

Supporting Information

Molecular Dual-Functionalization Unlocks Room-Temperature Phosphorescence of Graphitic Carbon Nitride for Environmentally Robust Encryption

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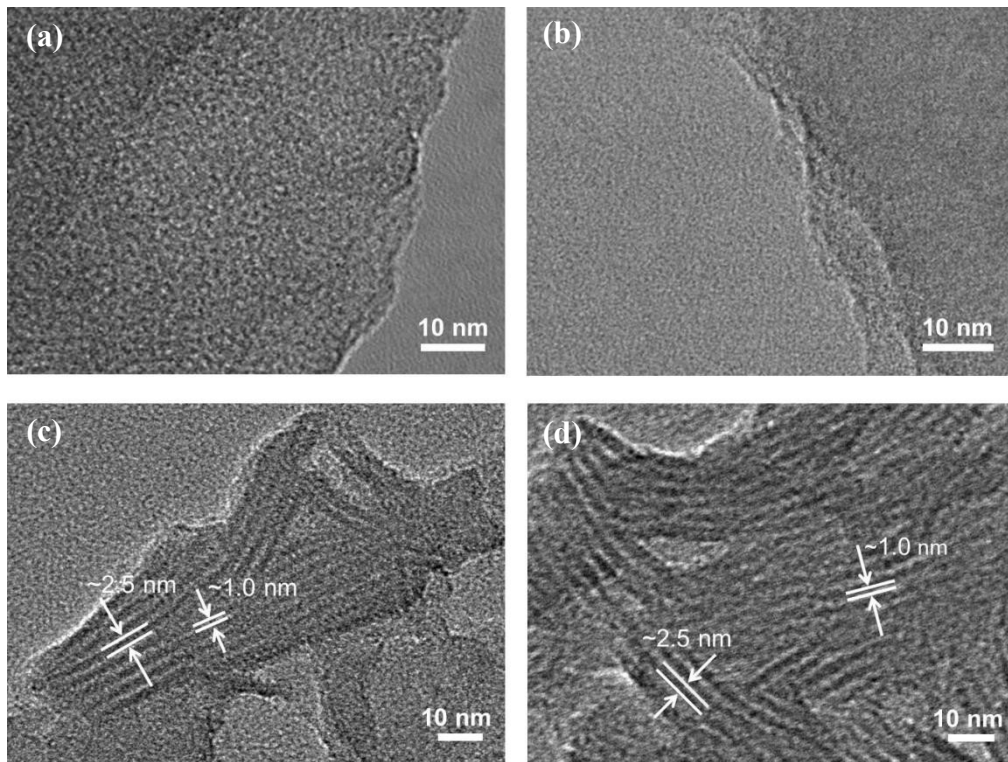


Figure S1. High-resolution TEM images of layered structures of the PhCN (a) and Np-PhCN (b).

High-resolution TEM images of banded structures of the PhCN (c) and Np-PhCN (d).

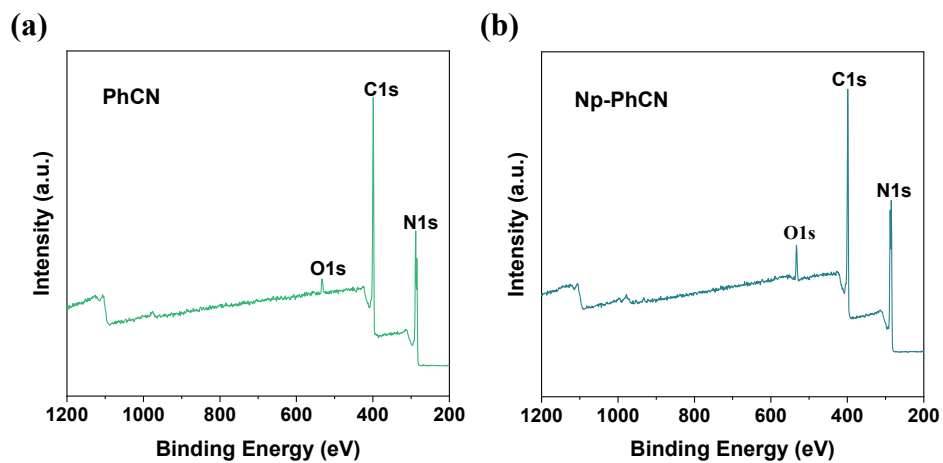


Figure S2. XPS spectra of the PhCN (a) and Np-PhCN (b) samples. The presence of the element O is mainly due to the material being exposed to the air and absorbing CO₂.

