

# Molecular Structure of Pyrazinamide: a Critical Assessment of Modern Gas Electron Diffraction Data from Three Laboratories

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## 1 Abstract

Accuracy and precision of molecular parameters determined by modern gas electron diffraction method have been investigated. Diffraction patterns of gaseous pyrazinamide have been measured independently in three laboratories, in Bielefeld (Germany), Ivanovo (Russia) and Moscow (Russia). All data sets have been analysed in equal manner using highly controlled background elimination procedure and flexible restraints in molecular structure refinement. In detailed examination and comparison of the obtained results we have determined the average experimental precision of 0.004 Å for bond lengths and 0.2 degrees for angles. The corresponding average deviations of the refined parameters from the ae-CCSD(T)/cc-pwCVTZ theoretical values were 0.003 Å and 0.2 degrees. The average precision for refined amplitudes of interatomic vibrations was determined to be 0.005 Å. It is recommended to take into account these values in calculations of total errors for refined parameters of other molecules with comparable complexity.

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## 2 Introduction

Gas electron diffraction (GED) is one of the most well established direct methods for the experimental investigation of molecular structure in the gas phase. Already in 1930 due to GED appeared data on molecular structures of carbon tetrachloride, cyclopentane and cyclohexane, benzene and some of its chloro derivatives [1], although with very limited accuracy and precision. Since then the GED method improved significantly and its accuracy increased due to developments both in experimental techniques and in methods of data interpretation, see [2] for a review. Still, the investigation of fine structural effects can be a big challenge, especially in cases of large molecules and complicated vapor compositions. Different GED groups have elaborated approaches for solving these problems. However, each laboratory has its own unique experimental setup. In addition, methods for data reduction and structure refinement can also differ. In this respect an important question arises about reproducibility of results produced in different groups. It is considered to be normal when molecular structures from modern investigations deviate from those of significantly older studies, for example see the case of antimony(III) oxide [3]. This can be explained by development of the method. A completely different situation is when results of two or more concurrent investigations disagree. Several publications in the past have been addressed to this problem [4–10]. Some of them documented significant deviations in structural parameters [4, 6, 10], which was an indication of relatively large systematic errors leading to biased parameters or underes-

timated uncertainties. The work of Campanelli et al. [10] should be mentioned due to careful comparison of molecular structures determined by GED method in different groups for a series of halogenated benzene derivatives. An expressive example from this paper is the  $r_g$  length of C–C bonds in benzene ring of 1,3,5-trichlorobenzene determined to be 1.392(2) Å [11] and 1.400(1) Å [12]. The difference of 0.008 Å between the values from the two independent investigations is considered to be significant taking into account the symmetry of the molecule and the high precision typical for benzene bonds, as uncertainties suggest.

The development of the GED method in the last two decades requires a thorough assessment of data and refined molecular structures on modern level. In this work we have analysed three data sets measured independently in laboratories at Bielefeld University (denoted below as UBi), M. V. Lomonosov Moscow State University (LMSU) and Ivanovo State University of Chemistry and Technology (ISUCT). As a test molecule we chose pyrazinamide (PZA, see Figure 1). This compound has been recently investigated by the GED method [13] and the obtained experience showed its suitability for our study. Here the most relevant properties of PZA are (a) the stability under the experimental conditions, (b) the existence in only one single conformation in a broad range of temperatures, (c) a reasonable complexity of its geometrical structure. The last two properties ensure that the refinement of the molecular structure is not an overcomplicated problem. On the other hand, the structure is complex enough to make it possible an overinterpretation of experimental data. Thus can be obtained valuable information on the accuracy and precision of molecular structures obtained by the modern GED method.

### 3 Experiments

Measurements of electron diffraction patterns of gaseous PZA have been performed independently in three laboratories. Details of the experiments are given below. A commercial sample of PZA (Acros Organics, purity at least 99 %) was used from the

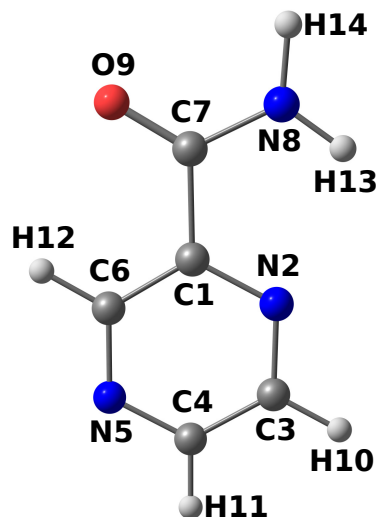


Figure 1: Molecular structure of pyrazinamide with atom numbering.

same batch in all cases. Note, different temperatures in experiments were required due to construction peculiarities of particular electron diffraction units.

#### 3.1 UBi

At Bielefeld University diffraction patterns of PZA have been measured at 443–448 K on BAS-MP Imaging Plates in Balzers Eldigraph KD-G2 diffractometer, which has been significantly modified [14] and also improved recently [15]. Gaseous  $\text{CCl}_4$  was used as standard, for which diffraction patterns were also measured along with the studied substance. The plates were scanned using a calibrated Fuji BAS-1800II reader. As usually, two series of measurements were done, one for middle camera (250 mm) and another for the long camera setting (500 mm) to obtain data for the widest possible range of scattering angles. Details of experimental conditions are provided in Table S1 of Supporting Information. The data reduction for all patterns has been done in the same way according to our standard procedure [16]. Electron wavelengths were refined from the obtained intensity functions of  $\text{CCl}_4$  as usually [17] taking the most accurate available parameters [18].

### 3.2 LMSU

At M. V. Lomonosov Moscow State University electron diffraction patterns of PZA have been measured at 400–404 K with EG-100M apparatus (for details see Table S2 in SI). Photo films MACO EM-FILM EMS ES209 were used for recording diffraction patterns. The measurements were done for two camera settings, long (362.3 mm) and short (193.9 mm). Diffraction patterns of gaseous  $\text{CCl}_4$  have been measured in the same experiments for calibration of electron wavelengths. Exposed photo films were scanned on a EPSON Perfection V850 Pro scanner, which had been beforehand calibrated for optical density and spatial resolution. The scanning mode was 16-bit grayscale 800 dpi. Data reduction of the obtained digitized images and refinement of electron wavelengths were done in the same way as for UBi data.

### 3.3 ISUCT

At Ivanovo State University of Chemistry and Technology synchronous gas electron diffraction and mass spectrometric (GED/MS) experiments were carried out using EMR-100/APDM-1 unit [19–21] for long (LD) and short (SD) nozzle-to-film distances. A sample of PZA was evaporated from a stainless steel (X18H10T) effusion cell with a cylindrical effusion nozzle of 0.5 x 1.6 mm size (diameter x length) at 372(5) K. Main conditions of the experiments are listed in Table S3 of SI. Two additional films for polycrystalline ZnO were recorded before and after taking the diffraction patterns of PZA in order to determine accurate electron wavelengths. Optical densities of the diffraction patterns were measured by a modified MD-100 (Carl Zeiss, Jena) microdensitometer [22] with a step size of 0.1 mm along diagonal. A 10 x 130 mm region was scanned; the number of equidistant scan lines was 33.

## 4 Structure refinement

A complete and unambiguous refinement of molecular structure for PZA solely from gas-phase electron diffraction data is impossible. Therefore a series of

quantum-chemical calculations were done, whose results were then used in the analysis of the measured data. First, optimization of molecular structure has been done at ae-CCSD(T)/cc-pwCVTZ level of theory as implemented in the Cfour package of programs [23]. The obtained theoretical parameters were used in refinement as starting approximation and for regularization as flexible restraints. For the description of this method see [24] and references therein. The refinements were done using the UNEX program [25] assuming  $C_s$  symmetry, since the planarity of the structure was previously confirmed both experimentally [13] and theoretically [26]. Special attention has been paid to the generalized regularization factor  $\alpha$  (see Eq. 3 in [24]). It has been adjusted manually to keep the balance of maximized contributions of experimental data into refined parameters and stabilized solution of the least-squares problem. For this the deviations of refined values of parameters from their initial values have been analysed for different  $\alpha$ , see Tables S7–S12 of SI. Also, least-squares correlation factors between parameters were taken into account; their values in final refinements were less than 0.6. Contributions of GED data into refined parameters were calculated according to W2 method [27], their values are provided in Table S6 of SI.

As with the molecular structure supplementary information was also required for vibrational parameters of interatomic pairs in PZA for interpretation of the experimental electron diffraction intensities. For this, calculations of anharmonic force fields and frequencies were done using a series of DFT functionals (B3LYP, O3LYP, X3LYP, PW6B95, PBE0, B3PW91, TPSSh) paired with def2-TZVP basis set as implemented in the Gaussian program package [28]. The calculated frequencies were compared with available experimental values obtained for isolated PZA monomer in xenon matrix [26], see Table S13. Several functionals gave low root-mean-square deviations and finally the results of B3LYP calculation have been taken for further processing. Optimized at this level of theory geometry and calculated analytic harmonic and numeric cubic force fields were used in computation of vibrational amplitudes  $l$  and corrections ( $r_e - r_a$ ) for interatomic pairs of PZA. This has been done using the VibModule program [29]. Thus,

the molecular structure of PZA has been refined in terms of equilibrium geometry. In addition, in the least squares analysis of all data sets scale factors for groups of amplitudes were refined in the same manner. The grouping scheme, the theoretical and refined  $l$  values as well as corrections are provided in Tables S14-S16.

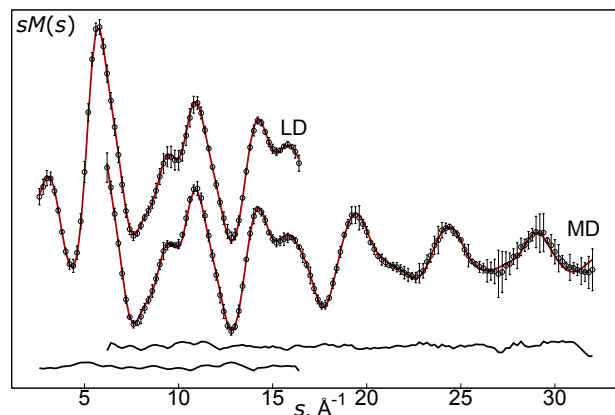


Figure 2: Molecular intensity functions measured at UBi (dots), corresponding model (lines) and difference curves. Vertical bars indicate threefold standard deviations.

Special attention has been focused on the quality of background lines calculated for the measured intensity functions. Any nonsmoothness on background can significantly influence the resulted values of refined parameters [30]. Poorly levelled total intensity functions are prone to this problem [18]. Therefore backgrounds were approximated with cubic splines for reduced experimental intensity functions (see description of the method and discussion in [18]) measured at UBi and ISUCT. For the data set from ISUCT this procedure was of critical importance due to the special form of the sector device, which resulted in large drops of intensity values in a very narrow range of diffraction angles. The data set from LMSU was already well levelled and did not require this kind of treatment. Thus, for all data sets equally strong criteria have been applied in calculating background lines. Their smoothness has been controlled by defining the maximal allowed numbers of inflec-

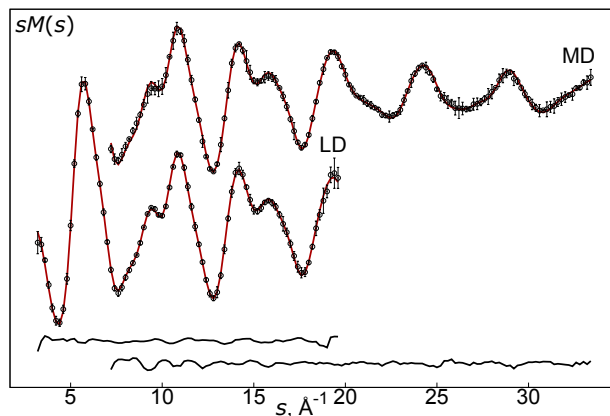


Figure 3: Molecular intensity functions measured at LMSU (dots), corresponding model (lines) and difference curves. Vertical bars indicate threefold standard deviations.

tion points (see Tables S1-S3 of SI).

In the least-squares analysis averaged intensity functions were used in two variants. First, the averaging of total intensities has been tested. The obtained curves have been converted into experimental molecular intensity  $sM(s)$  functions by applying multiplicative background correction as described above. However, in this procedure could not be obtained reliable standard deviations for the  $sM(s)$  values. In the other variant all individual total intensities were first converted into  $sM(s)$  functions, which were then averaged. In this case realistic standard deviations  $\sigma$  were obtained and used in least squares analysis for calculation of weighting factors as  $w = 1/\sigma^2$ . Finally this variant has been accepted as the main. Results of refinements of both types are provided in Table S5. Molecular intensity functions from the main refinements are shown in Figures 2, 3, 4. For radial distribution functions see Figure 5.

## 5 Results

Before analyzing results several statements should be made about design of our study. In comparison to previous work this investigation has advantages in the following aspects.

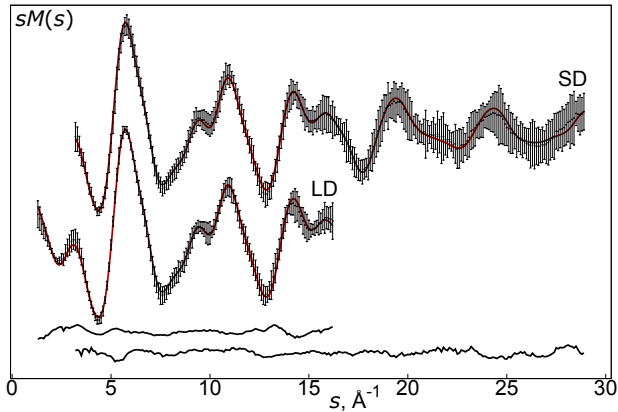


Figure 4: Molecular intensity functions measured at ISUCT (dots), corresponding model (lines) and difference curves. Vertical bars indicate threefold standard deviations.

