

**Gas-Phase Structure of 4-(4-hydroxyphenylazo)phthalonitrile - Precursor for Synthesis of Phthalocyanines with
Macrocyclic and Azo Chromophores**

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Table S1. Conditions of GED experiments for **p-HPhAPN**.

| | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| L, mm | 338 | 598 |
| N | 4 | 4 |
| I, μ A | 1.73 | 1.00 |
| λ , Å | 0.04272(4) | 0.04158(4) |
| T, K | 464(5) | 463(5) |
| t, s | 68 | 60 |
| p_{col} , Torr | $2 \cdot 10^{-6}$ | $2.1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ |
| p_{MS} , Torr | $6.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$ | $6.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$ |
| $s_{\min}-s_{\max}(\Delta s)$, Å ⁻¹ | 2.3-27.6 (0.1) | 1.3-16.2 (0.1) |
| U_{ion} , V | 50 | 50 |

L - distance from nozzle to plate; N - number of recorded films; I - primary electron beam current; λ - electron wavelength; T - effusion cell temperature; t - exposure time; p_{col} - residual gas pressure in diffraction chamber, p_{MS} - residual gas pressure in mass spectrometry unit; $s_{\min}-s_{\max}(\Delta s)$, range and step (in brackets) of scattering angles; U_{ion} - ionization voltage.

Table S2. The most intensive ions in the mass spectrum of **p-HPhAPN** were recorded by APDM-1 during the combined GED/MS experiment.

| m/z | Relative intensity, % | |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Experiment with L=338 mm | Experiment with L=598 mm |
| 248 | 25 | 24 |
| 127 | 12 | 11 |
| 121 | 38 | 37 |
| 100 | 8 | 6 |
| 93 | 100 | 100 |
| 65 | 53 | 52 |
| 52 | 9 | 9 |

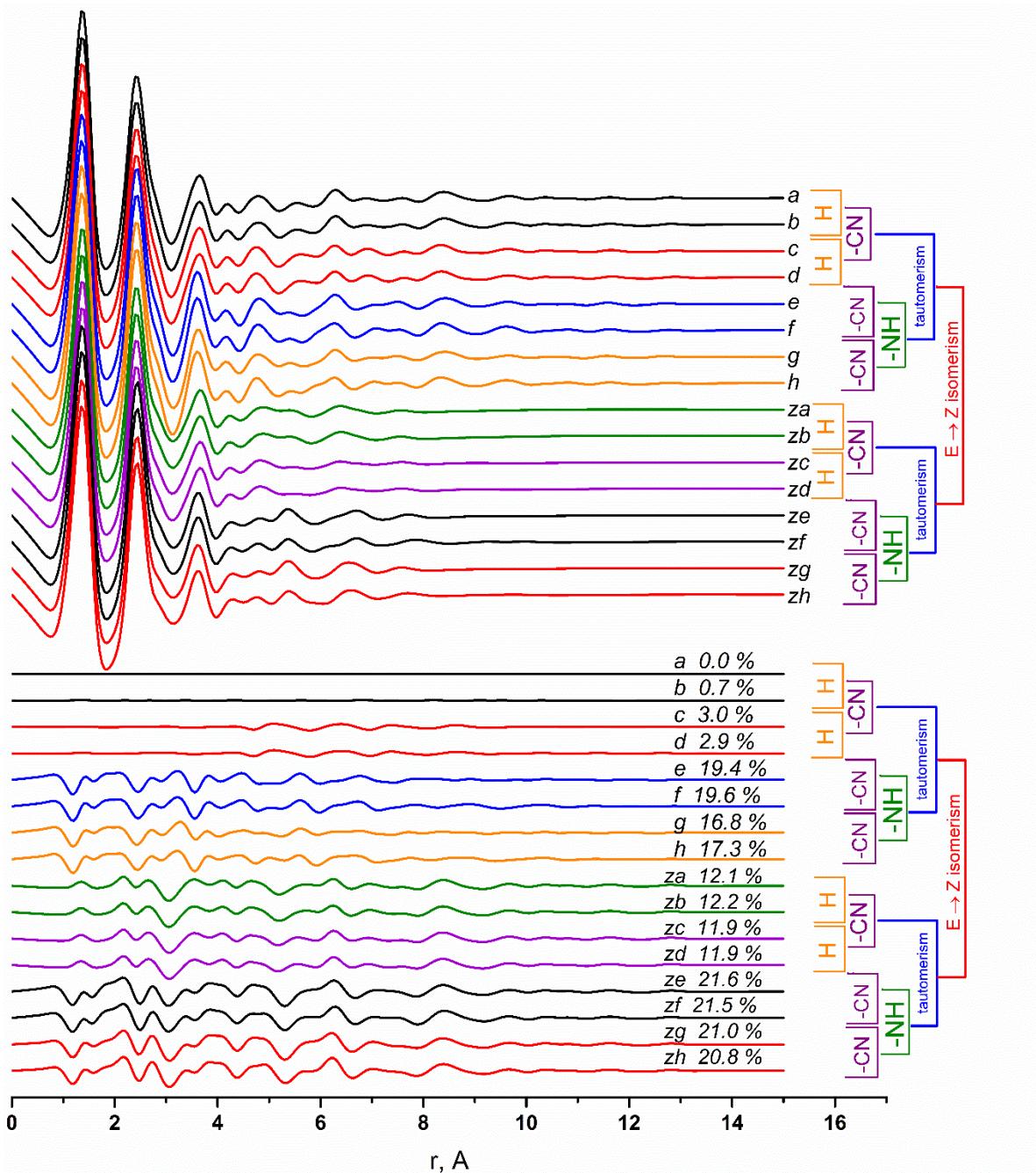


Figure S1. Comparison of theoretical radial distribution functions $f(r)$ of different structures of **p-HPhAPN**.

Differences functions $\Delta f(r)$ were calculated concerning model **a**. Differences between the models (a possible path of transition from structure to structure) are presented to the right of the picture: “H” - different arrangement of hydrogen atoms of the hydroxyl group (rotation of the hydroxyl group around the CO bond or rotation of the –Ph-OH group around the N’1-C’2 bond); “- CN” – cisoid/transoid arrangement of nitrile groups concerning the azo/hydrazone group (rotation of the–Ph-2CN moiety around the N1-C2 bond); “tautomerism” – enol and keto forms; “-NH” – the presence of a bond between a H and N1/N’1 atoms; “E→Z- isomerism” – trans- and cis- isomers.

Vibrational amplitudes and vibrational corrections ($r_{h1}-r_a$) to nuclear distances were calculated on the base of force field obtained from QC calculations using VibModule program for the temperature $T = 450$ K. Calculations of the model radial distributions curves $f(r)$ were performed in the UNEX programming environment. The difference curves $\Delta f(r)$ were calculated relative to the curve corresponding to structure **a** (Figure 3): $\Delta f(r) = f_j(r) - f_a(r)$). The deviation of the j-th curve from the reference curve was characterized by disagreement factor ($R_{f,j}$) between the theoretical molecular scattering intensities corresponding to different models:

$$R_{f,j} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (sM(s_i)_a - k_M sM(s_i)_{\text{model } j})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (sM(s_i)_{\text{model } j})^2}} \cdot 100\%$$

where $sM(s_i)_a$ is theoretical molecular scattering intensities for structure **a**; $sM(s_i)_{\text{model } j}$ – theoretical molecular scattering intensities for the corresponding model (Figure 3); k_M – is the scale.

