

Calculations predict a stable molecular crystal of N₈

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I. STRUCTURES OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF SOLID NITROGEN

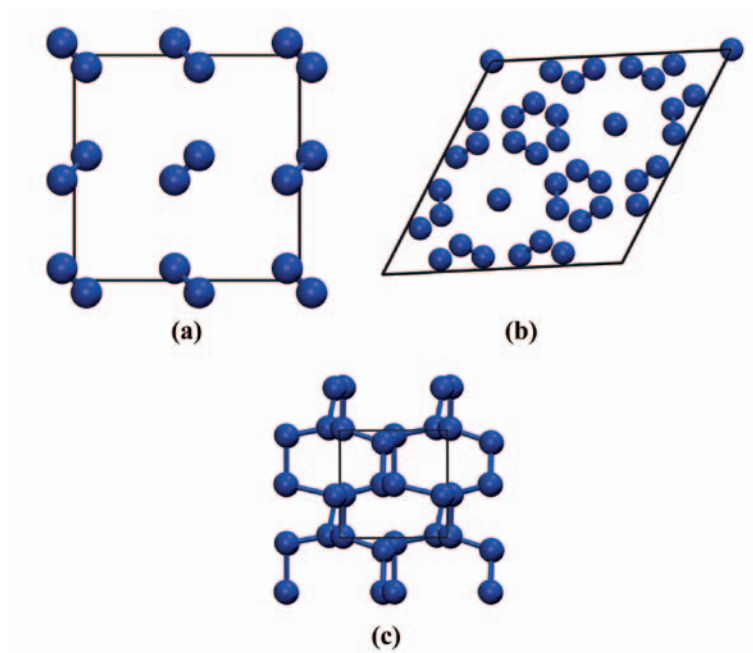


FIG. S1: Structures of different solid forms of nitrogen: α -N₂ (a), ϵ -N₂ (b), and cg-N (c).

II. COMPUTATIONAL DETAILS

For solid calculations, we employed the QuantumEspresso 4.3.1 [1] package. All other calculations were performed using Q-Chem 4.0[2]. Both methods were chosen because of the accurate description of dispersion interactions, which are of crucial importance in molecular crystals. The aug-cc-pVDZ basis set was employed in these calculations[3]. Default criteria for convergence of the SCF procedure and geometry optimizations were used. Natural Bond Orbital (NBO) analysis has been used to analyze bonding[4–6].

All Cartesian geometries and relevant energies are given below.

III. UNIT CELL STRUCTURES AND COHESIVE ENERGIES

Table S1 summarizes the computed structural parameters and cohesive energies computed using different PBC PW-DFT methods. Importantly, all optimization converge to a similar-type structures. The variations in structural parameters are reasonably small, e.g., no more than 10 % in V_0 . As expected, energetics is more sensitive to the functional, e.g., BLYP-D predicts twice smaller cohesive energy. Importantly, VDW-DF predict even stronger cohesive energy than PBE-D.

TABLE S1: Unit cell parameters and cohesive energies computed by PBC PW-DFT.

Method	a, Å	b, Å	c, Å	α	β	γ	$V_0, \text{Å}^3$	$E_c, \text{kJ/mol}$
PBE-D	10.72	4.53	6.90	91.5	84.9	45.9	14.89	41.1
BLYP-D	10.59	4.40	6.42	89.2	83.3	44.1	12.86	24.4
VDW-DF	10.83	4.67	7.05	88.4	81.7	47.4	16.17	61.0

IV. GEOMETRY OPTIMIZATION USING DIFFERENT DISTORTED STRUCTURES

To investigate the sensitivity of the computed structures to the starting geometries, we performed series of calculations in which unit cell structures were reoptimized starting from various distorted geometries as described below. These calculations were performed using PBC PW PBE-D. All these calculations, the optimizations converged to the same unit cell structure as in the original calculation (initiated from four N_4). The following displacement have been tested (see Fig. S2 for the respective structures):

- Elongation of the N2-N3 bond in the E monomer by 0.5 Å;
- Elongation of the N2-N3 bond in the Z monomer by 0.5 Å;
- Rotation of the dihedral N1-N2-N3-N4 angle by -40° in the E monomer;
- Rotation of the dihedral N1-N2-N3-N4 angle by -40° in the E monomer.

V. MOLECULAR STRUCTURES AND ENERGETICS

Optimized structures of the N_8 monomers and relevant total energies are given below. Fig. S3a shows relevant structural parameters at the PBE and ω B97X-D levels of theory. We observe that the maximum variation in bond length is 0.1 Å for the N_2 - N_3 bond for the EZE isomer. However, most bond lengths are very similar (less than 0.05 Å difference) using both methods. The NBO analysis yields very similar results to those reported in Ref. [7]. Fig. S3b compares NBO charges computed by PBE and ω B97X-D. We observe that both functionals produce very similar charge distributions. Thus, in this case, the effect of self-interaction error (which may affect quality of the PBE results) is not substantial.

In addition, we computed NBO charges for the Z monomer at minimum geometry from PBE-D calculations using the CCSD level of theory. Table S2 below summarizes the results

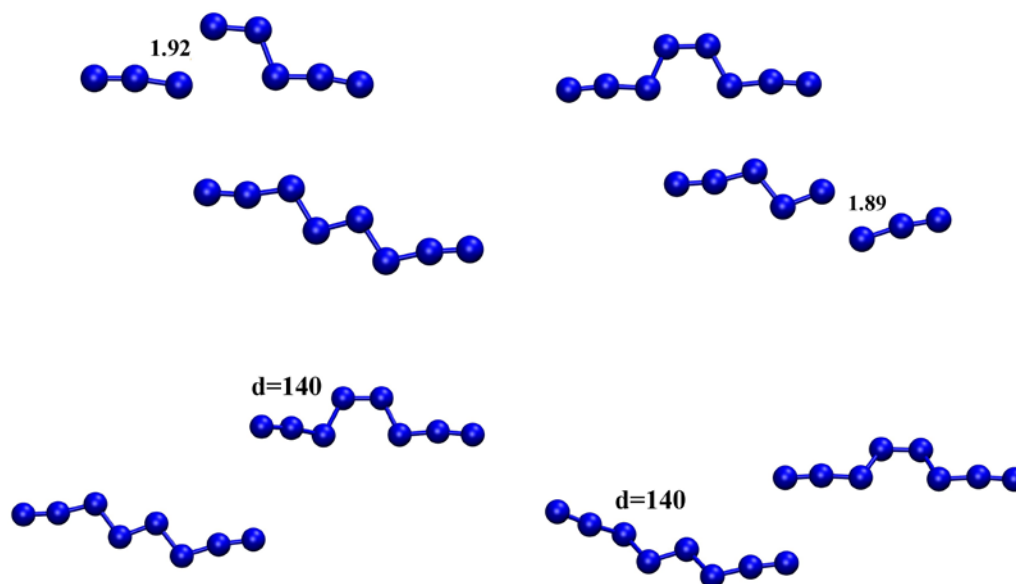


FIG. S2: Different distorted unit cell structures used as starting points in geometry optimizations.

