

Supporting Information

**Computational Study of the Reaction of 1-methyl-4-amino-1,2,4-triazolium Dicyanamide with NO₂:
From Reaction Dynamics to Potential Surfaces, Kinetics and Spectroscopy**

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Computational Methodologies

1. Direct dynamics simulations

The chemical reaction dynamics program, VENUS,¹⁻² was used to set up initial conditions for the trajectories. Trajectories started at the equilibrium geometries of reactants. Initial reactant vibrational modes were sampled using the quantum Boltzmann probability distribution:³

$$P(n_i) = \exp\left(-\frac{n_i h \nu_i}{k_B T}\right) \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{h \nu_i}{k_B T}\right)\right] \quad (1)$$

where ν_i and n_i are the frequency and the quantum number of the i^{th} vibrational mode, respectively; k_B is the Boltzmann constant, and T is the temperature. Reactant rotational energy (E_{rot}) was sampled from a classical Boltzmann distribution. Vibrational states were simulated by giving individual reactant atoms displacements from equilibrium geometries and momenta that were appropriate to initial rovibrational states, with random phases for different modes. Each molecule had zero point energy (ZPE) in all of its vibrational modes. Collision energy (E_{col}) was added as relative translational energy. Initial separation between the centers of mass of randomly oriented reactants was set in the range of 7 – 9 Å where the inter-molecular interaction was negligible. The purpose of trajectory simulations was to capture gross features and key dynamics of the reaction, therefore, all trajectories were calculated at zero impact parameter (*i.e.* head-on collisions).

The Hessian-based predictor-corrector algorithm,⁴ as implemented in Gaussian 09,⁵ was used for numerical integration of the classical equations of motion, with the Hessian matrix updated every five steps. Trajectories were propagated with a step size of 0.25 amu^{1/2}Bohr which corresponded to a step size of ~ 0.4 fsec in trajectory time and was small enough to ensure that energy conservation was met. Because millions of gradient and Hessian evaluations were required, we had to make a compromise between accuracy and computational cost in selecting the level of theory to be used for the simulations. The B3LYP method has been used successfully in calculating energetics of dialkylimidazolium-⁶⁻¹⁰ and triazolium-based¹¹ ILs, with negligible basis set superposition errors for the ion pairs.⁹ In a previous study,¹² we had utilized the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory for reaction dynamics simulations of

EMIM⁺DCA⁻ and EMMIM⁺DCA⁻. The trajectory outcomes in that work were in good agreement with the experiment.¹³ By extension, the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory is expected to provide a reliable description of MAT⁺DCA⁻ and was thus chosen for the present work. An initial guess of the molecular orbital for each DFT calculation was obtained from the previous trajectory step, and the total energy of the system was checked at each step to ensure that the energy was conserved to better than 10⁻⁴ Hartree. A quadratically convergent SCF procedure^{5, 14} was adopted for the trajectory integration in those cases when first-order SCF did not converge. It is to be noted that the M06 method was used for the spectral analysis in Kaiser *et al.*'s work.¹⁵ To compare the performance of the B3LYP method vs. the M06 method, we calculated the ion pair energy of MAT⁺DCA⁻ at the B3LYP and the M06 levels of theory with the same 6-31G(d) basis set. The B3LYP-calculated pairing energy ($\Delta H = 4.27$ eV at 298 K) is slightly less than the M06-calculated value (4.44 eV). The two theories produced similar PESs for the MAT⁺DCA⁻ \rightarrow [MAT⁺ - HC₅⁺] + HDCA reaction, with the maximum differences between the two PESs being less than 0.2 eV. A small batch of trajectories for MAT⁺DCA⁻ + NO₂ was also carried out at the M06/6-31G(d) level of theory. The M06 trajectories were found to follow similar pathways and revealed similar dynamics as the B3LYP trajectories. Finally, we also computed a few trajectories at the MP2/6-31G(d) level of theory. But the MP2 computational cost was significantly higher than that of B3LYP and M06, presumably due to the fact that the computational requirements for MP2 scales as N⁵, whereas DFT scales only as N³⁻⁴ where N is a measure of the problem size.¹⁶

Trajectories were terminated after a preset length of time (~ 1 psec) or when product separation exceeded 8.0 Å. All calculations were completed on a Linux computer cluster at Queens College. gOpenMol¹⁷ was used for trajectory visualization. Analyses of individual trajectories and trajectory ensembles were carried out with programs written by us for these purposes, which had automated algorithms to search and sort reaction pathways.

An issue with using quasi-classical direct dynamics methods is that vibrational energy (E_{vib}) is not quantized in the molecules. Lack of quantization may affect how energy is distributed between

vibrational modes.¹⁸⁻¹⁹ It is possible to have trajectories where the product E_{vib} is below ZPE. Such unphysical trajectories were found to be of minor occurrence in our previous reaction dynamics studies of $EMIM^+DCA^-$ and $EMMIM^+DCA^-$ and also in the present study of $MAT^+DCA^- + NO_2$, presumably because here we are looking at high internal energy conditions, for which the errors associated with treating the motion classically are minimalized.

2. Electronic structure calculations and RRKM analysis of reaction PESs

Using trajectory results as a guide, structures of reactants, intermediates, TSs and products along all of the reaction pathways were optimized at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory. TSs were verified to be first-order saddle points by frequency calculations, and the vibrational mode with an imaginary frequency corresponded to the associated reaction pathway. IRC calculations were carried out to confirm that TSs were located between correct minima. The Cartesian coordinates for all of the reactants, intermediates, TSs and products are provided in the Supporting Information. Reaction PESs were evaluated by the sum of electronic energies, ZPEs and thermal corrections at 298 K, for which the vibrational frequencies and ZPEs were scaled by a factor of 0.955 and 0.981,²⁰ respectively. To simulate reactant and product IR and Raman spectra in a condensed-phase IL environment, important structures were re-optimized using a parameterized SCRF-based SMD²¹ method (also known as the generic ionic liquid solvation model, SMD-GIL)²² and solvent parameters that were consistent with the experiment.