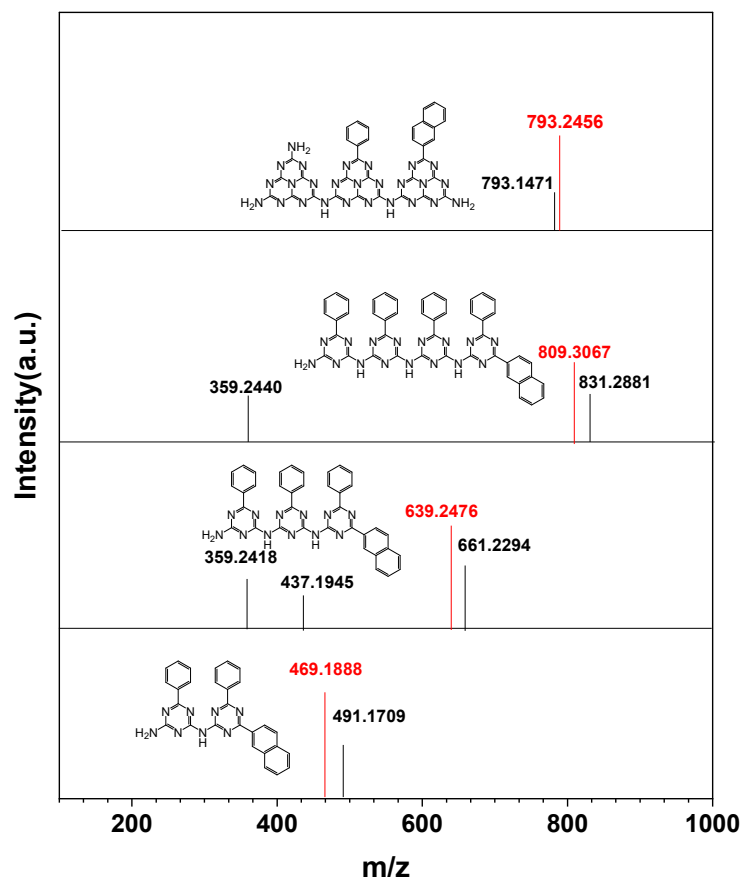


Figure S3. LC-MS data for the washing solution of the synthesized sample Np-PhCN.

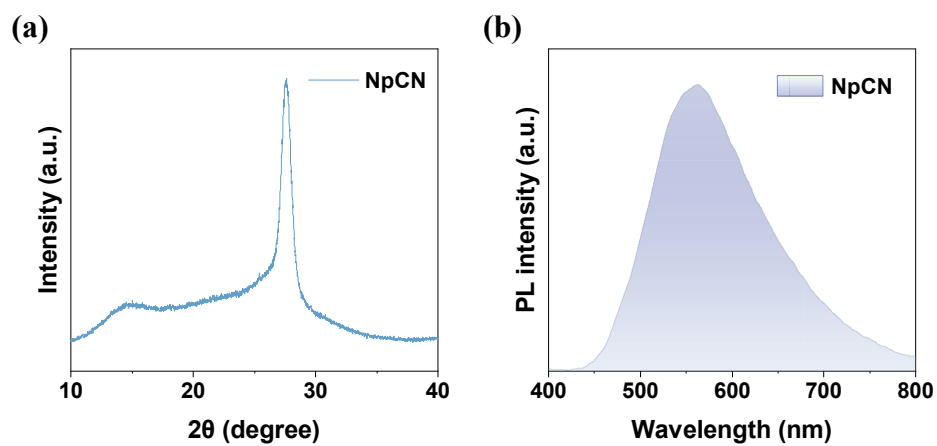


Figure S4. XRD patterns and emission spectra of NpCN. The XRD pattern of NpCN has the diffraction peak at 27.6° , which corresponds to the (002) graphite-like plane of conjugated aromatic systems. The NpCN exhibits weak fluorescence emission and an absence of phosphorescence.