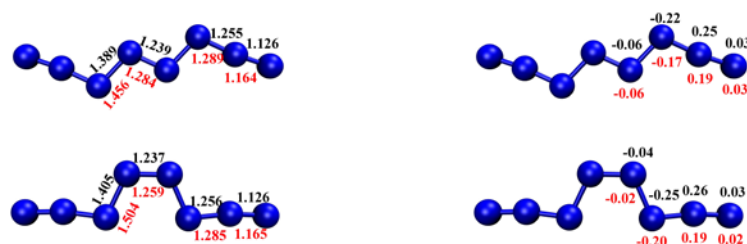


FIG. S3: Optimized structures of N_8 monomers and comparison of bond lengths and NBO partial charges computed using ω B97X-D (top, black) and PBE-D (bottom, red).

of NBO analysis of the CCSD and PBE-D densities computed with the cc-pVDZ basis set. The raw outputs are given in Section X. As one can see, the bond orders (BO, computed as 1/2 of the NBO populations assigned to the particular bond) and partial charges are in excellent agreement suggesting that PBE-D captures important details of the electronic structure of N_8 . The bonding picture given by NBO can be best described by the Lewis structure shown in Fig. 1 of the main paper.

VI. CLUSTER CALCULATIONS

Fig. S4 shows optimized structures and binding energies for several dimers of N_8 . Structures and basis-set superposition error (BSSE) corrected binding energies are computed using ω B97X-D/aug-cc-pVDZ. Zero-point energy (ZPE) correction for the binding energies

TABLE S2: Natural atomic charges and bond orders (BO) from the NBO analysis of the PBE-D and CCSD densities. Atom numbering is the same as in Fig. 1 of the main paper.

Method	N3 charge	N4 charge	N1N2 BO	N2N3 BO	N3N4 BO	N4N5 BO
PBE-D	-0.20	+0.20	1.98	0.96	1.00	2.99
CCSD	-0.27	+0.24	1.93	0.95	0.98	2.90

TABLE S3: BSSE corrected binding energies (kcal/mol) of N_4 clusters. ZPE correction is not included.

Parallel Dimer	Tilted Dimer	Tetramer	Method
-1.004	-1.705	-8.838	RI-MOS-MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ
-0.753	-1.610	-7.316	ω B97X-D/aug-cc-pVDZ

are not included. We could not locate a true minimum on the PES for a dimer of the EZE isomer.

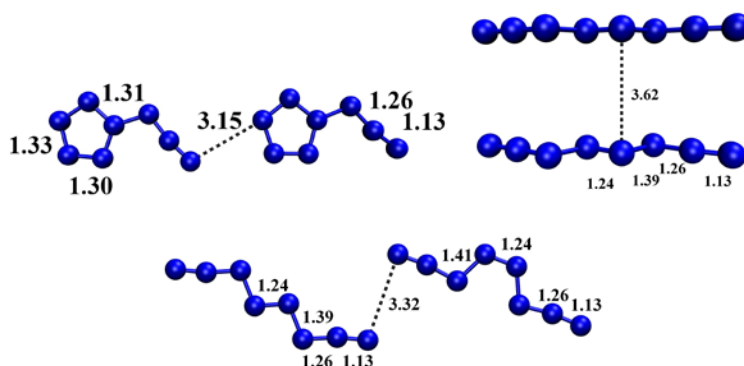


FIG. S4: Optimized structures of several N_8 dimers. The respective binding energies are 1.73 kcal/mol, 0.97 kcal/mol, and 0.36 kcal/mol.

A. Calculations of N_4 clusters

Our initial plan was to investigate whether N_4 can form a stable solid. Thus, we analyzed interactions in N_4 dimers and a tetramer. Fig. S5 shows optimized structures of two N_4 dimers (parallel and tilted configurations) and a tetramer. The geometries computed with ω B97X-D/aug-cc-pVDZ and RI-MOS-MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ are very similar. The binding energies for the structures are summarized in Table S3. We note that the binding energies are reasonably large (even larger than in the N_8 dimers), and that there is a non-additive effect in the tetramer, which suggests the existence of a stable solid structure. Yet, when we attempted to optimize a unit cell composed of four N_4 units, the structure converged to the unit cell with two N_8 molecules.

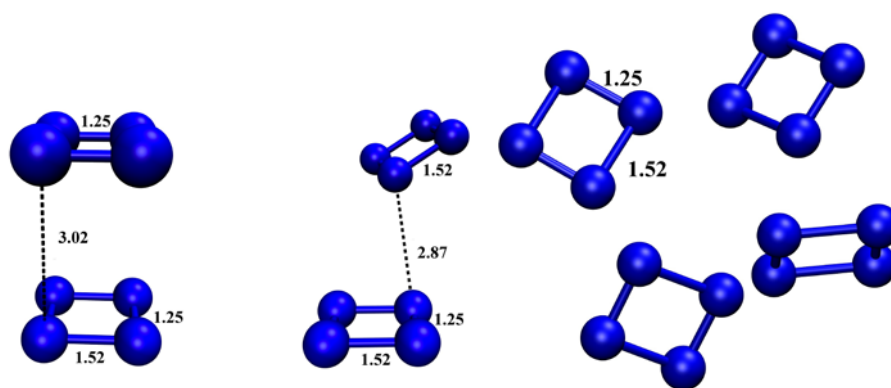


FIG. S5: Structures of D_{2h} N_4 dimers at a tetramer computed by ω B97X-D/aug-cc-pVDZ.

VII. COHESIVE ENERGIES

TABLE S4: Lattice constants and cohesive energies for α - N_2 , α - CO_2 , and β -acetonitrile (ACN). All calculated values are not zero point energy (ZPE) corrected.

Species	Lattice Constants, Å	Volume, Å ³	Lattice Energy, kJ/mol
N_2 exp.	5.644	179.788	8.30 ^a (6.92 ^b)
N_2 calc.	5.486 (-2.88%)	165.14179 (-8.15%)	8.30
CO_2 exp.	5.554	171.324	26.255 ^c
CO_2 calc.	5.638 (1.51%)	179.215 (4.61%)	24.645
ACN exp.	6.0717, 5.2319, 7.7779	247.08 ^d	
ACN calc.	5.763 (-5.08%), 5.100 (-2.52%), 7.553 (-2.89%)	221.996 (-10.15%)	53.013

^a Ref. [8]

^b Ref. [9]

^c Ref. [10]

^d Ref. [11]

The lattice parameters and lattice energy obtained in this study for the α - N_2 , α - CO_2 , and β -ACN are shown in Table VII and are compared to the experimental values [8–11]. Since α N_2 and CO_2 have an FCC structure, only the volume and lattice vector a are shown. For acetonitrile, all three lattice parameters are given. Table VII shows that the lattice constant obtained for N_2 is in very good agreement with the experiment. In the lattice energy column for N_2 , the value shown in parentheses is the experimental value for the sublimation enthalpy. In order to compare this value to the cohesive energy the ZPE must be taken into account. Using high level methods [8] Erba *et. al* calculated the ZPE correction to be 1.4 kJ/mol. Thus, the cohesive energy of solid N_2 calculated in this study (8.3 kJ/mol) is in excellent agreement with the ZPE-corrected experimental value. For CO_2 , we obtain a lattice energy of 24.645 kJ/mol, which is also in very good agreement with the experimental value [10]. For acetonitrile, good agreement with experiment is also seen for lattice parameters [11]. However, to the best of our knowledge, cohesive energy data for β -ACN is not available and only calculated value is presented.

