

Supporting Information

**Theoretical insights into single-pole quadruple-throw (SP4T)
inorganic nonlinear optics molecular switch of Na(HCN)₃Na: from
superalkali to superalkalides**

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Optimized Cartesian coordinates at the MP2/6-311+G(3df,3pd) level.

Na(HCN)₃Na

1 *D*_{3h}

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Na | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 1.96214529 |
| Na | 0.00000000 | -0.00000000 | -1.96214529 |
| C | -2.74349518 | -1.58395768 | 0.00000000 |
| C | 0.00000000 | 3.16791537 | 0.00000000 |
| C | 2.74349518 | -1.58395768 | 0.00000000 |
| N | 0.00000000 | 2.00184019 | 0.00000000 |
| N | -1.73364446 | -1.00092010 | 0.00000000 |
| N | 1.73364446 | -1.00092010 | 0.00000000 |
| H | 3.66673967 | -2.11699314 | 0.00000000 |
| H | -3.66673967 | -2.11699314 | -0.00000000 |
| H | 0.00000000 | 4.23398628 | 0.00000000 |

2 *C*_{3v}

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Na | 3.75841187 | -0.00046224 | 0.00026655 |
| Na | -2.33858407 | 0.00009357 | -0.00015826 |
| C | 0.11564042 | -1.77425474 | -1.41739038 |
| C | 0.11556798 | -0.34022641 | 2.24512516 |
| C | 0.11619634 | 2.11503343 | -0.82823149 |
| N | -1.01038218 | -0.29475051 | 1.94673122 |
| N | -1.01026570 | -1.53844021 | -1.22872307 |
| N | -1.00946065 | 1.83306748 | -0.71754141 |
| H | 1.16959612 | 2.30969747 | -0.90472521 |
| H | 1.16933812 | -1.93653936 | -1.54723548 |
| H | 1.16929128 | -0.37155371 | 2.45048264 |

3 *C*_{3v}

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | 1.30264329 | -0.06014141 | 3.19620303 |
| C | 1.25252363 | 2.81757172 | -1.55060293 |
| C | 1.28447454 | -2.73906955 | -1.66540023 |
| N | 0.93636763 | 1.83631727 | -1.01078224 |
| N | 0.96642111 | -0.03972004 | 2.08231189 |
| N | 0.95561661 | -1.78488396 | -1.08609457 |
| H | 1.57087653 | -3.61665401 | -2.19813392 |
| H | 1.59585026 | -0.07888542 | 4.22073414 |
| H | 1.52711475 | 3.71993823 | -2.04690926 |
| Na | -0.47256733 | -0.00358333 | 0.00272174 |
| Na | -3.86748064 | -0.01610360 | 0.01955683 |

2a *C*_{3v}

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Na | -3.64536500 | 0.00128000 | 0.00290200 |
| Na | 2.19400100 | -0.00010500 | -0.00206900 |

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | -0.11120500 | 2.31404600 | -0.14009800 |
| C | -0.10937200 | -1.03624000 | 2.07352500 |
| C | -0.11538800 | -1.27931500 | -1.93442800 |
| N | 1.02669900 | -0.91744500 | 1.83529500 |
| N | 1.02492300 | 2.04856300 | -0.12438700 |
| N | 1.02019600 | -1.13119800 | -1.71092000 |
| H | -1.17692000 | -1.37403700 | -2.07722000 |
| H | -1.17341400 | 2.48184800 | -0.14985600 |
| H | -1.17160100 | -1.11111600 | 2.22400000 |

3a C_{3v}

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Na | -0.05002200 | 0.03672100 | 3.16767200 |
| Na | -0.00133300 | -0.00316400 | -0.26999200 |
| C | -3.11172600 | -0.15680100 | -0.39657800 |
| C | 1.43729900 | 2.75493300 | -0.36144000 |
| C | 1.70024000 | -2.61655600 | -0.30704700 |
| N | 1.12552600 | 2.12513800 | -1.29200300 |
| N | -2.39354700 | -0.12973800 | -1.31479300 |
| N | 1.32719600 | -2.03204200 | -1.24449200 |
| H | 2.04374500 | -3.15494900 | 0.54749900 |
| H | -3.77238500 | -0.18187400 | 0.44065600 |
| H | 1.72443200 | 3.33473200 | 0.48676200 |