- The refinements of the molecular structures were performed in terms of equilibrium parameters. Therefore their comparison does not require considering differences between temperatures in the experiments. In addition, experimental conditions can differ in extents of the spread of the diffraction volume. As the result the refined effective values of amplitudes can also differ from one set of the data to another due to the effect of finite sample size [31, 32]. Because of this problem parameters of  $r_g$  type (amplitudes are required for their calculation) cannot be used for accurate comparison.
- In this work we used flexible restraints to stabilize solutions of the least squares problem. We explicitly avoided fixing any geometrical parameters as this would blur the experimental status of the refined structures. On the other hand for the case of flexible restraints recently it has become possible to calculate contributions of experimental data into refined parameters [13, 27]. This has been utilized for PZA to maximize the contribution of the GED data in the refined structures and to keep the solution of the inverse problem stable. Within this procedure were calculated pure experimental standard deviations

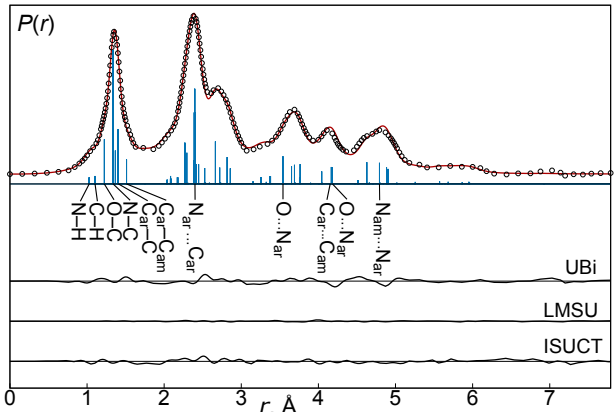


Figure 5: Experimental (dots) and model (line) radial distribution functions and their differences. Vertical bars correspond to interatomic distances in PZA.

for the refined parameters as described in [13]. These values allowed more correct comparison of the results.

- In the refinements we used controlled background lines with very high requirements for their smoothness. This principle was applied to all data sets from each laboratory. In this way the influence of background on the refined structures has been minimized.

Selected calculated and refined geometrical parameters of PZA are collected in Table 1. The complete set of parameters can be found in Table S4 of SI. Based on these data weighted root-mean-square deviations (WRMSD) have been calculated for all pairs of parameter sets as

$$\text{WRMSD} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i (p_i^A - p_i^B)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i}} \quad (1)$$

where  $p_i^A$  and  $p_i^B$  are the values of the  $i$ -th parameter from the sets A and B (one of CCSD(T), UBi, LMSU or ISUCT), respectively;  $w_i$  is the weighting factor;  $N$  is the total number of parameters. The weighting factors were calculated from respective experimental standard deviations of parameters (first values in

Table 1: Selected theoretical and experimental structural parameters of PZA <sup>a</sup>

Method	CCSD(T)	GED <sup>b</sup>			
Parameter		UBi	LMSU	ISUCT	$\Delta_{\max, c}$
$r(\text{C1-N2})$	1.337	1.333(3/2)	1.339(1/1)	1.335(4/4)	0.006
$r(\text{C1-C6})$	1.394	1.398(3/2)	1.398(2/1)	1.392(4/4)	0.006
$r(\text{C1-C7})$	1.505	1.501(2/2)	1.506(1/1)	1.497(3/3)	0.009
$r(\text{N2-C3})$	1.335	1.329(3/3)	1.337(2/1)	1.330(4/4)	0.008
$r(\text{C3-C4})$	1.393	1.391(3/2)	1.397(2/1)	1.391(4/4)	0.006
$r(\text{C-H})_{\text{average}}$	1.082	1.083(11/3)	1.081(11/2)	1.085(14/4)	0.004
$r(\text{C4-N5})$	1.337	1.333(3/3)	1.338(2/1)	1.334(4/4)	0.005
$r(\text{N5-C6})$	1.336	1.333(3/3)	1.338(2/1)	1.330(4/4)	0.008
$r(\text{C7-N8})$	1.350	1.347(3/3)	1.352(2/1)	1.348(4/4)	0.005
$r(\text{C7-O9})$	1.219	1.220(2/2)	1.221(1/1)	1.214(2/2)	0.007
$r(\text{N-H})_{\text{average}}$	1.003	1.005(11/3)	1.003(7/2)	1.001(14/4)	0.004
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C6})$	122.2	121.8(4/3)	122.0(2/1)	121.8(4/4)	0.2
$\angle(\text{C1-N2-C3})$	115.9	116.0(2/1)	115.9(1/1)	116.0(3/2)	0.1
$\angle(\text{C6-C1-C7})$	119.3	119.9(3/2)	119.6(2/2)	119.5(5/4)	0.4
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-N5})$	122.0	122.2(5/3)	122.3(3/2)	122.5(8/5)	0.3
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-N8})$	113.8	113.7(3/2)	113.8(2/1)	114.2(3/2)	0.5
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-O9})$	121.2	121.0(3/2)	121.3(2/1)	121.3(4/2)	0.3
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-C4})$	121.9	122.0(2/1)	121.9(1/1)	121.9(4/2)	0.1
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-N5})$	122.5	122.4(2/1)	122.5(2/1)	122.5(4/2)	0.1
$\angle(\text{C4-N5-C6})$	115.6	115.5(3/2)	115.5(2/1)	115.3(5/4)	0.2
$\angle(\text{N8-C7-O9})$	125.0	125.3(3/2)	125.0(2/1)	124.5(4/3)	0.8
$wR,^d \%$		4.36	4.07	5.20	

<sup>a</sup> Bond lengths (Å) and angles (degrees) correspond to equilibrium structure.

<sup>b</sup> In parentheses the first number is the pure experimental standard deviation calculated using method from [13], the second value is the least-squares standard deviation.

<sup>c</sup> Maximal absolute differences between refined values.

<sup>d</sup> Weighted factor of disagreement between model and experimental  $sM(s)$  functions,

$$wR = \left[ \frac{\sum w_i \{s_i M(s_i)_{\text{model}} - s_i M(s_i)_{\text{exper}}\}^2}{\sum w_i \{s_i M(s_i)_{\text{exper}}\}^2} \right]^{1/2} \times 100\%$$

parentheses in Table 1). If both compared sets were refined from experimental data then the weighting factors were calculated as  $w_i = (\sigma_{A,(i)}^2 + \sigma_{B,(i)}^2)^{-1}$ . When an experimental set A was compared with the theoretical set CCSD(T) then the weights were calculated as  $w_i = \sigma_{A,(i)}^{-2}$ . All sets of the experimental intensities were used in as much as possible similar way in the structural refinements. Still, their different

quality has led to the different values of experimental standard deviations (the definition and a method for their calculation are given in [13]) for the refined parameters. Thus, the usage of these standard deviations in calculations of WRMSD values should lead to a more robust estimation of experimental accuracy and precision. As the values in Table 2 demonstrate, the average discrepancy between experimental

results is about 0.005 Å for bond lengths and 0.3 degrees for angles. These values express reproducibility of experimental results and are closely related to the precision of the refined parameters. Slightly smaller WRMSD values were obtained comparing experimental and theoretical values. If the structure from ae-CCSD(T)/cc-pwCVTZ calculation can be taken as a reference, the accuracy of refined parameters is about 0.003 Å for bond lengths and 0.2 degrees for angles. This is in good agreement with results of systematic investigations of Vogts et al., see for example [33–35]. The electronic structure of PZA is relatively simple and can be accurately calculated using single-reference coupled cluster theory, as the calculated value (0.012) of  $T_1$  diagnostic [36] showed. The situation may, however, change for molecules with larger contribution of static electron correlation. In this case feasible computational methods can be significantly less accurate whereas the accuracy of the GED method expected to be stable for molecules of comparable geometrical complexity.

Table 2: WRMSD for bond lengths (Å, lower triangle) and angles (degrees, upper triangle) in PZA

	CCSD(T)	UBi	LMSU	ISUCT
CCSD(T)		0.23	0.09	0.28
UBi	0.003		0.17	0.37
LMSU	0.002	0.005		0.24
ISUCT	0.005	0.004	0.007	

A detailed analysis of the results revealed several parameters with relatively large differences between refined values, see column  $\Delta_{\max}$  in Table 1. The largest difference 0.009 Å was between C1–C7 bond lengths refined from LMSU and ISUCT data. Notable differences were also between sets LMSU and ISUCT for lengths of bonds N2–C3 and N5–C6. This is probably related to imperfections in experimental data. The analysis of standard CCl<sub>4</sub> diffraction data from LMSU (Figures S3 and S4 in SI) shows systematic discrepancies at small diffraction angles corresponding to the region about 12.5 mm away from

the center of diffraction patterns. Most likely this was due to a distortion in the shape of the sector device. In the refinement of the molecular structure for PZA this could lead to biased parameters. The problem can be solved by measuring sector function in explicit form and using it for correcting experimental data. For the data from ISUCT this kind of analysis was impossible in the present work since this laboratory routinely measures diffraction patterns of polycrystalline ZnO for calibration purposes. From these data no particular conclusions can be made regarding unevenness in the sector. The other problem was its large opening in the center, which produces very rapid and large drops in the measured electron diffraction intensity (see Figure S5). An accurate response function may be required in this case. Also, the overall precision of the data from ISUCT set was relatively low as the comparison of Figures 2, 3 and 4 shows. This can be due to the fact that in the standard procedure for data reduction at ISUCT only relatively small area of diffraction pattern is processed. The precision of the LD data from UBi (Figure 2) was also relatively low probably due to suboptimal experimental conditions, which was also confirmed in the analysis of standard CCl<sub>4</sub> diffraction patterns (see Figure S1). In general, reproducibility of experimental data can be expressed in terms of experimental  $R$ -factors [9]. For the data in this work experimental  $R$ -factors were also calculated and collected in Tables S1–S3. The data from LMSU showed the best values, whereas the data from UBi and especially from ISUCT sets were less precise.

Table 3: WMAD for bond lengths (Å, lower triangle) and angles (degrees, upper triangle) in PZA

	CCSD(T)	UBi	LMSU	ISUCT
CCSD(T)		0.18	0.06	0.21
UBi	0.003		0.13	0.25
LMSU	0.002	0.004		0.16
ISUCT	0.004	0.003	0.006	

WRMSD values in Table 2 can be sensitive to pos-

sible outliers. Therefore we also calculated weighted mean absolute deviations as

$$\text{WMAD} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i |p_i^A - p_i^B|}{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i} \quad (2)$$

where all symbols have the same meaning as in equation 1 except for the weighting factors  $w_i$ . The latter were calculated as  $w_i = (\sigma_{A,(i)}^2 + \sigma_{B,(i)}^2)^{-1/2}$  when both A and B were experimental sets and  $w_i = \sigma_{A,(i)}^{-1}$  when only one of the sets was experimental. The obtained values (see Table 3) were only slightly smaller than respective WRMSD.

Table 4: WRMSD (Å, upper triangle) and WMAD (Å, lower triangle) for amplitudes of interatomic vibrations in PZA

	B3LYP	UBi	LMSU	ISUCT
B3LYP		0.007	0.002	0.002
UBi	0.006		0.005	0.007
LMSU	0.002	0.005		0.002
ISUCT	0.002	0.006	0.003	

As the amplitudes of interatomic vibrations were also refined, WRMSD and WMAD values have been calculated for them as well, see Table 4. The analysis of these values was significantly hindered due to the aforementioned effect of finite sample size. Hence the deviations between refined and theoretical values and between refined values themselves have contributions due to random and systematic errors in measured data and due to differences in experimental setups and conditions. In particular, the latter makes it impossible to require exact agreement between accurately calculated and refined amplitudes if the model does not take into account the effect of finite sample size [31, 32] explicitly. However, the results of this work suggest that the setups at LMSU and ISUCT produce data which gives the most accurate amplitudes.

## 6 Conclusions and outlook

Based on the WMAD values the determined average experimental precision of the parameters refined from

the GED data is about 0.004 Å for bond lengths and 0.2 degrees for angles. We recommend to take these values into account in calculations of total uncertainties if the complexity of the studied molecule is comparable to that of pyrazinamide. The accuracy of geometrical parameters was also approximately within the stated error limits, although this result has been obtained with a less strong evidence. The average disagreement between refined amplitudes of vibrations was 0.005 Å. The present work was limited by using only experimental electron diffraction data and applying flexible restraints in structural refinements. Further investigations are required to determine the true accuracy and precision for parameters refined in substantially different inverse problems.

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## 8 Compliance with ethical standards

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# Molecular Structure of Pyrazinamide: a Critical Assessment of Modern Gas Electron Diffraction Data from Three Laboratories

## Supporting Information

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Table S1: Conditions of GED experiments at UBi

Parameter/Camera setting	LD	MD
Nozzle-to-film distance, mm	500	250
Primary electron beam current, $\mu\text{A}$	2.9	2.9
Accelerating voltage, kV	60	60
Nozzle tip temperature, K	448(1)	443(1)
Wavelength of electrons, $\text{\AA}$	0.04858(2)	0.04873(2)
Exposure time, s	10	8–10
Residual gas pressure, <sup>a</sup> mbar	$2 \times 10^{-6}$	$7 \times 10^{-7}$
Recorded plates, substance/standard	4/3	4/3
$s$ -range/ $\Delta s$ , $\text{\AA}^{-1}$	2.6–16.4/0.2	6.2–32.0/0.2
Inflection points for background <sup>b</sup>	2	3
Experimental weighted $R$ -factor, % <sup>c</sup>	1.52	2.97
Experimental $R$ -factor, % <sup>d</sup>	1.70	6.72

<sup>a</sup> During measurements of diffraction patterns for PZA.

<sup>b</sup> For reduced intensities of PZA.

<sup>c</sup> Calculated for  $sM(s)$  of PZA as

$\left[ \sum_i^N \sum_j^M w_j (s_j M_i(s_j) - s_j M_{\text{av}}(s_j))^2 / N \sum_j^M w_j (s_j M_{\text{av}}(s_j))^2 \right]^{1/2} \times 100\%$ , where  $s_j M_i(s_j)$  is the experimental molecular intensity from set  $i$  in point  $s_j$ ,  $s_j M_{\text{av}}(s_j)$  is the average molecular intensity curve in the point  $s_j$ ,  $w_j$  is the weight of the averaged  $sM(s)$  calculated from the respective standard deviation as  $1/\sigma^2$ ,  $N$  is the number of data sets,  $M$  is the number of points in each set.

<sup>d</sup> Calculated with all  $w_j = 1$ .