VIII. PRESSURE DEPENDENCE AND THERMODYNAMIC STABILITY

TABLE S5: Total electronic enthalpies (eV/atom) and volume per atom (\AA^3) of N_8 and cg-N solids at different pressures computed with PBE-D.

P, GPa	H(N_8)	H(CG-N)	$\Delta H/\text{atom}$, eV	V_0 (N_8)	V_0 (cg-N)
ambient	-383.138 304	-382.611 042	-0.5274	14.8919	6.7670
5	-382.750 500	-382.408 291	-0.3422	11.2648	6.6525
20	-381.829 049	-381.800 362	-0.0287	8.8970	6.3476
40	-380.806 789	-381.028 772	0.2220	7.6300	6.0264
50	-380.343 865	-380.656 870	0.3130	7.2217	5.8923

Table S5 presents enthalpies of N_8 solid and cg-N form computed by PW-DFT/PBE-D. These results are shown in Fig. 3 of the main manuscript. The results for other forms of nitrogen are taken from Ref. [12]. These enthalpies do not include ZPE correction. To estimate the magnitude of ZPE contribution, we computed ZPE correction at 4 different pressures (5, 20, 40, and 50 GPa) and found that including ZPE leads to slight additional stabilization of N_8 versus cg-N; however, the magnitude of the effect is small, as illustrated in Fig. S6a. Finally, to estimate entropic contributions, we estimated entropy for both solids using the Debye solid model. We found that the contribution of $T\Delta S$ term is much smaller (about 1% or less) than their enthalpy differences.

To estimate how sensitive the results are to the level of theory, we computed the enthalpies using two alternative functionals (BLYP-D and vdW-DFT). Whereas the pressure for phase transition depends on the method, the overall trend is robust, as illustrated in Fig. S6b which shows pressure dependence of the enthalpy difference relative to cg-N calculated at three different levels of theory.

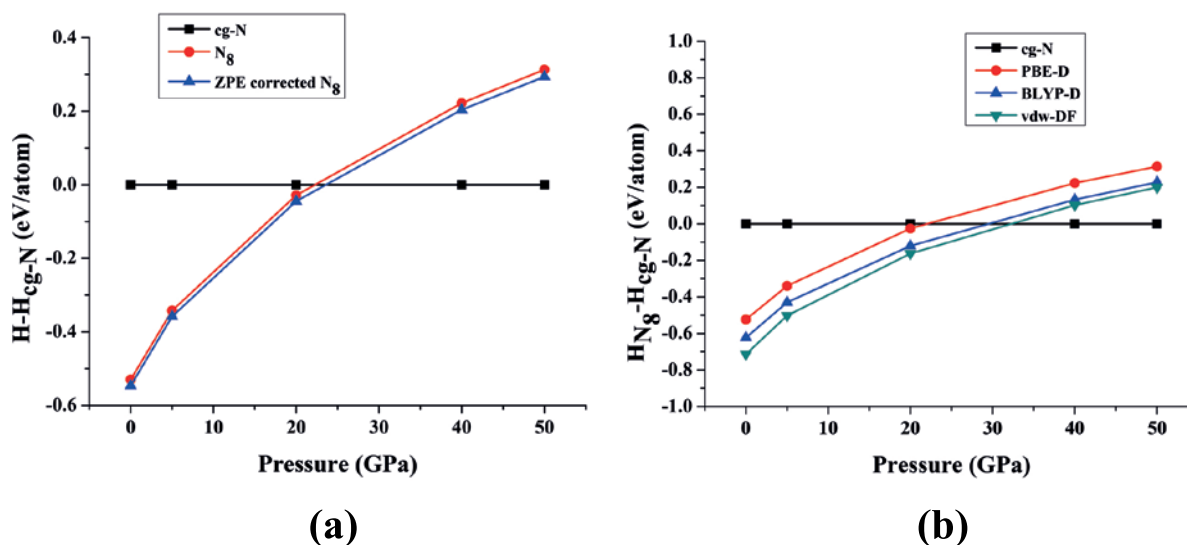


FIG. S6: Pressure dependence of the enthalpy per nitrogen atom relative to the cg-N form computed using different PBC PW-DFT methods.

Finally, Fig. S7 shows enthalpy versus volume dependence of the two forms.

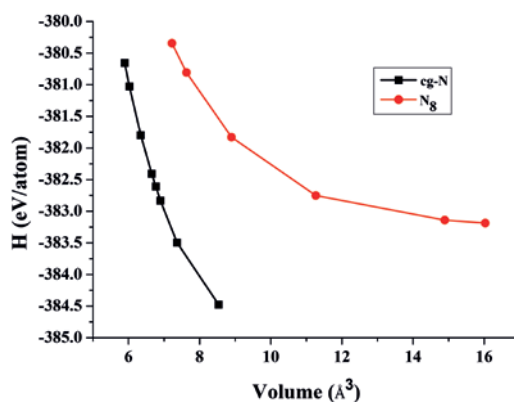


FIG. S7: Volume dependence of the enthalpy per nitrogen atom of solid N_8 and the cg-N form computed using PW-PBE-D.

IX. VIBRATIONAL ANALYSIS

Below are give the vibrational frequencies and IR intensities of the monomers and solid using all different methods. We note that the agreement between different methods is reasonable. This supports the validity of the PW-PBE-D method for solid calculations. The PW-PBE-D results for the solid are very similar to the spectrum computed for the isolated monomers.

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X. NBO ANALYSIS

Below we report the results of the NBO analysis for N₈ (structure optimized at the PBE-D/aug-cc-pVDZ level) using PBE-D and CCSD densities computed with the cc-pVDZ basis.

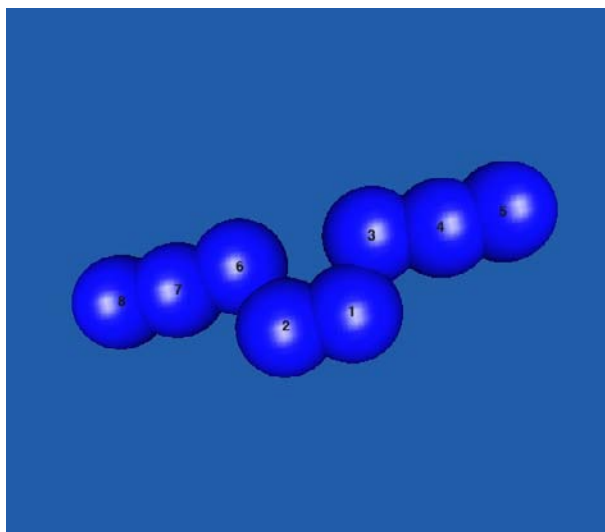


FIG. S8: Atom indexing in the NBO output

PBE-D/cc-pVDZ

Summary of Natural Population Analysis:

