.** Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .  $U(\text{eq})$  is defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

atom	x	y	z	$U(\text{eq})$
C(1)	4301(4)	7945(1)	3473(2)	33(1)
C(2)	4333(4)	4577(1)	3096(2)	30(1)
N(1)	6481(4)	4827(1)	3674(2)	38(1)
N(2)	3080(4)	4068(1)	3556(2)	41(1)
N(3)	3475(4)	4839(1)	2064(2)	34(1)
N(4)	1239(4)	4561(1)	1425(2)	34(1)
N(5)	6394(4)	7643(1)	3999(2)	48(1)
N(6)	3169(4)	8445(1)	4007(2)	43(1)
N(7)	3405(4)	7729(1)	2406(2)	37(1)
N(8)	1263(4)	8050(1)	1786(2)	35(1)
P(1)	8022(1)	6290(1)	1812(1)	25(1)
O(1)	7698(3)	6204(1)	3160(1)	36(1)
O(2)	7234(3)	6954(1)	1363(1)	38(1)
O(3)	6964(3)	5737(1)	1053(1)	41(1)
O(4)	12684(3)	6168(1)	4416(1)	46(1)
F(1)	11184(2)	6267(1)	1653(1)	43(1)

**Table S7.** Bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [deg] for  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

C(1)-N(5)	1.327(3)	N(3)-N(4)	1.416(2)
C(1)-N(6)	1.317(3)	N(7)-N(8)	1.409(2)
C(1)-N(7)	1.322(3)	P(1)-O(1)	1.5109(14)
C(2)-N(1)	1.328(3)	P(1)-O(2)	1.4972(15)
C(2)-N(2)	1.323(3)	P(1)-O(3)	1.4944(15)
C(2)-N(3)	1.319(3)	P(1)-F(1)	1.5828(13)
C(1)-N(7)-N(8)	120.28(17)	N(6)-C(1)-N(7)	121.5(2)
C(2)-N(3)-N(4)	119.55(17)	O(1)-P(1)-O(2)	113.40(9)
N(1)-C(2)-N(2)	119.94(19)	O(1)-P(1)-O(3)	114.68(9)
N(1)-C(2)-N(3)	119.41(19)	O(1)-P(1)-F(1)	103.91(8)
N(2)-C(2)-N(3)	120.65(19)	O(2)-P(1)-O(3)	114.83(9)
N(5)-C(1)-N(6)	120.3(2)	O(2)-P(1)-F(1)	103.86(8)
N(5)-C(1)-N(7)	118.14(19)	O(3)-P(1)-F(1)	104.38(8)

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**Table S8.** Hydrogen bonds for  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

D-H...A	d(D-H)/Å	d(H...A)/Å	d(D...A)/Å	D-H...A <sup>o</sup>
N(1)-H(1)...O(1)	0.88	2.15	2.945(2)	149.7
N(1)-H(2)...O(4)#5	0.88	2.16	2.952(2)	149.7
N(2)-H(3)...O(4)#5	0.88	2.31	3.062(2)	144.1
N(2)-H(4)...N(8)#6	0.88	2.27	3.013(3)	142.3
N(3)-H(5)...O(3)	0.88	1.93	2.781(2)	161.4
N(4)-H(7)...O(3)#2	0.89	2.08	2.964(2)	172.7
N(5)-H(8)...O(1)	0.88	2.34	3.163(3)	155.3
N(5)-H(9)...O(2)#9	0.88	1.91	2.756(2)	161.7
N(6)-H(10)...F(1)#8	0.88	2.55	3.163(2)	127.5
N(6)-H(11)...N(4)#7	0.88	2.40	3.189(3)	148.9
N(7)-H(12)...O(2)	0.88	1.95	2.752(2)	150.5
N(8)-H(13)...O(2)#4	0.89	2.15	3.032(2)	168.0
N(8)-H(14)...O(4)#3	0.89	2.29	3.164(3)	167.0
O(4)-H(15)...F(1)	0.87	2.58	3.123(2)	121.3
O(4)-H(15)...O(1)	0.87	1.93	2.799(2)	174.5
O(4)-H(16)...O(1)#1	0.87	2.05	2.882(2)	160.3

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1  $x+1, y, z$  #2  $-x+1, -y+1, -z$  #3  $x-1, -y+3/2, z-1/2$

#4  $x-1, y, z$  #5  $-x+2, -y+1, -z+1$  #6  $-x, y-1/2, -z+1/2$

#7  $-x, y+1/2, -z+1/2$  #8  $x-1, -y+3/2, z+1/2$  #9  $x, -y+3/2, z+1/2$

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**Table S9.** Comparison of the optical properties of monofluorophosphates and difluorophosphates.