Table S2: Conditions of GED experiments at LMSU

Parameter/Camera setting	LD	SD
Nozzle-to-film distance, mm	362.3	193.9
Primary electron beam current, $\mu\text{A}$	2.0	2.3
Accelerating voltage, kV	60	60
Nozzle tip temperature, K	400(3)	404(2)
Wavelength of electrons, $\text{\AA}$	0.04954(7)	0.04996(44)
Exposure time, s	30	60
Residual gas pressure, <sup>a</sup> mmHg	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$
Recorded films, substance/standard	3/2	3/2
$s$ -range/ $\Delta s$ , $\text{\AA}^{-1}$	3.2–19.6/0.2	7.2–33.4/0.2
Inflection points for background <sup>b</sup>	2	3
Experimental weighted $R$ -factor, % <sup>c</sup>	1.22	1.73
Experimental $R$ -factor, % <sup>c</sup>	2.22	4.54

<sup>a</sup> During measurements of diffraction patterns for PZA.

<sup>b</sup> For unmodified intensities of PZA.

<sup>c</sup> See notes in Table S1.

Table S3: Conditions of GED/MS experiments at ISUCT

Parameter/Camera setting	LD	SD
Nozzle-to-film distance, mm	598	338
Primary electron beam current, $\mu\text{A}$	0.76	1.24
Accelerating voltage, kV	82	83
Temperature of effusion cell, K	370(5)	373(5)
Wavelength of electrons, $\text{\AA}$	0.04110(3)	0.04081(3)
Exposure time, s	96	83
Residual gas pressure, Torr		
-in diffraction chamber	$1.4 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-6}$
-in mass-spectrometric block	$5.6 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.0 \times 10^{-7}$
Ionization voltage, V	50	50
Recorded films, substance/standard	5/2	5/2
$s$ -range/ $\Delta s$ , $\text{\AA}^{-1}$	1.3–16.2/0.1	3.2–28.9/0.1
Inflection points for background <sup>a</sup>	2	3
Experimental weighted $R$ -factor, % <sup>b</sup>	3.92	6.64
Experimental $R$ -factor, % <sup>b</sup>	7.09	12.51

<sup>a</sup> For reduced intensities of PZA.

<sup>b</sup> See notes in Table S1.

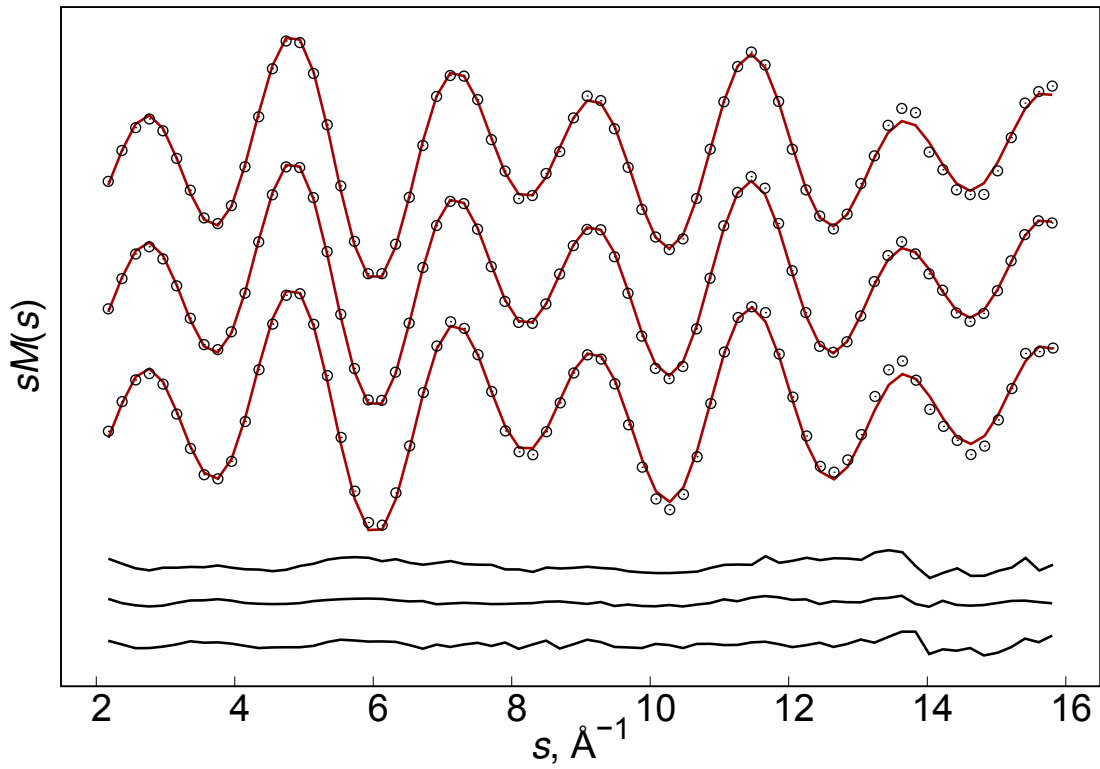


Figure S1: Molecular intensity functions of standard CCl<sub>4</sub> measured at UBi (dots), corresponding model (lines) and difference curves. The data for the long nozzle-to-detector camera setting are shown.

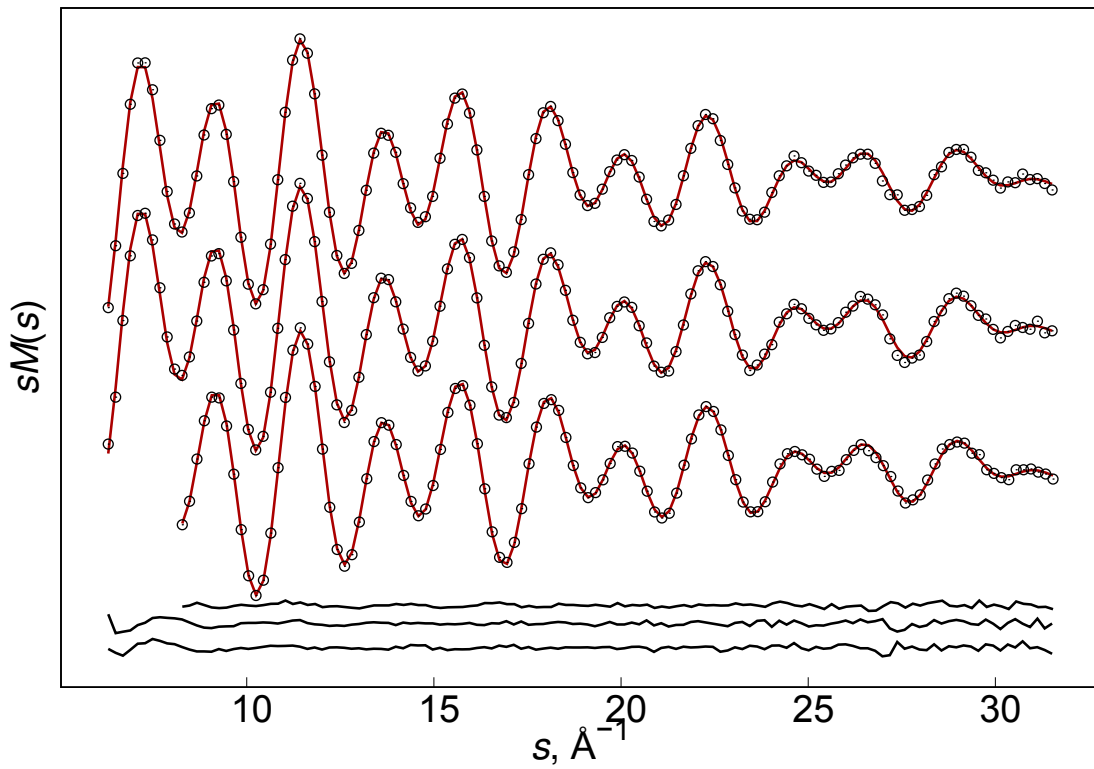


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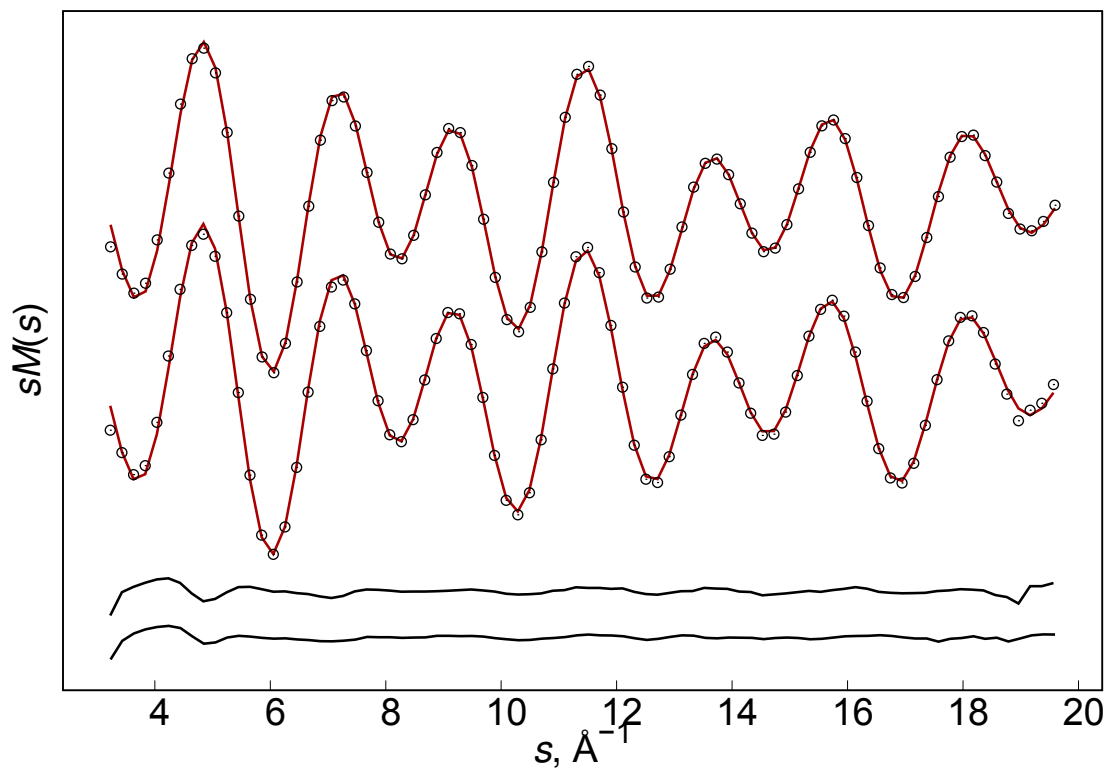


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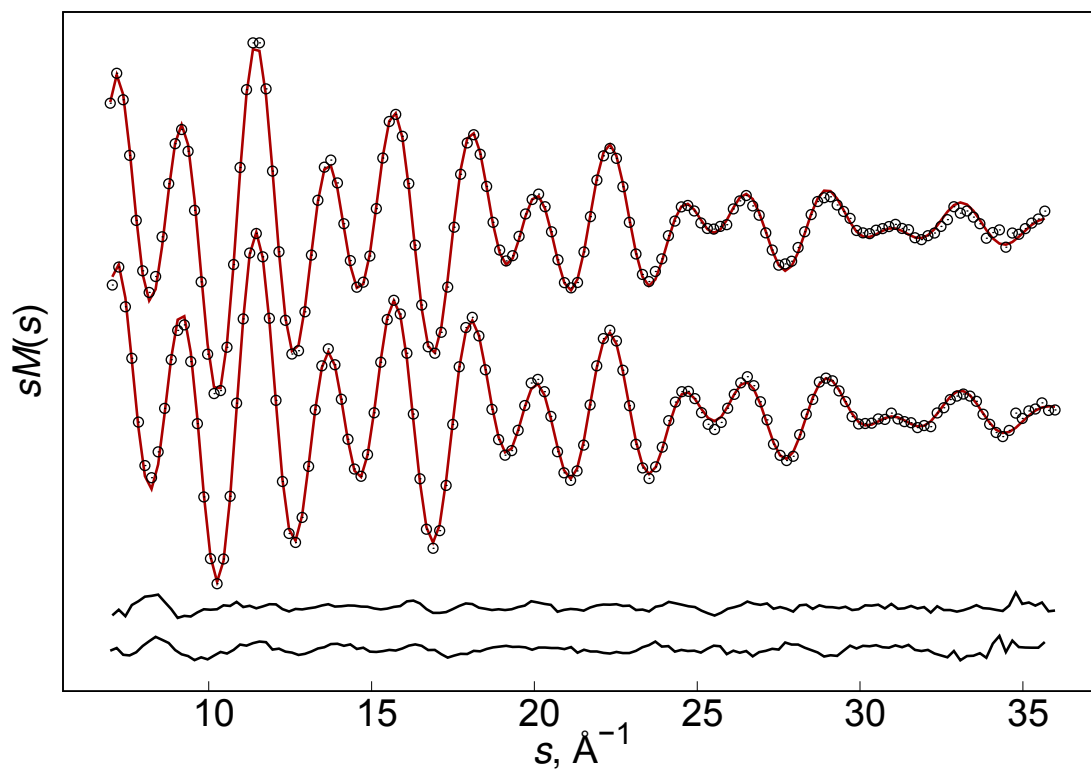


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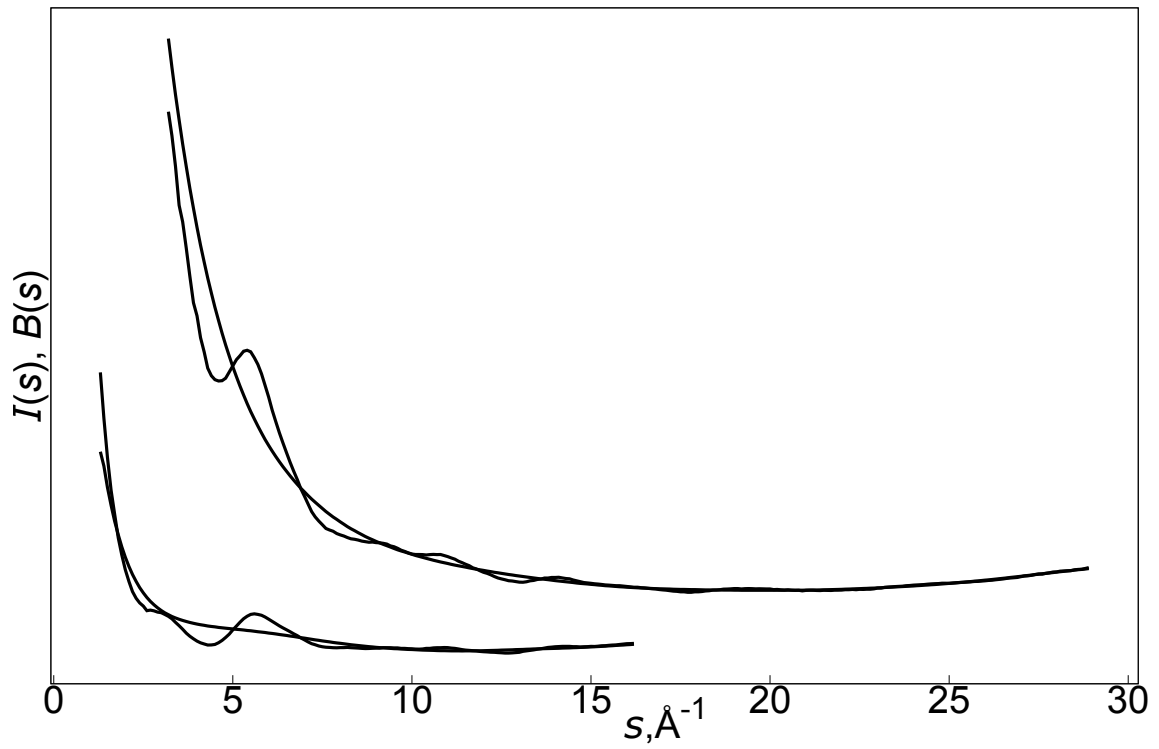


Figure S5: Total intensity functions measured for PZA at ISUCT and corresponding background lines. The data from the first diffraction patterns in LD and SD measurements are shown.