Statistical outcomes of reaction PESs were predicted using RRKM.²³ The RRKM theory is based on the assumptions of randomized distribution of reaction energy and no TS re-crossing.²⁴⁻²⁶ The RRKM reaction rate of a particular process is proportional to the total number of energetically accessible states in the TS. As a consequence, the most probable reactions follow IRC paths for which the density of states is the highest.²⁷ RRKM densities of states and rate constants were calculated using a direct count algorithm²⁸ and the scaled frequencies, energetics and moments of inertia of complexes and TSs as determined from the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory calculations. The rotation quantum number K was treated as active, so that all $(2J + 1) K$ -levels were counted in $k(E, J)$ as:²⁹

$$k(E, J) = \frac{d \sum_{K=-J}^J G[E - E_0 - E_r^\ddagger(J, K)]}{h \sum_{K=-J}^J N[E - E_r(J, K)]} \quad (2)$$

where d is the reaction path degeneracy, G is the sum of accessible states from 0 to $E - E_0 - E_r^\ddagger$ in the TS, N is the energized reactant's density of states, E is the system energy, E_0 is the activation energy or the unimolecular dissociation threshold, and E_r and E_r^\ddagger are the rotational energies for the reactant and the TS, respectively. Orbital angular momentum L was estimated from collision cross section ($\sigma_{collision}$), *i.e.*, $L = \mu \cdot v_{rel} \cdot (\sigma_{collision}/\pi)^{1/2}$, where μ and v_{rel} are the reduced mass and relative velocity, respectively, of the collision partners, and $\sigma_{collision}$ was taken as an orientation-averaged hard-sphere collision cross section.

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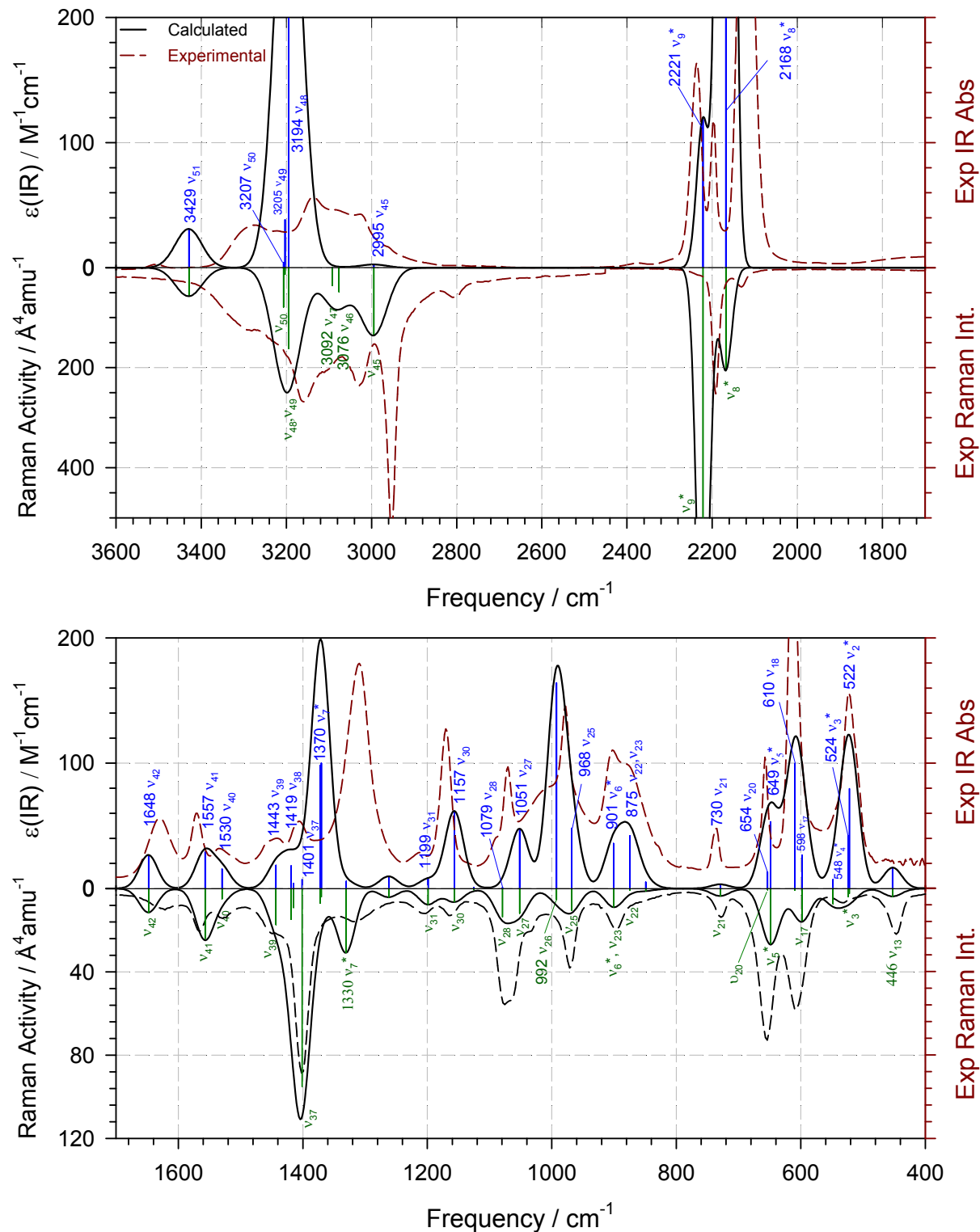


Fig. S1 Comparison of the SMD-GIL//B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-calculated harmonic IR and Raman spectra of MAT⁺DCA⁻ with the experimental spectra available in Ref [9]. The calculated frequencies were scaled by a factor of 0.974. See Table S1 for the assignments of vibrations.

Table S1 Comparison of the SMD-GIL//B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-calculated harmonic frequencies of MAT⁺DCA⁻ with the experimental values