Li(HCN)₃Li

2 C_{3v}

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | 1.11830035 | 1.98330739 | 0.32268934 |
| C | 1.15888026 | -1.95952177 | 0.32509860 |
| C | -2.27684654 | -0.02306537 | 0.32439455 |
| N | 0.89859177 | -1.52108646 | -0.72353079 |
| N | 0.86740257 | 1.53796028 | -0.72533946 |
| N | -1.76650445 | -0.01892057 | -0.72399518 |
| H | -2.75325628 | -0.02705485 | 1.28049215 |
| H | 1.35238933 | 2.39913033 | 1.27841821 |
| H | 1.40185185 | -2.36899035 | 1.28134561 |
| Li | -0.00044709 | -0.00098496 | -1.63925616 |
| Li | 0.00064091 | 0.00329186 | 3.48482518 |

3 C_{3v}

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | -2.67907583 | -1.33400838 | -0.45111695 |
| C | 2.49494593 | -1.65210373 | -0.45238826 |
| C | 0.18348514 | 2.98644873 | -0.45203083 |
| N | 1.55536225 | -1.03031523 | -0.16431055 |
| N | -1.67021601 | -0.83204214 | -0.16361624 |
| N | 0.11429408 | 1.86185979 | -0.16402667 |

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | 0.24751111 | 4.02568117 | -0.67909821 |
| H | -3.61124264 | -1.79796360 | -0.67799664 |
| H | 3.36314080 | -2.22676871 | -0.67967766 |
| Li | 0.00005614 | -0.00042811 | 0.76928565 |
| Li | 0.00273619 | 0.00059960 | 3.76860204 |

K(HCN)₃K

2 C_{3v}

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | 0.04971604 | -0.91437906 | 2.04831019 |
| C | 0.05026448 | -1.31838968 | -1.81520395 |
| C | 0.04968378 | 2.23257767 | -0.23321805 |
| N | 1.20092868 | -1.20700027 | -1.66161062 |
| N | 1.20039198 | -0.83703527 | 1.87511441 |
| N | 1.20022663 | 2.04318225 | -0.21311292 |
| H | -1.02130584 | 2.33410841 | -0.24409842 |
| H | -1.02140456 | -0.95554554 | 2.14065957 |
| H | -1.02084087 | -1.37773747 | -1.89719439 |
| K | 2.96897145 | 0.00034303 | 0.00002305 |
| K | -4.18188016 | -0.00001177 | -0.00009841 |

Table S1. Convergence of β_{zz}^{SOS} (and β_0^{SOS}) as a function of the number of excited states (N) of **2** of Na(HCN)₃Na at M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level.

| CES | $\Delta\mu_i^z$ | μ_{0i}^z | ΔE | f_0 | $\beta_{zz}^{\text{C-SOS}}$ | $\beta_{zz}^{\text{CT-SOS}}$ | $\Sigma\beta_{zz}^{\text{C}}$ | β_{zz}^{SOS} | β_{zz}^e | β_0^{SOS} | β_0^e |
|---------|-----------------|--------------|------------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| N = 250 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.1770 | -1.7403 | 1.4563 | 0.1081 | -26501 | | | | | | |
| 7 | -4.0964 | -2.3889 | 1.9470 | 0.2725 | -27421 | 15284 | -38638 | -16711 | -7255 | 3333 | 10940 |
| N = 200 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.1856 | -1.7366 | 1.4568 | 0.1076 | -26423 | | | | | | |
| 7 | -4.1158 | -2.3889 | 1.9467 | 0.2722 | -27535 | 15193 | -38766 | -16922 | -7255 | 3436 | 10940 |
| N = 150 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.1856 | -1.7366 | 1.4568 | 0.1076 | -26424 | | | | | | |
| 7 | -4.1158 | -2.3889 | 1.9467 | 0.2722 | -27535 | 15193 | -38766 | -16865 | -7255 | 3429 | 10940 |
| N = 100 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.1856 | -1.7366 | 1.4568 | 0.1076 | -26424 | | | | | | |
| 7 | -4.1158 | -2.3889 | 1.9467 | 0.2722 | -27536 | 15193 | -38766 | -16965 | -7255 | 3446 | 10940 |
| N = 50 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.1856 | -1.7366 | 1.4568 | 0.1076 | -26424 | | | | | | |
| 7 | -4.1158 | -2.3889 | 1.9467 | 0.2722 | -27535 | 15193 | -38766 | -16110 | -7255 | 2398 | 10940 |