Atom No	Natural Charge	Natural Population			
		Core	Valence	Rydberg	Total
N 1	-0.01396	1.99956	4.98540	0.02900	7.01396
N 2	-0.01397	1.99956	4.98541	0.02900	7.01397
N 3	-0.20024	1.99945	5.17776	0.02303	7.20024
N 4	0.19823	1.99944	4.77495	0.02738	6.80177
N 5	0.01597	1.99966	4.95993	0.02443	6.98403
N 6	-0.20022	1.99945	5.17774	0.02303	7.20022
N 7	0.19825	1.99944	4.77493	0.02738	6.80175
N 8	0.01593	1.99966	4.95998	0.02443	6.98407
* Total *	0.00000	15.99622	39.79609	0.20769	56.00000

(Occupancy) Bond orbital/ Coefficients/ Hybrids

1. (1.98677) BD (1) N 1- N 2
 (50.00%) 0.7071* N 1 s(31.57%)p 2.16(68.21%)d 0.01(0.23%)

				0.0000	-0.5590	-0.0564	-0.0003	0.0000
				-0.0877	0.0271	0.8198	0.0401	0.0000
				0.0000	0.0170	0.0075	-0.0442	
	(50.00%)	0.7071* N	2 s(31.57%)p 2.16(68.20%)d 0.01(0.23%)	0.0000	-0.5590	-0.0564	-0.0003	0.0000
				-0.0877	0.0271	-0.8198	-0.0401	0.0000
				0.0000	-0.0170	0.0075	-0.0442	
2.	(1.97091)	BD (2) N	1- N 2					
	(50.00%)	0.7071* N	1 s(0.00%)p 1.00(99.71%)d 0.00(0.29%)	0.0000	-0.0001	0.0000	0.9985	0.0067
				-0.0011	0.0000	0.0002	0.0000	0.0224
				-0.0486	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	
	(50.00%)	0.7071* N	2 s(0.00%)p 1.00(99.71%)d 0.00(0.29%)	0.0000	-0.0001	0.0000	0.9985	0.0067
				-0.0011	0.0000	-0.0002	0.0000	0.0224
				0.0486	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	
3.	(1.90627)	BD (1) N	1- N 3					
	(48.41%)	0.6958* N	1 s(14.95%)p 5.68(84.86%)d 0.01(0.19%)	0.0002	0.3862	0.0191	0.0009	0.0000
				0.8502	0.0017	0.3538	0.0238	0.0001
				0.0000	0.0120	-0.0392	-0.0144	
	(51.59%)	0.7183* N	3 s(15.20%)p 5.57(84.62%)d 0.01(0.18%)	-0.0007	0.3894	0.0178	-0.0011	0.0000
				-0.8362	-0.0076	-0.3829	-0.0187	0.0001
				0.0000	0.0037	-0.0390	-0.0168	
4.	(1.90627)	BD (1) N	2- N 6					
	(48.41%)	0.6958* N	2 s(14.95%)p 5.68(84.86%)d 0.01(0.19%)	0.0002	0.3862	0.0191	0.0009	0.0000
				0.8502	0.0017	-0.3538	-0.0238	0.0001
				0.0000	-0.0120	-0.0392	-0.0144	
	(51.59%)	0.7183* N	6 s(15.20%)p 5.57(84.62%)d 0.01(0.18%)	-0.0007	0.3894	0.0178	-0.0011	0.0000
				-0.8362	-0.0076	0.3829	0.0187	0.0001
				0.0000	-0.0037	-0.0390	-0.0168	
5.	(1.99339)	BD (1) N	3- N 4					
	(43.27%)	0.6578* N	3 s(23.22%)p 3.29(76.52%)d 0.01(0.26%)	0.0000	0.4791	0.0521	-0.0010	0.0000
				-0.1697	0.0194	0.8574	0.0290	0.0001
				-0.0001	-0.0247	-0.0098	0.0433	
	(56.73%)	0.7532* N	4 s(49.42%)p 1.02(50.52%)d 0.00(0.06%)	0.0000	0.7028	-0.0181	0.0011	0.0000
				0.0264	0.0158	-0.7101	-0.0046	0.0000
				-0.0001	-0.0028	-0.0021	0.0252	
6.	(1.99910)	BD (1) N	4- N 5					
	(56.33%)	0.7505* N	4 s(49.40%)p 1.02(50.53%)d 0.00(0.07%)	-0.0001	0.7026	0.0185	-0.0012	-0.0001
				-0.1686	0.0025	0.6893	0.0415	0.0000

				0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.9979	0.0158
				-0.0014	0.0000	-0.0013	0.0000	-0.0012
				0.0631	-0.0001	0.0001	-0.0001	
12.	(1.97819)	BD (3) N	7- N 8					
	(58.20%)		0.7629* N 7	s(1.06%)	p93.01(98.84%)	d 0.09(0.10%)		
				-0.0002	0.1018	0.0160	0.0012	0.0000
				0.9846	-0.0169	-0.1366	-0.0001	0.0000
				0.0000	-0.0310	-0.0048	0.0034	
	(41.80%)		0.6465* N 8	s(1.14%)	p86.57(98.44%)	d 0.38(0.43%)		
				0.0000	0.1052	0.0173	0.0016	0.0001
				0.9771	0.0266	0.1699	0.0099	0.0001
				0.0001	0.0639	0.0009	0.0132	
13.	(1.99956)	CR (1) N	1	s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)			
				1.0000	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				-0.0003	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
14.	(1.99956)	CR (1) N	2	s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)			
				1.0000	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				-0.0003	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
15.	(1.99945)	CR (1) N	3	s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)			
				1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				-0.0008	0.0000	-0.0002	0.0000	0.0000
				0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
16.	(1.99944)	CR (1) N	4	s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)			
				1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				0.0002	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000
				0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
17.	(1.99966)	CR (1) N	5	s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)			
				1.0000	0.0005	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				0.0000	0.0000	0.0003	0.0000	0.0000
				0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
18.	(1.99945)	CR (1) N	6	s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)			
				1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				-0.0008	0.0000	0.0002	0.0000	0.0000
				0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
19.	(1.99944)	CR (1) N	7	s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)			
				1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				0.0002	0.0000	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000
				0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
20.	(1.99966)	CR (1) N	8	s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)			
				1.0000	0.0005	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				0.0000	0.0000	-0.0003	0.0000	0.0000
				0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
21.	(1.90228)	LP (1) N	1	s(53.72%)	p 0.86(46.20%)	d 0.00(0.08%)		
				-0.0001	0.7324	-0.0271	-0.0006	0.0000
				-0.5153	0.0171	0.4423	-0.0254	0.0000