	Vibrational mode	Calculated frequencies (cm ⁻¹)	Experimental IR (cm ⁻¹) ^a	Experimental Raman (cm ⁻¹) ^a
v ₁₃	antisymmetric NH ₂ , CH ₃ in-plane wag	446		446
v ₂ [*]	in-plane antisymmetric N-C≡N bend of DCA ⁻	522	511	
v ₃ [*]	out-of-plane antisymmetric N-C≡N bend of DCA ⁻	524	524	532
v ₄ [*]	out-of-plane symmetric N-C≡N bend of DCA ⁻	548	540	
v ₁₇	symmetric N-NH ₂ and N-CH ₃ stretch	598	601	606
v ₁₈	N(4) umbrella	610	613	
v ₂₀ , v ₅ [*]	H ₃ CN(1)-N(2)CH torsion in-plane C-N-C bend of DCA ⁻	654 649	657	655
v ₂₁	antisymmetric ring mode with N-CH ₃ and N-NH ₂ stretch	730	737	729
v ₂₂ v ₂₃	C(3)H, C(5)H antisymmetric out-of-plane wag C(3)H, C(5)H symmetric out-of-plane wag	875	880	863
v ₆ [*]	C-N-C symmetric stretch of DCA ⁻	901	905	897
v ₂₅	NH ₂ rock	968	978	971
v ₂₆	N(1)-N(2) stretch, C(3)H in-plane wag	992		1038
v ₂₇	ring C-N-C symmetric stretch, C(5) wag and CH ₃ rock	1051	1071	1059
v ₂₈	N-C-N ring bend, CH ₃ rock	1079	1091	1077
v ₃₀	C(5)H wag, N(1)-CH ₃ stretch	1157	1171	1163
v ₃₁	C(3)H, C(5)H antisymmetric in-plane wag	1199	1212	1206
v ₇ [*]	C-N-C antisymmetric stretch of DCA ⁻	1370	1310	1315
v ₃₇	CH ₂ wag	1401	1407	1402
v ₃₈	CH ₂ wag 2	1419	1439	
v ₃₉	N(2)-C(3) and N(4)-C(5) symmetric stretch	1443	1455	1448
v ₄₀	N(2)-C(3) and N(4)-C(5) antisymmetric stretch	1530	1535	1530
v ₄₁	N(1)-C(5) stretch, N-NH ₂ and N-CH ₃ antisymmetric stretch	1557	1571	1566
v ₄₂	NH ₂ scissor	1648	1630	1624
v ₈ [*]	C≡N antisymmetric stretch of DCA ⁻	2168	2126	2132
v ₉ [*]	C≡N symmetric stretch of DCA ⁻	2221	2197	2191
v ₄₅	CH ₃ symmetric stretch	2995	2971	2954
v ₄₆	CH ₃ antisymmetric stretch	3076	3022	3029
v ₄₇	CH ₃ antisymmetric stretch 2	3092	3080	3109
v ₄₈	C(5)H stretch	3194	3142	3160
v ₄₉	C(3)H stretch	3205	3227	3160
v ₅₀	symmetric NH stretch	3207	3294	3319
v ₅₁	antisymmetric NH stretch	3429	3507	

^a Ref [9] in the main text.

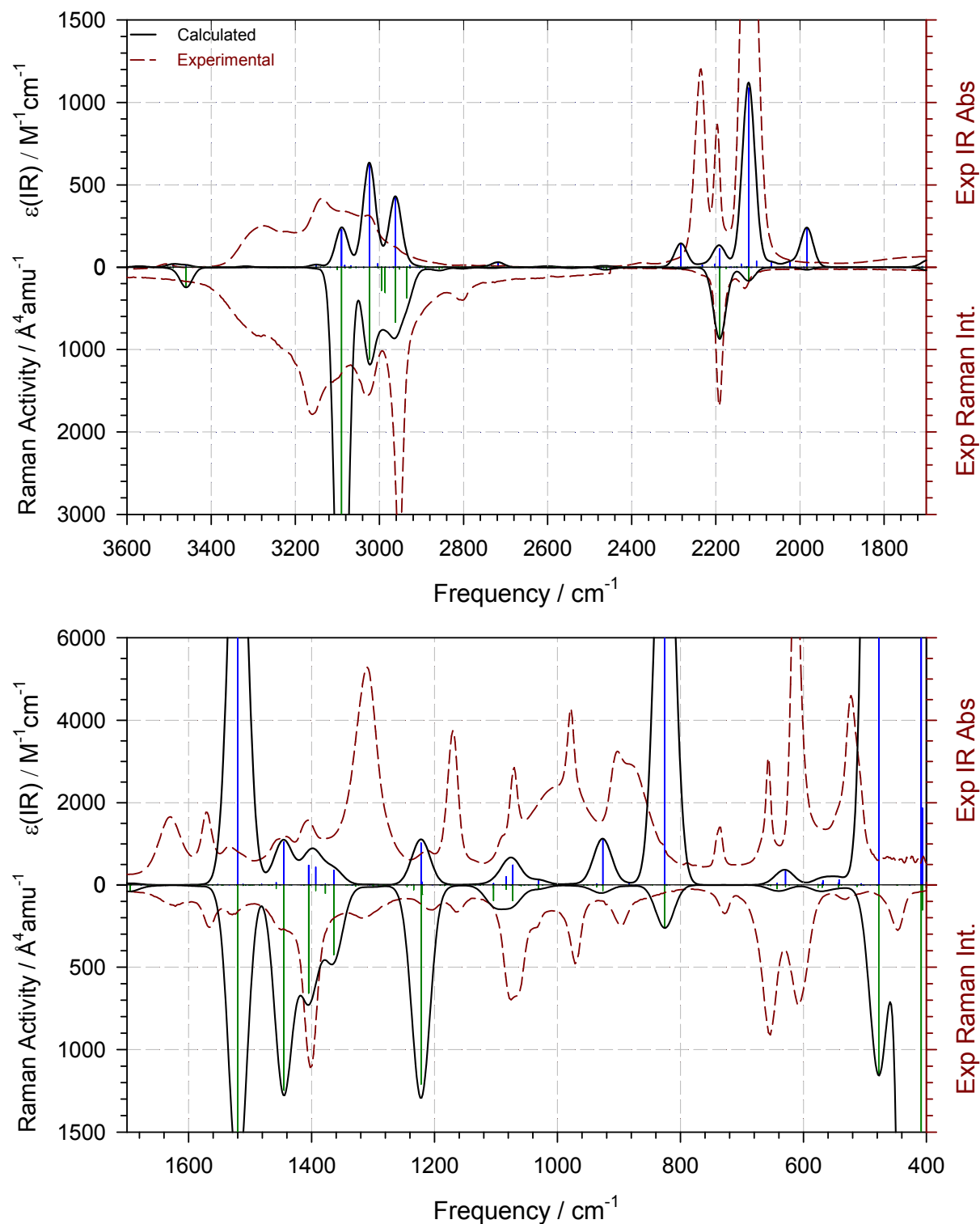


Fig. S2 Comparison of the SMD-GIL//B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-calculated anharmonic IR and Raman spectra of MAT^+DCA^- with experimental data (Ref [9]). The calculated frequencies were scaled by a factor of 0.977.