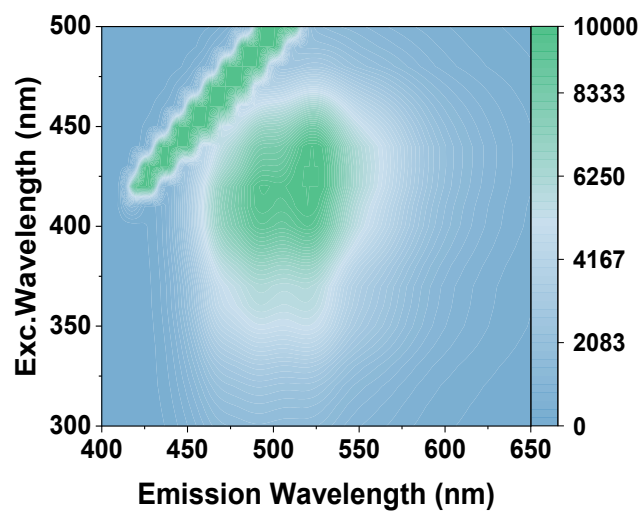


Figure S5. The fluorescence excitation spectrum of PhCN.

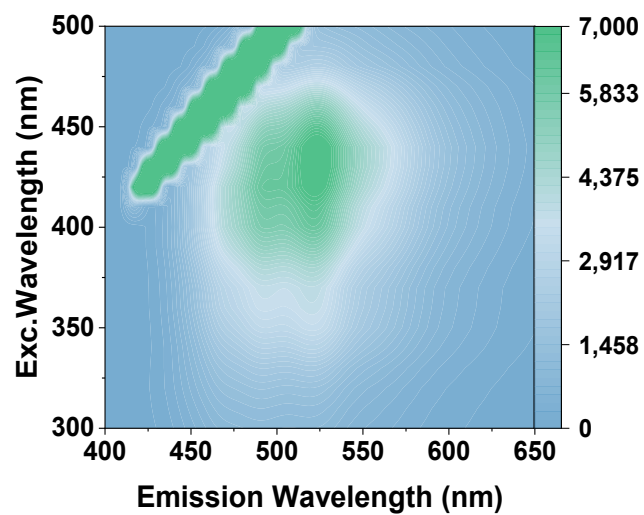


Figure S6. The fluorescence excitation spectrum of Np-PhCN.

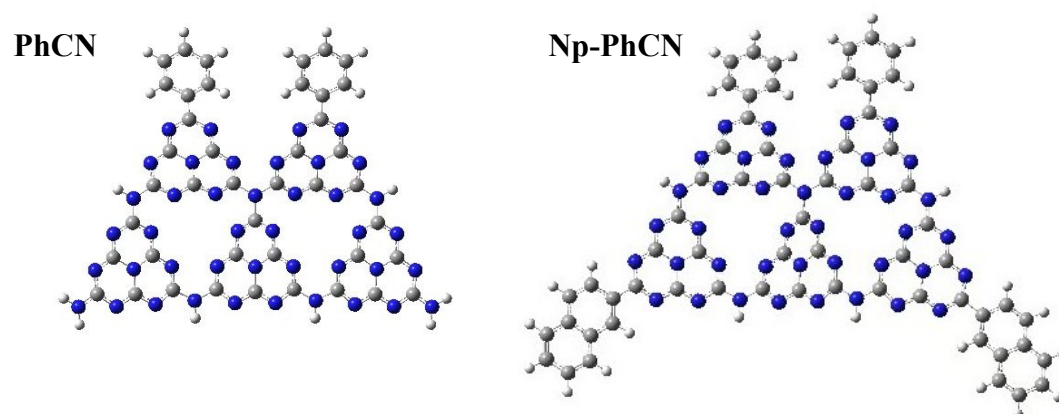


Figure S7. Theoretically optimized structure of PhCN and Np-PhCN.

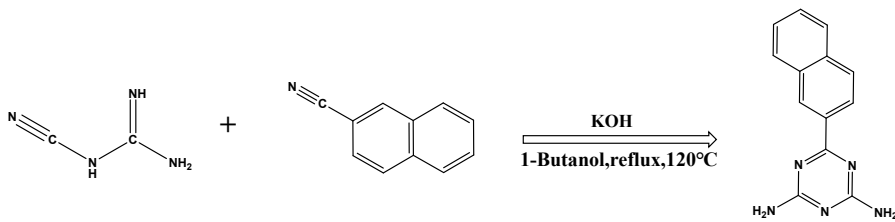


Figure S8. The synthesis mechanism of 2,4-diamino-6-naphthyl-1,3,5-triazine.