22. (1.90228) LP (1) N 2	0.0000 0.0249 0.0118 -0.0035 s(53.72%)p 0.86(46.20%)d 0.00(0.08%) -0.0001 0.7324 -0.0271 -0.0006 0.0000 -0.5153 0.0171 -0.4423 0.0254 0.0000 0.0000 -0.0249 0.0118 -0.0035
23. (1.84512) LP (1) N 3	s(61.80%)p 0.62(38.13%)d 0.00(0.07%) 0.0004 0.7859 -0.0178 0.0013 0.0000 0.5184 -0.0108 -0.3350 0.0133 -0.0001 0.0000 0.0248 0.0104 0.0048
24. (1.43417) LP (2) N 3	s(0.00%)p 1.00(99.80%)d 0.00(0.20%) 0.0000 -0.0001 0.0000 0.9990 -0.0096 -0.0018 0.0000 0.0009 0.0000 -0.0298 0.0332 -0.0001 -0.0001 0.0001
25. (1.97179) LP (1) N 5	s(70.53%)p 0.42(29.43%)d 0.00(0.04%) -0.0006 0.8396 -0.0215 -0.0007 0.0000 0.0043 -0.0011 0.5421 -0.0200 0.0000 0.0000 -0.0003 -0.0015 -0.0196
26. (1.84512) LP (1) N 6	s(61.80%)p 0.62(38.13%)d 0.00(0.07%) 0.0004 0.7859 -0.0178 0.0013 0.0000 0.5184 -0.0108 0.3350 -0.0133 -0.0001 0.0000 -0.0248 0.0104 0.0048
27. (1.43416) LP (2) N 6	s(0.00%)p 1.00(99.80%)d 0.00(0.20%) 0.0000 -0.0001 0.0000 0.9990 -0.0096 -0.0018 0.0000 -0.0009 0.0000 -0.0298 -0.0332 0.0001 -0.0001 0.0001
28. (1.97179) LP (1) N 8	s(70.53%)p 0.42(29.43%)d 0.00(0.04%) -0.0006 0.8396 -0.0215 -0.0007 0.0000 0.0043 -0.0011 -0.5421 0.0200 0.0000

CCSD/cc-pVDZ

Summary of Natural Population Analysis:

Atom No	Natural Charge	Natural Population			
		Core	Valence	Rydberg	Total
N 1	-0.00408	1.99935	4.93386	0.07086	7.00408
N 2	-0.00408	1.99935	4.93386	0.07086	7.00408
N 3	-0.26836	1.99928	5.19904	0.07003	7.26836
N 4	0.24179	1.99921	4.69424	0.06475	6.75821
N 5	0.03064	1.99937	4.90342	0.06656	6.96936
N 6	-0.26836	1.99928	5.19904	0.07003	7.26836
N 7	0.24179	1.99921	4.69424	0.06475	6.75821
N 8	0.03064	1.99937	4.90342	0.06656	6.96936
* Total *	0.00000	15.99444	39.46115	0.54441	56.00000

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(Occupancy)	Bond orbital/	Coefficients/	Hybrids

1. (1.95741)	BD (1) N	1- N	2
(50.00%)	0.7071*	N	1 s(32.36%)p 2.08(67.26%)d 0.01(0.38%)
			-0.0005 -0.5661 -0.0559 0.0000 0.0000
			-0.0741 0.0257 0.8153 0.0414 0.0000
			0.0000 0.0214 0.0051 -0.0577
(50.00%)	0.7071*	N	2 s(32.36%)p 2.08(67.26%)d 0.01(0.38%)
			-0.0005 -0.5661 -0.0559 0.0000 0.0000
			-0.0741 0.0257 -0.8153 -0.0414 0.0000
			0.0000 -0.0214 0.0051 -0.0577
2. (1.90164)	BD (2) N	1- N	2
(50.00%)	0.7071*	N	1 s(0.00%)p 1.00(99.62%)d 0.00(0.38%)
			0.0000 0.0001 0.0000 0.9981 0.0017
			-0.0011 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0227
			-0.0575 0.0001 0.0000 0.0000
(50.00%)	0.7071*	N	2 s(0.00%)p 1.00(99.62%)d 0.00(0.38%)
			0.0000 0.0001 0.0000 0.9981 0.0017
			-0.0011 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0227
			0.0575 -0.0001 0.0000 0.0000
3. (1.89295)	BD (1) N	1- N	3
(48.50%)	0.6964*	N	1 s(16.52%)p 5.04(83.18%)d 0.02(0.30%)
			0.0008 0.4060 0.0178 0.0009 0.0000
			0.8390 -0.0029 0.3569 0.0212 0.0001
			0.0000 0.0205 -0.0477 -0.0183
(51.50%)	0.7176*	N	3 s(16.97%)p 4.87(82.74%)d 0.02(0.29%)
			0.0000 0.4117 0.0159 -0.0010 0.0000
			-0.8224 -0.0049 -0.3882 -0.0194 0.0002
			0.0000 0.0126 -0.0474 -0.0211
4. (1.89295)	BD (1) N	2- N	6
(48.50%)	0.6964*	N	2 s(16.52%)p 5.04(83.18%)d 0.02(0.30%)
			0.0008 0.4060 0.0178 0.0009 0.0000
			0.8390 -0.0029 -0.3569 -0.0212 0.0001
			0.0000 -0.0205 -0.0477 -0.0183
(51.50%)	0.7176*	N	6 s(16.97%)p 4.87(82.74%)d 0.02(0.29%)
			0.0000 0.4117 0.0159 -0.0011 0.0000
			-0.8224 -0.0049 0.3882 0.0194 0.0002
			0.0000 -0.0126 -0.0474 -0.0211
5. (1.95986)	BD (1) N	3- N	4
(42.09%)	0.6488*	N	3 s(23.15%)p 3.30(76.46%)d 0.02(0.39%)
			0.0004 0.4776 0.0587 -0.0012 0.0000
			-0.1668 0.0195 0.8574 0.0354 0.0001
			-0.0002 -0.0301 -0.0089 0.0542
(57.91%)	0.7610*	N	4 s(49.91%)p 1.00(49.98%)d 0.00(0.12%)
			0.0005 0.7062 -0.0178 0.0012 0.0000