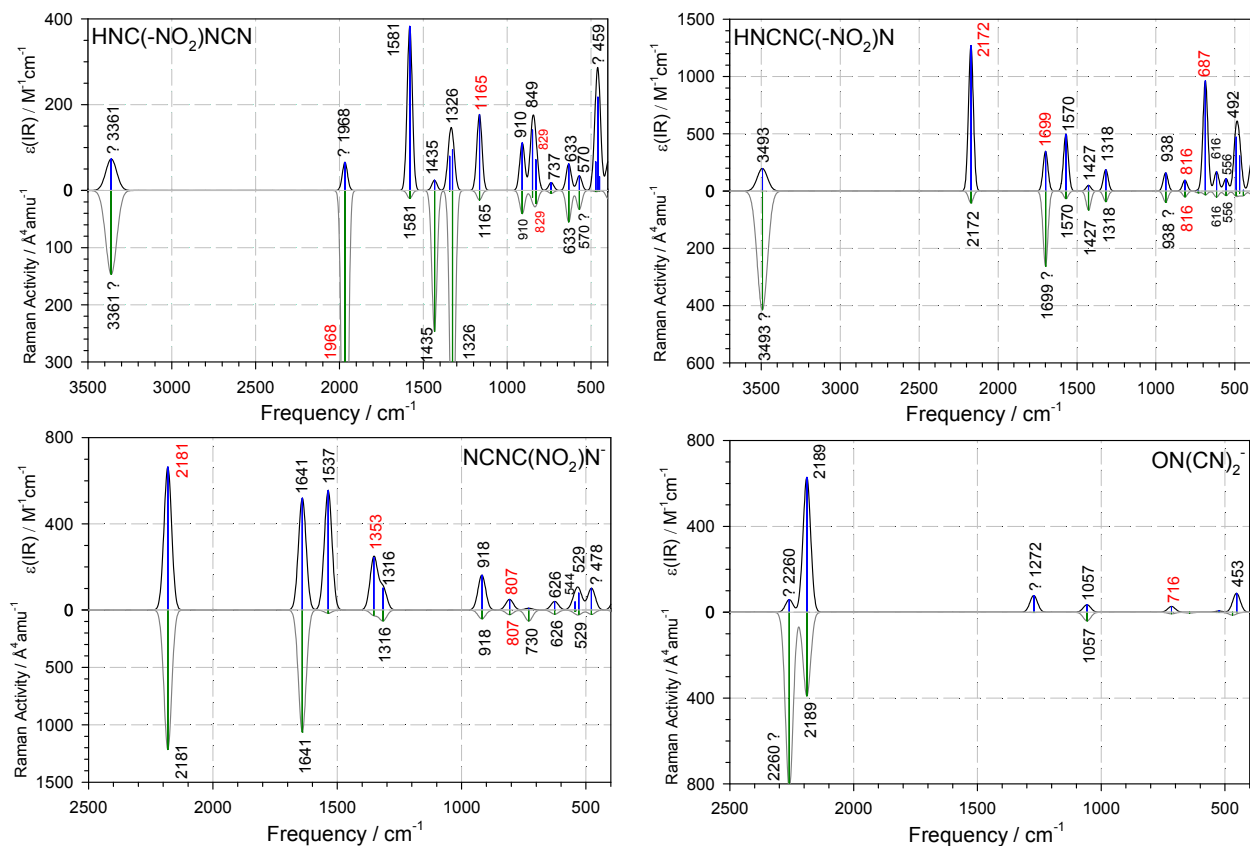


Fig. S3 Harmonic IR (top) and Raman (bottom) spectra of HNC(-NO₂)NCN, HNCNC(-NO₂)N, NCNC(-NO₂)N⁻ and ON(CN)₂⁻ simulated at the SMD-GIL//B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) levels of theory. Frequencies were scaled by a factor of 0.974. Red-labeled peaks are product-like, black-labeled ones are close to reactant vibrations, and the peaks that do not match experimental results are indicated by question marks.

**Cartesian coordinates for the structures
in Fig. 1 and Table 2, calculated at
B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)**

MAT⁺DCA⁻

C1 -0.691749 0.107028 0.509083
 N2 -1.222356 -1.117349 0.313312
 N3 -1.527076 0.971430 -0.043913
 C4 -1.392241 2.431023 -0.102347
 H5 -2.126930 2.882169 0.564436
 H6 -1.579458 2.742921 -1.128277
 C7 -2.385138 -0.926420 -0.383213
 H8 -3.016158 -1.741951 -0.694762
 H9 0.240553 0.363141 0.991535
 H10 -0.372663 2.684244 0.194530
 N11 3.074503 0.185858 -0.382078
 C12 2.411123 1.195084 0.115733
 C13 2.437017 -0.948416 -0.426236
 N14 1.807958 2.095855 0.561693
 N15 1.875000 -1.976330 -0.471829
 N16 -2.598139 0.341190 -0.607143
 N17 -0.702387 -2.384287 0.624770
 H18 0.246171 -2.442094 0.195300
 H19 -0.618104 -2.452796 1.635435

TS(PT1)

C1 1.215713 -0.139436 0.094380
 N2 1.506459 1.188375 0.009600
 N3 2.420262 -0.706198 0.014147
 C4 2.716234 -2.134205 0.053227
 H5 3.370864 -2.345573 0.898611
 H6 3.209398 -2.428149 -0.873247
 C7 2.864654 1.345992 -0.114761
 H8 3.345387 2.306592 -0.198279
 H9 -0.087154 -0.746939 0.217744
 H10 1.776531 -2.671071 0.164219
 N11 -3.433809 -0.761336 -0.531636
 C12 -2.285725 -0.953905 -0.051921
 C13 -4.336505 0.082286 -0.066709
 N14 -1.200732 -1.241103 0.330433
 N15 -5.178889 0.810157 0.267514
 N16 3.458076 0.190083 -0.115905
 N17 0.612740 2.271424 0.043877
 H18 -0.036706 2.186475 -0.732859
 H19 0.086712 2.234462 0.912301

[MAT⁺ – H_{Cs}⁺]-HDCA

C1 -1.267812 -0.087128 -0.156222
 N2 -1.743487 1.191661 -0.058643
 N3 -2.379329 -0.799315 0.072486

C4 -2.491386 -2.251624 0.095930
 H5 -3.218628 -2.574034 -0.649650
 H6 -2.816199 -2.579457 1.083946
 C7 -3.088535 1.173527 0.216551
 H8 -3.683893 2.063400 0.336946
 H9 0.369160 -0.642396 -0.511751
 H10 -1.514024 -2.670431 -0.132782
 N11 3.538817 -0.795446 0.346499
 C12 2.422197 -0.811003 -0.206193
 C13 4.490370 0.114882 0.234804
 N14 1.371087 -0.980083 -0.738676
 N15 5.371860 0.868982 0.201758
 N16 -3.515127 -0.049318 0.305829
 N17 -1.022230 2.387480 -0.213583
 H18 -0.287111 2.416612 0.486973
 H19 -0.589430 2.386665 -1.132593

[MAT⁺ – H_{Cs}⁺]

C1 0.015014 -1.000571 0.000013
 N2 1.065040 -0.116546 0.000016
 N3 -1.017538 -0.137805 -0.000014
 C4 -2.427131 -0.491209 -0.000026
 H5 -2.913334 -0.086433 -0.889292
 H6 -2.913335 -0.086509 0.889274
 C7 0.615903 1.181366 -0.000007
 H8 1.265779 2.040865 -0.000011
 H9 -2.494976 -1.576533 -0.000071
 N10 -0.681469 1.208355 -0.000025
 N11 2.434751 -0.439357 0.000037
 H12 2.613828 -1.015683 0.817842
 H13 2.613835 -1.015751 -0.817718