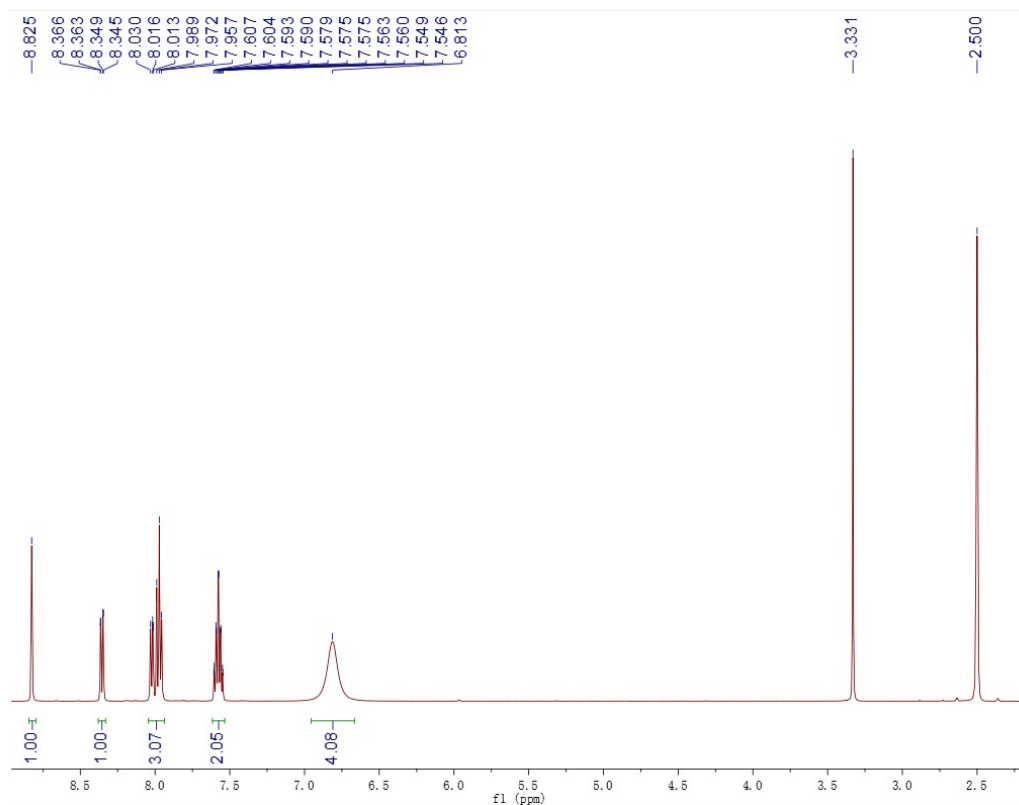


Figure S9. ^1H NMR of the synthesized 2,4-diamino-6-naphthyl-1,3,5-triazine. The ^1H NMR spectrum shows that the peak at 6-9 ppm is the characteristic peak of 2,4-diamino-6-naphthyl-1,3,5-triazine. The peaks at 2.500 and 3.331 ppm are derived from absorbed water in sample and the solvent DMSO.

Table S1. The fitting data of C 1s XPS spectra of PhCN and Np-PhCN.

| Samples | Peak fit | Peak BE (eV) | FWHM (eV) | Content (%) |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| PhCN | C-C/C=C | 284.7 | 1.1 | 33.4 |
| | C-Ph | 286.1 | 2.0 | 15.5 |
| | N-C=N | 288.3 | 1.4 | 51.1 |
| Np-PhCN | C-C/C=C | 284.8 | 1.2 | 45.1 |
| | C-Ph/C-Np | 286.3 | 1.8 | 12.2 |
| | N-C=N | 288.2 | 1.1 | 42.5 |

Table S2. The fitting data of N 1s XPS spectra of PhCN and Np-PhCN.

