

Supporting information

Dual role of Lewis acid and base for pnictogen and unexpected interplay between pnictogen bond and coordination interaction in $\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{X}\cdots\text{MCN}$ ($\text{X} = \text{P}$ and As ; $\text{M} = \text{Cu}$, Ag , and Au)

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Table S1 Changes of bond lengths (Δr , Å) and frequency shifts of stretch vibrations ($\Delta\nu$, cm^{-1}) for F-X, M-C and C-N bonds in the dyads.

	$\Delta r_{\text{F-X}}$	$\Delta r_{\text{M-C}}$	$\Delta r_{\text{C-N}}$	$\Delta\nu_{\text{F-X}}$	$\Delta\nu_{\text{M-C}}$	$\Delta\nu_{\text{C-N}}$
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{P}$	0.026	---	---	-69	---	---
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{As}$	0.033	---	---	-60	---	---
$\text{FH}_2\text{P}\cdots\text{CuCN}$	-0.032	0.042	0.001	62	-1	-3
$\text{FH}_2\text{P}\cdots\text{AgCN}$	-0.032	0.010	0.001	64	17	-2
$\text{FH}_2\text{P}\cdots\text{AuCN}$	-0.037	0.095	0.001	73	-48	-7
$\text{FH}_2\text{As}\cdots\text{CuCN}$	-0.030	0.035	0.001	43	-1	-3
$\text{FH}_2\text{As}\cdots\text{AgCN}$	-0.030	0.007	0.001	46	17	-2
$\text{FH}_2\text{As}\cdots\text{AuCN}$	-0.033	0.083	0.001	49	-44	-6

Table S2 Angles (α , deg) in the triads and their differences ($\Delta\alpha$, deg) relative to the dyads.

	α_1	α_2	α_3	α_4	α_5	$\Delta\alpha_1$	$\Delta\alpha_2$
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{P}\cdots\text{CuCN}$	168.1	112.9	78.9	44.0	57.0	0.3	-3.7
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{P}\cdots\text{AgCN}$	168.2	110.8	80.9	46.6	52.5	0.1	-4.9
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{P}\cdots\text{AuCN}$	167.6	110.0	82.3	45.2	52.5	-0.2	-6.5
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{As}\cdots\text{CuCN}$	167.7	110.7	81.6	44.9	53.5	2.5	-4.2
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{As}\cdots\text{AgCN}$	167.8	109.5	82.7	47.1	50.2	2.6	-4.9
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{As}\cdots\text{AuCN}$	167.9	108.6	83.5	46.4	50.0	2.7	-6.3

Table S3 Changes of bond lengths (Δr , Å) and frequency shifts of stretch vibrations ($\Delta \nu$, cm^{-1}) for F-X, M-C, and C-N bonds in the triads.

	$\Delta r_{\text{F-X}}$	$\Delta r_{\text{M-C}}$	$\Delta r_{\text{C-N}}$	$\Delta \nu_{\text{F-X}}$	$\Delta \nu_{\text{M-C}}$	$\Delta \nu_{\text{C-N}}$
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{P}\cdots\text{CuCN}$	-0.009	0.037	0.001	-6	-4	-8
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{P}\cdots\text{AgCN}$	-0.006	0.007	0.001	-14	14	-4
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{P}\cdots\text{AuCN}$	-0.012	0.090	0.001	-4	-58	-8
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{As}\cdots\text{CuCN}$	0.003	0.031	0.001	-19	-4	-8
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{As}\cdots\text{AgCN}$	0.005	0.005	0.001	-22	15	-4
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{As}\cdots\text{AuCN}$	0.001	0.080	0.001	-17	-47	-8

Table S4 Total interaction energy (ΔE_{total} , kcal/mol) and interaction energy (ΔE , kcal/mol) between two molecular pairs in the trimers.

	ΔE_{total}	$\Delta E_{\text{X}\cdots\text{N}}$	$\Delta E_{\text{X}\cdots\text{M}}$	$\Delta E_{\text{N}\cdots\text{M}}$
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{P}\cdots\text{CuCN}$	-57.9	-2.3	-41.8	-9.6
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{P}\cdots\text{AgCN}$	-50.1	-3.9	-35.1	-8.6
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{P}\cdots\text{AuCN}$	-70.6	-2.9	-55.4	-8.7
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{As}\cdots\text{CuCN}$	-51.4	-1.4	-35.2	-8.5
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{As}\cdots\text{AgCN}$	-45.7	-6.3	-30.4	-7.7
$\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdots\text{FH}_2\text{As}\cdots\text{AuCN}$	-63.5	-2.2	-47.8	-8.1