HDCA

H1 2.845933 -0.520152 0.613874
 N2 -0.063423 0.580084 0.017050
 C3 1.059336 0.083233 0.020988
 C4 -1.271048 0.041734 0.003509
 N5 2.201703 -0.269510 -0.122870
 N6 -2.363375 -0.343381 -0.002874

HN(CN)₂

N1 0.000088 0.679993 0.000531
 C2 1.182270 0.037906 -0.000489
 C3 -1.182354 0.038008 0.000105
 N4 2.207784 -0.493440 0.000138
 N5 -2.207831 -0.493426 -0.000135
 H6 0.000215 1.692623 -0.001436

[MAT⁺ – H_{amino}⁺]

C1 -0.059703 -0.910227 -0.020328
N2 -1.179520 -0.146319 0.006046
N3 1.010356 -0.068306 -0.046980
C4 2.415980 -0.418138 0.033562
H5 2.697805 -0.681725 1.056876
H6 2.988450 0.449331 -0.288224
C7 -0.701810 1.157876 0.010681
H8 -1.367410 2.002554 0.021224
H9 -0.028352 -1.983977 -0.041769
H10 2.625523 -1.258511 -0.630463
N11 0.610223 1.209927 -0.014300
N12 -2.482917 -0.431675 0.016412
H13 -2.549809 -1.450133 0.010620

MAT⁺

C1 -0.007623 -0.893509 0.000000
N2 -1.094827 -0.091110 0.000000
N3 1.045887 -0.096681 0.000001
C4 2.470775 -0.454696 -0.000001
H5 2.933048 -0.035625 0.892404
H6 2.933042 -0.035651 -0.892421
C7 -0.624667 1.199402 0.000000
H8 -1.273987 2.060896 0.000000
H9 -0.010775 -1.972071 0.000001
H10 2.558277 -1.539358 0.000015
N11 0.678001 1.215645 0.000000
N12 -2.453433 -0.417180 0.000000
H13 -2.699951 -0.930038 -0.840781
H14 -2.699950 -0.930039 0.840780

DCA⁻

N1 -0.000014 0.679121 -0.000008
C2 -1.149914 0.058004 0.000028
C3 1.149938 0.058069 -0.000005
N4 -2.233964 -0.389293 -0.000013
N5 2.233958 -0.389319 0.000002

Cartesian coordinates for the structures in Fig. 3, calculated at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)

HDCA

H1 2.845933 -0.520152 0.613874
 N2 -0.063423 0.580084 0.017050
 C3 1.059336 0.083233 0.020988
 C4 -1.271048 0.041734 0.003509
 N5 2.201703 -0.269510 -0.122870
 N6 -2.363375 -0.343381 -0.002874

NO₂

N1 0.000000 0.000000 0.321839
 O2 0.000000 1.099987 -0.140804
 O3 0.000000 -1.099987 -0.140804

TS1

N1 -3.815819 0.282084 0.009667
 C2 -2.667584 0.108427 -0.014542
 N3 -1.360154 0.034011 -0.051689
 C4 -0.507413 -0.871868 0.007547
 N5 0.768309 -0.993606 0.065248
 N6 1.883260 0.247477 0.004127
 O7 3.007106 -0.162152 -0.050506
 O8 1.423291 1.343896 0.034985
 H9 1.277622 -1.863064 -0.025322

HN(-NO₂)CNCN

N1 3.730018 0.291528 -0.000016
 C2 2.586233 0.089322 -0.000008
 N3 1.280041 -0.013854 0.000000
 C4 0.456543 -0.951868 0.000024
 N5 -0.866488 -0.952552 0.000025
 N6 -1.769735 0.239120 -0.000003
 O7 -2.940538 -0.060974 0.000010
 O8 -1.242119 1.314722 -0.000035
 H9 -1.412248 -1.804409 0.000051

TS2

N1 1.084120 1.862411 -0.242899
 C2 0.270490 0.988282 0.054405
 N3 -0.957190 0.870407 0.497873
 C4 -1.898391 0.134202 0.028180
 N5 -2.845415 -0.472059 -0.324236
 H6 2.035581 1.526673 -0.393216
 N7 1.004318 -0.735440 0.033262
 O8 0.259945 -1.674205 0.052011
 O9 2.206430 -0.693146 -0.033298

HNC(-NO₂)NCN

N1 -1.287607 1.732564 0.000128
 C2 -0.419510 0.804923 0.000052
 N3 0.902933 1.040191 0.000008
 C4 1.874328 0.204665 -0.000065
 N5 2.894145 -0.392670 -0.000129
 H6 -2.230927 1.331303 0.000152
 N7 -0.920898 -0.692929 0.000006
 O8 -0.074675 -1.560170 -0.000083
 O9 -2.127574 -0.839696 0.000063

TS4

N1 1.281194 1.848383 -0.192939
 C2 0.409266 1.031334 0.032810
 N3 -0.892891 0.982703 0.356635
 C4 -1.777362 0.185017 0.042589
 N5 -2.779834 -0.390516 -0.289889
 N6 1.105507 -0.667374 0.021051
 O7 0.249022 -1.517269 0.110997
 O8 2.288472 -0.785623 -0.082726
 H9 -3.089215 -1.287346 0.057430

HNCNC(-NO₂)N

N1 -1.331179 1.764927 0.145334
 C2 -0.485365 0.861819 -0.034814
 N3 0.840900 0.983456 -0.293325
 C4 1.773530 0.220465 -0.035897
 N5 2.804330 -0.317856 0.269349
 N6 -1.053960 -0.622151 -0.017747
 O7 -0.221039 -1.503914 -0.113117
 O8 -2.248262 -0.748031 0.096101
 H9 3.204774 -1.136770 -0.164881

TS5

N1 3.747196 0.325316 -0.383125
 C2 2.655169 -0.023755 0.002752
 N3 1.568348 -0.242841 0.524666
 C4 0.292991 -0.147686 0.255129
 N5 -0.716947 -0.831870 0.109641
 H6 4.433673 -0.291287 -0.799967
 N7 -2.067987 0.101357 -0.071878
 O8 -3.029558 -0.552883 -0.341455
 O9 -1.950055 1.284908 0.091149

HNCNCN-NO₂

N1 3.751730 -0.175167 -0.438794
 C2 2.638571 0.007563 -0.013942
 N3 1.542620 0.362207 0.403784
 C4 0.274365 0.201418 0.035935
 N5 -0.746329 -0.025716 0.718213