| Samples | Peak fit | Peak BE (eV) | FWHM (eV) | Content (%) |
|---------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| PhCN | N _{2C} | 398.8 | 1.2 | 54.9 |
| | NH _x | 400.0 | 1.3 | 25.4 |
| | N _{3C} | 401.1 | 1.3 | 15.8 |
| | π -excitation | 405.0 | 3.1 | 3.8 |
| Np-PhCN | N _{2C} | 398.7 | 1.2 | 68.7 |
| | NH _x | 399.7 | 1.1 | 15.8 |
| | N _{3C} | 401.1 | 1.1 | 11.4 |
| | π -excitation | 404.4 | 2.0 | 3.8 |

Table S3. XPS elemental content analysis of PhCN.

| Elements | FWHM (eV) | Atomic content (%) |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| C 1s | 5.71 | 59.42 |
| N 1s | 2.85 | 38.93 |
| O 1s | 3.75 | 1.65 |

Table S4. XPS elemental content analysis of Np-PhCN.

| Elements | FWHM (eV) | Atomic content (%) |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| C 1s | 5.55 | 60.76 |
| N 1s | 2.80 | 33.58 |
| O 1s | 3.28 | 3.82 |

Table S5. The fluorescence peak locations and PLQYs of g-CN.

| Sample | Peak center (nm) | PLQY (%) | PQY(%) |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| p-CN | 465 | 9 | / |
| PhCN | 520 | 41 | / |
| NpCN | 560 | 3 | / |
| Np-PhCN | 520 | 37 | 4.4 |

Table S6. The fitting data of temperature-dependent phosphorescence lifetime for Np-PhCN.

| Temperature | τ_1 (ms) | τ_2 (ms) | τ_3 (ms) |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 77 K | 7.7 | 87 | 1130 |
| 160 K | 5.8 | 53 | 770 |
| 230 K | 4.1 | 28 | 284 |
| 300 K | 3.4 | 16 | 85 |
| 370 K | 3.1 | 12 | 99 |

Table S7. Cartesian coordinate system of PhCN.

| Element | X | Y | Z |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| N | 5.94337 | 2.4938 | 0.02101 |
| C | 5.76425 | 1.24521 | -0.4544 |
| N | 4.59244 | 0.67611 | -0.78683 |
| C | 3.47586 | 1.28552 | -0.39591 |
| N | 3.57813 | 2.54428 | 0.25492 |
| C | 4.84648 | 3.17697 | 0.37586 |
| N | 2.26029 | 0.75537 | -0.57376 |
| C | 1.22948 | 1.35376 | 0.03515 |
| N | 1.24603 | 2.52153 | 0.69398 |
| C | 2.41015 | 3.18035 | 0.7569 |
| N | 2.52516 | 4.40107 | 1.28424 |
| C | 3.74562 | 4.98468 | 1.30498 |
| N | 4.89594 | 4.4128 | 0.87854 |
| C | 3.83005 | 6.34728 | 1.84251 |
| N | 6.91558 | 0.49245 | -0.62395 |
| C | 5.07026 | 7.00262 | 1.90194 |
| C | 5.14557 | 8.29642 | 2.40937 |
| C | 3.98794 | 8.94104 | 2.8593 |
| C | 2.75151 | 8.28855 | 2.80123 |
| C | 2.66922 | 6.99476 | 2.29472 |
| N | -1.24594 | 2.52161 | -0.69399 |
| C | -1.22947 | 1.3538 | -0.03523 |
| N | -2.26036 | 0.7554 | 0.57357 |
| C | -3.47589 | 1.28559 | 0.39566 |
| N | -3.57809 | 2.54439 | -0.25513 |
| C | -2.41004 | 3.18047 | -0.7569 |
| N | -4.59254 | 0.67618 | 0.7864 |
| C | -5.76431 | 1.24533 | 0.45392 |
| N | -5.94335 | 2.49394 | -0.02146 |
| C | -4.84642 | 3.1771 | -0.3762 |
| N | -4.8958 | 4.41297 | -0.87879 |
| C | -3.74541 | 4.98485 | -1.30504 |
| N | -2.52496 | 4.40125 | -1.28416 |
| C | -3.82972 | 6.34755 | -1.84235 |
| N | -6.91566 | 0.49263 | 0.62338 |
| C | -2.66882 | 6.99505 | -2.29436 |
| C | -2.75101 | 8.28894 | -2.80065 |
| C | -3.98739 | 8.9415 | -2.8587 |
| C | -5.14509 | 8.29686 | -2.40898 |
| C | -5.06989 | 7.00297 | -1.90176 |
| N | 2.16402 | -3.37294 | 0.93911 |

