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## **Unusual Acid-Base Properties of Molecular P<sub>4</sub> in Hydrogen-, Halogen-, and Pnicogen-Bonded Complexes**

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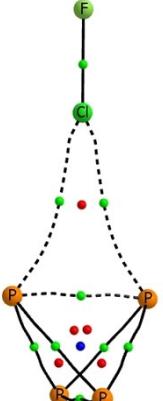
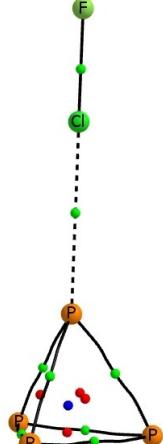
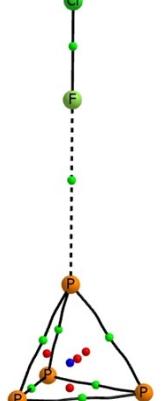
Table S1. Structures, molecular graphs, and total energies of complexes P<sub>4</sub>:FH

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Table S2. Structures, molecular graphs, and total energies of complexes P<sub>4</sub>:ClH

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Table S3. Structures, molecular graphs, and total energies of complexes P<sub>4</sub>:ClF

	p4_clf_bond MP2= -1923.01548249 NIMAG= 0 P,-0.1570792195,0.,1.2578359893 P,1.1335394036,0.,-0.5673743715 P,-0.7768866129,-1.1094886998,-0.5493417922 P,-0.7768866129,1.1094886998,-0.5493417922 Cl,2.8776045586,0.,2.0347736968 F,4.2331032791,0.,2.9932560339
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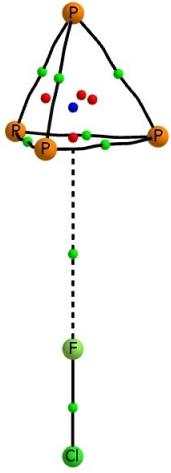
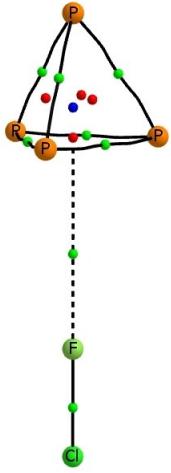
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Table S4. Components of spin-spin coupling constants for complexes with molecular P<sub>4</sub>

## Hydrogen-bonded complexes with FH

Site	PSO	DSO	FC	SD	J	
bond	-3.1	0.1	16.6	0.4	14.1	<sup>2h</sup> J(F-P2)
	-0.9	1.2	-4.5	-0.1	-4.3	<sup>1h</sup> J(H-P <sub>2</sub> )
	-4.5	-0.2	-1.9	0.7	-5.9	J(F-P1)
	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1	J(H-P1)
	169.1	1.3	328.0	1.1	499.5	1J(F-H)
face	-2.2	0.1	1.4	0.0	-0.6	<sup>2h</sup> J(F-P2)
	-0.1	1.1	-1.4	-0.4	-0.8	<sup>1h</sup> J(H-P <sub>2</sub> )
	-12.7	-0.4	-9.0	0.6	-21.4	J(F-P1)
	0.6	-0.1	1.7	-0.5	1.7	J(H-P1)
	176.5	1.5	322.4	1.8	502.2	1J(F-H)
vertex	-0.5	0.2	64.6	0.6	64.9	<sup>2h</sup> J(F-P1)
	-2.0	1.3	-14.2	0.6	-14.3	<sup>1h</sup> J(H-P <sub>1</sub> )
	-0.4	-0.2	1.1	0.6	1.1	J(F-P2)
	-0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.5	0.1	J(H-P2)
	174.9	1.0	329.9	1.7	507.5	1J(F-H)