Table S4: Molecular parameters of PZA by three GED experiments and CCSD(T)/cc-pwCVTZ calculations<sup>a</sup>

Method Parameter	CCSD(T)/	GED <sup>b</sup>		
	cc-pwCVTZ	UBi	LMSU	ISUCT
$r(\text{C1-N2})$	1.337	1.333(3/2)	1.339(1/1)	1.335(4/4)
$r(\text{C1-C6})$	1.394	1.398(3/2)	1.398(2/1)	1.392(4/4)
$r(\text{C1-C7})$	1.505	1.501(2/2)	1.506(1/1)	1.497(3/3)
$r(\text{N2-C3})$	1.335	1.329(3/3)	1.337(2/1)	1.330(4/4)
$r(\text{C3-C4})$	1.393	1.391(3/2)	1.397(2/1)	1.391(4/4)
$r(\text{C3-H10})$	1.082	1.084(11/3)	1.082(11/2)	1.085(14/4)
$r(\text{C4-N5})$	1.337	1.333(3/3)	1.338(2/1)	1.334(4/4)
$r(\text{C4-H11})$	1.082	1.084(11/3)	1.083(10/2)	1.086(14/4)
$r(\text{N5-C6})$	1.336	1.333(3/3)	1.338(2/1)	1.330(4/4)
$r(\text{C6-H12})$	1.080	1.082(11/3)	1.080(10/2)	1.084(14/4)
$r(\text{C7-N8})$	1.350	1.347(3/3)	1.352(2/1)	1.348(4/4)
$r(\text{C7-O9})$	1.219	1.220(2/2)	1.221(1/1)	1.214(2/2)
$r(\text{N8-H13})$	1.003	1.006(11/3)	1.003(7/2)	1.001(14/4)
$r(\text{N8-H14})$	1.002	1.005(10/3)	1.002(6/2)	1.001(14/4)
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C6})$	122.2	121.8(4/3)	122.0(2/1)	121.7(4/4)
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C7})$	118.5	118.3(3/2)	118.5(2/1)	118.7(4/2)
$\angle(\text{C1-N2-C3})$	115.9	116.0(2/1)	115.9(1/1)	116.0(3/2)
$\angle(\text{C6-C1-C7})$	119.3	119.9(3/2)	119.6(2/2)	119.5(4/4)
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-N5})$	122.0	122.2(5/3)	122.3(3/2)	122.6(8/5)
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-H12})$	119.6	119.5(8/4)	119.4(7/2)	119.1(15/6)
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-N8})$	113.8	113.7(3/2)	113.8(2/1)	114.2(3/2)
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-O9})$	121.2	121.0(3/2)	121.3(2/1)	121.3(4/2)
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-C4})$	121.9	122.0(2/1)	121.9(1/1)	121.9(4/2)
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-H10})$	117.2	117.2(6/2)	117.2(4/1)	117.2(9/3)
$\angle(\text{C4-C3-H10})$	120.9	120.8(5/2)	120.9(3/1)	120.9(8/3)
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-N5})$	122.5	122.4(2/1)	122.5(2/1)	122.5(4/2)
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-H11})$	120.5	120.5(5/2)	120.5(4/1)	120.5(9/3)
$\angle(\text{N5-C4-H11})$	117.0	117.1(6/2)	117.0(4/1)	117.1(8/3)
$\angle(\text{C4-N5-C6})$	115.6	115.5(3/2)	115.5(2/1)	115.3(5/4)
$\angle(\text{N5-C6-H12})$	118.3	118.3(6/2)	118.3(5/1)	118.4(10/3)
$\angle(\text{N8-C7-O9})$	125.0	125.3(3/2)	125.0(2/1)	124.5(4/3)
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H13})$	119.4	119.4(28/2)	119.4(34/1)	119.4(30/3)
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H14})$	119.0	119.0(29/2)	119.0(24/1)	119.1(41/3)
$\angle(\text{H13-N8-H14})$	121.6	121.6(23/2)	121.6(23/1)	121.5(28/4)
$wR_f,^c \%$		4.36	4.07	5.20

<sup>a</sup> Calculated and refined from GED data parameters correspond to equilibrium structure.

<sup>b</sup> Numbers given in parentheses are 1 standard deviations (first is the pure experimental value, second one is from the least-squares analysis).

<sup>c</sup> Structural  $R$ -factors.

Table S5: Refined molecular parameters of PZA from data obtained by averaging total intensities  $I(s)$  and molecular intensities  $sM(s)$ <sup>a</sup>

Parameter	average $sM(s)$			average $I(s)$		
	UBi $\alpha = 3.0 \cdot 10^5$	LMSU $\alpha = 3.0 \cdot 10^6$	ISUCT $\alpha = 5.0 \cdot 10^4$	UBi $\alpha = 40.0$	LMSU $\alpha = 20.0$	ISUCT $\alpha = 40.0$
$r(\text{C1-N2})$	1.333(3/2)	1.339(1/1)	1.335(4/4)	1.333(3/3)	1.337(2/2)	1.334(4/3)
$r(\text{C1-C6})$	1.398(3/2)	1.398(2/1)	1.392(4/4)	1.404(3/3)	1.395(2/2)	1.393(4/4)
$r(\text{C1-C7})$	1.501(2/2)	1.506(1/1)	1.497(3/3)	1.503(2/2)	1.502(2/1)	1.498(2/2)
$r(\text{N2-C3})$	1.329(3/3)	1.337(2/1)	1.330(4/4)	1.328(3/3)	1.335(2/2)	1.333(4/4)
$r(\text{C3-C4})$	1.391(3/2)	1.397(2/1)	1.391(4/4)	1.394(3/3)	1.394(2/2)	1.391(4/3)
$r(\text{C3-H10})$	1.084(11/3)	1.082(11/2)	1.085(14/4)	1.085(13/4)	1.082(10/2)	1.084(12/5)
$r(\text{C4-N5})$	1.333(3/3)	1.338(2/1)	1.334(4/4)	1.331(4/3)	1.337(2/2)	1.332(4/4)
$r(\text{C4-H11})$	1.084(11/3)	1.083(10/2)	1.086(14/4)	1.085(13/4)	1.082(10/2)	1.084(12/5)
$r(\text{N5-C6})$	1.333(3/3)	1.338(2/1)	1.330(4/4)	1.332(4/3)	1.337(2/2)	1.335(4/4)
$r(\text{C6-H12})$	1.082(11/3)	1.080(10/2)	1.084(14/4)	1.084(13/4)	1.081(10/2)	1.082(12/5)
$r(\text{C7-N8})$	1.347(3/3)	1.352(2/1)	1.348(4/4)	1.344(3/3)	1.349(2/2)	1.346(4/3)
$r(\text{C7-O9})$	1.220(2/2)	1.221(1/1)	1.214(2/2)	1.216(2/1)	1.221(1/1)	1.211(2/2)
$r(\text{N8-H13})$	1.006(11/3)	1.003(7/2)	1.001(14/4)	1.006(11/4)	1.003(9/2)	1.002(11/4)
$r(\text{N8-H14})$	1.005(10/3)	1.002(6/2)	1.001(14/4)	1.006(11/4)	1.002(9/2)	1.000(11/4)
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C6})$	121.8(4/3)	122.0(2/1)	121.7(4/4)	122.3(4/3)	121.9(3/2)	121.8(4/3)
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C7})$	118.3(3/2)	118.5(2/1)	118.7(4/2)	118.3(3/2)	118.5(2/1)	118.8(3/2)
$\angle(\text{C1-N2-C3})$	116.0(2/1)	115.9(1/1)	116.0(3/2)	116.0(2/2)	116.0(2/1)	116.2(2/2)
$\angle(\text{C6-C1-C7})$	119.9(3/2)	119.6(2/2)	119.5(4/4)	119.4(4/3)	119.6(3/2)	119.4(3/3)
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-N5})$	122.2(5/3)	122.3(3/2)	122.6(8/5)	121.3(6/4)	122.3(4/3)	122.1(6/5)
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-H12})$	119.5(8/4)	119.4(7/2)	119.1(15/6)	120.4(11/5)	119.4(8/3)	119.4(10/5)
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-N8})$	113.7(3/2)	113.8(2/1)	114.2(3/2)	113.7(3/2)	113.8(2/1)	114.2(3/2)
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-O9})$	121.0(3/2)	121.3(2/1)	121.3(4/2)	121.1(4/2)	121.2(2/1)	121.4(3/2)
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-C4})$	122.0(2/1)	121.9(1/1)	121.9(4/2)	121.9(3/2)	121.9(2/1)	121.8(3/2)
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-H10})$	117.2(6/2)	117.2(4/1)	117.2(9/3)	117.2(8/2)	117.2(5/1)	117.3(7/3)
$\angle(\text{C4-C3-H10})$	120.8(5/2)	120.9(3/1)	120.9(8/3)	121.0(7/3)	120.9(4/2)	120.9(6/3)
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-N5})$	122.4(2/1)	122.5(2/1)	122.5(4/2)	122.3(3/2)	122.4(2/1)	122.3(3/2)
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-H11})$	120.5(5/2)	120.5(4/1)	120.5(9/3)	120.5(7/2)	120.5(5/1)	120.4(6/3)
$\angle(\text{N5-C4-H11})$	117.1(6/2)	117.0(4/1)	117.1(8/3)	117.2(7/3)	117.1(5/2)	117.2(6/3)
$\angle(\text{C4-N5-C6})$	115.5(3/2)	115.5(2/1)	115.3(5/4)	116.2(3/3)	115.5(2/2)	115.7(4/3)
$\angle(\text{N5-C6-H12})$	118.3(6/2)	118.3(5/1)	118.4(10/3)	118.3(8/2)	118.3(5/1)	118.4(7/3)
$\angle(\text{N8-C7-O9})$	125.3(3/2)	125.0(2/1)	124.5(4/3)	125.2(3/3)	125.0(2/2)	124.3(3/3)
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H13})$	119.4(28/2)	119.4(34/1)	119.4(30/3)	119.4(38/2)	119.4(29/1)	119.4(29/3)
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H14})$	119.0(29/2)	119.0(24/1)	119.1(41/3)	119.0(44/2)	119.0(32/1)	119.0(33/3)
$\angle(\text{H13-N8-H14})$	121.6(23/2)	121.6(23/1)	121.5(28/4)	121.6(32/3)	121.7(26/2)	121.6(24/4)
$wR_f,^c \%$	4.36	4.07	5.20	4.72	4.31	5.78

<sup>a</sup> Refined from GED data parameters (bond lengths in Å and bond angles in degrees) correspond to equilibrium structure.

<sup>b</sup> Numbers given in parentheses are 1 standard deviations (first is the pure experimental value, second one is from the least-squares analysis).

<sup>c</sup> Structural  $R$ -factors.

Table S6: Contributions of GED data into refined molecular parameters of PZA<sup>a</sup>

Parameter	UBi	LMSU	ISUCT
	$\alpha = 3.0 \cdot 10^5$	$\alpha = 3.0 \cdot 10^6$	$\alpha = 5.0 \cdot 10^4$
$r(\text{C1-N2})$	0.8	0.8	0.8
$r(\text{C1-C6})$	0.9	0.6	0.8
$r(\text{C1-C7})$	0.9	0.8	0.9
$r(\text{N2-C3})$	0.8	0.8	0.8
$r(\text{C3-C4})$	0.9	0.6	0.8
$r(\text{C3-H10})$	0.1	0.0	0.1
$r(\text{C4-N5})$	0.8	0.8	0.8
$r(\text{C4-H11})$	0.1	0.0	0.1
$r(\text{N5-C6})$	0.8	0.8	0.8
$r(\text{C6-H12})$	0.1	0.0	0.1
$r(\text{C7-N8})$	0.8	0.7	0.8
$r(\text{C7-O9})$	0.9	0.9	0.9
$r(\text{N8-H13})$	0.1	0.1	0.1
$r(\text{N8-H14})$	0.1	0.1	0.1
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C6})$	0.5	0.4	0.7
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C7})$	0.4	0.2	0.4
$\angle(\text{C1-N2-C3})$	0.5	0.3	0.4
$\angle(\text{C6-C1-C7})$	0.7	0.4	0.6
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-N5})$	0.6	0.4	0.5
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-H12})$	0.2	0.1	0.2
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-N8})$	0.3	0.2	0.4
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-O9})$	0.4	0.2	0.3
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-C4})$	0.3	0.2	0.3
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-H10})$	0.1	0.1	0.1
$\angle(\text{C4-C3-H10})$	0.2	0.1	0.1
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-N5})$	0.4	0.2	0.3
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-H11})$	0.1	0.1	0.1
$\angle(\text{N5-C4-H11})$	0.2	0.1	0.2
$\angle(\text{C4-N5-C6})$	0.7	0.6	0.6
$\angle(\text{N5-C6-H12})$	0.1	0.0	0.1
$\angle(\text{N8-C7-O9})$	0.6	0.5	0.7
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H13})$	0.0	0.0	0.0
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H14})$	0.0	0.0	0.0
$\angle(\text{H13-N8-H14})$	0.0	0.0	0.0
$l1$	0.4	0.2	0.3
$l2$	0.9	0.8	0.8
$l3$	0.3	0.1	0.3
$l4$	0.9	0.7	0.8
$l5$	0.6	0.4	0.6
$l6$	0.1	0.0	0.1
$l7$	0.4	0.2	0.3
$l8$	0.3	0.2	0.3
$l9$	0.2	0.1	0.2
$l10$	0.0	0.0	0.0

<sup>a</sup> The values calculated using the method described in [1].