H6 4.410943 -0.876180 -0.131209
 N7 -2.010405 -0.056719 -0.047334
 O8 -2.502449 -1.151776 -0.167496
 O9 -2.454036 1.013033 -0.388983

TS_HT

N1 -4.282713 0.775677 0.339393
 C2 -3.338126 0.179522 -0.005456
 N3 -2.358993 -0.555431 -0.452752
 C4 -1.121266 -0.412965 -0.189252
 N5 0.039716 -0.371713 -0.052517
 N6 2.889377 0.318865 -0.208376
 O7 4.045607 0.563950 -0.232616
 O8 2.390298 -0.475925 0.658783
 H9 1.257406 -0.475333 0.378663

DCA

N1 0.000023 0.656080 0.000097
 C2 -1.147556 0.054284 -0.000075
 C3 1.147552 0.054307 -0.000197
 N4 -2.240223 -0.374569 0.000041
 N5 2.240204 -0.374589 0.000095

HNO₂ (*trans*-conformation)

N1 0.180051 0.486565 0.000068
 O2 -1.045306 -0.255258 0.000055
 O3 1.102795 -0.225557 -0.000053
 H4 -1.720273 0.440558 -0.000488

TS_HT'

N1 -3.836117 0.740424 -0.535995
 C2 -2.919528 0.218737 -0.033648
 N3 -1.961450 -0.360173 0.636504
 C4 -0.841823 -0.751011 0.187276
 N5 0.201764 -1.219823 -0.121542
 N6 2.332418 0.206495 -0.044694
 O7 3.371146 -0.333866 -0.351896
 O8 2.132807 1.348706 0.306642
 H9 1.380178 -0.493541 -0.099652

O-NH-O

N1 0.000000 0.000000 0.309894
 O2 0.000000 1.094283 -0.220195
 O3 0.000000 -1.094283 -0.220195
 H4 0.000000 0.000000 1.353866

TS1'

N1 -4.041721 0.352616 0.319180
 C2 -2.958950 0.002810 0.092310
 N3 -1.781558 -0.523890 -0.182319

C4 -0.621709 -0.065241 -0.190912
 N5 0.589730 -0.405767 -0.380221
 N6 2.830884 0.532975 0.155069
 O7 3.068322 -0.613574 0.359148
 O8 1.582097 0.848468 -0.208973
 H9 1.099268 -1.196108 0.008247

HN(-ONO)CNCN

N1 -3.800840 0.552715 -0.248800
 C2 -2.728781 0.164307 -0.026333
 N3 -1.561608 -0.311590 0.337816
 C4 -0.425766 -0.353602 -0.202767
 N5 0.695115 -0.814960 0.342937
 N6 2.694174 0.482466 -0.316143
 O7 2.165850 1.283091 0.294841
 O8 1.833094 -0.913429 -0.385720
 H9 0.747848 -1.181934 1.290963

TS2'

N1 -2.713108 -0.333855 -0.430433
 C2 -1.738886 0.119109 0.028454
 N3 -0.707805 0.624953 0.647964
 C4 0.396193 1.036337 0.083349
 N5 1.217813 1.947701 -0.005714
 N6 1.162648 -1.423968 -0.292435
 O7 0.724507 -1.635415 0.794035
 O8 1.079313 -0.297964 -0.857210
 H9 0.908756 2.830539 0.398904

HNC(-ONO)NCN

N1 2.957232 -0.992372 -0.186702
 C2 2.123075 -0.163030 -0.142009
 N3 1.303302 0.837348 -0.145212
 C4 -0.023244 0.667887 0.202568
 N5 -0.869537 1.644752 0.086015
 N6 -1.900966 -1.122516 0.156268
 O7 -2.435486 -0.484193 -0.596631
 O8 -0.395332 -0.523822 0.664417
 H9 -0.382659 2.464498 -0.278219

TS3'

N1 1.001911 2.351777 0.054758
 C2 1.216933 1.164851 -0.143898
 N3 0.660758 -0.008221 -0.025248
 C4 1.305034 -1.178233 -0.040118
 N5 1.822231 -2.212612 -0.066093
 H6 1.600739 3.100268 -0.272656
 N7 -1.751680 -0.127483 -0.462768
 O8 -2.824808 -0.219044 -0.031793
 O9 -0.783328 -0.161481 0.640819

HNCN(-ONO)CN

N1 0.190850 2.398052 -0.048075
 C2 0.925113 1.408147 -0.130587
 N3 0.638977 0.102327 0.136075
 C4 1.538512 -0.881089 -0.031270
 N5 2.290281 -1.749251 -0.167211
 H6 0.545161 3.325105 -0.256467
 N7 -1.623893 -0.501961 -0.490351
 O8 -2.641486 -0.751819 -0.046085
 O9 -0.583567 -0.277132 0.697903

TS4'

N1 -2.457678 -1.422935 0.177758
 C2 -1.885417 -0.408041 -0.096637
 N3 -1.481932 0.737312 -0.320617
 C4 -0.322017 1.298593 -0.016901
 N5 0.418976 2.221067 0.114621
 H6 -2.445231 -2.305740 -0.311674
 N7 1.953178 -0.275023 -0.293143
 O8 2.497839 -1.310013 -0.089550
 O9 0.834914 -0.172552 0.494871

HNCNC(-ONO)N

N1 3.494167 -0.106598 0.264020
 C2 2.317675 -0.291235 0.056257
 N3 1.130175 -0.596884 0.003806
 C4 0.034147 0.251702 -0.184218
 N5 0.075653 1.513314 -0.107118
 H6 4.205771 -0.080409 -0.453103
 N7 -2.301123 0.106224 0.447207
 O8 -3.282025 -0.335058 0.081846
 O9 -1.106576 -0.426791 -0.461162

TS5'

N1 -3.949870 -0.094592 -0.441202
 C2 -2.829047 -0.029239 0.008556
 N3 -1.717300 -0.194700 0.497183
 C4 -0.474116 0.159147 0.257753
 N5 0.632197 -0.356738 0.134091
 H6 -4.631688 0.652404 -0.405266
 N7 2.966304 0.387194 -0.154489
 O8 3.167246 -0.773505 -0.183633
 O9 1.699172 0.821005 0.003424

HNCNCN-ONO

N1 -4.007544 0.041825 -0.088221
 C2 -2.814030 -0.120879 0.019430
 N3 -1.624660 -0.402818 -0.033472
 C4 -0.488286 0.319395 -0.017772
 N5 0.682026 -0.129325 -0.004924

H6 -4.661258 0.098770 0.679980
 N7 3.036169 0.292114 0.011450
 O8 3.077744 -0.862318 0.015624
 O9 1.656408 0.874513 -0.001094