Table S2. Crucial excited state (CES) and its z-component of transition dipole moment (μ_{0i}^z), variation of z-component of dipole moment between ground state and CES ($\Delta\mu_z$, a.u.), transition energy (ΔE , eV) of CES, oscillator strength (f_0), static first hyperpolarizability (β_0 , a.u.) and its z-component (β_{zzz} , a.u.) and their values obtained by sum-over-states calculation (β_0^{SOS} and β_{zzz}^{SOS} , a.u.), contribution of individual CES to β_{zzz}^{SOS} ($\beta_{zzz}^{\text{C-SOS}}$, a.u.), and cross term contribution between two CESs ($\beta_{zzz}^{\text{CT-SOS}}$) of **2** of Na(HCN)₃Na using different methods with 6-311++G(3df,3pd) basis set.

| CES | $\Delta\mu_z$ | μ_{0i}^z | ΔE | f_0 | $\beta_{zzz}^{\text{C-SOS}}$ | $\beta_{zzz}^{\text{CT-SOS}}$ | β_{zzz}^{SOS} | β_{zzz}^c | β_0^{SOS} | β_0^c |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| M06-2X | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.1856 | 1.7366 | 1.4568 | 0.1076 | -26424 | | | | | |
| 7 | -4.1158 | -2.3889 | 1.9467 | 0.2722 | -27536 | 15193 | -16965 | -7255 | 3446 | 10940 |
| PBE0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -3.5984 | -2.2777 | 1.4845 | 0.1887 | -37635 | | | | | |
| 10 | 1.3287 | -2.4242 | 2.2094 | 0.3181 | 7106 | 22804 | -9608 | -7255 | 8578 | 10940 |
| B3LYP | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -3.4252 | 2.2120 | 1.4174 | 0.1699 | -37059 | | | | | |
| 10 | -1.3309 | -2.1953 | 2.1681 | 0.2560 | -6062 | 15813 | -28665 | -7255 | 13634 | 10940 |
| CAM-B3LYP | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.2242 | 2.0870 | 1.5313 | 0.1634 | -34859 | | | | | |
| 8 | -1.1707 | -2.3835 | 2.1989 | 0.3060 | -6111 | 18081 | -9539 | -7255 | 6195 | 10940 |
| LC-BLYP | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.9230 | 1.9908 | 1.7744 | 0.1723 | -27532 | | | | | |
| 7 | -0.3365 | 2.4981 | 2.2706 | 0.3472 | -1809 | 25236 | -2685 | -7255 | 16678 | 10940 |
| WB97X-D | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 3.2341 | -2.5192 | 1.6550 | 0.2573 | 33291 | | | | | |
| 7 | -1.9103 | -2.3386 | 2.2907 | 0.3069 | -8845 | -26979 | -2775 | -7255 | 21006 | 10940 |

Table S3. Crucial excited state (CES) and its z-component of transition dipole moment (μ_{0i}^z), variation of z-component of dipole moment between ground state and CES ($\Delta\mu_z$, a.u), transition energy (ΔE , eV) of CES, oscillator strength (f_0) and its z-component (f_0^z), static first hyperpolarizability (β_0 , a.u.) and its z-component (β_{zzz} , a.u.) and their values obtained by sum-over-states calculation (β_0^{SOS} and β_{zzz}^{SOS} , a.u.), contribution of individual CES to β_{zzz}^{SOS} ($\beta_{zzz}^{\text{C-SOS}}$, a.u.), and cross term contribution between two CESs ($\beta_{zzz}^{\text{CT-SOS}}$) of **2** of Na(HCN)₃Na using PBE0 method with different basis sets.