Table S3. Z-matrix used for model **c** in the GED refinement.

| Body of Z-matrix | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| | | Variables | Values |
| 1 N | | | |
| 2 N 1 | NN | | |
| 3 C 1 | RN1 2 AN1 | | |
| 4 C 2 | RN1_ 1 AN1_ 3 T | | |
| 5 C 3 | RCC1 1 AC1 2 T1 | | |
| 6 C 4 | RCC1_ 2 AC1_ 1 T1_ | | |
| 7 C 5 | RCC2 3 AC2 1 T2 | | |
| 8 C 6 | RCC2_ 4 AC2_ 2 T2_ | | |
| 9 C 7 | RCC3 5 AC3 3 TPh1 | | |
| 10 C 8 | RCC3_ 6 AC3_ 4 TPh1_ | | |
| 11 C 9 | RCC4 7 AC4 5 TPh2 | | |
| 12 C 10 | RCC4_ 8 AC4_ 6 TPh2_ | | |
| 13 C 3 | RCC5 11 RCC6 5 TPh3 4 | | |
| 14 C 4 | RCC5_ 12 RCC6_ 6 TPh3_ 4 | | |
| 15 C 7 | R_CCN1 9 A_CCN1 5 T_CCN1 | | |
| 16 C 9 | R_CCN2 7 A_CCN2 11 T_CCN2 | | |
| 17 N 15 | RNC1 7 A_NC1 9 T_NC1 | | |
| 18 N 16 | RNC2 9 A_NC2 11 T_NC2 | | |
| 19 O 10 | RCO 8 ACO 12 TCO | | |
| 20 H 5 | RCH1 3 ACH1 7 TH1 | | |
| 21 H 6 | RCH1_ 4 ACH1_ 8 TH1_ | | |
| 22 H 8 | RCH2_ 6 ACH2_ 10 TH2 | | |
| 23 H 11 | RCH3 9 ACH3 13 TH3 | | |
| 24 H 12 | RCH3_ 10 ACH3_ 14 TH3_ | | |
| 25 H 13 | RCH4 3 ACH4 11 TH4 | | |
| 26 H 14 | RCH4_ 4 ACH4_ 12 TH4_ | | |
| 27 H 19 | ROH 10 AOH 12 TOH | | |
| | | Atom numbering | |
| NN | 1.252312022647 | 1 | A_CCN1 121.005200500574 40 |
| RN1 | 1.413565101242 | 2 | A_CCN2 121.193321723491 41 |
| RN1_ | 1.400441863466 | 3 | A_NC1 178.827324171675 42 |
| RCC1 | 1.392796278330 | 4 | A_NC2 178.577197349465 43 |
| RCC1_ | 1.405728244799 | 5 | ACO 116.933579920227 35 |
| RCC2 | 1.392930900148 | 6 | ACH1 119.026268136813 46 |
| RCC2_ | 1.376639021061 | 7 | ACH1_ 119.169904982746 47 |
| RCC3 | 1.408749240029 | 8 | ACH2_ 121.381012059742 49 |
| RCC3_ | 1.401033345283 | 9 | ACH3 118.890942065064 50 |
| RCC4 | 1.400466654366 | 10 | ACH3_ 120.078720312775 51 |
| RCC4_ | 1.394899063397 | 11 | ACH4 119.168401260387 52 |
| RCC5 | 1.401034940728 | 12 | ACH4_ 118.546915191703 53 |
| RCC6 | 1.380491350003 | 14 | AOH 110.598209348084 45 |
| RCC5_ | 1.397342017381 | 13 | T 180.000000000000 54 |
| RCC6_ | 1.383944146724 | 15 | T1 180.000000000000 55 |
| R_CCN1 | 1.428898779228 | 16 | T1_ 0.000000000000 56 |
| R_CCN2 | 1.426393784777 | 17 | T2 180.000000000000 57 |
| RNC1 | 1.151185488734 | 18 | T2_ 180.000000000000 58 |
| RNC2 | 1.151769557883 | 19 | TPh1 0.000000000000 59 |
| RCO | 1.356051937467 | 20 | TPh1_ 0.000000000000 60 |
| RCH1 | 1.080019624274 | 22 | TPH2 0.000000000000 61 |
| RCH1_ | 1.079463986613 | 23 | TPH2_ 0.000000853774 62 |
| RCH2_ | 1.080676067579 | 25 | TPH3 180.000000000000 63 |
| RCH3 | 1.080481209337 | 26 | TPH3_ 180.000000000000 64 |
| RCH3_ | 1.082885185848 | 27 | T_CCN1 180.000000000000 65 |
| RCH4 | 1.079087525841 | 28 | T_CCN2 180.000000000000 66 |
| RCH4_ | 1.080972098001 | 29 | T_NC1 180.000000000000 67 |
| ROH | 0.961908859459 | 21 | T_NC2 0.000000000000 68 |
| AN1 | 114.788608110929 | 30 | TCO 180.000000000000 69 |
| AN1_ | 116.278040268057 | 31 | TH1 180.000000000000 71 |
| AC1 | 115.363270520380 | 32 | TH1_ 180.000000000000 72 |
| AC1_ | 124.939894077781 | 33 | TH2 180.000000000000 73 |
| AC2 | 120.604749041739 | 34 | TH3 180.000000000000 75 |
| AC2_ | 120.185924092671 | 34 | TH3_ 180.000000000000 76 |
| AC3 | 119.613805422335 | 34 | TH4 180.000000000000 77 |
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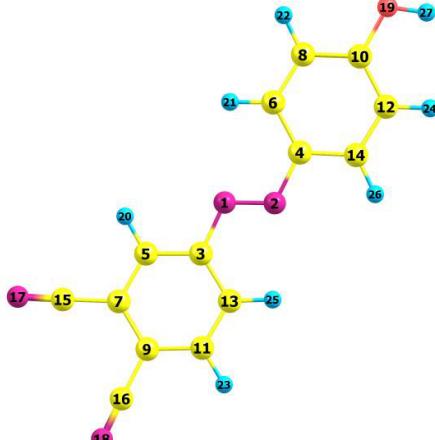


Table S4. Z-matrix used for model **a** in the GED refinement.

| Body of Z-matrix | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Variables Values | | | |
| Atom numbering | | | |
| 1 N | | | |
| 2 N 1 NN | | | |
| 3 C 1 RN1 2 AN1 | | | |
| 4 C 2 RN1_ 1 AN1_ 3 T | | | |
| 5 C 3 RCC1 1 AC1 2 T1 | | | |
| 6 C 4 RCC1_ 2 AC1_ 1 T1_ | | | |
| 7 C 5 RCC2 3 AC2 1 T2 | | | |
| 8 C 6 RCC2_ 4 AC2_ 2 T2_ | | | |
| 9 C 7 RCC3 5 AC3 3 TPh1 | | | |
| 10 C 8 RCC3_ 6 AC3_ 4 TPh1_ | | | |
| 11 C 9 RCC4 7 AC4 5 TPh2 | | | |
| 12 C 10 RCC4_ 8 AC4_ 6 TPh2_ | | | |
| 13 C 3 RCC5 11 RCC6 5 TPh3 4 | | | |
| 14 C 4 RCC5_ 12 RCC6_ 6 TPh3_ 4 | | | |
| 15 C 7 R_CCN1 9 A_CCN1 5 T_CCN1 | | | |
| 16 C 9 R_CCN2 7 A_CCN2 11 T_CCN2 | | | |
| 17 N 15 RNC1 7 A_NC1 9 T_NC1 | | | |
| 18 N 16 RNC2 9 A_NC2 11 T_NC2 | | | |
| 19 O 10 RCO 8 ACO 12 TCO | | | |
| 20 H 5 RCH1 3 ACH1 7 TH1 | | | |
| 21 H 6 RCH1_ 4 ACH1_ 8 TH1_ | | | |
| 22 H 8 RCH2 6 ACH2 10 TH2 | | | |
| 23 H 11 RCH3 9 ACH3 13 TH3 | | | |
| 24 H 12 RCH3_ 10 ACH3_ 14 TH3_ | | | |
| 25 H 13 RCH4 3 ACH4 11 TH4 | | | |
| 26 H 14 RCH4_ 4 ACH4_ 12 TH4_ | | | |
| 27 H 19 ROH 10 AOH 12 TOH | | | |
| NN 1.252304959926 | 1 | A_CCN1 120.708473509361 | 40 |
| RN1 1.413960081334 | 2 | A_CCN2 121.097206065438 | 41 |
| RN1_ 1.399822304022 | 3 | A_NC1 178.752800487518 | 42 |
| RCC1 1.397747261860 | 4 | A_NC2 178.655294344919 | 43 |
| RCC1_ 1.4050702960860 | 5 | ACO 116.925889112794 | 35 |
| RCC2 1.389022152965 | 6 | ACH1 119.566817720645 | 46 |
| RCC2_ 1.376621190572 | 7 | ACH1_ 119.165348895908 | 47 |
| RCC3 1.413466128441 | 8 | ACH2 121.397565715783 | 49 |
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| RCC4_ 1.394873863059 | 11 | ACH4 118.570047801755 | 52 |
| RCC5 1.395660825944 | 12 | ACH4_ 118.542935183960 | 53 |
| RCC6 1.384277078697 | 14 | AOH 110.587695833867 | 45 |
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| RCC6_ 1.383847458525 | 15 | T1 0.000000000000 | 255 |
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| R_CCN2 1.426513837110 | 17 | T2 180.000000000000 | 57 |
| RNC1 1.151166172566 | 18 | T2_ 180.000000000000 | 58 |
| RNC2 1.151753675794 | 19 | TPh1 0.000000000000 | 59 |
| RCO 1.356035357582 | 20 | TPh1_ 0.000000000000 | 60 |
| RCH1 1.078732946561 | 22 | TPh2 0.000000000000 | 61 |
| RCH1_ 1.079475763045 | 23 | TPh2_ 0.000000000000 | 62 |
| RCH2 1.080685667845 | 25 | TPh3 180.000000000000 | 63 |
| RCH3 1.080078677664 | 26 | TPh3_ 179.999999146226 | 64 |
| RCH3_ 1.082868620067 | 27 | T_CCN1 180.000000000000 | 65 |
| RCH4 1.080630685681 | 28 | T_CCN2 180.000000000000 | 66 |
| RCH4_ 1.080959607410 | 29 | T_NC1 180.000000000000 | 67 |
| ROH 0.961936695864 | 21 | T_NC2 0.000000000000 | 68 |
| AN1 114.783064703585 | 30 | TCO 180.000000000000 | 69 |
| AN1_ 116.411601781376 | 31 | TH1 180.000000000000 | 71 |
| AC1 124.431804874377 | 232 | TH1_ 180.000000000000 | 72 |
| AC1_ 124.972037012343 | 33 | TH2 180.000000000000 | 73 |
| AC2 120.080451700319 | 34 | TH3 180.000000000000 | 75 |
| AC2_ 120.179450827777 | 34 | TH3_ 180.000000000000 | 76 |
| AC3 120.109185829077 | 34 | TH4 180.000000000000 | 77 |
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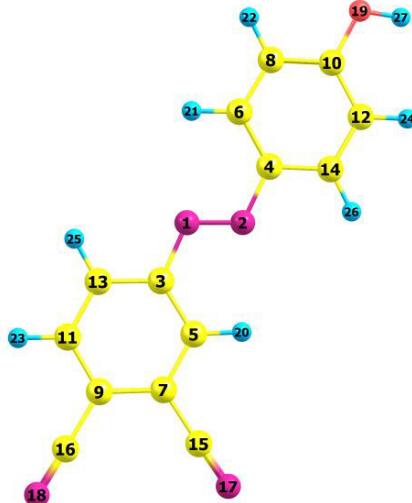