Table S7: Deviations of the refined molecular parameters of PZA<sup>a</sup> from their starting CCSD(T) values for different values of regularization parameter  $\alpha$ . Molecular intensities  $sM(s)$  obtained from UBi GED data were averaged in the refinement procedure.

Parameter $\alpha$	CCSD(T)	GED								
	$r_e$	$\Delta^b$ 3.0e07	$\Delta$ 1.0e07	$\Delta$ 1.0e06	$\Delta$ 5.0e05	$\Delta$ 3.0e05	$\Delta$ 2.0e05	$\Delta$ 1.0e05	$\Delta$ 5.0e04	$\Delta$ 1.0e04
$r(\text{C1-N2})$	1.337	-0.001	-0.001	-0.004	-0.004	-0.004	-0.004	-0.004	-0.003	0.002
$r(\text{C1-C6})$	1.394	0.000	-0.001	0.000	0.002	0.003	0.005	0.008	0.012	0.024
$r(\text{C1-C7})$	1.505	0.000	-0.001	-0.003	-0.003	-0.004	-0.004	-0.004	-0.005	-0.009
$r(\text{N2-C3})$	1.335	-0.001	-0.002	-0.004	-0.005	-0.006	-0.007	-0.009	-0.011	-0.015
$r(\text{C3-C4})$	1.393	-0.001	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.001	-0.001	0.000	-0.002
$r(\text{C3-H10})$	1.082	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.004	0.006	0.012
$r(\text{C4-N5})$	1.337	-0.001	-0.001	-0.003	-0.004	-0.004	-0.005	-0.005	-0.006	-0.007
$r(\text{C4-H11})$	1.082	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.004	0.006	0.014
$r(\text{N5-C6})$	1.336	-0.001	-0.001	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.004	-0.005	-0.009
$r(\text{C6-H12})$	1.080	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.004	0.006	0.015
$r(\text{C7-N8})$	1.350	-0.001	-0.002	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.002	-0.001	0.000	0.002
$r(\text{C7-O9})$	1.219	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.001
$r(\text{N8-H13})$	1.003	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.007	0.012	0.028
$r(\text{N8-H14})$	1.002	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.004	0.008	0.014	0.033
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C6})$	122.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C7})$	118.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.3
$\angle(\text{C1-N2-C3})$	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
$\angle(\text{C6-C1-C7})$	119.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.2
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-N5})$	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.8
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-H12})$	119.6	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.3	1.0
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-N8})$	113.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.6
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-O9})$	121.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.8
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-C4})$	121.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.9
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-H10})$	117.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1
$\angle(\text{C4-C3-H10})$	120.9	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.7
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-N5})$	122.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-H11})$	120.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
$\angle(\text{N5-C4-H11})$	117.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
$\angle(\text{C4-N5-C6})$	115.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.9
$\angle(\text{N5-C6-H12})$	118.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2
$\angle(\text{N8-C7-O9})$	125.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.4
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H13})$	119.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H14})$	119.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
$\angle(\text{H13-N8-H14})$	121.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
$wR_f,^c \%$		8.80	8.32	5.09	4.65	4.36	4.15	3.88	3.46	2.67

<sup>a</sup> Bond lengths and corresponding deviations in Å and bond angles in degrees.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between the respective refined and starting (CCSD(T)/cc-pwCVTZ) values.

<sup>c</sup> Weighted factor of disagreement between model and experimental  $sM(s)$  functions.

Table S8: Deviations of the refined molecular parameters of PZA<sup>a</sup> from their starting CCSD(T) values for different values of regularization parameter  $\alpha$ . Molecular intensities  $sM(s)$  obtained from LMSU GED data were averaged in the refinement procedure.

Parameter	CCSD(T)	GED								
		$\Delta^b$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$
$\alpha$	$r_e$	3.0e07	1.0e07	3.0e06	1.0e06	5.0e05	3.0e05	1.0e05	5.0e04	1.0e04
$r(\text{C1-N2})$	1.337	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.000	-0.002	-0.003	-0.010	-0.015	-0.026
$r(\text{C1-C6})$	1.394	0.001	0.002	0.004	0.007	0.009	0.009	0.008	0.006	0.003
$r(\text{C1-C7})$	1.505	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.000	-0.001	-0.002	-0.002	0.000	-0.007
$r(\text{N2-C3})$	1.335	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.004	0.009	0.013	0.015
$r(\text{C3-C4})$	1.393	0.001	0.002	0.004	0.007	0.009	0.011	0.016	0.019	0.034
$r(\text{C3-H10})$	1.082	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.001	-0.003
$r(\text{C4-N5})$	1.337	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.000	-0.001	0.000	0.000
$r(\text{C4-H11})$	1.082	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.005	0.007	0.019
$r(\text{N5-C6})$	1.336	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.001	-0.002	-0.004	-0.013
$r(\text{C6-H12})$	1.080	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000
$r(\text{C7-N8})$	1.350	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.005	0.007	0.018
$r(\text{C7-O9})$	1.219	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.005	0.005	0.006	0.005	0.004	0.003
$r(\text{N8-H13})$	1.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.003	0.006	0.010	0.028
$r(\text{N8-H14})$	1.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.001	0.000	0.000	-0.001	-0.002	0.000
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C6})$	122.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.2
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C7})$	118.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4
$\angle(\text{C1-N2-C3})$	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0
$\angle(\text{C6-C1-C7})$	119.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-N5})$	122.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.4
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-H12})$	119.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	-1.3
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-N8})$	113.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-O9})$	121.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.6	1.5
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-C4})$	121.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-1.3
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-H10})$	117.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7
$\angle(\text{C4-C3-H10})$	120.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.6	2.0
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-N5})$	122.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-0.9	-1.0
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-H11})$	120.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
$\angle(\text{N5-C4-H11})$	117.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.7
$\angle(\text{C4-N5-C6})$	115.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.8
$\angle(\text{N5-C6-H12})$	118.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.8
$\angle(\text{N8-C7-O9})$	125.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-1.1
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H13})$	119.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.3
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H14})$	119.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-1.2
$\angle(\text{H13-N8-H14})$	121.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.5
$wR_f,^c \%$		4.67	4.43	4.07	3.72	3.81	3.65	3.34	3.15	2.84

<sup>a</sup> Bond lengths and corresponding deviations in Å and bond angles in degrees.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between the respective refined and starting (CCSD(T)/cc-pwCVTZ) values.

<sup>c</sup> Weighted factor of disagreement between model and experimental  $sM(s)$  functions.

Table S9: Deviations of the refined molecular parameters of PZA<sup>a</sup> from their starting CCSD(T) values for different values of regularization parameter  $\alpha$ . Molecular intensities  $sM(s)$  obtained from ISUCT GED data were averaged in the refinement procedure.

Parameter $\alpha$	CCSD(T)	GED								
	$r_e$	$\Delta^b$ 3.0e07	$\Delta$ 1.0e07	$\Delta$ 1.0e06	$\Delta$ 5.0e05	$\Delta$ 3.0e05	$\Delta$ 2.0e05	$\Delta$ 1.0e05	$\Delta$ 5.0e04	$\Delta$ 1.0e04
$r(\text{C1-N2})$	1.337	0.000	0.000	-0.002	-0.002	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.002	0.004
$r(\text{C1-C6})$	1.394	0.000	0.000	-0.001	-0.002	-0.002	-0.003	-0.003	-0.002	0.002
$r(\text{C1-C7})$	1.505	0.000	0.000	-0.002	-0.003	-0.004	-0.005	-0.006	-0.008	-0.012
$r(\text{N2-C3})$	1.335	0.000	0.000	-0.002	-0.002	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.004	-0.016
$r(\text{C3-C4})$	1.393	0.000	0.000	-0.001	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002
$r(\text{C3-H10})$	1.082	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.010
$r(\text{C4-N5})$	1.337	0.000	0.000	-0.001	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.001
$r(\text{C4-H11})$	1.082	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.004	0.012
$r(\text{N5-C6})$	1.336	0.000	0.000	-0.002	-0.002	-0.003	-0.003	-0.004	-0.006	-0.013
$r(\text{C6-H12})$	1.080	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.008
$r(\text{C7-N8})$	1.350	0.000	0.000	-0.002	-0.002	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.002	0.007
$r(\text{C7-O9})$	1.219	0.000	0.000	-0.001	-0.002	-0.002	-0.003	-0.004	-0.005	-0.007
$r(\text{N8-H13})$	1.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.003	-0.010
$r(\text{N8-H14})$	1.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.001	-0.001	-0.005
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C6})$	122.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C7})$	118.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5
$\angle(\text{C1-N2-C3})$	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.5
$\angle(\text{C6-C1-C7})$	119.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-N5})$	122.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.0
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-H12})$	119.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-N8})$	113.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.1
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-O9})$	121.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-C4})$	121.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-H10})$	117.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
$\angle(\text{C4-C3-H10})$	120.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-N5})$	122.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-H11})$	120.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2
$\angle(\text{N5-C4-H11})$	117.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
$\angle(\text{C4-N5-C6})$	115.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.2
$\angle(\text{N5-C6-H12})$	118.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
$\angle(\text{N8-C7-O9})$	125.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-1.2
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H13})$	119.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H14})$	119.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
$\angle(\text{H13-N8-H14})$	121.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7
$wR_f,^c \%$		6.38	6.32	5.99	5.73	5.64	5.36	5.30	5.20	4.89

<sup>a</sup> Bond lengths and corresponding deviations in Å and bond angles in degrees.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between the respective refined and starting (CCSD(T)/cc-pwCVTZ) values.

<sup>c</sup> Weighted factor of disagreement between model and experimental  $sM(s)$  functions.

Table S10: Deviations of the refined molecular parameters of PZA<sup>a</sup> from their starting CCSD(T) values for different values of regularization parameter  $\alpha$ . Total intensities  $I(s)$  obtained from UBi GED data were averaged in the refinement procedure.

Parameter	CCSD(T)	GED							
		$\Delta^b$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$
$\alpha$	$r_e$	200.0	150.0	100.0	80.0	60.0	40.0	20.0	1.0
$r(\text{C1-N2})$	1.337	-0.003	-0.003	-0.004	-0.004	-0.004	-0.004	-0.004	0.003
$r(\text{C1-C6})$	1.394	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.004	0.006	0.010	0.016	0.039
$r(\text{C1-C7})$	1.505	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.002	-0.002	-0.003	-0.012
$r(\text{N2-C3})$	1.335	-0.004	-0.004	-0.005	-0.005	-0.006	-0.007	-0.008	-0.007
$r(\text{C3-C4})$	1.393	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.003	-0.011
$r(\text{C3-H10})$	1.082	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.005	0.027
$r(\text{C4-N5})$	1.337	-0.004	-0.004	-0.004	-0.005	-0.005	-0.005	-0.006	-0.007
$r(\text{C4-H11})$	1.082	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.005	0.023
$r(\text{N5-C6})$	1.336	-0.003	-0.003	-0.004	-0.004	-0.004	-0.004	-0.005	-0.012
$r(\text{C6-H12})$	1.080	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.005	0.027
$r(\text{C7-N8})$	1.350	-0.004	-0.004	-0.005	-0.005	-0.005	-0.006	-0.007	0.001
$r(\text{C7-O9})$	1.219	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.002	-0.002	-0.004	0.001
$r(\text{N8-H13})$	1.003	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.005	0.033
$r(\text{N8-H14})$	1.002	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.004	0.007	0.041
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C6})$	122.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C7})$	118.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.6
$\angle(\text{C1-N2-C3})$	115.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.5
$\angle(\text{C6-C1-C7})$	119.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.6
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-N5})$	122.0	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.8	-1.2	-1.9
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-H12})$	119.6	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.2	2.1
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-N8})$	113.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-O9})$	121.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-C4})$	121.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-H10})$	117.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
$\angle(\text{C4-C3-H10})$	120.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.2
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-N5})$	122.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-H11})$	120.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
$\angle(\text{N5-C4-H11})$	117.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
$\angle(\text{C4-N5-C6})$	115.6	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.8
$\angle(\text{N5-C6-H12})$	118.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2
$\angle(\text{N8-C7-O9})$	125.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H13})$	119.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H14})$	119.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
$\angle(\text{H13-N8-H14})$	121.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.5
$R_f,^c \%$		5.80	5.60	5.34	5.19	5.00	4.72	4.11	3.08

<sup>a</sup> Bond lengths and corresponding deviations in Å and bond angles in degrees.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between the respective refined and starting (CCSD(T)/cc-pwCVTZ) values.

<sup>c</sup> Factor of disagreement between model and experimental  $sM(s)$  functions.

Table S11: Deviations of the refined molecular parameters of PZA<sup>a</sup> from their starting CCSD(T) values for different values of regularization parameter  $\alpha$ . Total intensities  $I(s)$  obtained from LMSU GED data were averaged in the refinement procedure.

