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Charge-Displacement Analysis as a Tool to Study Chalcogen Bonded Adducts and Predict their Association Constants in Solution[†]

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Figure S1. Charge Displacement function for 3aCl calculated with different XC functionals. The black dots represent the *z* coordinate of the atoms. The red vertical line identifies a suitable boundary between the two fragments.



Figure S2. Charge Displacement function for the 2X adducts. The black dot represent the z coordinate of the tellurium, always placed at the origin. The red vertical band identifies the range of the inter-fragment boundaries.



Figure S3. Charge Displacement function for the 4X adducts. The black dot represent the z coordinate of the tellurium, always placed at the origin. The red vertical band identifies the range of the inter-fragment boundaries.



Figure S4. Charge Displacement function for the 5X adducts. The black dot represent the z coordinate of the tellurium, always placed at the origin. The red vertical band identifies the range of the inter-fragment boundaries.



Figure S5. 3D contour plot of the change of electronic density upon formation of the adduct $2NO_3$. Blue (red) isosurfaces identify regions in which the electron density increases (decreases). Density value at the isosurfaces: ± 0.002 au.



Figure S6. 3D contour plot of the change of electronic density upon formation of the adduct **2Q**. Blue (red) isosurfaces identify regions in which the electron density increases (decreases). Density value at the isosurfaces: ± 0.002 au.



Figure S7. Linear correlation between ω and the lengthening of N¹-Te for the 2-5X adducts (r² = 0.8889). Adduct **3aQ** has been excluded from the fitting procedure since its value of ω is affected not only by the Te^{...}X interaction (see main text).



Figure S8. Charge Displacement functions for the $IC_6F_5\cdots Cl^-$ and $IC_6F_5\cdots Q$ adducts. The iodine is always placed at the origin, while the anion is always placed on the +*z* semiaxis. The black and red vertical lines identify the inter-fragment boundaries for $IC_6F_5\cdots Cl^-$ and $IC_6F_5\cdots Q$, respectively. Aside are shown the 3D contour plots of the change of electronic density upon formation of the adduct for $IC_6F_5\cdots Cl^-$ (top) and $IC_6F_5\cdots Q$ (down), respectively. Blue (red) isosurfaces identify regions in which the electron density increases (decreases). Density value at the isosurfaces: ± 0.002 au.

| Compound | ω (e) | $q_{ m H}$ $^{ m a}$ | Compound | ω (e) | $q_{ m H}{}^{ m a}$ |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| | | | | | |
| 2 Br | 0.249 | -0.250 | 3a Br | 0.277 | -0.288 |
| 2 Cl | 0.278 | -0.276 | 3 aCl | 0.300 | -0.306 |
| 2 I | 0.234 | -0.241 | 3aI | 0.269 | -0.281 |
| 2 NO ₃ | 0.210 | -0.217 | 3a NO ₃ | 0.225 | -0.230 |
| 2Q | 0.143 | -0.143 | 3aQ | 0.141 | -0.163 |
| 4Br | 0.278 | -0.284 | 5 Br | 0.284 | -0.287 |
| 4Cl | 0.303 | -0.302 | 5 Cl | 0.307 | -0.305 |
| 4 I | 0.270 | -0.278 | 51 | 0.274 | -0.283 |
| 4 NO ₃ | 0.244 | -0.240 | 5 NO ₃ | 0.248 | -0.247 |
| 4Q | 0.160 | -0.160 | 5Q | 0.170 | -0.172 |
| 6a SPh | 0.376 | -0.370 | 6bSPh | 0.330 | -0.336 |
| 6aSPh | 0.376 | -0.370 | 6bSPh | 0.330 | -0.336 |

Table S1. List of ω and $q_{\rm H}$ values, in electrons, for all the compounds studied.

^a $q_{\rm H}$ is the charge of the telluradiazole as computed by the Hirshfeld charge analysis.

| XYZ Coordinates of optimized compounds (| (B97D3/def2-TZVP/ECP on I) |
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| C ₆ F ₅ I Cl ⁻ | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Cl | 0.0000 | -0.0000 | -2.7570 |
| I | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| С | 0.0000 | 0.0001 | 2.2732 |
| С | 0.0000 | 0.0002 | 5.1071 |
| С | 0.0003 | -1.1848 | 3.0063 |
| С | -0.0003 | 1.1850 | 3.0062 |
| С | -0.0003 | 1.2063 | 4.4039 |
| С | 0.0003 | -1.2059 | 4.4041 |
| F | 0.0006 | -2.3875 | 2.3807 |
| F | 0.0006 | -2.3729 | 5.0927 |
| F | -0.0006 | 2.3734 | 5.0925 |
| F | -0.0006 | 2.3877 | 2.3805 |
| F | 0.0000 | 0.0003 | 6.4587 |
| | | | |

C₆F₅I^{...}Q

| I | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| С | -0.0074 | 0.0070 | 2.1631 |
| С | -0.0246 | 0.0174 | 4.9846 |
| С | -0.0153 | -1.1858 | 2.8901 |
| С | -0.0080 | 1.2052 | 2.8814 |
| С | -0.0166 | 1.2236 | 4.2792 |
| С | -0.0239 | -1.1939 | 4.2881 |
| F | -0.0155 | -2.3767 | 2.2609 |
| F | -0.0317 | -2.3522 | 4.9680 |
| F | -0.0173 | 2.3868 | 4.9506 |
| F | -0.0009 | 2.3914 | 2.2435 |
| F | -0.0330 | 0.0224 | 6.3248 |
| Ν | 0.0000 | -0.0000 | -2.7594 |
| С | 0.2042 | 1.3837 | -3.2453 |
| С | -1.3004 | -0.5127 | -3.2455 |
| С | -1.3465 | -0.5356 | -4.8091 |
| С | 0.2066 | 1.4357 | -4.8091 |
| С | -0.0016 | 0.0017 | -5.3402 |
| Н | -0.0023 | 0.0024 | -6.4362 |
| Н | 1.1542 | 1.7397 | -2.8308 |
| Н | -1.4356 | -1.5158 | -2.8255 |
| Н | -2.1705 | 0.0871 | -5.1798 |
| Н | -0.5959 | 2.0890 | -5.1743 |
| Н | -0.5984 | 1.9995 | -2.8239 |
| Н | -2.0814 | 0.1341 | -2.8300 |
| Н | -1.5109 | -1.5571 | -5.1751 |
| Н | 1.1582 | 1.8366 | -5.1801 |
| С | 1.1374 | -0.8940 | -4.8110 |
| Н | 2.1033 | -0.5232 | -5.1768 |
| Н | 1.0110 | -1.9185 | -5.1831 |
| С | 1.0952 | -0.8680 | -3.2473 |
| Н | 0.9287 | -1.8694 | -2.8344 |
| Н | 2.0305 | -0.4818 | -2.8265 |