Table S5. Z-matrix used for model **e** in the GED refinement.

| Body of Z-matrix | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Variables Values | | | |
| Atom numbering | | | |
| 1 N | | | |
| 2 N 1 NN | | | |
| 3 C 1 RN1 2 AN1 | | | |
| 4 C 2 RN1_ 1 AN1_ 3 T | | | |
| 5 C 3 RCC1 1 AC1 2 T1 | | | |
| 6 C 4 RCC1_ 2 AC1_ 1 T1_ | | | |
| 7 C 5 RCC2 3 AC2 1 T2 | | | |
| 8 C 6 RCC2_ 4 AC2_ 2 T2_ | | | |
| 9 C 7 RCC3 5 AC3 3 TPh1 | | | |
| 10 C 8 RCC3_ 6 AC3_ 4 TPh1_ | | | |
| 11 C 9 RCC4 7 AC4 5 TPh2 | | | |
| 12 C 10 RCC4_ 8 AC4_ 6 TPh2_ | | | |
| 13 C 3 RCC5 11 RCC6 5 TPh3 4 | | | |
| 14 C 4 RCC5_ 12 RCC6_ 6 TPh3_ 4 | | | |
| 15 C 7 R_CCN1 9 A_CCN1 5 T_CCN1 | | | |
| 16 C 9 R_CCN2 7 A_CCN2 11 T_CCN2 | | | |
| 17 N 15 RNC1 7 A_NC1 9 T_NC1 | | | |
| 18 N 16 RNC2 9 A_NC2 11 T_NC2 | | | |
| 19 O 10 RCO 8 ACO 12 TCO | | | |
| 20 H 5 RCH1 3 ACH1 7 TH1 | | | |
| 21 H 6 RCH1_ 4 ACH1_ 8 TH1_ | | | |
| 22 H 8 RCH2 6 ACH2 10 TH2 | | | |
| 23 H 11 RCH3 9 ACH3 13 TH3 | | | |
| 24 H 12 RCH3_ 10 ACH3_ 14 TH3_ | | | |
| 25 H 13 RCH4 3 ACH4 11 TH4 | | | |
| 26 H 14 RCH4_ 4 ACH4_ 12 TH4_ | | | |
| 27 H 1 RNH 2 ANH 4 TNH | | | |
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| RN1 1.387312209716 302 | A_CCN2 121.520257471741 41 | | |
| RN1_ 1.306774234099 303 | A_NC1 178.892616155745 42 | | |
| RCC1 1.396284972460 4 | A_NC2 178.572068150837 43 | | |
| RCC1_ 1.452649592801 305 | ACO 121.125633135223 335 | | |
| RCC2 1.390308869238 6 | ACH1 119.875843606016 46 | | |
| RCC2_ 1.343435765064 307 | ACH1_ 120.468355855165 347 | | |
| RCC3 1.410222928846 8 | ACH2 121.910346465997 49 | | |
| RCC3_ 1.478155933854 309 | ACH2_ 116.654847705801 351 | | |
| RCC4 1.398027850847 10 | ACH3 119.182724604862 50 | | |
| RCC4_ 1.467522327509 311 | ACH3_ 116.654847705801 351 | | |
| RCC5 1.400215230760 12 | ACH4 120.073652928975 352 | | |
| RCC6 1.380186377628 14 | ACH4_ 116.447845645714 353 | | |
| RCC5_ 1.449803573929 313 | ANH 121.313578584539 345 | | |
| RCC6_ 1.343906466347 315 | T 180.000000000000 54 | | |
| R_CCN1 1.429876167723 16 | T1 0.000000000000 55 | | |
| R_CCN2 1.424803149448 17 | T1_ 0.000000000000 56 | | |
| RNC1 1.150927285399 18 | T2 180.000000000000 57 | | |
| RNC2 1.151973935740 19 | T2_ 180.000000000000 58 | | |
| RCO 1.223602404077 320 | TPh1 0.000000000000 59 | | |
| RCH1 1.077657064801 22 | TPh1_ 0.000000000000 60 | | |
| RCH1_ 1.082945724892 23 | TPh2 0.000000000000 61 | | |
| RCH2 1.081475582676 25 | TPh2_ 0.000000000000 62 | | |
| RCH3 1.080030802068 26 | TPh3 180.000000000000 63 | | |
| RCH3_ 1.080867059541 27 | TPh3_ 180.000000000000 64 | | |
| RCH4 1.082375983319 28 | T_CCN1 180.000000000000 65 | | |
| RCH4_ 1.081769810910 29 | T_CCN2 180.000000000000 66 | | |
| RNH 1.011860771403 321 | T_NC1 180.000000000000 67 | | |
| AN1 121.348780321068 330 | T_NC2 0.000000000000 68 | | |
| AN1_ 121.303890665765 331 | TCO 180.000000000000 69 | | |
| AC1 121.484778852341 332 | TH1 180.000000000000 71 | | |
| AC1_ 126.551815674281 333 | TH1_ 180.000000000000 72 | | |
| AC2 119.803277789354 34 | TH2 180.000000000000 73 | | |
| AC2_ 120.747875213176 34 | TH3 180.000000000000 75 | | |
| AC3 120.671610605093 34 | TH3_ 180.000000000000 76 | | |
| AC3_ 122.055602480512 34 | TH4 180.000000000000 77 | | |
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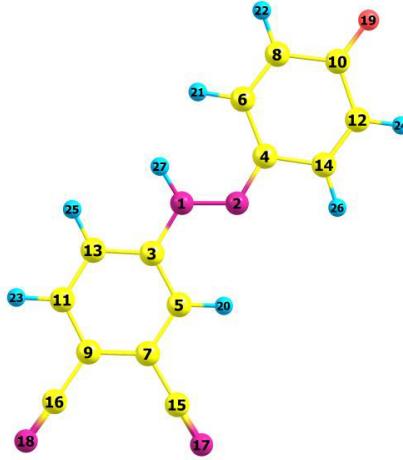


Table S6. Z-matrix was used for model f in the GED refinement.

