

1 Supplementary Material: Protonated phosphorus
2 mononitride: spectroscopic parameters and formation
3 routes relevant for astrochemistry

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Table S1: Energetics of the potential energy surfaces (PESs) for the reactions $\text{PN}+\text{H}_3^+$, $\text{PH}+\text{NH}^+$, and PH^++NH . The electronic energies, E_e , and zero-point vibrational energies, ZPE, were computed at the revDSD/jun(T+d)Z level of theory.

Reactants	Stationary point	Products	$E = E_e + \text{ZPE}$ (kJ/mol)
$\text{PN}+\text{H}_3^+$ ^a			0
	Min1		-375.0
	Min2		-372.7
	Min3		-25.4
	Min4		-33.9
	TS1		-369.6
	TS2		+15.3
	TS3		-24.1
		$\text{PNH}^+(^1\Sigma^+)+\text{H}_2$	-368.8
		$\text{HPN}^+(^1\Sigma^+)+\text{H}_2$	-18.8
$\text{PH}+\text{NH}^+$ ^b			0
PH^++NH			-322.3
	² VdW		-353.5
	² VdW-TS		-362.5
	² Min1		-818.6
	² Min2		-751.4
	² Min3		-960.5
	² Min4		-629.0
	² TS1		-748.9
	² TS2		-728.4
	² TS3		-697.6
	² TS4		-506.8
	² TS5		-394.1
		$\text{PNH}^+(^1\Sigma^+)+\text{H}$	-747.8
		$\text{HPN}^+(^1\Sigma^+)+\text{H}$	-397.8
	⁴ VdW		-358.6
	⁴ VdW-TS		-362.1
	⁴ Min1		-550.3
	⁴ Min2		-374.6
	⁴ Min3		-492.8
	⁴ Min4		-234.2
	⁴ TS1		-371.9
	⁴ TS2		-340.9
	⁴ TS3		-234.5
		$\text{PNH}^+(^3A')+ \text{H}$	-371.2
		$\text{HPN}^+(^3A')+ \text{H}$	-223.0

^a E_e ($\text{PN}+\text{H}_3^+$) = -397.05766 H and ZPE ($\text{PN}+\text{H}_3^+$) = 0.02024 H

^b E_e ($\text{PH}+\text{NH}^+$) = -396.24121 H and ZPE ($\text{PH}+\text{NH}^+$) = 0.01222 H

Table S2: Long-range interaction and reaction rate coefficients for the ion-molecule reactions $\text{PN}+\text{H}_3^+$, $\text{PH}+\text{NH}^+$, and PH^++NH .

$k(\text{T}): \text{PN}+\text{H}_3^+ \text{ (cm}^3\text{molecule}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}\text{)}$			$k(\text{T}): \text{PH}+\text{NH}^+ \text{ (cm}^3\text{molecule}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}\text{)}$						
T	$V(r, \theta)$ three-terms	$\text{PNH}^+(\Sigma^+)$	$\text{PNH}^+(\Sigma^+)$	three-terms	$\text{PNH}^+(\Sigma^+)$	$\text{HPN}^+(\Sigma^+)$	$\text{HPN}^+(\Sigma^+)$	Total PNH^+	Total HPN^+
10	4.6×10^{-8}	4.1×10^{-8}	1.1×10^{-9}	4.2×10^{-9}	1.1×10^{-9}	1.2×10^{-10}	2.3×10^{-9}	1.9×10^{-10}	3.1×10^{-10}
20	3.2×10^{-8}	2.9×10^{-8}	8.7×10^{-10}	3.2×10^{-9}	8.7×10^{-10}	8.9×10^{-11}	1.8×10^{-9}	1.4×10^{-10}	2.3×10^{-10}
30	2.6×10^{-8}	2.4×10^{-8}	7.6×10^{-10}	2.8×10^{-9}	7.6×10^{-10}	7.7×10^{-11}	1.5×10^{-9}	1.3×10^{-10}	2.0×10^{-10}
40	2.3×10^{-8}	2.1×10^{-8}	6.9×10^{-10}	2.5×10^{-9}	6.9×10^{-10}	7.1×10^{-11}	1.4×10^{-9}	1.2×10^{-10}	1.9×10^{-10}
50	2.1×10^{-8}	1.9×10^{-8}	6.5×10^{-10}	2.4×10^{-9}	6.5×10^{-10}	6.7×10^{-11}	1.3×10^{-9}	1.1×10^{-10}	1.7×10^{-10}
60	1.9×10^{-8}	1.7×10^{-8}	6.2×10^{-10}	2.3×10^{-9}	6.2×10^{-10}	6.3×10^{-11}	1.3×10^{-9}	1.0×10^{-10}	1.7×10^{-10}
70	1.8×10^{-8}	1.6×10^{-8}	6.0×10^{-10}	2.2×10^{-9}	6.0×10^{-10}	6.1×10^{-11}	1.2×10^{-9}	1.0×10^{-10}	1.6×10^{-10}
80	1.7×10^{-8}	1.5×10^{-8}	5.8×10^{-10}	2.1×10^{-9}	5.8×10^{-10}	5.9×10^{-11}	1.2×10^{-9}	9.6×10^{-11}	1.6×10^{-10}
90	1.6×10^{-8}	1.4×10^{-8}	5.6×10^{-10}	2.1×10^{-9}	5.6×10^{-10}	5.7×10^{-11}	1.1×10^{-9}	9.3×10^{-11}	1.5×10^{-10}
100	1.5×10^{-8}	1.3×10^{-8}	5.5×10^{-10}	2.0×10^{-9}	5.5×10^{-10}	5.6×10^{-11}	1.1×10^{-9}	9.1×10^{-11}	1.5×10^{-10}
200	1.1×10^{-8}	9.8×10^{-9}	4.9×10^{-10}	1.8×10^{-9}	4.9×10^{-10}	5.0×10^{-11}	9.9×10^{-10}	8.1×10^{-11}	1.3×10^{-10}
300	9.2×10^{-9}	8.3×10^{-9}	4.6×10^{-10}	1.7×10^{-9}	4.6×10^{-10}	4.8×10^{-11}	9.4×10^{-10}	7.8×10^{-11}	1.3×10^{-10}
400	8.2×10^{-9}	7.4×10^{-9}	4.5×10^{-10}	1.7×10^{-9}	4.5×10^{-10}	4.7×10^{-11}	9.2×10^{-10}	7.6×10^{-11}	1.4×10^{-10}

$k(\text{T}): \text{PH}^++\text{NH} \text{ (cm}^3\text{molecule}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}\text{)}$				
T	$V(r, \theta)$ three-terms	$\text{PNH}^+(\Sigma^+)$	$\text{HPN}^+(\Sigma^+)$	Total PNH^+
10	1.2×10^{-8}	3.5×10^{-9}	7.4×10^{-13}	6.9×10^{-9}
20	8.2×10^{-9}	2.5×10^{-9}	5.3×10^{-13}	4.9×10^{-9}
30	6.7×10^{-9}	2.0×10^{-9}	4.4×10^{-13}	4.0×10^{-9}
40	5.9×10^{-9}	1.8×10^{-9}	3.9×10^{-13}	3.5×10^{-9}
50	5.3×10^{-9}	1.6×10^{-9}	3.5×10^{-13}	3.2×10^{-9}
60	4.9×10^{-9}	1.5×10^{-9}	3.2×10^{-13}	2.9×10^{-9}
70	4.5×10^{-9}	1.4×10^{-9}	3.0×10^{-13}	2.7×10^{-9}
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