| CES | $\Delta\mu_z$ | μ_{0i}^z | ΔE | f_0 | $\beta_{zzz}^{\text{C-SOS}}$ | $\beta_{zzz}^{\text{CT-SOS}}$ | β_{zzz}^{SOS} | β_{zzz}^c | β_0^{SOS} | β_0^c |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 6-311++G(3df,3pd) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -3.5984 | -2.2777 | 1.4845 | 0.1887 | -37635 | | | | | |
| 10 | 1.3287 | -2.4242 | 2.2094 | 0.3181 | 7106 | 22804 | -9608 | -7255 | 8578 | 10940 |
| 6-311++G(2d,2p) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -3.6172 | 2.2880 | 1.4845 | 0.1904 | -38173 | | | | | |
| 10 | 1.0358 | -2.4003 | 2.2120 | 0.3124 | 5419 | 10045 | -12018 | -7255 | 6521 | 10940 |
| aug-cc-pVTZ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -3.5936 | -2.2765 | 1.4857 | 0.1886 | -37484 | | | | | |
| 10 | 0.8719 | -2.3965 | 2.2105 | 0.3110 | 4552 | 21685 | -11046 | -7255 | 6215 | 10940 |
| aug-pc-2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -3.5925 | 2.2858 | 1.4857 | 0.1902 | -37779 | | | | | |
| 10 | 0.2223 | -2.4096 | 2.2239 | 0.3164 | 1159 | 21897 | -12244 | -7255 | 5337 | 10940 |
| ma-TZVP | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -3.6821 | -2.2837 | 1.4844 | 0.1896 | -38718 | | | | | |
| 10 | 0.5802 | -2.3959 | 2.2075 | 0.3105 | 3036 | 22781 | -11939 | -7255 | 6554 | 10940 |
| POL | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -3.6148 | -2.2865 | 1.4813 | 0.1897 | -38265 | | | | | |
| 10 | 1.3682 | -2.3870 | 2.2043 | 0.3077 | 7128 | 22641 | 10997 | -7255 | 6926 | 10940 |

Table S4. Crucial excited state (CES) and its z-component of transition dipole moment (μ_{0i}^z), variation of z-component of dipole moment between ground state and CES ($\Delta\mu_z$, a.u), transition energy (ΔE , eV) of CES, oscillator strength (f_0), static first hyperpolarizability (β_0 , a.u.) and its z-component (β_{zzz} , a.u.) and their values obtained by sum-over-states calculation (β_0^{SOS} and β_{zzz}^{SOS} , a.u.), contribution of individual CES to β_{zzz}^{SOS} ($\beta_{zzz}^{\text{C-SOS}}$, a.u.), and cross term contribution between two CESs ($\beta_{zzz}^{\text{CT-SOS}}$) of **2** of Na(HCN)₃Na using CAM-B3LYP method with different basis sets.