| Body of Z-matrix | | | | | |
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| Variables Values | | | | | |
| Atom numbering | | | | | |
| NN | 1.323058830514 | 301 | A_CCN1 | 121.056390900073 | 40 |
| RN1 | 1.387504404705 | 302 | A_CCN2 | 121.388792727409 | 41 |
| RN1_ | 1.307112199019 | 303 | A_NC1 | 178.530412440200 | 42 |
| RCC1 | 1.396282957021 | 4 | A_NC2 | 178.707243655461 | 43 |
| RCC1_ | 1.452572849935 | 305 | ACO | 121.167922989125 | 335 |
| RCC2 | 1.390373730658 | 6 | ACH1 | 120.556862012080 | 446 |
| RCC2_ | 1.343544417148 | 307 | ACH1_ | 120.478894195395 | 347 |
| RCC3 | 1.409062479000 | 8 | ACH2 | 121.891667954206 | 49 |
| RCC3_ | 1.477978891977 | 309 | ACH3 | 118.924447187790 | 50 |
| RCC4 | 1.399067521505 | 10 | ACH3_ | 116.645738137707 | 351 |
| RCC4_ | 1.467631925459 | 311 | ACH4 | 119.452154714838 | 352 |
| RCC5 | 1.400204735760 | 12 | ACH4_ | 116.447762940886 | 353 |
| RCC6 | 1.380529364615 | 14 | ANH | 121.270561118437 | 345 |
| RCC5_ | 1.449652935218 | 313 | T | 180.000000000000 | 54 |
| RCC6_ | 1.343893534222 | 315 | T1 | 180.000000000000 | 55 |
| R_CCN1 | 1.429148666963 | 16 | T1_ | 0.000000000000 | 56 |
| R_CCN2 | 1.424750570000 | 17 | T2 | 180.000000000000 | 57 |
| RNC1 | 1.151040471209 | 18 | T2_ | 180.000000000000 | 58 |
| RNC2 | 1.151973077854 | 19 | TPh1 | 0.000000000000 | 59 |
| RCO | 1.223598387917 | 320 | TPh1_ | 0.000000000000 | 60 |
| RCH1 | 1.081571091008 | 22 | TPh2 | 0.000000000000 | 61 |
| RCH1_ | 1.082909673870 | 23 | TPh2_ | 0.000000000000 | 62 |
| RCH2 | 1.081457695706 | 25 | TPh3 | 180.000000000000 | 63 |
| RCH3 | 1.080256335054 | 26 | TPh3_ | 180.000000000000 | 64 |
| RCH3_ | 1.080881675556 | 27 | T_CCN1 | 180.000000000000 | 65 |
| RCH4 | 1.078042778237 | 28 | T_CCN2 | 180.000000000000 | 66 |
| RCH4_ | 1.081779645141 | 29 | T_NC1 | 180.000000000000 | 67 |
| RNH | 1.011981327227 | 321 | T_NC2 | 0.000000000000 | 68 |
| AN1 | 121.300828452407 | 330 | TCO | 180.000000000000 | 69 |
| AN1_ | 121.268513759707 | 331 | TH1 | 179.99998792582 | 71 |
| AC1 | 118.439751194757 | 432 | TH1_ | 180.000000000000 | 72 |
| AC1_ | 126.579517920234 | 333 | TH2 | 180.000000000000 | 73 |
| AC2 | 120.394566233865 | 34 | TH3 | 180.000000000000 | 75 |
| AC2_ | 120.751418382878 | 34 | TH3_ | 180.000000000000 | 76 |
| AC3 | 120.121591762435 | 34 | TH4 | 180.000000000000 | 77 |
| AC3_ | 122.061658394255 | 34 | TH4_ | 180.000000000000 | 78 |
| AC4 | 118.638968567670 | 34 | TNH | 0.000000000000 | 70 |
| AC4_ | 116.117326024308 | 34 | | | |

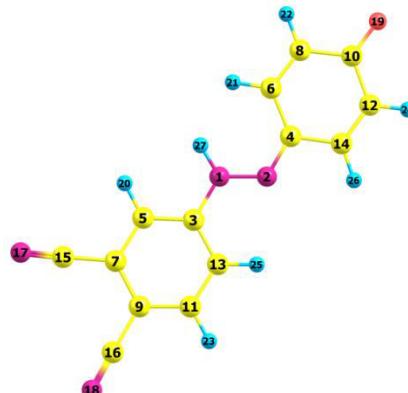


Table S7. Nucleus-independent chemical shifts (NICS)^a indexes for *E-AB* and *p-HPhAPN*

| Structure (see Figures 1-2) | <i>E-AB</i> | <i>p-HPhAPN</i> | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | <i>a</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>g</i> | <i>za</i> | <i>ze</i> |
| for phenyl moiety substituted by two -CN groups | | | | | | |
| NICS(0) | -7.0 | -7.8 | -8.2 | -7.2 | -8.6 | -8.4 |
| NICS(1) | -8.8 | -8.7 | -8.5 | -8.0 | -8.8 | -8.5 |
| for phenyl moiety substituted by -OH/O group | | | | | | |
| NICS(0)' | -7.0 | -6.9 | 3.9 | 2.5 | -8.6 | 4.9 |
| NICS(1)' | -8.8 | -7.9 | -1.0 | -1.7 | -8.7 | -0.4 |

^a For comparison, the corresponding values of the initial compounds were found: Benzene: NICS(0)=-8.1, NICS(1)=-9.9; Phenol: NICS(0)=-9.0, NICS(1)=-9.4; Phthalonitrile: NICS(0)=-8.7, NICS(0)=-9.8.

Table S8. Electron delocalization indexes (DI) calculated by QTAIM for several structures of *p-HPhAPN*.

| Structure (see Figures 1-2) | <i>a</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>g</i> | <i>za</i> | <i>ze</i> |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| DI(N1-N'1) | 1.86 | 1.38 | 1.48 | 1.93 | 1.31 |
| DI(N1-C2) | 1.06 | 1.01 | 1.12 | 1.03 | 1.02 |
| DI(N'1-C'2) | 1.08 | 1.35 | 1.15 | 1.04 | 1.40 |
| DI(O-C) | 0.94 | 1.34 | 1.33 | 0.94 | 1.35 |
| DI(O-C) | 1.28 | 1.08 | 1.13 | 1.28 | 1.07 |
| DI(C2'-C3') | 1.26 | 1.09 | 1.13 | 1.29 | 1.06 |
| DI(C6'-C7') | 1.41 | 1.65 | 1.61 | 1.42 | 1.67 |
| DI(C3'-C4') | 1.45 | 1.66 | 1.62 | 1.41 | 1.67 |
| DI(C5'-C6') | 1.30 | 1.03 | 1.03 | 1.27 | 1.00 |
| DI(C4'-C5') | 1.26 | 1.01 | 1.03 | 1.30 | 1.02 |