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| C | 2.20691 | -4.67501 | 0.61678 |
| N | 1.15204 | -5.45101 | 0.26321 |
| C | -0.00007 | -4.82401 | 0.00022 |
| N | -0.00005 | -3.39716 | 0.00016 |
| C | 1.08598 | -2.68839 | 0.5676 |
| N | -1.15217 | -5.45101 | -0.26274 |
| C | -2.20704 | -4.67501 | -0.61639 |
| N | -2.1641 | -3.37299 | -0.93887 |
| C | -1.08605 | -2.68841 | -0.5674 |
| N | -0.99382 | -1.35662 | -0.66972 |
| C | -0.00002 | -0.75942 | 0.00004 |
| N | 0.99378 | -1.35657 | 0.66981 |
| N | 3.43263 | -5.31565 | 0.58221 |
| N | -3.43275 | -5.31564 | -0.58184 |
| N | -0.00002 | 0.65885 | -0.00002 |
| C | -4.66746 | -4.70875 | -0.40163 |
| N | -5.6601 | -5.52826 | 0.01326 |
| C | -6.81441 | -4.95215 | 0.38788 |
| N | -6.89809 | -3.52529 | 0.39231 |
| C | -5.82672 | -2.76399 | -0.13045 |
| N | -4.74496 | -3.38978 | -0.58059 |
| N | -7.87543 | -5.64856 | 0.7807 |
| C | -8.97048 | -4.95058 | 1.18416 |
| N | -9.09706 | -3.59687 | 1.26909 |
| C | -8.06178 | -2.86188 | 0.88432 |
| N | -8.05187 | -1.51689 | 0.96031 |
| C | -6.95932 | -0.88432 | 0.49595 |
| N | -5.91012 | -1.44147 | -0.12629 |
| N | -10.03822 | -5.67174 | 1.55036 |
| C | 4.66729 | -4.70878 | 0.40173 |
| N | 4.74481 | -3.38979 | 0.58047 |
| C | 5.82655 | -2.76406 | 0.13022 |
| N | 6.8979 | -3.52546 | -0.39249 |
| C | 6.81423 | -4.95231 | -0.38776 |
| N | 5.65992 | -5.52836 | -0.01306 |
| C | 8.06161 | -2.86213 | -0.88454 |
| N | 9.09685 | -3.5972 | -1.26926 |
| C | 8.97025 | -4.95089 | -1.18413 |
| N | 7.87524 | -5.64878 | -0.78048 |
| N | 5.90996 | -1.44155 | 0.12587 |
| C | 6.95918 | -0.8845 | -0.49641 |
| N | 8.05173 | -1.51717 | -0.96068 |
| N | 10.038 | -5.67211 | -1.55022 |
| H | 5.94729 | 6.47715 | 1.54839 |

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| H | 6.10165 | 8.804 | 2.4567 |
| H | 4.04936 | 9.94858 | 3.25458 |
| H | 1.85695 | 8.79011 | 3.15061 |
| H | 1.7284 | 6.46388 | 2.23649 |
| H | -7.79567 | 0.99083 | 0.73504 |
| H | -1.72804 | 6.4641 | -2.23615 |
| H | -1.85639 | 8.79051 | -3.14988 |
| H | -4.04872 | 9.94911 | -3.25382 |
| H | -6.10114 | 8.80449 | -2.4563 |
| H | -5.94698 | 6.4775 | -1.54836 |
| H | 3.40216 | -6.31674 | 0.39319 |
| H | -3.40231 | -6.31671 | -0.39266 |
| H | -10.87303 | -5.19347 | 1.86704 |
| H | -9.9891 | -6.68274 | 1.51269 |
| H | 9.98891 | -6.6831 | -1.51238 |
| H | 10.87279 | -5.19387 | -1.86701 |
| H | 7.79561 | 0.99059 | -0.73572 |

Table S8. Cartesian coordinate system of Np-PhCN.