| CES | $\Delta\mu_z$ | μ_{0i}^z | ΔE | f_0 | $\beta_{zzz}^{\text{C-SOS}}$ | $\beta_{zzz}^{\text{CT-SOS}}$ | β_{zzz}^{SOS} | β_{zzz}^c | β_0^{SOS} | β_0^c |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 6-311++G(3df,3pd) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.2242 | 2.0870 | 1.5313 | 0.1634 | -34859 | | | | | |
| 8 | -1.1707 | -2.3835 | 2.1989 | 0.3060 | -6111 | 18081 | -9539 | -7255 | 6195 | 10940 |
| 6-311++G(2d,2p) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.2100 | 2.1006 | 1.5346 | 0.1659 | -35046 | | | | | |
| 8 | -1.2229 | -2.3731 | 2.1995 | 0.3035 | -6324 | 17853 | -11184 | -7255 | 4691 | 10940 |
| aug-cc-pVTZ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.1900 | 2.0908 | 1.5292 | 0.1638 | -34799 | | | | | |
| 8 | -1.4944 | -2.3635 | 2.1927 | 0.3001 | -7713 | 17389 | -10197 | -7255 | 4988 | 10940 |
| aug-pc-2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.2125 | 2.0926 | 1.5301 | 0.1642 | -35006 | | | | | |
| 8 | -1.8960 | -2.3693 | 2.2052 | 0.3033 | -9723 | 17616 | -10681 | -7255 | 4131 | 10940 |
| ma-TZVP | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.2907 | 2.1019 | 1.5371 | 0.1664 | -35646 | | | | | |
| 8 | -1.6309 | -2.3686 | 2.1955 | 0.3018 | -8433 | 18340 | -11133 | -7255 | 4562 | 10940 |
| POL | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | -4.2502 | 2.1048 | 1.5277 | 0.1658 | -35843 | | | | | |
| 8 | -0.9268 | 2.3639 | 2.1975 | 0.3008 | -4764 | 18813 | -10586 | -7255 | 4987 | 10940 |