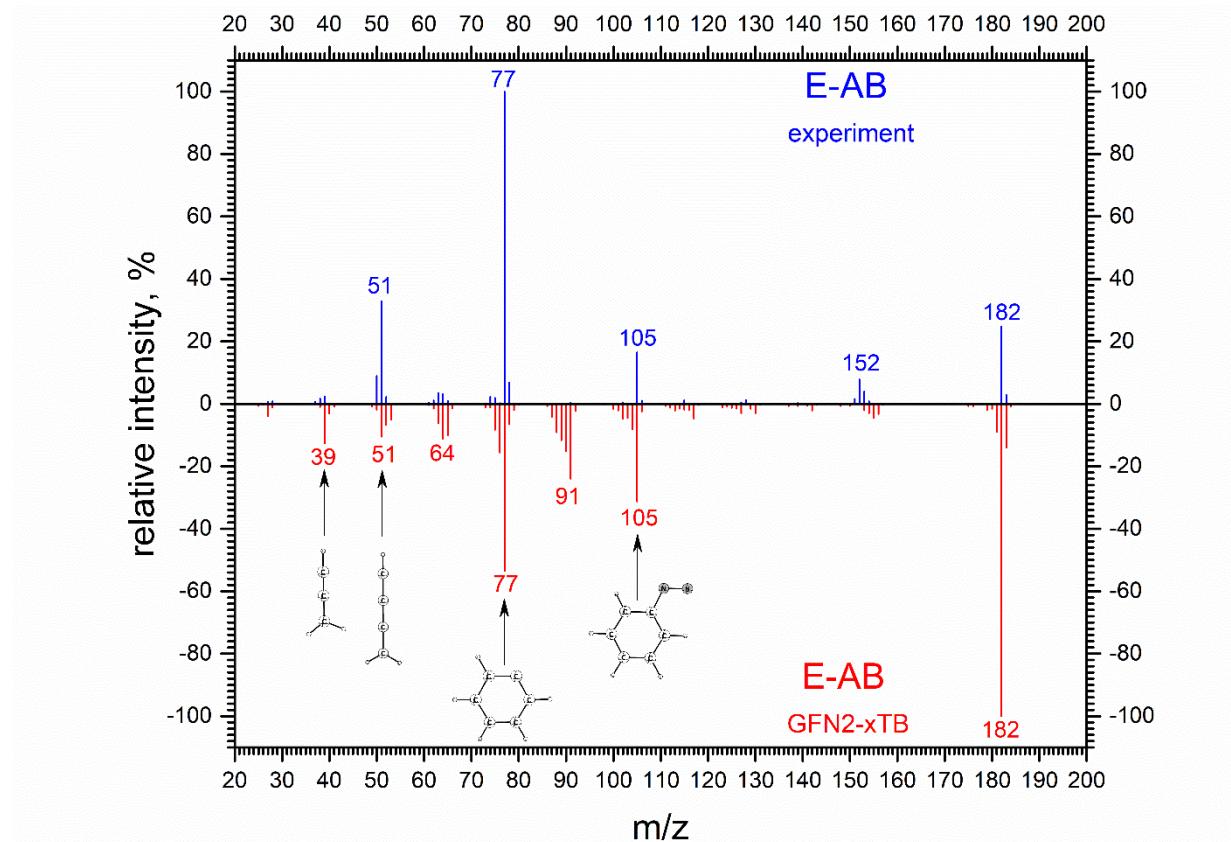


Figure S2. Calculated (GFN2-xTB) EI-MS (below, inverted intensities) of **E-AB** in comparison with the experimental EI-MS [75] (above).

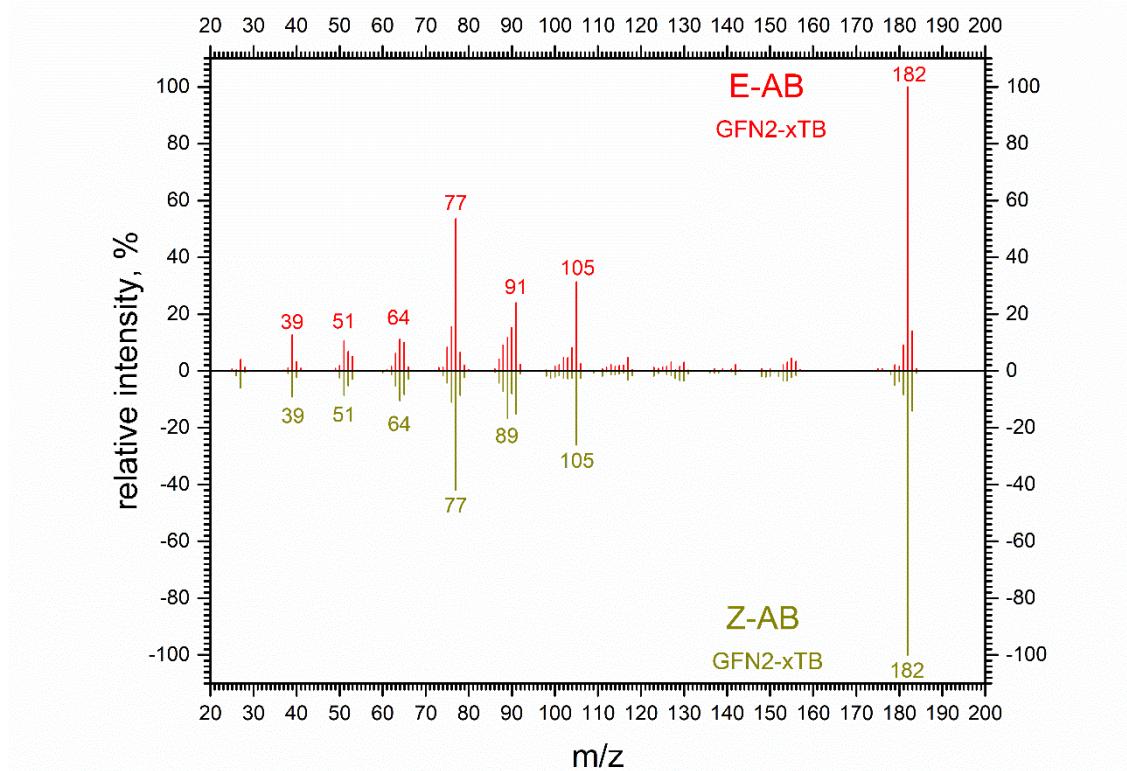


Figure S3. Comparison of EI-MS obtained using the QCxMS (GFN2-xTB) procedures started separately for **E-AB** (above) and **Z-AB** (below, inverted intensities) structures.

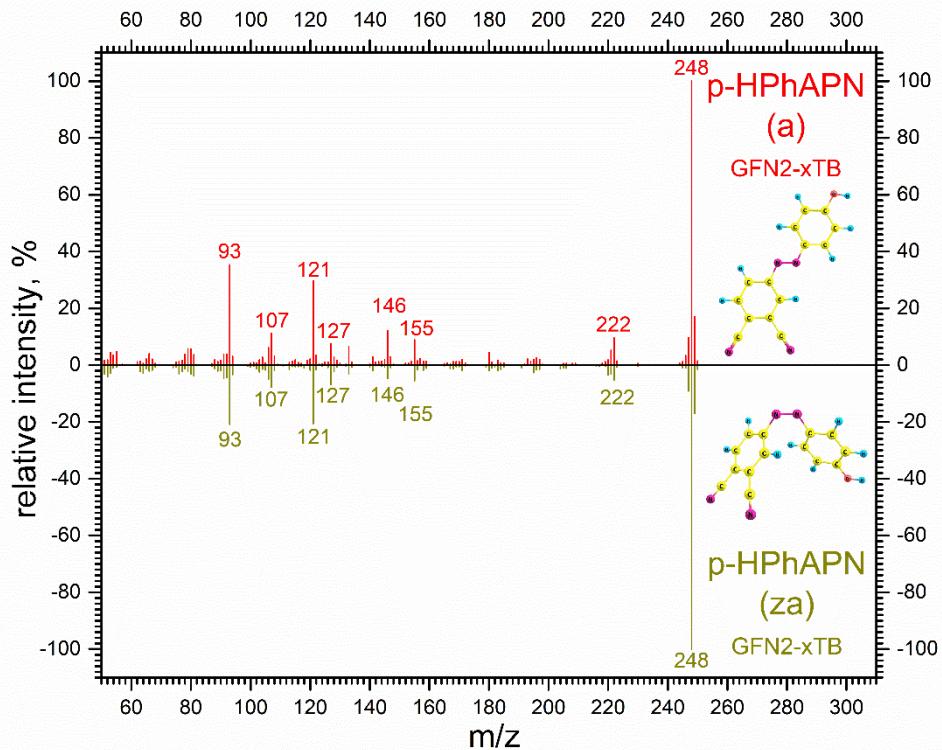


Figure S4. Comparison of EI-MS of *p*-HPhAPN obtained using the QCxMS (GFN2-xTB) procedures started separately for **a** (above) and **za** (below, inverted intensities) structures.

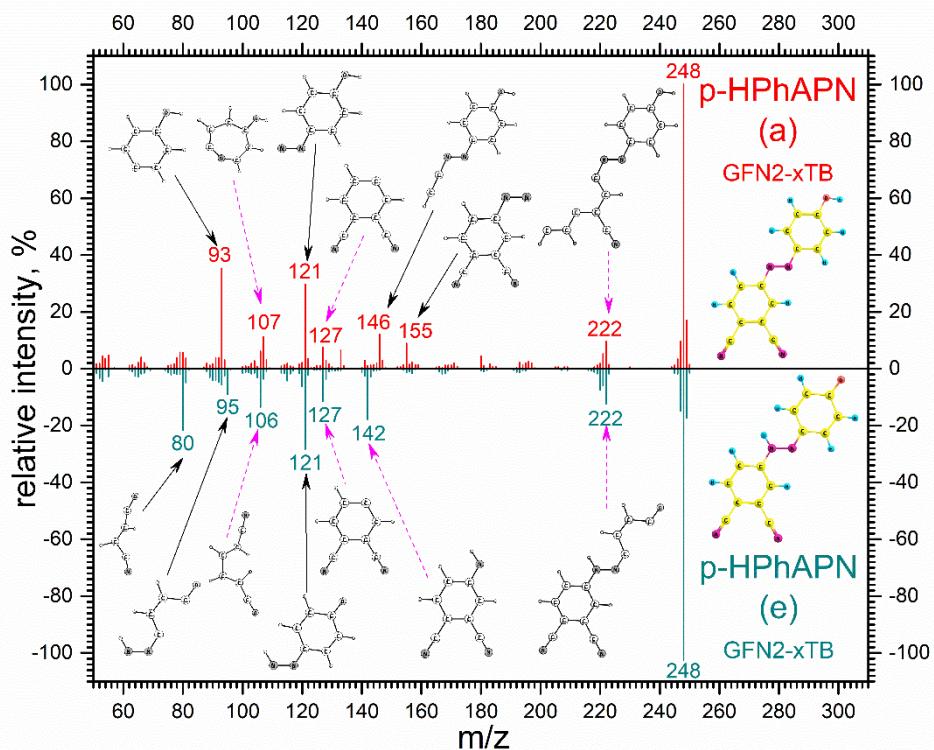


Figure S5. Comparison of calculated (GFN2-xTB) EI-MS of *p*-HPhAPN isomers **a** (above) and **e** (below, inverted intensities).