| Element | X | Y | Z |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| N | 5.90957 | 3.8395 | 0.64128 |
| C | 5.77976 | 2.59443 | 0.14565 |
| N | 4.64987 | 2.02434 | -0.30609 |
| C | 3.49796 | 2.63329 | -0.03243 |
| N | 3.53252 | 3.891 | 0.62693 |
| C | 4.78111 | 4.52338 | 0.88178 |
| N | 2.30811 | 2.10301 | -0.33565 |
| C | 1.2193 | 2.70137 | 0.16326 |
| N | 1.16714 | 3.86821 | 0.82043 |
| C | 2.31875 | 4.52718 | 1.00522 |
| N | 2.37818 | 5.74657 | 1.5435 |
| C | 3.58982 | 6.32986 | 1.69451 |
| N | 4.77845 | 5.75676 | 1.38989 |
| C | 3.61864 | 7.6902 | 2.24115 |
| N | 6.94453 | 1.84008 | 0.09029 |
| C | 4.84671 | 8.34372 | 2.43218 |
| C | 4.86976 | 9.63574 | 2.94881 |
| C | 3.67193 | 10.2804 | 3.27717 |
| C | 2.44757 | 9.62991 | 3.08787 |
| C | 2.41728 | 8.33792 | 2.5714 |
| N | -1.16711 | 3.86822 | -0.82033 |
| C | -1.2193 | 2.70139 | -0.16312 |
| N | -2.30811 | 2.10304 | 0.33578 |
| C | -3.49795 | 2.63333 | 0.03255 |
| N | -3.53251 | 3.89102 | -0.62686 |
| C | -2.31873 | 4.52716 | -1.00517 |
| N | -4.64986 | 2.02439 | 0.30621 |
| C | -5.77976 | 2.59447 | -0.14556 |
| N | -5.90957 | 3.83952 | -0.64125 |
| C | -4.7811 | 4.52338 | -0.88177 |
| N | -4.77842 | 5.75673 | -1.38995 |
| C | -3.58979 | 6.32982 | -1.69457 |
| N | -2.37815 | 5.74655 | -1.5435 |
| C | -3.61861 | 7.69013 | -2.24127 |
| N | -6.94452 | 1.84012 | -0.0902 |
| C | -4.84668 | 8.34359 | -2.43245 |
| C | -4.86973 | 9.63559 | -2.94913 |
| C | -3.6719 | 10.2803 | -3.27737 |
| C | -2.44752 | 9.62986 | -3.08792 |
| C | -2.41723 | 8.3379 | -2.5714 |

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| N | 2.06075 | -2.02593 | 1.14752 |
| C | 2.1338 | -3.32784 | 0.83354 |
| N | 1.12028 | -4.104 | 0.37641 |
| C | -0.00001 | -3.47711 | -0.00006 |
| N | -0.00002 | -2.05013 | 0.00001 |
| C | 1.0245 | -1.34089 | 0.67133 |
| N | -1.1203 | -4.10399 | -0.37657 |
| C | -2.13383 | -3.3278 | -0.83365 |
| N | -2.06077 | -2.02588 | -1.14756 |
| C | -1.02454 | -1.34085 | -0.67128 |
| N | -0.92376 | -0.00949 | -0.76322 |
| C | -0.00001 | 0.58852 | 0.00006 |
| N | 0.92373 | -0.00952 | 0.76329 |
| N | 3.35793 | -3.96925 | 0.92288 |
| N | -3.35797 | -3.96919 | -0.92297 |
| N | 0 | 2.00588 | 0.00007 |
| C | -4.60184 | -3.36168 | -0.87409 |
| N | -5.63538 | -4.17928 | -0.5569 |
| C | -6.8169 | -3.59878 | -0.303 |
| N | -6.90141 | -2.17495 | -0.31343 |
| C | -5.78316 | -1.41507 | -0.73077 |
| N | -4.66306 | -2.04415 | -1.06898 |
| N | -7.92228 | -4.28854 | -0.01405 |
| C | -9.05649 | -3.60724 | 0.27734 |
| N | -9.17436 | -2.25823 | 0.33741 |
| C | -8.10476 | -1.51127 | 0.05643 |
| N | -8.10916 | -0.17003 | 0.12818 |
| C | -6.97318 | 0.46707 | -0.22423 |
| N | -5.86849 | -0.0924 | -0.73831 |
| C | -10.25914 | -4.39454 | 0.56171 |
| C | 4.60181 | -3.36173 | 0.87403 |
| N | 4.66303 | -2.04421 | 1.06894 |
| C | 5.78314 | -1.41512 | 0.73079 |
| N | 6.9014 | -2.175 | 0.31348 |
| C | 6.81688 | -3.59883 | 0.303 |
| N | 5.63534 | -4.17934 | 0.55685 |
| C | 8.10477 | -1.51131 | -0.05628 |
| N | 9.17438 | -2.25826 | -0.33726 |
| C | 9.05649 | -3.60727 | -0.27726 |
| N | 7.92227 | -4.28857 | 0.01406 |
| N | 5.86848 | -0.09246 | 0.73837 |
| C | 6.97318 | 0.46703 | 0.22435 |
| N | 8.10919 | -0.17005 | -0.128 |