					0.0270	0.0145	-0.7063	-0.0017	0.0000
					-0.0001	-0.0035	-0.0016	0.0339	
6.	(1.89157)	BD (2) N	3- N	4					
	(62.29%)		0.7892*	N 3	s(0.00%)	p 1.00	(99.71%)	d 0.00	(0.29%)
					0.0000	-0.0001	0.0000	0.9985	0.0030
					-0.0018	0.0000	0.0011	0.0000	-0.0310
					0.0440	-0.0001	-0.0002	0.0001	
	(37.71%)		0.6141*	N 4	s(0.00%)	p 1.00	(99.77%)	d 0.00	(0.23%)
					0.0000	-0.0001	0.0000	0.9988	-0.0119
					-0.0018	0.0000	0.0015	0.0000	0.0066
					-0.0471	0.0001	0.0001	-0.0001	
7.	(1.97141)	BD (1) N	4- N	5					
	(56.31%)		0.7504*	N 4	s(49.87%)	p 1.00	(50.00%)	d 0.00	(0.13%)
					0.0004	0.7058	0.0240	-0.0010	0.0000
					-0.0317	0.0006	0.7056	0.0342	0.0000
					-0.0001	0.0018	-0.0013	0.0366	
	(43.69%)		0.6610*	N 5	s(31.14%)	p 2.20	(68.38%)	d 0.02	(0.48%)
					0.0005	0.5513	0.0861	0.0010	0.0000
					-0.0645	-0.0019	-0.8237	-0.0338	0.0000
					-0.0002	0.0060	-0.0002	0.0688	
8.	(1.91328)	BD (2) N	4- N	5					
	(58.89%)		0.7674*	N 4	s(0.02%)	p99.99	(99.81%)	d10.89	(0.17%)
					-0.0001	0.0035	0.0120	0.0017	0.0000
					0.9981	-0.0157	0.0409	-0.0026	0.0000
					0.0001	0.0410	-0.0044	0.0011	
	(41.11%)		0.6412*	N 5	s(0.10%)	p99.99	(99.32%)	d 5.51	(0.58%)
					0.0001	0.0313	0.0080	0.0018	0.0000
					0.9948	0.0210	-0.0559	-0.0058	0.0001
					-0.0001	-0.0755	0.0015	0.0071	
9.	(1.95986)	BD (1) N	6- N	7					
	(42.09%)		0.6488*	N 6	s(23.15%)	p 3.30	(76.46%)	d 0.02	(0.39%)
					0.0004	0.4776	0.0587	-0.0011	0.0000
					-0.1668	0.0195	-0.8574	-0.0354	0.0001
					0.0002	0.0301	-0.0089	0.0542	
	(57.91%)		0.7610*	N 7	s(49.91%)	p 1.00	(49.98%)	d 0.00	(0.12%)
					0.0005	0.7062	-0.0178	0.0011	0.0000
					0.0270	0.0145	0.7063	0.0017	0.0000
					0.0001	0.0035	-0.0016	0.0339	
10.	(1.97141)	BD (1) N	7- N	8					
	(56.31%)		0.7504*	N 7	s(49.87%)	p 1.00	(50.00%)	d 0.00	(0.13%)
					0.0004	0.7058	0.0240	-0.0010	0.0000
					-0.0317	0.0006	-0.7056	-0.0342	0.0000
					0.0001	-0.0018	-0.0013	0.0366	
	(43.69%)		0.6610*	N 8	s(31.14%)	p 2.20	(68.38%)	d 0.02	(0.48%)
					0.0005	0.5513	0.0861	0.0010	0.0000
					-0.0645	-0.0019	0.8237	0.0338	0.0000
					0.0002	-0.0060	-0.0002	0.0688	

11.	(1.93372)	BD (2)	N 7-	N 8					
	(50.46%)				0.7103*	N 7	s(0.00%)	p 1.00(99.75%)	d 0.00(0.25%)
							0.0000	-0.0001	0.0000
							0.9987	-0.0047	
							-0.0017	0.0000	-0.0014
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0038
							-0.0498	0.0001	-0.0001
							0.0001	0.0001	
	(49.54%)				0.7039*	N 8	s(0.00%)	p 1.00(99.52%)	d 0.00(0.48%)
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							0.9976	0.0074	
							-0.0017	0.0000	-0.0013
							0.0000	0.0000	-0.0016
							0.0692	-0.0001	0.0001
							-0.0002		
12.	(1.91328)	BD (3)	N 7-	N 8					
	(58.89%)				0.7674*	N 7	s(0.02%)	p99.99(99.81%)	d10.89(0.17%)
							-0.0001	0.0035	0.0120
							0.0017	0.0000	
							0.9981	-0.0157	-0.0409
							0.0026	0.0000	
							-0.0001	-0.0410	-0.0044
							0.0011		
	(41.11%)				0.6412*	N 8	s(0.10%)	p99.99(99.32%)	d 5.51(0.58%)
							0.0001	0.0313	0.0080
							0.0018	0.0000	
							0.9948	0.0210	0.0559
							0.0058	0.0001	
							0.0001	0.0755	0.0015
							0.0071		
13.	(1.99934)	CR (1)	N 1				s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)	
							1.0000	-0.0006	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							-0.0008	0.0000	0.0001
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
14.	(1.99934)	CR (1)	N 2				s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)	
							1.0000	-0.0006	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							-0.0008	0.0000	-0.0001
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
15.	(1.99929)	CR (1)	N 3				s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)	
							1.0000	-0.0004	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							-0.0001	0.0000	-0.0003
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
16.	(1.99921)	CR (1)	N 4				s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)	
							1.0000	-0.0006	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							0.0001	0.0000	0.0001
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
17.	(1.99937)	CR (1)	N 5				s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)	
							1.0000	-0.0001	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							-0.0001	0.0000	0.0005
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
18.	(1.99929)	CR (1)	N 6				s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)	
							1.0000	-0.0004	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							-0.0001	0.0000	0.0003
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
19.	(1.99921)	CR (1)	N 7				s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)	
							1.0000	-0.0006	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							0.0001	0.0000	-0.0001
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
							0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
20.	(1.99937)	CR (1)	N 8				s(100.00%)	p 0.00(0.00%)	

	1.0000	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	-0.0001	0.0000	-0.0005	0.0000	0.0000
	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
21. (1.90548) LP (1) N 1	s(51.33%)	p 0.95(48.61%)	d 0.00(0.06%)		
	0.0000	0.7160	-0.0267	-0.0006	0.0000
	-0.5350	0.0184	0.4462	-0.0213	0.0000
	0.0000	0.0215	0.0128	-0.0046	
22. (1.90548) LP (1) N 2	s(51.33%)	p 0.95(48.61%)	d 0.00(0.06%)		
	0.0000	0.7160	-0.0267	-0.0006	0.0000
	-0.5350	0.0184	-0.4462	0.0213	0.0000
	0.0000	-0.0215	0.0128	-0.0046	
23. (1.85531) LP (1) N 3	s(60.15%)	p 0.66(39.77%)	d 0.00(0.08%)		
	0.0003	0.7753	-0.0185	0.0013	0.0000
	0.5404	-0.0114	-0.3247	0.0078	-0.0001
	0.0001	0.0251	0.0136	0.0027	
24. (1.94517) LP (1) N 5	s(69.34%)	p 0.44(30.61%)	d 0.00(0.05%)		
	-0.0002	0.8323	-0.0251	-0.0007	0.0000
	0.0051	-0.0007	0.5530	-0.0167	0.0000
	0.0000	-0.0003	-0.0005	-0.0212	
25. (1.19137) LP (2) N 5	s(0.00%)	p 1.00(99.62%)	d 0.00(0.38%)		
	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.9980	-0.0149
	-0.0017	0.0000	0.0013	0.0000	-0.0016
	-0.0615	0.0001	0.0001	-0.0001	
26. (1.85531) LP (1) N 6	s(60.15%)	p 0.66(39.77%)	d 0.00(0.08%)		
	0.0003	0.7753	-0.0185	0.0013	0.0000
	0.5404	-0.0114	0.3247	-0.0078	-0.0001
	-0.0001	-0.0251	0.0136	0.0027	
27. (1.47411) LP (2) N 6	s(0.00%)	p 1.00(99.76%)	d 0.00(0.24%)		
	0.0000	-0.0001	0.0000	0.9987	-0.0134
	-0.0018	0.0000	-0.0010	0.0000	-0.0314
	-0.0372	0.0001	-0.0002	0.0001	
28. (1.94517) LP (1) N 8	s(69.34%)	p 0.44(30.61%)	d 0.00(0.05%)		
	-0.0002	0.8323	-0.0251	-0.0007	0.0000
	0.0051	-0.0007	-0.5530	0.0167	0.0000
	0.0000	0.0003	-0.0005	-0.0212	