Parameter $\alpha$	CCSD(T) $r_e$	GED							
		$\Delta^b$ 150.0	$\Delta$ 100.0	$\Delta$ 80.0	$\Delta$ 60.0	$\Delta$ 40.0	$\Delta$ 20.0	$\Delta$ 1.0	$\Delta$ 0.1
$r(\text{C1-N2})$	1.337	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.003	-0.015
$r(\text{C1-C6})$	1.394	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.002	-0.008
$r(\text{C1-C7})$	1.505	0.000	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.002	-0.003	-0.011	-0.006
$r(\text{N2-C3})$	1.335	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.004
$r(\text{C3-C4})$	1.393	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.014	0.021
$r(\text{C3-H10})$	1.082	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.005
$r(\text{C4-N5})$	1.337	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.005	0.039
$r(\text{C4-H11})$	1.082	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.002	-0.020
$r(\text{N5-C6})$	1.336	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	-0.011
$r(\text{C6-H12})$	1.080	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005
$r(\text{C7-N8})$	1.350	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.001	-0.001	-0.009	-0.013
$r(\text{C7-O9})$	1.219	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.006	0.008
$r(\text{N8-H13})$	1.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.014
$r(\text{N8-H14})$	1.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.020
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C6})$	122.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	-1.0
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C7})$	118.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.5	0.3
$\angle(\text{C1-N2-C3})$	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.5
$\angle(\text{C6-C1-C7})$	119.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-N5})$	122.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.2	2.7
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-H12})$	119.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-1.4	-3.8
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-N8})$	113.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-O9})$	121.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.7	-1.0
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-C4})$	121.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	-0.7
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-H10})$	117.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.6
$\angle(\text{C4-C3-H10})$	120.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	1.2
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-N5})$	122.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	-1.0
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-H11})$	120.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1
$\angle(\text{N5-C4-H11})$	117.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	1.0
$\angle(\text{C4-N5-C6})$	115.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-1.5
$\angle(\text{N5-C6-H12})$	118.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.1
$\angle(\text{N8-C7-O9})$	125.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.7
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H13})$	119.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H14})$	119.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.7
$\angle(\text{H13-N8-H14})$	121.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
$R_f,^c \%$		4.53	4.51	4.49	4.46	4.41	4.31	3.92	3.94

<sup>a</sup> Bond lengths and corresponding deviations in Å and bond angles in degrees.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between the respective refined and starting (CCSD(T)/cc-pwCVTZ) values.

<sup>c</sup> Factor of disagreement between model and experimental  $sM(s)$  functions.



Table S12: Deviations of the refined molecular parameters of PZA<sup>a</sup> from their starting CCSD(T) values for different values of regularization parameter  $\alpha$ . Total intensities  $I(s)$  obtained from ISUCT GED data were averaged in the refinement procedure.

Parameter $\alpha$	CCSD(T)	GED						
	$r_e$	$\Delta^b$ 150.0	$\Delta$ 100.0	$\Delta$ 80.0	$\Delta$ 60.0	$\Delta$ 40.0	$\Delta$ 20.0	$\Delta$ 1.0
$r(\text{C1-N2})$	1.337	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	0.000	-0.064
$r(\text{C1-C6})$	1.394	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	0.001	0.016
$r(\text{C1-C7})$	1.505	-0.004	-0.005	-0.006	-0.006	-0.008	-0.007	-0.002
$r(\text{N2-C3})$	1.335	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.007	-0.010
$r(\text{C3-C4})$	1.393	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.004	-0.030
$r(\text{C3-H10})$	1.082	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	-0.014
$r(\text{C4-N5})$	1.337	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.004	-0.004	-0.008	0.054
$r(\text{C4-H11})$	1.082	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.003	-0.013
$r(\text{N5-C6})$	1.336	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.001	-0.001	0.000	0.014
$r(\text{C6-H12})$	1.080	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	-0.020
$r(\text{C7-N8})$	1.350	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.004	-0.004	0.000	-0.011
$r(\text{C7-O9})$	1.219	-0.007	-0.007	-0.008	-0.008	-0.008	-0.010	-0.010
$r(\text{N8-H13})$	1.003	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.002	-0.003	-0.099
$r(\text{N8-H14})$	1.002	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.002	-0.005	-0.009
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C6})$	122.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.1	-1.3
$\angle(\text{N2-C1-C7})$	118.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	3.3
$\angle(\text{C1-N2-C3})$	115.9	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	4.0
$\angle(\text{C6-C1-C7})$	119.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.3	-2.0
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-N5})$	122.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.9	1.4
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-H12})$	119.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.8	-2.4
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-N8})$	113.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.8	-1.1
$\angle(\text{C1-C7-O9})$	121.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	1.5
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-C4})$	121.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-1.8
$\angle(\text{N2-C3-H10})$	117.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.4
$\angle(\text{C4-C3-H10})$	120.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-N5})$	122.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	1.7
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-H11})$	120.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5
$\angle(\text{N5-C4-H11})$	117.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	-1.2
$\angle(\text{C4-N5-C6})$	115.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.7	-4.0
$\angle(\text{N5-C6-H12})$	118.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.0
$\angle(\text{N8-C7-O9})$	125.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	-1.2	-0.4
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H13})$	119.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
$\angle(\text{C7-N8-H14})$	119.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
$\angle(\text{H13-N8-H14})$	121.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.7
$R_f,^c \%$		6.19	6.10	6.06	5.90	5.78	5.85	5.39

<sup>a</sup> Bond lengths and corresponding deviations in Å and bond angles in degrees.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between the respective refined and starting (CCSD(T)/cc-pwCVTZ) values.

<sup>c</sup> Factor of disagreement between model and experimental  $sM(s)$  functions.

Table S13: Computed (anharmonic) and observed (xenon matrix, 20 K) vibrational frequencies of PZA and root-mean-square deviations (all values in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )

expt.	B3LYP	O3LYP	X3LYP	PW6B95	PBE0	B3PW91	TPSSh	BP86
Ref. [2]	def2-TZVP							def2-SV(P)
A'								
3530	3522	3537	3529	3582	3564	3545	3493	3367
3404	3407	3417	3413	3465	3440	3422	3369	3246
3075	3067	3061	3076	3117	3076	3077	3062	2962
3058	3043	3033	3051	3090	3059	3055	3041	2945
3049	2999	2986	3008	3047	3040	3013	2995	2909
1716	1726	1732	1733	1766	1773	1750	1715	1724
1570	1576	1568	1581	1608	1604	1585	1573	1532
1554	1552	1539	1551	1575	1577	1558	1544	1513
1551	1538	1538	1546	1664	1562	1549	1526	1506
1470	1473	1462	1478	1491	1488	1477	1466	1428
	1413	1399	1416	1435	1428	1416	1404	1374
	1347	1338	1352	1367	1363	1355	1342	1324
1312	1292	1281	1296	1301	1297	1291	1286	1240
1205	1197	1217	1199	1221	1234	1220	1203	1247
	1169	1174	1172	1198	1191	1180	1173	1144
1164	1164	1161	1168	1176	1169	1177	1166	1133
	1088	1088	1091	1178	1103	1091	1087	1078
1047	1054	1050	1056	1073	1067	1059	1049	1028
	1024	1013	1027	1029	1029	1022	1013	988
812	799	788	802	806	806	800	789	779
641	645	638	647	670	647	643	634	625
605	607	597	609	603	605	603	591	587
	374	367	373	437	377	372	365	368
	211	206	211	282	214	209	203	211
A''								
953	992	984	994	1007	1001	993	987	939
	969	957	972	980	973	969	961	927
	876	867	879	887	882	878	871	841
	784	775	786	791	787	783	775	759
721	731	724	734	737	740	734	722	709
605	586	582	589	600	598	593	587	603
439	457	442	460	457	460	456	445	456
	390	374	392	390	391	385	373	406
	409	408	414	428	405	409	406	392
	151	147	155	153	160	151	148	167
	76	73	82	77	82	80	81	73
RMSDs								
	17	21	16	39	24	17	21	72

Table S14: GED terms (in Å) for the refinement of the UBi GED data. Molecular intensities  $sM(s)$  were averaged in the refinement procedure.

Atom 1	Atom 2	$r_a$	$l_{\text{calc.}}$	$l_{\text{exp.}}$	$\sigma_{\text{LS}}$	$\sigma_{\text{exp}}$	$(r_e - r_a)$	Group
N8	H14	1.022475	0.070100	0.072866	1.7e-03	2.6e-03	-0.017100	100
N8	H13	1.022734	0.070300	0.073073	1.7e-03	2.6e-03	-0.017100	100
C6	H12	1.098059	0.075300	0.078271	1.9e-03	2.8e-03	-0.015900	100
C3	H10	1.099861	0.075700	0.078686	1.9e-03	2.8e-03	-0.016000	100
C4	H11	1.100329	0.075700	0.078686	1.9e-03	2.8e-03	-0.016000	100
C7	O9	1.222243	0.038200	0.037261	7.4e-04	7.9e-04	-0.002300	101
N2	C3	1.335137	0.044600	0.043504	8.6e-04	9.2e-04	-0.006300	101
N5	C6	1.338261	0.044600	0.043504	8.6e-04	9.2e-04	-0.005600	101
C4	N5	1.338811	0.044800	0.043699	8.7e-04	9.2e-04	-0.006200	101
C1	N2	1.338423	0.045000	0.043894	8.7e-04	9.3e-04	-0.005700	101
C7	N8	1.364939	0.044500	0.043406	8.6e-04	9.2e-04	-0.017700	101
C3	C4	1.398940	0.046700	0.045552	9.1e-04	9.6e-04	-0.007700	101
C1	C6	1.405920	0.046900	0.045747	9.1e-04	9.6e-04	-0.008300	101
C1	C7	1.510916	0.052300	0.051014	1.0e-03	1.1e-03	-0.009500	101
H13	H14	1.747698	0.117100	0.110564	3.1e-03	5.5e-03	0.007800	102
C7	H14	2.028778	0.103900	0.098101	2.8e-03	4.9e-03	0.006100	102
C7	H13	2.038023	0.102800	0.097062	2.7e-03	4.8e-03	0.000300	102
N2	H10	2.076921	0.096300	0.090925	2.6e-03	4.5e-03	-0.013500	102
N5	H11	2.079426	0.096300	0.090925	2.6e-03	4.5e-03	-0.013900	102
N5	H12	2.088763	0.096600	0.091208	2.6e-03	4.6e-03	-0.011300	102
C1	H12	2.165988	0.098600	0.093097	2.6e-03	4.6e-03	-0.018000	102
C3	H11	2.170827	0.098200	0.092719	2.6e-03	4.6e-03	-0.016100	102
C4	H10	2.173207	0.098100	0.092625	2.6e-03	4.6e-03	-0.015800	102
C4	C6	2.265160	0.054200	0.060563	8.7e-04	9.3e-04	-0.010700	103
C1	C3	2.268514	0.054100	0.060451	8.7e-04	9.3e-04	-0.010800	103
N8	O9	2.292661	0.055500	0.062016	8.9e-04	9.5e-04	-0.011600	103
N2	H13	2.289650	0.195700	0.218676	3.1e-03	3.4e-03	-0.047500	103
N2	C4	2.387143	0.054600	0.061010	8.7e-04	9.4e-04	-0.008000	103
N2	C6	2.393707	0.054800	0.061234	8.8e-04	9.4e-04	-0.007500	103
C1	N5	2.398133	0.054700	0.061122	8.8e-04	9.4e-04	-0.008000	103
C3	N5	2.394883	0.054700	0.061122	8.8e-04	9.4e-04	-0.007400	103
C1	O9	2.378788	0.063500	0.070955	1.0e-03	1.1e-03	-0.006100	103
C1	N8	2.412973	0.065500	0.073190	1.0e-03	1.1e-03	-0.026700	103
N2	C7	2.444921	0.065800	0.073525	1.1e-03	1.1e-03	-0.010600	103
H10	H11	2.515697	0.158500	0.177108	2.5e-03	2.7e-03	-0.019100	103
C6	C7	2.524145	0.070200	0.078442	1.1e-03	1.2e-03	-0.014200	103
C1	H13	2.508964	0.154700	0.172862	2.5e-03	2.7e-03	-0.015300	103
O9	H14	2.526027	0.147100	0.164370	2.4e-03	2.5e-03	0.017000	103
O9	H12	2.569048	0.187300	0.209289	3.0e-03	3.2e-03	-0.042500	103
C1	C4	2.662908	0.060000	0.058659	1.4e-03	1.8e-03	-0.011700	104
C3	C6	2.664063	0.060400	0.059050	1.4e-03	1.8e-03	-0.010800	104
N2	N8	2.717286	0.105100	0.102751	2.5e-03	3.2e-03	-0.042800	104
C7	H12	2.725202	0.143100	0.139902	3.4e-03	4.3e-03	-0.022200	104
N2	N5	2.814189	0.064600	0.063156	1.5e-03	1.9e-03	-0.004200	104
C6	O9	2.852788	0.108700	0.106271	2.6e-03	3.3e-03	-0.021300	104
O9	H13	3.149544	0.097300	0.096063	2.8e-03	9.4e-03	0.010100	105