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| CES | $\Delta\mu_z$ | μ_{0i}^z | ΔE | f_0 | f_0^z | $\beta_{zz}^{\text{C-SOS}}$ | $\beta_{zz}^{\text{CT-SOS}}$ | β_{zz}^{SOS} | β_{zz} | β_0^{SOS} | β_0 |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------|---------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Na(HCN) ₃ Na | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 11 | 0.0000 | -2.5101 | 1.6439 | 0.2538 | 0.2538 | 0.00 | | | | |
| 1 | 19 | 0.0000 | -1.4876 | 2.1523 | 0.1167 | 0.1167 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 188 | 417 |
| | 13,14 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1.7267 | 0.3178 | 0.0000 | 0.00 | | | | |
| | 4 | -5.2780 | -1.8715 | 1.5523 | 0.1332 | 0.1332 | -34082 | | | | |
| 2a | 10 | 1.6686 | 2.3587 | 2.2709 | 0.3096 | 0.3096 | 7997 | 20271 | -9925 | -6633 | 6113 |
| | 8,9 | -2.6386 | 0.0035 | 2.2146 | 0.3231 | 0.0000 | -0.32 | | | | |
| | 4 | -3.5984 | -2.2777 | 1.4845 | 0.1887 | 0.1887 | -37635 | | | | |
| | 10 | 1.3287 | -2.4242 | 2.2094 | 0.3181 | 0.3181 | 7106 | 22804 | | | |
| 2 | 8,9 | 4.8301 | 0.0007 | 2.1836 | 0.2387 | 0.0000 | 0.01 | | -9608 | -7255 | 8578 |
| | 11,12 | 6.9324 | 0.0024 | 2.3660 | 0.1328 | 0.0000 | 0.04 | | | | |
| | 9 | 1.7820 | 2.8250 | 2.1734 | 0.4251 | 0.4249 | 13375 | | | | |
| 3a | 7,8 | -0.2509 | 0.0584 | 2.0999 | 0.2691 | 0.0002 | -0.88 | | 15206 | 9488 | 16804 |
| | 10 | 2.7266 | 2.6999 | 2.0139 | 0.3597 | 0.3597 | 21771 | | | | |
| 3 | 8,9 | -7.0148 | -0.0050 | 1.7021 | 0.1100 | 0.0000 | -0.46 | | 39459 | 5785 | 50104 |
| | 11,12 | -1.0820 | 0.0022 | 2.0676 | 0.2888 | 0.0000 | -0.06 | | | | |
| Li(HCN) ₃ Li | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3 | 3.2262 | -2.6624 | 1.5842 | 0.2751 | 0.2751 | 40482 | | | | |
| 2 | 10 | -2.6205 | -1.9288 | 2.3733 | 0.2163 | 0.2163 | -7689 | -38233 | -5396 | -6818 | 7703 |
| | 8,9 | 2.8684 | 0.0007 | 2.2813 | 0.2964 | 0.0000 | 0.00 | | | | |
| | 7 | 8.9446 | -1.5799 | 1.6349 | 0.1000 | 0.1000 | 37110 | | | | |
| | 10 | -3.7399 | -1.9820 | 2.1076 | 0.2029 | 0.2028 | -14694 | -27678 | | | |
| 3 | 8,9 | 5.6566 | 0.0019 | 1.7521 | 0.1119 | 0.0000 | 0.03 | | 28264 | 2845 | 39105 |
| | 11,12 | -0.0426 | 0.0131 | 2.1238 | 0.2316 | 0.0000 | -0.00 | | | | |
| K(HCN) ₃ K | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4 | 4.4207 | 2.1395 | 1.1650 | 0.1306 | 0.1306 | 66237 | | | | |
| | 10 | -4.3533 | 3.0808 | 1.7092 | 0.3975 | 0.3975 | -62837 | -33902 | | | |
| 2 | 5,6 | -1.9802 | -0.0012 | 1.4299 | 0.1140 | 0.0000 | -0.01 | | -54413 | -24437 | 14709 |
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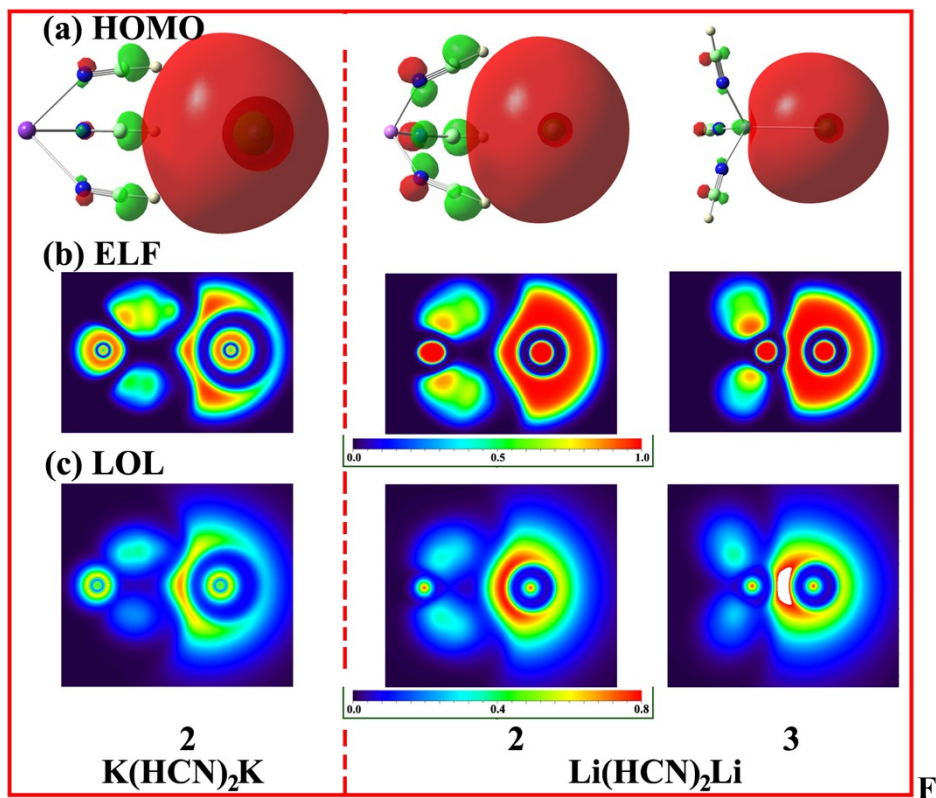


Fig. S1. HOMOs, ELF and LOL maps of $\text{M}(\text{HCN})_3\text{M}$. (M = Li or K) (a) HOMO, (b) ELF, and (b) LOL. HOMOs have the isovalue of 0.02 a.u.