XI. VIBRATIONAL FREQUENCIES

N_8 EEE monomer
PW-PBE-D 60/540 Ry

#	mode	[cm ⁻¹]	IR
7		65.06	0.0000
8		113.00	0.0000
9		191.35	0.0000
10		201.81	0.0000
11		323.39	0.0000
12		390.84	0.0000
13		448.02	0.0000
14		518.60	0.0000
15		519.06	0.0000
16		648.12	0.0000
17		707.98	0.0000
18		928.64	0.0000
19		1050.69	0.0000
20		1224.89	0.0000
21		1234.16	0.0000
22		1445.70	0.0000
23		2159.43	0.0000
24		2186.17	0.0000

N_8 EEE monomer
PBE-D aug-cc-pVDZ

#	mode	[cm ⁻¹]	IR
7		57.48	0.121
8		104.75	1.242
9		182.39	0.000
10		182.87	0.000
11		287.86	0.892
12		346.42	37.268
13		386.36	0.000
14		457.46	0.000
15		458.76	3.100
16		608.96	0.000
17		665.18	76.446
18		790.44	92.700
19		921.10	0.000
20		1085.06	478.499
21		1101.23	0.000
22		1355.01	0.000
23		1997.55	1403.930
24		2020.99	0.000

N_8 EEE monomer
wB97X-D aug-cc-pVDZ

#	mode	[cm ⁻¹]	IR
7		134.79	0.458
8		147.87	3.458
9		235.54	0.000
10		296.92	0.000
11		384.63	1.201
12		429.73	31.206
13		496.08	0.000
14		598.96	8.553
15		601.41	0.012
16		690.82	0.000
17		777.75	19.791
18		1018.68	93.564
19		1164.24	0.000
20		1263.29	49.888
21		1266.53	856.823
22		1650.19	0.000
23		2280.50	1950.338
24		2315.01	0.008

N_8 EZE monomer
PW-PBE-D 60/540 Ry

#	mode	[cm ⁻¹]	IR
7		82.24	0.0000
8		108.06	0.0000
9		131.31	0.0000
10		225.09	0.0000
11		274.01	0.0000
12		515.07	0.0000
13		540.40	0.0000
14		577.07	0.0000
15		581.32	0.0000
16		605.00	0.0000
17		688.09	0.0000
18		826.10	0.0000
19		905.02	0.0000
20		1223.58	0.0000
21		1232.35	0.0000
22		1490.46	0.0000
23		2151.49	0.0000
24		2181.18	0.0000

N_8 EZE monomer
PBE-D aug-cc-pVDZ

#	mode	[cm ⁻¹]	IR
7		67.63	0.004
8		97.58	0.012
9		114.12	0.000
10		200.62	10.867
11		248.13	1.229
12		463.84	0.003
13		476.36	9.171
14		486.44	3.826
15		496.18	455.330
16		532.31	0.000
17		574.08	0.657
18		669.15	13.870
19		816.89	274.533
20		1087.40	10.187
21		1107.68	240.127
22		1417.30	58.161
23		1988.56	1508.770
24		2015.00	0.489

N_8 EZE monomer
wB97X-D aug-cc-pVDZ

#	mode	[cm ⁻¹]	IR
7		81.40	0.159
8		120.57	0.007
9		132.03	0.000
10		234.65	0.438
11		294.65	1.034
12		546.74	0.000
13		561.08	9.062
14		595.27	0.000
15		613.22	0.006
16		636.59	122.296
17		755.76	65.062
18		949.24	19.753
19		1013.27	616.616
20		1253.66	463.845
21		1258.18	12.830
22		1641.95	50.493
23		2277.70	1882.847
24		2308.91	1.185

N_8 solid
PW-PBE-D 60/540 Ry

#	mode	[cm ⁻¹]	IR
4		35.20	0.0004
5		40.99	0.0114
6		51.98	0.0080
7		64.29	0.0033
8		78.07	0.0039
9		80.36	0.0170
10		97.78	0.0182
11		109.57	0.0019
12		116.22	0.0067
13		128.48	0.0050
14		131.01	0.0031
15		140.96	0.0193
16		145.27	0.0361
17		171.01	0.0025
18		209.00	0.0026
19		222.44	0.0053
20		236.59	0.0516
21		279.04	0.0345
22		327.05	0.0318
23		394.68	0.9072
24		459.38	0.0003
25		508.82	0.0466
26		512.79	0.0330
27		513.25	0.1594
28		534.53	0.2300
29		577.92	0.0435
30		580.52	0.1451
31		604.01	7.4780
32		644.87	0.0555
33		698.83	3.8769
34		709.20	2.6739
35		851.56	0.9760
36		922.56	14.6343
37		944.98	4.0924
38		1074.89	0.0365
39		1219.35	0.8196
40		1225.94	0.8887
41		1230.93	15.5064
42		1254.33	28.0323
43		1430.69	0.0167
44		1482.59	2.2470

45	2151.14	3.9252
46	2169.30	161.1859
47	2179.14	3.6901
48	2194.10	0.0809

XII. CARTESIAN GEOMETRIES AND RELEVANT ENERGIES

N_8 unit cell

PW-PBE-D 60/540 Ry

Final Enthalpy = -450.5651242615 Ry

N	-1.966168820	0.594170583	-0.085877498
N	-3.211947339	0.551190847	0.023842564
N	-3.857165422	0.965504402	-1.152424128
N	-0.831619871	0.578353947	0.007706435
N	-0.630597490	-0.302932637	-3.590605565
N	0.239786222	-0.738016073	-2.601505946
N	-2.330712436	-0.558859227	2.639395138
N	-1.493014347	-0.993393467	3.649366462
N	5.033073798	0.575546316	0.588557852
N	3.785988390	0.633666056	0.549050026
N	2.553445309	-0.469551387	-3.100574298
N	1.428936462	-0.552391152	-2.943289227
N	-3.541200437	-0.755826209	2.877449251
N	-4.677475453	-0.837210835	2.890504880
N	5.607954815	0.965985629	-0.646774824
N	2.653172587	0.630162115	0.674873412

N_8 EEE monomer

PBE-D aug-cc-pVDZ

E_{uc}: 295.5244229193 hartree

Total Energy: -435.5510337742 hartree

N	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
N	0.000000	0.000000	1.283946
N	1.393178	0.000000	-0.421351
N	1.453682	0.000000	-1.709771
N	1.736699	0.000000	-2.838803
N	-1.393184	0.000000	1.705279
N	-1.453691	0.000000	2.993701
N	-1.736711	0.000000	4.122731

N_8 EEE monomer

wB97X-D aug-cc-pVDZ

E_{uc}: 311.1972345685 hartree

Total Energy: -437.6879172650

N	6.164797	-0.307254	0.000000
N	7.124279	0.697270	0.000000
N	4.081885	-0.788695	0.000000
N	5.041679	0.215208	0.000000
N	9.331047	-0.185795	0.000000