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Atom 1	Atom 2	$r_a$	$l_{\text{calc.}}$	$l_{\text{exp.}}$	$\sigma_{\text{LS}}$	$\sigma_{\text{exp}}$	$(r_e - r_a)$	Group
C6	H11	3.251631	0.093300	0.092114	2.7e-03	9.1e-03	-0.017100	105
C1	H10	3.254004	0.093300	0.092114	2.7e-03	9.1e-03	-0.017100	105
C4	H12	3.256965	0.093200	0.092015	2.7e-03	9.0e-03	-0.016100	105
C1	H14	3.320408	0.100100	0.098827	2.9e-03	9.7e-03	0.000100	105
N2	H12	3.368197	0.094200	0.093002	2.7e-03	9.1e-03	-0.016100	105
N2	H11	3.369370	0.094100	0.092904	2.7e-03	9.1e-03	-0.015500	105
N5	H10	3.377511	0.094200	0.093002	2.7e-03	9.1e-03	-0.015000	105
N2	O9	3.539499	0.066000	0.069589	1.7e-03	2.9e-03	0.003000	106
C3	H13	3.562817	0.204100	0.215198	5.3e-03	9.0e-03	-0.044700	106
C3	C7	3.650899	0.067000	0.070643	1.8e-03	3.0e-03	-0.013000	106
C6	N8	3.687997	0.071900	0.075810	1.9e-03	3.2e-03	-0.016000	106
N2	H14	3.691320	0.133800	0.141076	3.5e-03	5.9e-03	-0.013300	106
C1	H11	3.753592	0.093100	0.098163	2.4e-03	4.1e-03	-0.018200	106
C3	H12	3.752360	0.093100	0.098163	2.4e-03	4.1e-03	-0.017500	106
C6	H10	3.754401	0.093300	0.098373	2.4e-03	4.1e-03	-0.017400	106
N5	C7	3.761179	0.069500	0.073279	1.8e-03	3.1e-03	-0.011800	106
C6	H13	3.892036	0.155500	0.163811	4.1e-03	7.3e-03	-0.004600	107
H10	H13	3.990344	0.237800	0.250510	6.3e-03	1.1e-02	-0.060600	107
C3	N8	4.040605	0.109100	0.114931	2.9e-03	5.1e-03	-0.037400	107
N8	H12	4.037255	0.142000	0.149590	3.8e-03	6.7e-03	-0.013300	107
H11	H12	4.148529	0.128100	0.134947	3.4e-03	6.0e-03	-0.019200	107
C4	C7	4.165726	0.069800	0.073531	1.9e-03	3.3e-03	-0.013600	107
N5	O9	4.178985	0.111200	0.117144	2.9e-03	5.2e-03	-0.015000	107
H12	H13	4.469238	0.177000	0.182055	4.8e-03	1.0e-02	0.001100	108
C7	H10	4.512298	0.110400	0.113553	3.0e-03	6.5e-03	-0.016300	108
C6	H14	4.509960	0.112100	0.115301	3.1e-03	6.6e-03	0.010800	108
N8	H10	4.654549	0.160200	0.164775	4.4e-03	9.5e-03	-0.044500	108
C3	O9	4.627646	0.074100	0.076216	2.0e-03	4.4e-03	0.000400	108
C4	H13	4.633786	0.194600	0.200158	5.3e-03	1.1e-02	-0.027700	108
H12	H14	4.702389	0.183900	0.189152	5.0e-03	1.1e-02	0.011200	108
N5	N8	4.790989	0.077900	0.080125	2.1e-03	4.6e-03	-0.014700	108
N5	H13	4.794964	0.175300	0.180306	4.8e-03	1.0e-02	-0.007900	108
H10	H12	4.840502	0.117500	0.120856	3.2e-03	6.9e-03	-0.021800	108
C4	O9	4.881981	0.095500	0.098227	2.6e-03	5.6e-03	-0.006800	108
C4	N8	4.901023	0.094000	0.096685	2.6e-03	5.5e-03	-0.026700	108
C3	H14	5.013652	0.137500	0.141427	3.8e-03	8.1e-03	-0.006800	108
C7	H11	5.253629	0.100100	0.100382	3.0e-03	3.1e-02	-0.017200	109
O9	H10	5.569835	0.108400	0.108706	3.2e-03	3.4e-02	0.001700	109
H10	H14	5.598322	0.192000	0.192541	5.7e-03	6.0e-02	-0.014000	109
H11	H13	5.629596	0.215600	0.216208	6.4e-03	6.7e-02	-0.033600	109
N5	H14	5.680523	0.108700	0.109006	3.2e-03	3.4e-02	0.015300	109
C4	H14	5.861226	0.117800	0.118132	3.5e-03	3.7e-02	0.004900	109
O9	H11	5.948488	0.123600	0.123948	3.7e-03	3.8e-02	-0.008700	109
N8	H11	5.957784	0.123500	0.123848	3.7e-03	3.8e-02	-0.029300	109
H11	H14	6.921923	0.142700	0.143102	4.3e-03	4.4e-02	0.004300	109

Table S15: GED terms (in Å) for the refinement of the LMSU GED data. Molecular intensities  $sM(s)$  were averaged in the refinement procedure.

Atom 1	Atom 2	$r_a$	$l_{\text{calc.}}$	$l_{\text{exp.}}$	$\sigma_{\text{LS}}$	$\sigma_{\text{exp}}$	$(r_e - r_a)$	Group
N8	H14	1.018620	0.070100	0.071064	1.0e-03	2.1e-03	-0.016700	100
N8	H13	1.020110	0.070300	0.071267	1.0e-03	2.1e-03	-0.016700	100
C6	H12	1.096215	0.075300	0.076336	1.1e-03	2.2e-03	-0.015800	100
C3	H10	1.097964	0.075700	0.076741	1.1e-03	2.3e-03	-0.015900	100
C4	H11	1.098511	0.075700	0.076741	1.1e-03	2.3e-03	-0.015900	100
C7	O9	1.223731	0.038200	0.039160	4.2e-04	4.6e-04	-0.002400	101
N2	C3	1.342672	0.044300	0.045413	4.9e-04	5.3e-04	-0.006100	101
N5	C6	1.343248	0.044400	0.045516	4.9e-04	5.3e-04	-0.005500	101
C4	N5	1.344459	0.044500	0.045618	4.9e-04	5.4e-04	-0.006100	101
C1	N2	1.344420	0.044700	0.045823	4.9e-04	5.4e-04	-0.005600	101
C7	N8	1.368253	0.044200	0.045311	4.9e-04	5.3e-04	-0.016600	101
C3	C4	1.404279	0.046400	0.047566	5.1e-04	5.6e-04	-0.007500	101
C1	C6	1.406114	0.046600	0.047771	5.1e-04	5.6e-04	-0.008000	101
C1	C7	1.515321	0.051600	0.052897	5.7e-04	6.2e-04	-0.009100	101
H13	H14	1.745482	0.116300	0.116623	1.7e-03	5.3e-03	0.005400	102
C7	H14	2.030912	0.102500	0.102785	1.5e-03	4.7e-03	0.004700	102
C7	H13	2.041121	0.101300	0.101581	1.5e-03	4.6e-03	-0.000600	102
N2	H10	2.082076	0.095900	0.096166	1.4e-03	4.4e-03	-0.013500	102
N5	H11	2.082504	0.096000	0.096267	1.4e-03	4.4e-03	-0.013800	102
N5	H12	2.091888	0.096300	0.096567	1.4e-03	4.4e-03	-0.011400	102
C1	H12	2.163575	0.098100	0.098372	1.5e-03	4.5e-03	-0.017600	102
C3	H11	2.174435	0.097700	0.097971	1.5e-03	4.4e-03	-0.015900	102
C4	H10	2.177720	0.097600	0.097871	1.5e-03	4.4e-03	-0.015600	102
C4	C6	2.273566	0.053400	0.054994	5.7e-04	6.8e-04	-0.010600	103
C1	C3	2.278459	0.053300	0.054891	5.7e-04	6.8e-04	-0.010500	103
N8	O9	2.293975	0.054400	0.056024	5.8e-04	6.9e-04	-0.011200	103
N2	H13	2.301897	0.189000	0.194641	2.0e-03	2.4e-03	-0.043300	103
N2	C4	2.397632	0.053800	0.055406	5.8e-04	6.9e-04	-0.008000	103
N2	C6	2.401111	0.054000	0.055612	5.8e-04	6.9e-04	-0.007500	103
C1	N5	2.404052	0.053800	0.055406	5.8e-04	6.9e-04	-0.007900	103
C3	N5	2.405136	0.053900	0.055509	5.8e-04	6.9e-04	-0.007500	103
C1	O9	2.387114	0.061900	0.063747	6.6e-04	7.9e-04	-0.006100	103
C1	N8	2.420222	0.063800	0.065704	6.8e-04	8.1e-04	-0.025000	103
N2	C7	2.456358	0.064000	0.065910	6.9e-04	8.2e-04	-0.010200	103
H10	H11	2.521194	0.157300	0.161995	1.7e-03	2.0e-03	-0.018600	103
C6	C7	2.523819	0.068300	0.070338	7.3e-04	8.7e-04	-0.013600	103
C1	H13	2.516569	0.151000	0.155507	1.6e-03	1.9e-03	-0.014500	103
O9	H14	2.525718	0.143700	0.147989	1.5e-03	1.8e-03	0.014700	103
O9	H12	2.563013	0.181300	0.186711	1.9e-03	2.3e-03	-0.039200	103
C1	C4	2.671558	0.058900	0.060013	8.3e-04	1.4e-03	-0.011500	104
C3	C6	2.674338	0.059300	0.060421	8.3e-04	1.4e-03	-0.010800	104
N2	N8	2.729475	0.100700	0.102604	1.4e-03	2.4e-03	-0.039500	104
C7	H12	2.718155	0.140300	0.142952	2.0e-03	3.3e-03	-0.021200	104
N2	N5	2.825772	0.063000	0.064191	8.8e-04	1.5e-03	-0.004500	104
C6	O9	2.854843	0.104200	0.106170	1.5e-03	2.5e-03	-0.020000	104
O9	H13	3.152231	0.095700	0.094752	1.5e-03	7.2e-03	0.008000	105

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Atom 1	Atom 2	$r_a$	$l_{\text{calc.}}$	$l_{\text{exp.}}$	$\sigma_{\text{LS}}$	$\sigma_{\text{exp}}$	$(r_e - r_a)$	Group
C6	H11	3.258214	0.092800	0.091880	1.4e-03	7.0e-03	-0.017100	105
C1	H10	3.262542	0.092800	0.091880	1.4e-03	7.0e-03	-0.017100	105
C4	H12	3.264010	0.092700	0.091781	1.4e-03	7.0e-03	-0.016200	105
C1	H14	3.326688	0.098400	0.097425	1.5e-03	7.4e-03	-0.001100	105
N2	H12	3.373170	0.093600	0.092672	1.4e-03	7.1e-03	-0.016100	105
N2	H11	3.378898	0.093500	0.092573	1.4e-03	7.1e-03	-0.015600	105
N5	H10	3.386811	0.093600	0.092672	1.4e-03	7.1e-03	-0.015200	105
N2	O9	3.554974	0.064000	0.065341	9.3e-04	2.0e-03	0.001800	106
C3	H13	3.585796	0.196800	0.200923	2.9e-03	6.2e-03	-0.041200	106
C3	C7	3.667660	0.065300	0.066668	9.5e-04	2.1e-03	-0.012900	106
C6	N8	3.694096	0.069700	0.071160	1.0e-03	2.2e-03	-0.015800	106
N2	H14	3.703567	0.129100	0.131805	1.9e-03	4.1e-03	-0.013400	106
C1	H11	3.760857	0.092300	0.094234	1.3e-03	2.9e-03	-0.018300	106
C3	H12	3.761074	0.092300	0.094234	1.3e-03	2.9e-03	-0.017700	106
C6	H10	3.763103	0.092500	0.094438	1.3e-03	2.9e-03	-0.017600	106
N5	C7	3.768580	0.067600	0.069016	9.8e-04	2.1e-03	-0.011800	106
C6	H13	3.900838	0.151600	0.154001	2.3e-03	5.4e-03	-0.005300	107
H10	H13	4.015149	0.230000	0.233643	3.4e-03	8.2e-03	-0.055900	107
C3	N8	4.061330	0.104500	0.106155	1.6e-03	3.7e-03	-0.035000	107
N8	H12	4.036902	0.139000	0.141202	2.1e-03	5.0e-03	-0.013800	107
H11	H12	4.154446	0.127500	0.129520	1.9e-03	4.5e-03	-0.019600	107
C4	C7	4.179301	0.067900	0.068976	1.0e-03	2.4e-03	-0.013700	107
N5	O9	4.187309	0.106500	0.108187	1.6e-03	3.8e-03	-0.014800	107
H12	H13	4.471660	0.173600	0.175180	2.6e-03	7.9e-03	-0.000900	108
C7	H10	4.529056	0.108900	0.109891	1.6e-03	5.0e-03	-0.016500	108
C6	H14	4.514019	0.109900	0.110900	1.7e-03	5.0e-03	0.008200	108
N8	H10	4.676184	0.155400	0.156814	2.3e-03	7.1e-03	-0.041800	108
C3	O9	4.647787	0.071600	0.072252	1.1e-03	3.3e-03	-0.001000	108
C4	H13	4.657328	0.188100	0.189812	2.8e-03	8.6e-03	-0.026200	108
H12	H14	4.699375	0.180000	0.181638	2.7e-03	8.2e-03	0.008400	108
N5	N8	4.806020	0.075100	0.075783	1.1e-03	3.4e-03	-0.014900	108
N5	H13	4.813913	0.170100	0.171648	2.6e-03	7.7e-03	-0.008400	108
H10	H12	4.847829	0.116700	0.117762	1.8e-03	5.3e-03	-0.022400	108
C4	O9	4.897708	0.091700	0.092534	1.4e-03	4.2e-03	-0.007600	108
C4	N8	4.921136	0.090300	0.091122	1.4e-03	4.1e-03	-0.025800	108
C3	H14	5.034633	0.132600	0.133807	2.0e-03	6.0e-03	-0.007900	108
C7	H11	5.266007	0.098700	0.098979	1.5e-03	2.8e-02	-0.017800	109
O9	H10	5.589838	0.106600	0.106901	1.7e-03	3.0e-02	-0.000500	109
H10	H14	5.621283	0.186100	0.186625	2.9e-03	5.2e-02	-0.014700	109
H11	H13	5.654181	0.208900	0.209490	3.3e-03	5.8e-02	-0.032300	109
N5	H14	5.693567	0.106400	0.106700	1.7e-03	3.0e-02	0.012000	109
C4	H14	5.880578	0.114300	0.114623	1.8e-03	3.2e-02	0.002400	109
O9	H11	5.962515	0.120200	0.120539	1.9e-03	3.4e-02	-0.010200	109
N8	H11	5.977860	0.120100	0.120439	1.9e-03	3.4e-02	-0.028900	109
H11	H14	6.941465	0.139300	0.139693	2.2e-03	3.9e-02	0.001100	109

Table S16: GED terms (in Å) for the refinement of the ISUCT GED data. Molecular intensities  $sM(s)$  were averaged in the refinement procedure.