	Compound	Space group	Cutoff edge (nm)	Birefringence	Ref.
1	(C <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> H <sub>11</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F·H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	267 <sup>b</sup>	0.165 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	This work
2	(CN <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F·H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	214 <sup>b</sup>	0.116 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	This work
3	K <sub>3</sub> Sc <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> )(PO <sub>3</sub> F) <sub>2</sub> F <sub>5</sub>	<i>Cc</i>	200 <sup>a</sup>	0.026 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	13
4	Cd <sub>2.5</sub> (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (PO <sub>3</sub> F) <sub>3</sub> Cl·2H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	215 <sup>a</sup>	0.012 @ 546 nm <sup>e</sup>	14
5	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F	<i>Pna</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	177 <sup>b</sup>	0.027 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	15
6	Na <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	202 <sup>c</sup>	0.028 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	15
7	K <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F	<i>Pnma</i>	183 <sup>c</sup>	0.021 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	15
8	Rb <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F	<i>Pnma</i>	183 <sup>c</sup>	0.020 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	15
9	Cs <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F	<i>Pnma</i>	179 <sup>c</sup>	0.018 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	15
10	BaPO <sub>3</sub> F	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	159 <sup>c</sup>	0.010 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	15
11	NaK <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>3</sub> F) <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i> 1	179 <sup>c</sup>	0.021 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	15
12	K <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	160 <sup>c</sup>	0.023 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	15
13	NaNH <sub>4</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F·H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>Pn</i>	176 <sup>b</sup>	0.035 @ 532 nm <sup>d</sup>	16
14	KHPO <sub>3</sub> F	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	179 <sup>c</sup>	0.028 @ 532 nm <sup>d</sup>	16
15	[C(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F	<i>Cm</i>	194 <sup>b</sup>	0.039 @ 532 nm <sup>d</sup>	16
16	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> [PO <sub>3</sub> F][BF <sub>4</sub> ]	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>m</i>	190 <sup>a</sup>	0.012 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	17
17	$\alpha$ -Cd(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (PO <sub>3</sub> F) <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	200 <sup>a</sup>	0.015 @ 546 nm <sup>e</sup>	18
18	$\beta$ -Cd(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (PO <sub>3</sub> F) <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>Cmc</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	200 <sup>a</sup>	0.026 @ 546 nm <sup>e</sup>	18
19	Ag <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	291 <sup>a</sup>	0.032 @ 546 nm <sup>e</sup>	19
20	KAg <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>3</sub> F) <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	256 <sup>a</sup>	0.077 @ 546 nm <sup>e</sup>	19
21	RbAg <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>3</sub> F) <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	256 <sup>a</sup>	0.080 @ 546 nm <sup>e</sup>	19
22	NH <sub>4</sub> Ag <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>3</sub> F) <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 3 <sub>1</sub> 21	271 <sup>a</sup>	0.101 @ 546 nm <sup>e</sup>	19
23	KBaSr(PO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> )(PO <sub>3</sub> F) <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	200 <sup>a</sup>	0.042 @ 550 nm <sup>e</sup>	20
24	Na <sub>1.5</sub> Rb <sub>0.5</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F·H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>Pmn</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	200 <sup>a</sup>	0.040 @ 546 nm <sup>e</sup>	21
25	(N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )[HPO <sub>3</sub> F] <sub>2</sub>	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>m</i>	200 <sup>a</sup>	0.077 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	22
26	SnPO <sub>3</sub> F	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	258 <sup>c</sup>	0.075 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	23
27	SrPO <sub>3</sub> F	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	173 <sup>c</sup>	0.034 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	23
28	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> [Sc <sub>3</sub> F <sub>5</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> )(PO <sub>3</sub> F) <sub>2</sub> ]	<i>Cc</i>	200 <sup>b</sup>	0.010 @ 550 nm <sup>e</sup>	24
29	(C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>6</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F·4H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	231 <sup>a</sup>	0.38 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	25
30	SrPO <sub>3</sub> F·H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	216 <sup>c</sup>	0.037 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	19
31	LiNH <sub>4</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	184 <sup>c</sup>	0.034 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	19
32	LiKPO <sub>3</sub> F·H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	247 <sup>c</sup>	0.017 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	19
33	CdPO <sub>3</sub> F·2H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	340 <sup>c</sup>	0.038 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	19
34	Mg(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (PO <sub>3</sub> F) <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>m</i>	261 <sup>c</sup>	0.046 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	19
35	CaPO <sub>3</sub> F·2H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	241 <sup>c</sup>	0.028 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	19
36	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>3</sub> F·H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	251 <sup>c</sup>	0.015 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	19
37	NH <sub>4</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	<i>Pnma</i>	152 <sup>c</sup>	0.046 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	15
38	KPO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	<i>Pnma</i>	156 <sup>c</sup>	0.047 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	15
39	CsPO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	<i>Pnma</i>	155 <sup>c</sup>	0.045 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	15
40	[C(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	<i>Pnma</i>	180 <sup>c</sup>	0.091 @ 532 nm <sup>d</sup>	26
41	K <sub>4</sub> (PO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> )	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	200 <sup>a</sup>	0.010 @ 546 nm <sup>e</sup>	27
42	KLa(PO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	180 <sup>b</sup>	0.019 @ 546 nm <sup>e</sup>	28
43	NH <sub>4</sub> La(PO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	190 <sup>a</sup>	0.017 @ 546 nm <sup>e</sup>	28
44	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Ba(PO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	<i>P</i> 2/ <i>n</i>	180 <sup>b</sup>	0.022 @ 1064 nm <sup>d</sup>	29
45	NH <sub>4</sub> Mg(PO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	<i>Cmcm</i>	222 <sup>c</sup>	0.033 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	29
46	NH <sub>4</sub> Sr(PO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	214 <sup>c</sup>	0.035 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	29
47	Ba(PO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<i>I</i> $\bar{4}$ 2/ <i>d</i>	214 <sup>c</sup>	0.011 @ 546 nm <sup>d</sup>	29