NO

N1 0.000000 0.000000 -0.612285
 O2 0.000000 0.000000 0.535749

HN(O)CNCN

N1 -2.975840 -0.217671 -0.250202
 C2 -1.867271 -0.046804 0.034676
 N3 -0.637587 0.163419 0.516955
 C4 0.400252 0.256486 -0.153248
 N5 1.694948 0.370890 -0.102239
 O6 2.520688 -0.595807 -0.007089
 H7 2.065971 1.291893 -0.383448

HNC(O)NCN

N1 2.436805 -0.398988 -0.257299
 C2 1.379209 -0.087186 0.092104
 N3 0.187601 0.269191 0.608624
 C4 -1.035364 -0.110371 0.008899
 N5 -0.706460 1.171918 -0.364622
 O6 -1.797241 -1.001000 -0.092843
 H7 -1.110768 1.898495 0.229800

HNCN(O)CN

N1 2.139446 -0.718468 -0.166566
 C2 1.065790 -0.244746 0.124026
 N3 -0.053048 0.386381 -0.007145
 C4 -1.209531 -0.362236 0.006869
 N5 -2.208460 -0.939518 -0.010985
 H6 2.770543 -1.044902 0.567014
 O7 -0.131708 1.698504 -0.007440

HNCNC(O)N

N1 -2.549614 0.195423 -0.134112
 C2 -1.415796 -0.163300 0.025052
 N3 -0.293446 -0.675542 0.046514
 C4 0.898009 -0.019347 0.009650
 N5 1.367707 1.158114 0.005877
 H6 -3.216186 0.504698 0.557003
 O7 2.081298 -0.519348 -0.024145

HNCNCNO

N1 2.921205 -0.287812 -0.127105
 C2 1.769061 0.051479 0.023620
 N3 0.644690 0.542457 0.016331
 C4 -0.573267 0.016118 -0.000330

N5 -1.738517 -0.016964 0.001950
H6 3.545601 -0.515370 0.636186
O7 -2.939002 -0.194248 -0.001770

HNCO

C1 -0.044851 0.021878 -0.000210
N2 1.158127 -0.122263 0.000066
O3 -1.210324 0.013896 0.000085
H4 1.844813 0.613402 0.000122

NCN

C1 0.000000 0.089813 0.000000
N2 1.211058 -0.039982 0.000000
N3 -1.211058 -0.037001 0.000000

HNCN

N1 1.155561 -0.133976 0.000003
C2 -0.109034 0.009343 -0.000010
N3 -1.299271 0.018057 0.000004
H4 1.660174 0.755376 0.000004

NCO

C1 0.000000 0.047048 0.000000
N2 0.624492 1.082804 0.000000
O3 -0.546431 -0.982739 0.000000

Cartesian coordinates for the structures in Fig. 5, calculated at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)

DCA⁻

N1 -0.000014 0.679121 -0.000008
 C2 -1.149914 0.058004 0.000028
 C3 1.149938 0.058069 -0.000005
 N4 -2.233964 -0.389293 -0.000013
 N5 2.233958 -0.389319 0.000002

NO₂

N1 0.000000 0.000000 0.321839
 O2 0.000000 1.099987 -0.140804
 O3 0.000000 -1.099987 -0.140804

TS6

N1 -1.283945 0.202315 0.000008
 C2 -0.428996 -0.766888 0.000004
 C3 -2.589175 0.094402 -0.000005
 N4 0.796286 -1.071810 0.000007
 N5 -3.757869 0.125066 -0.000016
 N6 1.812440 0.123243 0.000003
 O7 2.980330 -0.225413 0.000019
 O8 1.412250 1.273315 -0.000021

NCNCN-NO₂⁻

N1 -1.252353 0.186243 0.000615
 C2 -0.410298 -0.793880 -0.000862
 C3 -2.559657 0.083572 0.000362
 N4 0.854655 -1.020821 -0.001011
 N5 -3.727546 0.120608 0.000333
 N6 1.762400 0.107739 -0.000038
 O7 2.952445 -0.196582 0.001480
 O8 1.342510 1.259766 -0.001016

TS7

N1 -1.084031 0.876016 0.426036
 C2 0.183605 1.027361 0.105712
 C3 -1.878426 -0.029414 -0.099371
 N4 1.013765 1.940807 -0.053028
 N5 -2.696118 -0.775883 -0.502541
 N6 1.095613 -0.541408 0.036737
 O7 1.992687 -0.686234 -0.783151
 O8 0.740354 -1.374316 0.859592

NCNC(-NO₂)N⁻

N1 -0.948207 1.092610 -0.000028
 C2 0.365571 0.946558 0.000121
 C3 -1.804238 0.104121 -0.000186
 N4 1.345979 1.748416 0.000307

N5 -2.657795 -0.696988 -0.000331
 N6 0.931640 -0.564298 0.000051
 O7 1.120718 -1.085068 -1.085676
 O8 1.120618 -1.085213 1.085726

TS7'

N1 1.540787 0.586837 0.378700
 C2 0.421308 1.129891 0.022193
 C3 1.972652 -0.589861 -0.001240
 N4 -0.131692 2.130525 -0.410501
 N5 2.474603 -1.608735 -0.273891
 N6 -1.776873 -0.352597 -0.382518
 O7 -0.999828 0.055153 0.599680
 O8 -2.639114 -1.121702 -0.013210

NCNC(-ONO)N⁻

N1 0.974198 -0.529849 0.274408
 C2 0.159376 0.519340 0.148487
 C3 2.252837 -0.438529 -0.005575
 N4 0.300109 1.726347 -0.236083
 N5 3.402669 -0.485739 -0.220063
 N6 -1.929508 -0.332689 -0.469797
 O7 -1.184002 0.203790 0.587488
 O8 -3.029191 -0.595211 -0.124579

TS8'

N1 -0.544933 0.025182 0.074622
 C2 -0.934518 1.285770 -0.011630
 C3 -1.357861 -0.997793 -0.125846
 N4 -1.232220 2.409118 -0.075474
 N5 -2.018796 -1.940951 -0.297633
 N6 2.098371 -0.663667 0.106354
 O7 2.455328 0.196169 -0.648520
 O8 0.749336 -0.263124 0.919742

ON(CN)₂⁻

N1 -0.000069 0.336501 0.000000
 C2 -0.000012 -0.330654 -1.151607
 C3 -0.000012 -0.330654 1.151607
 N4 -0.000012 -0.873522 -2.183473
 N5 -0.000012 -0.873522 2.183473
 O6 0.000099 1.730206 0.000000