N	8.260572	0.164947	0.000000
N	2.945985	-0.254719	0.000000
N	1.876001	0.097266	0.000000

N_8 EZE monomer

PBE-D aug-cc-pVDZ

Enuc: 298.9240022291 hartree

Total Energy: -435.5562314181 hartree

N	0.000208	-0.934334	0.629319
N	0.000208	-0.934334	-0.629319
N	0.001728	0.415463	1.293380
N	-0.000210	0.245884	2.566735
N	-0.001727	0.272988	3.731235
N	0.001728	0.415463	-1.293380
N	-0.000210	0.245884	-2.566735
N	-0.001727	0.272988	-3.731235

N_8 EZE monomer

wB97X-D aug-cc-pVDZ

Enuc: 306.3989829351 hartree

Total Energy: -437.692044885264 hartree

N	-0.304867	2.462267	-0.234802
N	-0.251024	1.215541	-0.376477
N	-0.306668	0.618414	0.894313
N	-0.358784	3.586306	-0.283039
N	-0.251074	-1.215550	-0.376475
N	-0.304871	-2.462280	-0.234797
N	-0.306798	-0.618381	0.894300
N	-0.358751	-3.586321	-0.283024

N_8 codimer

wB97X-D aug-cc-pVDZ

Enuc: 844.3205653363 hartree

Total energy: -875.381137976 hartree

N	1.619983	1.136215	-0.053767
N	0.560618	1.518479	-0.060808
N	2.737140	0.570278	-0.083069
N	3.734308	1.519664	0.217442
N	4.889237	1.079832	0.207594
N	4.998995	-0.281827	-0.109994
N	6.205644	-0.619570	-0.082646
N	7.239148	-1.066656	-0.093179
N	-0.543667	-1.736249	-0.307626

N	-1.633420	-1.659933	-0.028667
N	-2.851332	-1.726386	0.260649
N	-3.381679	-0.436688	0.239501
N	-4.618712	-0.525255	0.196988
N	-5.150397	0.761446	0.215091
N	-6.361900	0.695468	-0.106232
N	-7.443966	0.771182	-0.411275

N_8 EEE dimer

N_8 pentagonal dimer

wB97X-D aug-cc-pVDZ

Enuc: 927.5435347003 hartree

Total Energy: -875.444094803433 hartree

N	-1.463063	1.132130	-2.000000
N	-2.549351	0.410692	-2.000000
N	-0.499138	0.245973	-2.000000
N	-0.926893	-0.996097	-2.000000
N	-2.224091	-0.879021	-2.000000
N	0.816981	0.662594	-2.000000
N	1.584718	-0.335068	-2.000000
N	2.392976	-1.117119	-2.000000
N	6.150566	1.252456	-2.000000
N	5.129469	0.443341	-2.000000
N	7.183380	0.443773	-2.000000
N	6.855071	-0.828373	-2.000000
N	5.554257	-0.816546	-2.000000
N	8.459786	0.965202	-2.000000
N	9.318501	0.046820	-2.000000
N	10.216831	-0.630756	-2.000000

N_4 parallel dimer

wB97X-D aug-cc-pVDZ

Enuc: 329.4698362048 hartree

Total Energy: -437.4648513776 hartree

N	0.505998	-0.843243	1.509358
N	0.923696	0.337459	1.509370
N	-0.923696	-0.337459	1.509370
N	-0.505998	0.843243	1.509357
N	-0.843243	-0.505998	-1.509358
N	0.337459	-0.923696	-1.509370
N	-0.337459	0.923696	-1.509370
N	0.843243	0.505998	-1.509358

N_4 parallel dimer
 RI-MOS-MP2 aug-cc-pVDZ
 Euc: 335.9383785026 hartree
 Total MP2 Energy: -436.4265033536 hartree

N	-0.340831	-0.956735	1.328404
N	-1.002187	0.164708	1.328404
N	0.340831	0.956735	1.328404
N	1.002187	-0.164708	1.328404
N	-0.956735	0.340831	-1.328404
N	0.164708	1.002187	-1.328404
N	-0.164708	-1.002187	-1.328404
N	0.956735	-0.340831	-1.328404

N_4 tilted dimer
 wB97X-D aug-cc-pVDZ
 Euc: 304.5652606525 hartree
 Total Energy: -437.465506318127 hartree

N	-1.108745	-0.151973	0.313468
N	-1.943712	-0.975303	-0.117617
N	-2.164680	0.936698	0.291390
N	-3.002616	0.113493	-0.135804
N	1.488445	0.506017	-0.728118
N	2.284871	0.948683	0.127750
N	2.622717	-0.465220	0.550166
N	1.823721	-0.912395	-0.301236

N_4 tilted dimer
 RI-MOS-MP2 aug-cc-pVDZ
 Euc: 307.9585007954 hartree
 Total Energy: -435.1263892475 hartree

N	-1.069157	0.462611	0.644651
N	-1.952680	1.035726	-0.109895
N	-2.598196	-0.350989	-0.409887
N	-1.718457	-0.930872	0.342748
N	1.071435	-0.470042	-0.642869
N	1.952220	-1.032333	0.123133
N	2.595522	0.357835	0.407980
N	1.719313	0.928066	-0.355861

N_4 tetramer
 wB97X-D aug-cc-pVDZ
 Euc: 997.3140442901 hartree

Total Energy: -874.9388548845 hartree

N	1.118570	1.191476	-0.773019
N	1.597037	2.342708	-0.851731
N	0.547264	2.709541	-1.877884
N	0.068675	1.556871	-1.803475
N	-1.402534	1.154393	0.665447
N	-2.559734	1.622644	0.625953
N	-2.992043	0.645248	1.697727
N	-1.835856	0.171620	1.737119
N	-1.197402	-1.424831	-0.708253
N	-1.601912	-2.585677	-0.930237
N	0.049619	-1.702163	-1.524249
N	-0.353218	-2.864373	-1.743657
N	2.736680	-0.841400	0.601575
N	2.942082	-0.223150	1.668212
N	1.546316	-0.567782	2.141140
N	1.336457	-1.185125	1.075332

N_4 tetramer

RI-MOS-MP2 aug-cc-pVDZ

Enuc: 1010.3816776826 hartree

Total MP2 Energy: -872.8657132323 hartree

N	1.312739	0.927030	-0.662574
N	1.993015	2.008682	-0.881829
N	0.948333	2.468415	-1.929834
N	0.255475	1.390890	-1.732455
N	0.932425	-1.224629	1.087213
N	1.015913	-0.619336	2.231681
N	2.548865	-0.477828	2.057547
N	2.490433	-1.079077	0.912105
N	-1.152661	-1.064976	-0.833472
N	-1.719776	-2.204453	-1.080558
N	-0.471643	-2.670306	-1.870440
N	0.116488	-1.539855	-1.636509
N	-1.870270	0.130111	1.545370
N	-2.986179	0.776612	1.416482
N	-2.272849	1.899935	0.632918
N	-1.140308	1.278787	0.744357