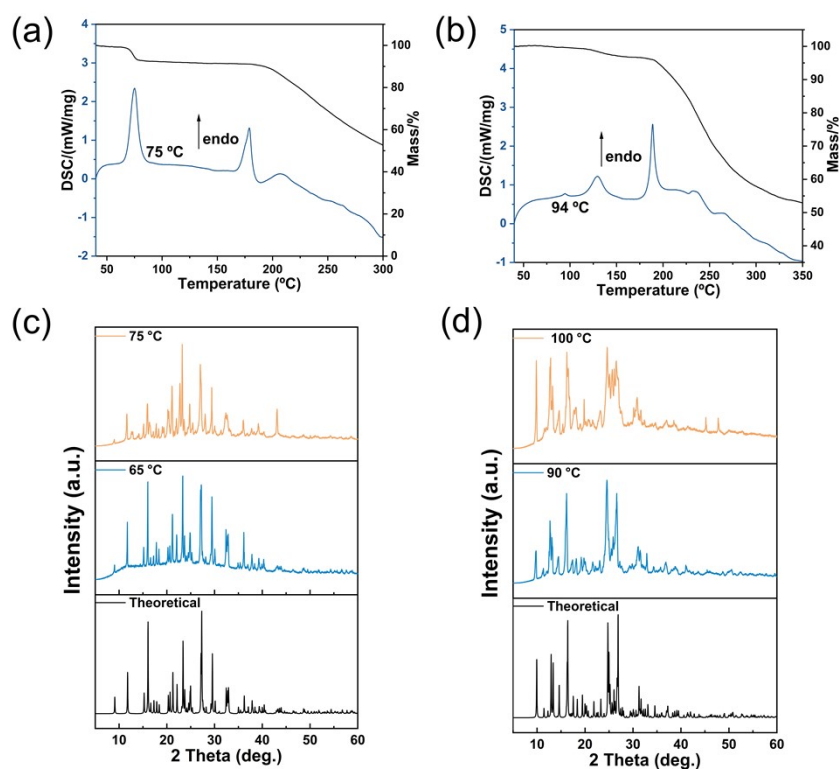
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**Table S10.** Real-space atom-cutting results of calculated birefringence for  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