For assignment black (pink dashed) arrows were used if the contribution of the presented structure to the total intensity is at least (less than) 70%.

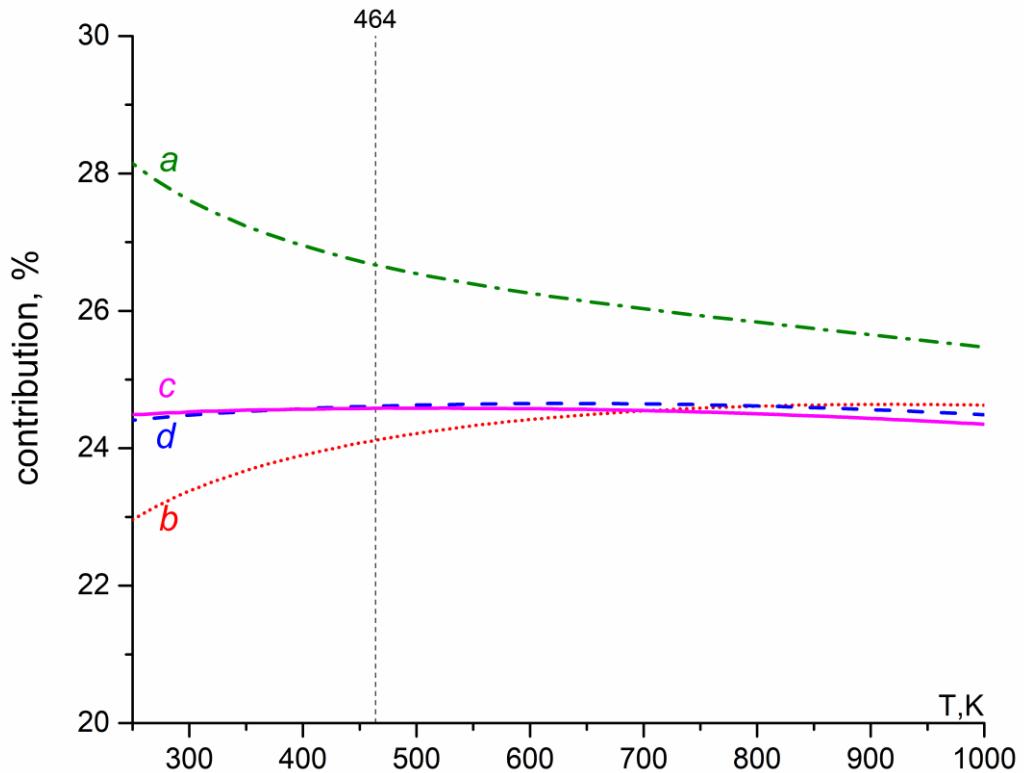


Figure S6. Temperature dependence of conformational/isomeric composition of ***p-HPhAPN***.

Green dashed and dotted line – conformer **a**, red dotted line – conformer **b**, pink solid line – conformer **c**, blue dashed line – conformer **d**. The dashed vertical line corresponds to the temperature of the GED experiment (464 K). This dependence was calculated using a “rigid rotor - harmonic oscillator” approximation realized in the VibModule program.

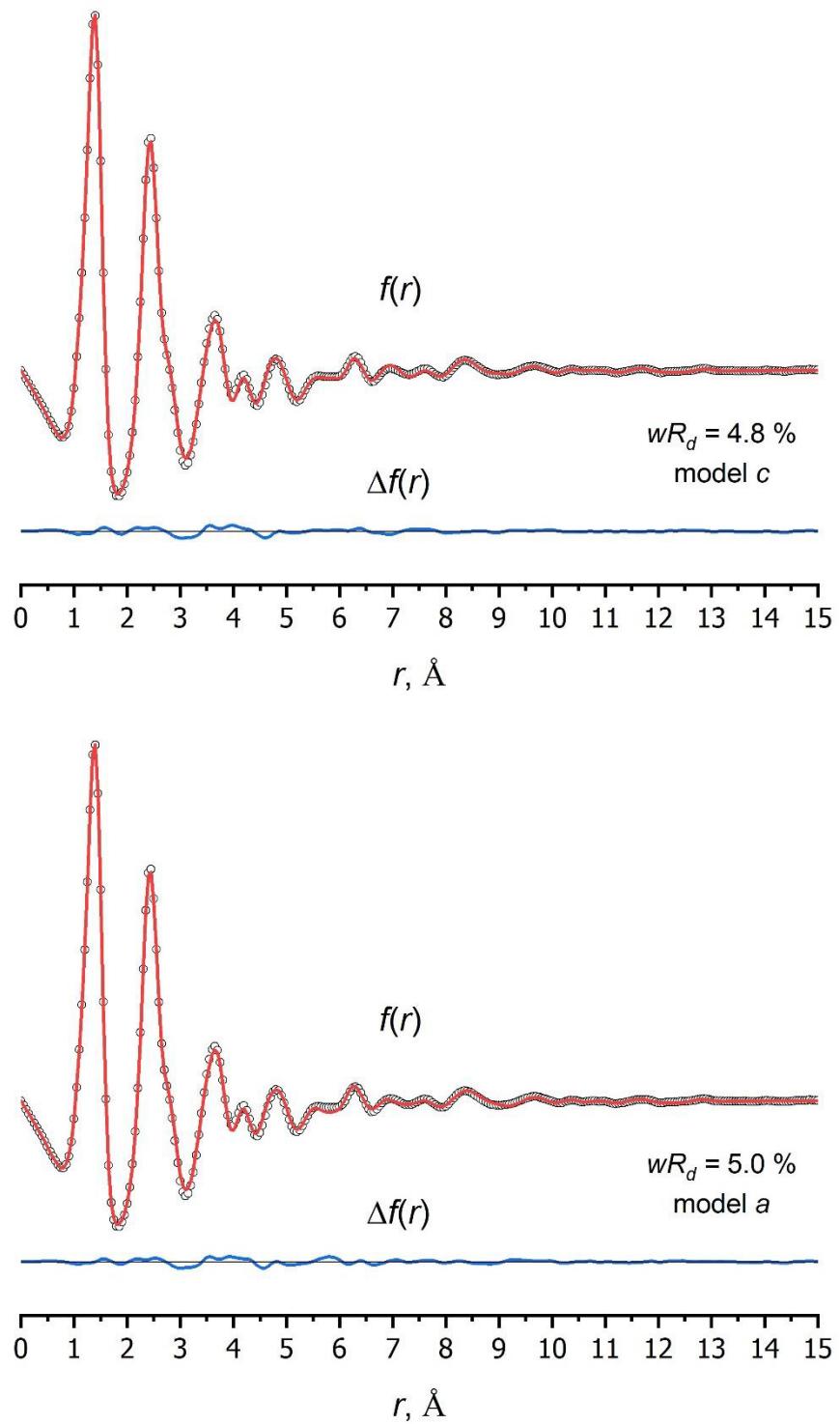


Figure S7. Experimental (cycles) and theoretical (red solid lines) radial distribution curve for models **c** and **a** of **p-HPhAPN** and the difference curve $\Delta f(r)$ (blue solid line).