NO

N1 0.000000 0.000000 -0.612285
 O2 0.000000 0.000000 0.535749

Cartesian coordinates for the structures in Fig. 7, calculated at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)

[MAT⁺ – H_{Cs}⁺]

C1 0.015014 -1.000571 0.000013
 N2 1.065040 -0.116546 0.000016
 N3 -1.017538 -0.137805 -0.000014
 C4 -2.427131 -0.491209 -0.000026
 H5 -2.913334 -0.086433 -0.889292
 H6 -2.913335 -0.086509 0.889274
 C7 0.615903 1.181366 -0.000007
 H8 1.265779 2.040865 -0.000011
 H9 -2.494976 -1.576533 -0.000071
 N10 -0.681469 1.208355 -0.000025
 N11 2.434751 -0.439357 0.000037
 H12 2.613828 -1.015683 0.817842
 H13 2.613835 -1.015751 -0.817718

NO₂

N1 0.000000 0.000000 0.321839
 O2 0.000000 1.099987 -0.140804
 O3 0.000000 -1.099987 -0.140804

precursor 1

C1 -0.286450 0.123468 0.465227
 N2 -0.742895 -1.131660 0.165112
 N3 -1.329789 0.873173 0.079221
 C4 -1.423336 2.322617 0.155730
 H5 -2.244595 2.607775 0.815074
 H6 -1.600796 2.734133 -0.838802
 C7 -2.005233 -1.065685 -0.369915
 H8 -2.567029 -1.929832 -0.683946
 H9 -0.481323 2.695519 0.551091
 N10 -2.405834 0.168161 -0.434400
 N11 -0.053594 -2.345941 0.342051
 H12 0.860243 -2.240969 -0.093623
 H13 0.100059 -2.472921 1.338833
 N14 2.284570 0.366051 -0.265309
 O15 2.810730 1.370950 0.106883
 O16 2.683814 -0.769025 -0.332084

precursor 2

C1 -0.279087 0.059472 0.463816
 N2 -0.855949 -1.135681 0.120858
 N3 -1.255344 0.912897 0.112249
 C4 -1.215989 2.360718 0.238004
 H5 -2.003041 2.697918 0.914640
 H6 -1.361800 2.820944 -0.740355
 C7 -2.108675 -0.935883 -0.403735
 H8 -2.748241 -1.732386 -0.746572

H9 -0.240530 2.631784 0.634304
 N10 -2.394598 0.330611 -0.420739
 N11 -0.281491 -2.414039 0.244386
 H12 0.634396 -2.372947 -0.195267
 H13 -0.128967 -2.590049 1.233979
 N14 2.948220 0.281311 0.004980
 O15 2.615825 -0.853544 -0.191317
 O16 2.427277 1.330195 -0.223856

TS9

C1 -0.061475 -0.143473 0.341342
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 C4 -1.799360 -1.953991 0.305369
 H5 -2.174925 -2.322382 -0.650518
 H6 -2.597515 -1.990241 1.049055
 C7 -1.480618 1.474752 -0.260295
 H8 -1.829116 2.465041 -0.503133
 H9 -0.962897 -2.569452 0.628894
 N10 -2.212175 0.403655 -0.218948
 N11 0.823198 2.182836 0.134734
 H12 1.277269 2.095316 1.039959
 H13 1.526443 1.970472 -0.569316
 N14 2.264958 -1.100440 -0.344065
 O15 2.641446 -0.315147 0.486551
 O16 1.006619 -1.010658 -0.719719

TS10

C1 0.055851 -0.025598 0.526961
 N2 0.497704 1.221212 0.154265
 N3 1.058800 -0.828949 0.118398
 C4 1.150980 -2.271539 0.284630
 H5 1.934390 -2.513598 1.005693
 H6 1.386813 -2.728806 -0.676290
 C7 1.720356 1.094054 -0.452616
 H8 2.278929 1.933388 -0.832762
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 N11 -0.149109 2.451743 0.353183
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 H13 -0.219337 2.611229 1.355296
 N14 -1.650382 -0.406356 -0.176891
 O15 -2.019143 -1.558522 -0.095533
 O16 -2.359291 0.580707 -0.324050

TS11

C1 -1.109628 -0.796083 0.527592
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 N3 -2.171814 -0.277913 -0.094355
 C4 -3.387219 -0.994678 -0.450088

H5 -3.529163 -0.964864 -1.531193
 H6 -4.244937 -0.532192 0.040118
 C7 -0.922595 1.419778 -0.014009
 H8 -0.485531 2.401735 -0.105964
 H9 -3.272122 -2.022339 -0.114834
 N10 -2.091040 1.074974 -0.438599
 N11 0.922016 0.319175 1.176128
 H12 1.704897 -0.555632 0.755624
 H13 1.345712 1.244563 1.093815
 N14 3.220831 -0.473638 -0.655666
 O15 2.563467 -1.221119 0.150206
 O16 2.921267 0.699617 -0.714044

5-O-MAT

C1 0.015229 0.692754 0.000000
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 N3 -1.063216 -0.158907 -0.000001
 C4 -2.455049 0.236577 0.000001
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 H6 -2.958465 -0.144386 -0.890912
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 H8 1.223330 -2.360008 0.000000
 H9 -2.483918 1.325658 -0.000006
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 N11 2.446018 0.136378 -0.000001
 H12 2.631817 0.709796 -0.819421
 H13 2.631826 0.709777 0.819430
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5-O₂N-MAT

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 N2 0.647462 -1.128695 -0.009119
 N3 -1.288623 -0.129182 0.039107
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 H5 -3.229485 0.377969 0.534625
 H6 -2.730092 0.889030 -1.098949
 C7 -0.365028 -2.044111 -0.053419
 H8 -0.182311 -3.105181 -0.095690
 H9 -2.100025 1.761665 0.321916
 N10 -1.534790 -1.480826 -0.024324
 N11 2.008754 -1.468266 0.070228
 H12 2.502769 -0.682673 -0.360449
 H13 2.270654 -1.459749 1.055829
 N14 0.707264 1.314171 -0.003316
 O15 0.044283 2.375052 0.202886
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[MAT⁺ - H₂⁺]

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 H6 2.849514 -0.015973 -0.889536
 C7 -0.707238 1.159406 0.000000
 H8 -1.378853 2.002093 0.000001
 H9 2.486312 -1.521398 -0.000004
 N10 0.583316 1.213191 -0.000001
 N11 -2.433283 -0.503345 0.000003
 H12 -2.417419 -1.529613 0.000004

cis-HNO₂

N1 0.172216 -0.519525 -0.000064
 O2 1.058432 0.258769 0.000007
 O3 -1.090084 0.066242 0.000032
 H4 -0.952299 1.036586 0.000138