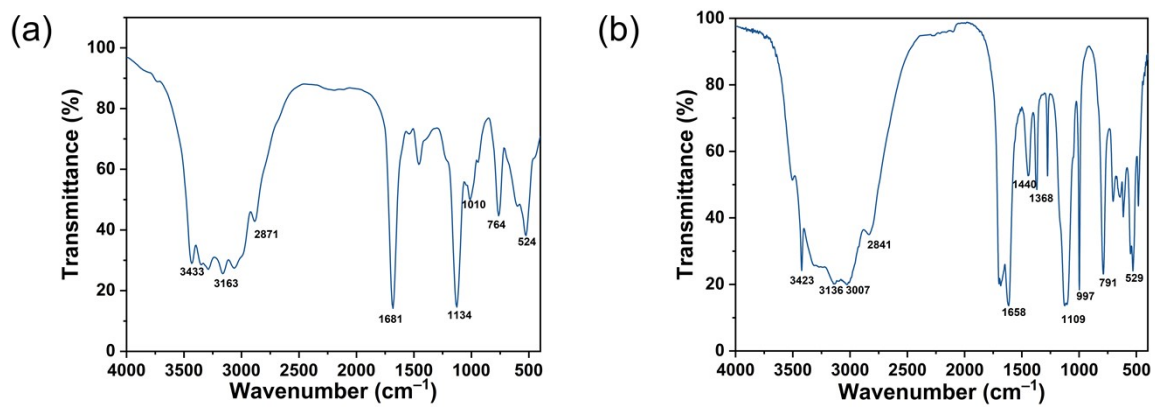
Cut unit	none	$[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$	$[\text{PO}_3\text{F}]$	Cations
$(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.116	0.116	0.100	0.034
$(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.165	0.165	0.151	0.046

Figure S1. TG-DSC curves of (a)  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and (b)  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Experimental powder XRD patterns at different temperatures of (c)  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and (d)  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



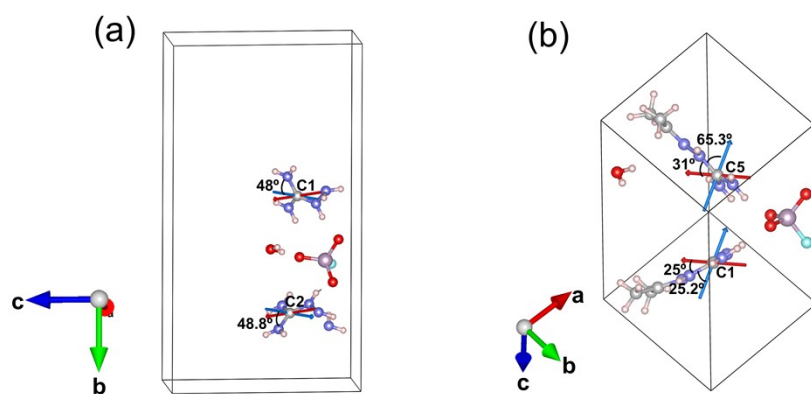
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Figure S2. IR spectra of (a)  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and (b)  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



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Figure S3. Directions of  $n_{\max}$  and  $n_{\min}$  for planar  $\pi$ -conjugated units in (a)  $(\text{CN}_4\text{H}_7)_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and (b)  $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}_{11})_2\text{PO}_3\text{F}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Red and blue arrows mean the directions of  $n_{\max}$  and  $n_{\min}$ , respectively.



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