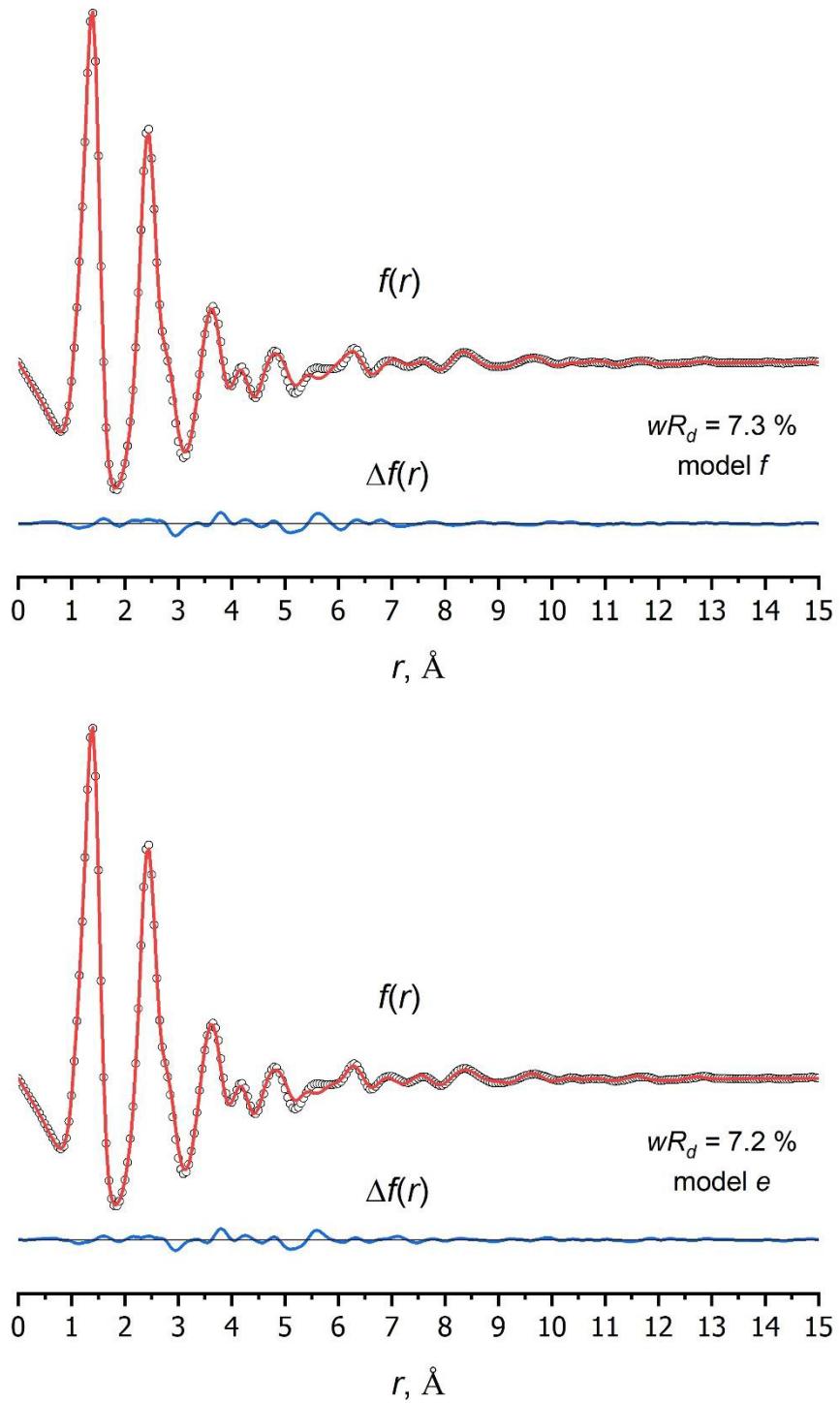


Figure S8. Experimental (cycles) and theoretical (red solid lines) radial distribution curve for models **f** and **e** of **p-HPhAPN** and the difference curve $\Delta f(r)$ (blue solid line).

Table S9. Semi-experimental parameters of *p*-HPhAPN (azo forms *a* and *c*).

| Atom 1 ^a | Atom 2 ^a | Atom 3 ^a | Atom 4 ^a | <i>a</i> | <i>c</i> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| internuclear distances, Å | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | | | 1.250(8) | 1.250(8) |
| 1 | 3 | | | 1.415(11) | 1.415(11) |
| 2 | 4 | | | 1.396(11) | 1.397(11) |
| 3 | 5 | | | 1.393(11) | 1.388(11) |
| 3 | 13 | | | 1.401(11) | 1.406(11) |
| 4 | 6 | | | 1.402(11) | 1.403(11) |
| 4 | 14 | | | 1.398(11) | 1.398(11) |
| 5 | 7 | | | 1.385(11) | 1.389(11) |
| 5 | 20 | | | 1.081(12) | 1.082(12) |
| 6 | 8 | | | 1.365(11) | 1.365(11) |
| 6 | 21 | | | 1.082(12) | 1.082(12) |
| 7 | 9 | | | 1.427(11) | 1.422(11) |
| 7 | 15 | | | 1.434(11) | 1.433(11) |
| 8 | 10 | | | 1.393(11) | 1.393(11) |
| 8 | 22 | | | 1.083(12) | 1.083(12) |
| 9 | 11 | | | 1.399(11) | 1.403(11) |
| 9 | 16 | | | 1.432(11) | 1.432(11) |
| 10 | 12 | | | 1.392(11) | 1.392(11) |
| 10 | 19 | | | 1.331(10) | 1.331(10) |
| 11 | 13 | | | 1.384(11) | 1.381(11) |
| 11 | 23 | | | 1.083(12) | 1.083(12) |
| 12 | 14 | | | 1.377(11) | 1.377(11) |
| 12 | 24 | | | 1.085(12) | 1.085(12) |
| 13 | 25 | | | 1.083(12) | 1.082(12) |
| 14 | 26 | | | 1.083(12) | 1.083(12) |
| 15 | 17 | | | 1.155(10) | 1.155(10) |
| 16 | 18 | | | 1.156(10) | 1.156(10) |
| 19 | 27 | | | 0.961(12) | 0.961(12) |
| bond angles, ° | | | | | |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | | 114.9(12) | 114.9(12) |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | | 116.3(11) | 116.1(11) |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | | 124.1(13) | 115.2(13) |
| 1 | 3 | 13 | | 117.3(18) | 126.2(18) |
| 2 | 4 | 6 | | 125.4(10) | 125.3(10) |
| 2 | 4 | 14 | | 116.1(17) | 116.2(17) |
| 5 | 3 | 13 | | 118.5(13) | 118.6(13) |
| 3 | 5 | 7 | | 120.3(3) | 120.9(3) |
| 3 | 5 | 20 | | 119.5(14) | 118.9(14) |
| 3 | 13 | 11 | | 122.8(20) | 122.2(20) |
| 3 | 13 | 25 | | 118.5(14) | 119.1(14) |
| 6 | 4 | 14 | | 118.5(13) | 118.5(13) |
| 4 | 6 | 8 | | 120.4(3) | 120.4(3) |
| 4 | 6 | 21 | | 119.1(14) | 119.1(14) |
| 4 | 14 | 12 | | 121.5(22) | 121.5(22) |

| | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|-----------|------------|
| 4 | 14 | 26 | 118.5(14) | 118.5(14) |
| 7 | 5 | 20 | 120.2(14) | 120.2(14) |
| 5 | 7 | 9 | 120.4(3) | 119.9(3) |
| 5 | 7 | 15 | 117.1(12) | 117.3(12) |
| 8 | 6 | 21 | 120.4(14) | 120.4(14) |
| 6 | 8 | 10 | 120.2(3) | 120.3(3) |
| 6 | 8 | 22 | 121.4(14) | 121.4(14) |
| 9 | 7 | 15 | 122.6(12) | 122.9(12) |
| 7 | 9 | 11 | 119.5(3) | 119.5(3) |
| 7 | 9 | 16 | 122.9(12) | 123.0(12) |
| 7 | 15 | 17 | 178.3(13) | 178.3(13) |
| 10 | 8 | 22 | 118.3(14) | 118.3(14) |
| 8 | 10 | 12 | 120.6(3) | 120.5(3) |
| 8 | 10 | 19 | 116.7(13) | 116.7(13) |
| 11 | 9 | 16 | 117.6(13) | 117.5(13) |
| 9 | 11 | 13 | 118.5(14) | 119.0(14) |
| 9 | 11 | 23 | 119.2(14) | 118.9(14) |
| 9 | 16 | 18 | 178.3(14) | 178.2(14) |
| 12 | 10 | 19 | 122.8(14) | 122.8(14) |
| 10 | 12 | 14 | 118.7(16) | 118.7(16) |
| 10 | 12 | 24 | 120.1(14) | 120.1(14) |
| 10 | 19 | 27 | 110.5(14) | 110.5(14) |
| 13 | 11 | 23 | 122.3(20) | 122.1(20) |
| 11 | 13 | 25 | 118.7(24) | 118.7(24) |
| 14 | 12 | 24 | 121.2(21) | 121.2(21) |
| 12 | 14 | 26 | 120.0(26) | 119.9(26) |
| dihedral angles, ° | | | | |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | -180.0(14) |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0.0(14) |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 180.0(25) |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0.0(14) |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 14 | -180.0(25) |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 180.0(14) |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | 20 | 0.0(19) |
| 1 | 3 | 13 | 11 | -180.0(21) |
| 1 | 3 | 13 | 25 | 0.0(25) |
| 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 180.0(14) |
| 2 | 4 | 6 | 21 | 0.0(19) |
| 2 | 4 | 14 | 12 | -180.0(20) |
| 2 | 4 | 14 | 26 | 0.0(24) |
| 7 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 0.0(17) |
| 20 | 5 | 3 | 13 | -180.0(22) |
| 5 | 3 | 13 | 11 | 0.0(15) |
| 5 | 3 | 13 | 25 | -180.0(21) |
| 3 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 0.0(14) |
| 3 | 5 | 7 | 15 | 180.0(19) |
| 3 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 0.0(24) |
| 3 | 13 | 11 | 23 | 180.0(28) |
| | | | | 180.0(28) |

| | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|------------|------------|
| 8 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 0.0(17) | 0.0(17) |
| 21 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 180.0(22) | 180.0(22) |
| 6 | 4 | 14 | 12 | 0.0(15) | 0.0(15) |
| 6 | 4 | 14 | 26 | -180.0(21) | 180.0(21) |
| 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 0.0(14) | 0.0(14) |
| 4 | 6 | 8 | 22 | -180.0(19) | -180.0(19) |
| 4 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 0.0(24) | 0.0(24) |
| 4 | 14 | 12 | 24 | 180.0(28) | -180.0(28) |
| 9 | 7 | 5 | 20 | 180.0(19) | 180.0(19) |
| 15 | 7 | 5 | 20 | 0.0(23) | 0.0(23) |
| 5 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 0.0(14) | 0.0(14) |
| 5 | 7 | 9 | 16 | -180.0(19) | -180.0(19) |
| 5 | 7 | 15 | 17 | 0.0(19) | 0.0(19) |
| 10 | 8 | 6 | 21 | -180.0(19) | -180.0(19) |
| 22 | 8 | 6 | 21 | 0.0(24) | 0.0(24) |
| 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 0.0(14) | 0.0(14) |
| 6 | 8 | 10 | 19 | -180.0(19) | -180.0(19) |
| 11 | 9 | 7 | 15 | 180.0(19) | 180.0(19) |
| 16 | 9 | 7 | 15 | 0.0(24) | 0.0(24) |
| 9 | 7 | 15 | 17 | 180.0(14) | 180.0(14) |
| 7 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 0.0(25) | 0.0(25) |
| 7 | 9 | 11 | 23 | -180.0(28) | -180.0(29) |
| 7 | 9 | 16 | 18 | 180.0(19) | 180.0(19) |
| 12 | 10 | 8 | 22 | -180.0(19) | -180.0(19) |
| 19 | 10 | 8 | 22 | 0.0(23) | 0.0(23) |
| 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 0.0(25) | 0.0(25) |
| 8 | 10 | 12 | 24 | -180.0(29) | 180.0(29) |
| 8 | 10 | 19 | 27 | -180.0(19) | 180.0(19) |
| 13 | 11 | 9 | 16 | -180.0(28) | -180.0(28) |
| 23 | 11 | 9 | 16 | 0.0(31) | 0.0(31) |
| 11 | 9 | 16 | 18 | 0.0(14) | 0.0(14) |
| 9 | 11 | 13 | 25 | 180.0(28) | 180.0(28) |
| 14 | 12 | 10 | 19 | -180.0(29) | 180.0(29) |
| 24 | 12 | 10 | 19 | 0.0(32) | 0.0(32) |
| 12 | 10 | 19 | 27 | 0.0(14) | 0.0(14) |
| 10 | 12 | 14 | 26 | 180.0(28) | -180.0(28) |
| 25 | 13 | 11 | 23 | 0.0(31) | 0.0(31) |
| 26 | 14 | 12 | 24 | 0.0(31) | 0.0(31) |
| 20 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 0.0(12) | 0.0(12) |
| 25 | 13 | 3 | 11 | 0.0(12) | 0.0(12) |
| 21 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 0.0(12) | 0.0(12) |
| 26 | 14 | 4 | 12 | 0.0(12) | 0.0(12) |
| 22 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 0.0(12) | 0.0(12) |
| 23 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 0.0(12) | 0.0(12) |
| 24 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 0.0(12) | 0.0(12) |

^a Numbering from Tables S3-S4;

^b uncertainties for the bond lengths were estimated as $[(2.5\sigma_{LS})^2 + (0.002r)^2]^{1/2}$; uncertainty for the angle was estimated as $3\sigma_{LS}$.

Table S10. Relative energies^a of different isomers of **Zn-tHPhDaPc** obtained using different forms (**a, c, e, f**) of **p-HPhAPN**.

| Isomer | Form of of p-HPhAPN | Relative energy, kJ·mol ⁻¹ |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| I | a | 4.1 |
| II | a | 5.3 |
| III | a | 4.9 |
| IV | a | 4.7 |
| I | c | 0.0 |
| II | c | 0.0 |
| III | c | 0.2 |
| IV | c | 0.0 |
| I | e | 104.6 |
| II | e | 105.7 |
| III | e | 105.2 |
| IV | e | 105.2 |
| I | f | 102.4 |
| II | f | 104.5 |
| III | f | 103.5 |
| IV | f | 103.3 |

^a according to B3LYP-D3/pcseg-2 calculations

Table S11. Internuclear distances (Å)^a of zinc complex **Zn-tHPhDaPc** obtained using **a** and **c** forms of **p-HPhAPN** and corresponding Internuclear distances of **p-HPhAPN** (models **a** and **c**).

| | Zn-tHPhDaPc (I) | | p-HPhAPN | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| | C_{4v} | | C_s | |
| | a | c | a | c |
| N-N | 1.251 | 1.251 | 1.252 | 1.252 |
| N-C | 1.406 | 1.406 | 1.400 | 1.400 |
| N-C | 1.413 | 1.412 | 1.414 | 1.414 |
| C _δ -C _δ | 1.408 | 1.413 | 1.396 | 1.401 |
| C _γ -C _δ | 1.386 | 1.382 | 1.384 | 1.380 |
| C _γ -C _δ | 1.400 | 1.395 | 1.398 | 1.393 |
| C _γ -C _β | 1.390 | 1.394 | 1.396 | 1.400 |
| C _γ -C _β | 1.382 | 1.386 | 1.389 | 1.393 |
| C _β -C _β | 1.410 | 1.406 | 1.413 | 1.409 |

^a according to B3LYP-D3/pcseg-2 calculations

Table S12. Nucleus-independent chemical shifts (NICS)^a indexes for Zinc phtalocyanine (**ZnPc**) and **Zn-tHPhDaPc**.

| Structure | ZnPc | Zn-tHPhDaPc | |
|---|-------------|--------------------|------|
| | <i>I a</i> | <i>I c</i> | |
| for phenyl moiety of phtalocyanine core | | | |
| NICS(0) | -7.5 | -6.5 | -6.0 |
| NICS(1) | -9.4 | -8.3 | -8.0 |
| for phenyl moiety of azo substituent | | | |
| NICS(0) ' | - | -7.0 | -7.1 |
| NICS(1) ' | - | -7.8 | -7.9 |

^a For comparison, the corresponding values of the initial compounds were found: Benzene: NICS(0)=-8.1, NICS(1)=-9.9; Phenol: NICS(0)=-9.0, NICS(1)=-9.4; Phthalonitrile: NICS(0)=-8.7, NICS(0)=-9.8.

[75] NIST Mass Spectrometry Data Center, William E. Wallace, director, "Mass Spectra" in NIST Chemistry WebBook, NIST Standard Reference Database Number 69, Eds. P.J. Linstrom and W.G. Mallard, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg MD, 20899, <https://doi.org/10.18434/T4D303>