Atom 1	Atom 2	$r_a$	$l_{\text{calc.}}$	$l_{\text{exp.}}$	$\sigma_{\text{LS}}$	$\sigma_{\text{exp}}$	$(r_e - r_a)$	Group
N8	H14	1.017364	0.070100	0.078201	2.8e-03	5.2e-03	-0.016500	100
N8	H13	1.017132	0.070300	0.078424	2.8e-03	5.2e-03	-0.016500	100
C6	H12	1.099476	0.075300	0.084002	3.0e-03	5.6e-03	-0.015800	100
C3	H10	1.101344	0.075700	0.084448	3.0e-03	5.7e-03	-0.015900	100
C4	H11	1.102108	0.075700	0.084448	3.0e-03	5.7e-03	-0.015900	100
C7	O9	1.216620	0.038100	0.037996	1.1e-03	1.2e-03	-0.002500	101
N2	C3	1.336272	0.044200	0.044079	1.3e-03	1.4e-03	-0.006000	101
N5	C6	1.335639	0.044200	0.044079	1.3e-03	1.4e-03	-0.005500	101
C4	N5	1.340396	0.044400	0.044278	1.3e-03	1.4e-03	-0.006000	101
C1	N2	1.340356	0.044600	0.044478	1.3e-03	1.4e-03	-0.005500	101
C7	N8	1.364174	0.044000	0.043879	1.3e-03	1.4e-03	-0.015900	101
C3	C4	1.398112	0.046300	0.046173	1.3e-03	1.5e-03	-0.007400	101
C1	C6	1.399757	0.046400	0.046273	1.3e-03	1.5e-03	-0.007800	101
C1	C7	1.505539	0.051200	0.051060	1.5e-03	1.6e-03	-0.008800	101
H13	H14	1.742487	0.115800	0.107534	4.7e-03	8.8e-03	0.003700	102
C7	H14	2.028791	0.101600	0.094348	4.1e-03	7.7e-03	0.003700	102
C7	H13	2.037307	0.100500	0.093326	4.1e-03	7.6e-03	-0.001300	102
N2	H10	2.079705	0.095700	0.088869	3.9e-03	7.3e-03	-0.013400	102
N5	H11	2.082221	0.095800	0.088962	3.9e-03	7.3e-03	-0.013700	102
N5	H12	2.088453	0.096000	0.089148	3.9e-03	7.3e-03	-0.011500	102
C1	H12	2.156951	0.097800	0.090819	4.0e-03	7.4e-03	-0.017300	102
C3	H11	2.171237	0.097500	0.090540	4.0e-03	7.4e-03	-0.015700	102
C4	H10	2.174343	0.097400	0.090448	3.9e-03	7.4e-03	-0.015500	102
C4	C6	2.261810	0.052900	0.053362	1.4e-03	1.6e-03	-0.010400	103
C1	C3	2.270322	0.052800	0.053261	1.4e-03	1.6e-03	-0.010400	103
N8	O9	2.279347	0.053700	0.054169	1.5e-03	1.6e-03	-0.011000	103
N2	H13	2.310204	0.184500	0.186112	5.0e-03	5.6e-03	-0.040600	103
N2	C4	2.386935	0.053300	0.053766	1.5e-03	1.6e-03	-0.008000	103
N2	C6	2.389933	0.053500	0.053967	1.5e-03	1.6e-03	-0.007600	103
C1	N5	2.395040	0.053300	0.053766	1.5e-03	1.6e-03	-0.007800	103
C3	N5	2.396598	0.053400	0.053866	1.5e-03	1.6e-03	-0.007600	103
C1	O9	2.373247	0.060800	0.061331	1.7e-03	1.8e-03	-0.006100	103
C1	N8	2.414023	0.062700	0.063248	1.7e-03	1.9e-03	-0.023900	103
N2	C7	2.447962	0.062900	0.063449	1.7e-03	1.9e-03	-0.010000	103
H10	H11	2.516631	0.156600	0.157968	4.3e-03	4.7e-03	-0.018300	103
C6	C7	2.509145	0.066900	0.067484	1.8e-03	2.0e-03	-0.013300	103
C1	H13	2.516887	0.148500	0.149797	4.0e-03	4.5e-03	-0.014000	103
O9	H14	2.511915	0.141500	0.142736	3.9e-03	4.3e-03	0.013200	103
O9	H12	2.539337	0.177300	0.178849	4.8e-03	5.3e-03	-0.037000	103
C1	C4	2.661451	0.058100	0.060555	2.1e-03	2.8e-03	-0.011300	104
C3	C6	2.661048	0.058600	0.061077	2.1e-03	2.8e-03	-0.010700	104
N2	N8	2.729261	0.097600	0.101725	3.5e-03	4.7e-03	-0.037200	104
C7	H12	2.699843	0.138500	0.144353	5.0e-03	6.6e-03	-0.020600	104
N2	N5	2.814919	0.062000	0.064620	2.2e-03	3.0e-03	-0.004700	104
C6	O9	2.837711	0.101100	0.105373	3.7e-03	4.8e-03	-0.019200	104
O9	H13	3.138754	0.094700	0.095581	4.1e-03	1.4e-02	0.006600	105

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Atom 1	Atom 2	$r_a$	$l_{\text{calc.}}$	$l_{\text{exp.}}$	$\sigma_{\text{LS}}$	$\sigma_{\text{exp}}$	$(r_e - r_a)$	Group
C6	H11	3.250670	0.092500	0.093361	4.0e-03	1.3e-02	-0.017200	105
C1	H10	3.258143	0.092500	0.093361	4.0e-03	1.3e-02	-0.017100	105
C4	H12	3.256877	0.092500	0.093361	4.0e-03	1.3e-02	-0.016300	105
C1	H14	3.320299	0.097200	0.098105	4.2e-03	1.4e-02	-0.002000	105
N2	H12	3.363737	0.093300	0.094168	4.0e-03	1.4e-02	-0.016200	105
N2	H11	3.371381	0.093200	0.094067	4.0e-03	1.4e-02	-0.015700	105
N5	H10	3.381234	0.093300	0.094168	4.0e-03	1.4e-02	-0.015300	105
N2	O9	3.540878	0.062700	0.062659	2.5e-03	4.5e-03	0.001000	106
C3	H13	3.589515	0.191800	0.191675	7.6e-03	1.4e-02	-0.038800	106
C3	C7	3.652384	0.064200	0.064158	2.5e-03	4.6e-03	-0.012800	106
C6	N8	3.681649	0.068200	0.068156	2.7e-03	4.9e-03	-0.015700	106
N2	H14	3.704880	0.125800	0.125718	5.0e-03	9.0e-03	-0.013400	106
C1	H11	3.754539	0.091800	0.091740	3.6e-03	6.6e-03	-0.018300	106
C3	H12	3.751140	0.091800	0.091740	3.6e-03	6.6e-03	-0.017800	106
C6	H10	3.753477	0.092000	0.091940	3.6e-03	6.6e-03	-0.017800	106
N5	C7	3.749005	0.066300	0.066257	2.6e-03	4.7e-03	-0.011800	106
C6	H13	3.895700	0.149100	0.146970	5.7e-03	9.9e-03	-0.005900	107
H10	H13	4.022408	0.224700	0.221490	8.6e-03	1.5e-02	-0.052700	107
C3	N8	4.055428	0.101300	0.099853	3.9e-03	6.7e-03	-0.033400	107
N8	H12	4.018943	0.137000	0.135043	5.3e-03	9.1e-03	-0.014200	107
H11	H12	4.151169	0.127300	0.125482	4.9e-03	8.5e-03	-0.019800	107
C4	C7	4.159789	0.066700	0.065747	2.6e-03	4.4e-03	-0.013700	107
N5	O9	4.163216	0.103200	0.101726	4.0e-03	6.9e-03	-0.014600	107
H12	H13	4.462024	0.171500	0.179375	6.9e-03	1.5e-02	-0.002200	108
C7	H10	4.518647	0.108000	0.112959	4.4e-03	9.6e-03	-0.016600	108
C6	H14	4.500303	0.108500	0.113482	4.4e-03	9.6e-03	0.006400	108
N8	H10	4.675366	0.152100	0.159084	6.1e-03	1.3e-02	-0.040000	108
C3	O9	4.627027	0.070000	0.073214	2.8e-03	6.2e-03	-0.001900	108
C4	H13	4.655780	0.183700	0.192135	7.4e-03	1.6e-02	-0.025300	108
H12	H14	4.677544	0.177500	0.185650	7.2e-03	1.6e-02	0.006400	108
N5	N8	4.791939	0.073300	0.076666	3.0e-03	6.5e-03	-0.015000	108
N5	H13	4.809715	0.166700	0.174355	6.7e-03	1.5e-02	-0.008800	108
H10	H12	4.841573	0.116300	0.121640	4.7e-03	1.0e-02	-0.022800	108
C4	O9	4.873419	0.089100	0.093191	3.6e-03	7.9e-03	-0.008200	108
C4	N8	4.909499	0.087800	0.091832	3.5e-03	7.8e-03	-0.025200	108
C3	H14	5.030211	0.129200	0.135133	5.2e-03	1.1e-02	-0.008500	108
C7	H11	5.250493	0.097700	0.098020	4.4e-03	4.7e-02	-0.018200	109
O9	H10	5.574134	0.105500	0.105846	4.7e-03	5.1e-02	-0.002000	109
H10	H14	5.623254	0.182100	0.182697	8.2e-03	8.7e-02	-0.015200	109
H11	H13	5.656841	0.204400	0.205070	9.2e-03	9.8e-02	-0.031600	109
N5	H14	5.678144	0.104900	0.105244	4.7e-03	5.0e-02	0.009700	109
C4	H14	5.869097	0.112000	0.112367	5.0e-03	5.4e-02	0.000700	109
O9	H11	5.942073	0.117800	0.118186	5.3e-03	5.6e-02	-0.011200	109
N8	H11	5.970578	0.117800	0.118186	5.3e-03	5.6e-02	-0.028700	109
H11	H14	6.934657	0.137100	0.137550	6.1e-03	6.6e-02	-0.001100	109



Table S17: Equilibrium Cartesian coordinates for PZA structure refined from UBi GED data ( $\alpha = 3.0 \cdot 10^5$ ).

Atom	x	y	z
C	0.1793956940	0.0131822262	0.0000000001
N	-0.3860090687	-1.1936597492	0.0000000006
C	-1.7146658956	-1.2155584710	0.0000000008
C	-2.4711072877	-0.0479344462	0.0000000005
N	-1.9157512150	1.1634415446	-0.0000000000
C	-0.5832543525	1.1843814658	-0.0000000002
C	1.6785170943	0.0961655698	-0.0000000001
N	2.2870343513	-1.1058156534	0.0000000003
O	2.2482178629	1.1749154912	-0.0000000005
H	-2.1943141722	-2.1875112133	-0.0000000191
H	-3.5544598603	-0.0939494963	0.0000000006
H	-0.0847268077	2.1448702536	-0.0000000006
H	1.7277261194	-1.9415634485	0.0000000006
H	3.2916775789	-1.1441741955	0.0000000002

Table S18: Equilibrium Cartesian coordinates for PZA structure refined from LMSU GED data ( $\alpha = 3.0 \cdot 10^6$ ).

Atom	x	y	z
C	0.1788297320	0.0102290474	0.0000000001
N	-0.3906775925	-1.2014229129	0.0000000006
C	-1.7271341569	-1.2189743565	0.0000000008
C	-2.4806973035	-0.0429072096	0.0000000005
N	-1.9173354682	1.1711060039	-0.0000000000
C	-0.5796568620	1.1847165531	-0.0000000002
C	1.6825606034	0.0967966726	-0.0000000001
N	2.2976328411	-1.1068032685	0.0000000003
O	2.2551713890	1.1755767722	-0.0000000005
H	-2.2088956039	-2.1878754284	-0.0000000191
H	-3.5625659533	-0.0829879165	0.0000000006
H	-0.0767202218	2.1409340931	-0.0000000006
H	1.7427628352	-1.9428358950	0.0000000006
H	3.2989863048	-1.1404916045	0.0000000002

Table S19: Equilibrium Cartesian coordinates for PZA structure refined from ISUCT GED data ( $\alpha = 5.0 \cdot 10^4$ ).

Atom	x	y	z
C	0.1787895321	0.0078135747	0.0000000001
N	-0.3922217615	-1.1987462661	0.0000000006
C	-1.7224072333	-1.2139467137	0.0000000008
C	-2.4708960768	-0.0418354114	0.0000000005
N	-1.9076444827	1.1678593996	-0.0000000000
C	-0.5775329428	1.1763689636	-0.0000000002
C	1.6728661963	0.0970428514	-0.0000000001
N	2.2979374658	-1.0975819740	0.0000000003
O	2.2409708542	1.1700495180	-0.0000000005
H	-2.2081634351	-2.1846317219	-0.0000000191
H	-3.5563862077	-0.0813122752	0.0000000006
H	-0.0686175695	2.1331123419	-0.0000000006
H	1.7538352407	-1.9373535098	0.0000000006
H	3.2984798014	-1.1229570263	0.0000000002

Table S20: Equilibrium Cartesian coordinates for PZA structure optimized at CCSD(T)/cc-pwCVTZ level of theory.

Atom	x	y	z
C	-0.176935535639	0.009313038031	0.000000000000
N	0.392544096066	-1.200531888597	0.000000000000
C	1.727200869188	-1.215715523777	0.000000000000
C	2.475978887034	-0.041369897262	0.000000000000
N	1.910712808006	1.170066101310	0.000000000000
C	0.574887135260	1.183734585606	0.000000000000
C	-1.679575207825	0.096049200306	0.000000000000
N	-2.294186414434	-1.105951276868	0.000000000000
O	-2.250544267107	1.172790141743	0.000000000000
H	2.210786571836	-2.183751858704	0.000000000000
H	3.557628683011	-0.079068743777	0.000000000000
H	0.072248220549	2.140107393581	0.000000000000
H	-1.739504229643	-1.942073714486	0.000000000000
H	-3.295885571582	-1.139621227107	0.000000000000

Root-mean-square deviations (RMSD) and mean absolute deviations (MAD) have been calculated for all pairs of parameter sets as:

$$\text{RMSD} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (p_i^A - p_i^B)^2}{N}}$$

$$\text{MAD} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N |p_i^A - p_i^B|}{N}$$

where  $p_i^A$  and  $p_i^B$  are the values of  $i$ -th parameter from sets A and B, respectively;  $N$  is the total number of parameters.

Table S21: RMSD for bond lengths (Å, lower triangle) and angles (degrees, upper triangle) in PZA

	CCSD(T)	UBi	LMSU	ISUCT
CCSD(T)		0.20	0.11	0.27
UBi	0.003		0.15	0.30
LMSU	0.002	0.004		0.20
ISUCT	0.004	0.003	0.005	

Table S22: MAD for bond lengths (Å, lower triangle) and angles (degrees, upper triangle) in PZA

	CCSD(T)	UBi	LMSU	ISUCT
CCSD(T)		0.14	0.06	0.19
UBi	0.003		0.11	0.21
LMSU	0.001	0.004		0.15
ISUCT	0.003	0.003	0.005	

Table S23: RMSD (Å, upper triangle) and MAD (Å, lower triangle) for amplitudes of interatomic vibrations in PZA

	B3LYP	UBi	LMSU	ISUCT
B3LYP		0.010	0.004	0.004
UBi	0.008		0.007	0.009
LMSU	0.003	0.005		0.004
ISUCT	0.003	0.007	0.003	

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