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| C | 10.25915 | -4.39457 | -0.56163 |
| C | -10.20546 | -5.7777 | 0.52004 |
| C | -11.3575 | -6.55436 | 0.78819 |
| C | -12.58957 | -5.88703 | 1.10642 |
| C | -12.61024 | -4.46195 | 1.14211 |
| C | -11.48005 | -3.73216 | 0.87827 |
| C | -11.3319 | -7.97756 | 0.75213 |
| C | -12.468 | -8.70668 | 1.01724 |
| C | -13.68361 | -8.04668 | 1.33118 |
| C | -13.74282 | -6.67095 | 1.37476 |
| C | 11.48009 | -3.73218 | -0.87802 |
| C | 12.61029 | -4.46196 | -1.14187 |
| C | 12.58958 | -5.88704 | -1.10636 |
| C | 11.35748 | -6.55438 | -0.7883 |
| C | 10.20543 | -5.77774 | -0.52014 |
| C | 13.74283 | -6.67096 | -1.37471 |
| C | 13.68359 | -8.04669 | -1.33131 |
| C | 12.46794 | -8.7067 | -1.01753 |
| C | 11.33184 | -7.97759 | -0.75242 |
| H | 5.75558 | 7.81837 | 2.17101 |
| H | 5.81608 | 10.14186 | 3.09773 |
| H | 3.69266 | 11.28654 | 3.68007 |
| H | 1.52199 | 10.13169 | 3.34345 |
| H | 1.48702 | 7.80873 | 2.41358 |
| H | -7.8318 | 2.33721 | -0.05599 |
| H | -5.75556 | 7.81821 | -2.17137 |
| H | -5.81605 | 10.14167 | -3.09817 |
| H | -3.69262 | 11.28643 | -3.68031 |
| H | -1.52194 | 10.13168 | -3.34342 |
| H | -1.48697 | 7.80875 | -2.41347 |
| H | 3.34687 | -4.97056 | 0.73186 |
| H | -3.3469 | -4.97053 | -0.73204 |
| H | -9.26427 | -6.25612 | 0.27876 |
| H | -13.54194 | -3.96216 | 1.38378 |
| H | -11.4779 | -2.65113 | 0.90221 |
| H | -10.39843 | -8.47451 | 0.51136 |
| H | -12.44118 | -9.78944 | 0.98795 |
| H | -14.57008 | -8.635 | 1.53769 |
| H | -14.67256 | -6.1667 | 1.61503 |
| H | 11.47797 | -2.65114 | -0.90182 |
| H | 13.54201 | -3.96216 | -1.38341 |
| H | 9.26421 | -6.25616 | -0.27899 |
| H | 14.6726 | -6.16669 | -1.61485 |

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| H | 14.57006 | -8.63501 | -1.53783 |
| H | 12.4411 | -9.78946 | -0.98837 |
| H | 10.39834 | -8.47455 | -0.51177 |
| H | 7.83178 | 2.33718 | 0.0561 |

Table S9. The energy levels of PhCN and Np-PhCN.

| PhCN energy level | S | T | Np-PhCN energy level | S | T |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 2.72 eV | 2.56 eV | 1 | 2.70 eV | 2.32 eV |
| 2 | | 2.58 eV | 2 | | 2.55 eV |
| 3 | | 2.69 eV | 3 | | 2.56 eV |
| 4 | | 2.90 eV | 4 | | 2.63 eV |
| 5 | | 2.92 eV | 5 | | 2.69 eV |
| 6 | | 2.99 eV | 6 | | 2.75 eV |
| 7 | | | 7 | | 2.95 eV |
| 8 | | | 8 | | 2.98 eV |
| 9 | | | 9 | | 3.03 eV |