## Hydrogen-bonded complexes with ClH

Site	PSO	DSO	FC	SD	J	
face	-0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.2	<sup>2h</sup> J(Cl-P <sub>2</sub> )
	0.0	1.0	-2.2	-0.4	-1.6	<sup>1h</sup> J(H-P <sub>2</sub> )
	-2.6	0.0	-1.4	0.1	-3.9	J(Cl-P1)
	0.4	-0.2	3.2	-0.6	2.9	J(H-P1)
	14.0	0.1	23.0	0.3	37.4	1J(Cl-H)
bond	-0.4	0.0	1.8	0.1	1.5	<sup>2h</sup> J(Cl-P <sub>2</sub> )
	-0.8	1.1	-6.4	-0.1	-6.2	<sup>1h</sup> J(H-P <sub>2</sub> )
	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.1	-0.9	J(Cl-P1)
	0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.3	0.1	J(H-P1)
	13.5	0.1	24.2	0.2	38.0	1J(Cl-H)

### Halogen-bonded complexes with ClF

Site	PSO	DSO	FC	SD	J	
bond	3.0	0.0	60.9	0.6	64.5	$J(\text{Cl-P}_1)$
	3.5	0.0	-1.8	0.9	2.6	${}^{1x}J(\text{Cl-P}_2)$
vertex (P...Cl)	-0.4	0.1	351.4	-1.1	350.0	${}^{1x}J(\text{Cl-P}_1)$
	0.9	0.0	6.8	-0.1	7.6	$J(\text{Cl-P}_2)$
vertex (P...F)	0.9	0.6	383.1	-0.3	384.3	${}^{1p}J(\text{P-F1})$
	0.1	0.0	7.1	0.0	7.2	$J(\text{F-P2})$

### Pnicogen-bonded complexes with FH

Site	PSO	DSO	FC	SD	J	
face	-0.3	0.3	15.2	-0.2	15.1	${}^{1p}J(\text{F-P2})$
	-1.1	-0.3	-22.6	0.1	-23.9	$J(\text{F-P1})$
vertex	-0.4	0.4	168.2	0.2	168.3	${}^{1p}J(\text{P-F1})$
	-0.1	-0.1	3.0	0.2	3.0	$J(\text{F-P2})$

### Pnicogen-bonded complex with ClH

Site	PSO	DSO	FC	SD	J	
face	0.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	6.3	${}^{1p}J(\text{Cl-P}_2)$
	0.1	0.0	-7.6	0.2	-7.3	$J(\text{Cl-P1})$

### Pnicogen-bonded complexes with FCl

Site	PSO	DSO	FC	SD	J	
face	0.9	0.5	25.2	-0.2	26.4	${}^{1p}J(\text{F-P2})$
	5.7	-0.2	-40.1	1.2	-33.5	$J(\text{F-P1})$
parallel (face)	-1.3	0.4	67.2	-0.4	66.0	${}^{1p}J(\text{F-P4})$
	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	$J(\text{F-P2})$
	-0.1	0.0	3.4	0.0	3.4	${}^{1p}J(\text{Cl-P2})$
	-0.1	0.0	-2.0	-0.1	-2.2	$J(\text{Cl-P1})$

Table. S5. P-P distances (R, Å) in hydrogen-, halogen-, and pnicogen-bonded complexes with molecular P<sub>4</sub>

Pnicogen-bonded complexes with FH				
Interaction site	R(P <sub>1</sub> -P <sub>2</sub> )	R(P <sub>2</sub> -P <sub>3</sub> )	R(P <sub>1</sub> -P <sub>4</sub> )	R(P <sub>2</sub> -P <sub>4</sub> )
face	2.214	2.208		
vertex	2.214	2.210		
Pnicogen-bonded complexes with ClH				
face	2.213	2.211		
Pnicogen-bonded complexes with FCl				
parallel (face)	2.212	2.209	2.215	2.211
face	2.213	2.210		
Hydrogen-bonded complexes with FH				
Interaction site	R(P <sub>1</sub> -P <sub>2</sub> )	R(P <sub>2</sub> -P <sub>3</sub> )	R(P <sub>1</sub> -P <sub>4</sub> )	R(P <sub>2</sub> -P <sub>4</sub> )
bond	2.207	2.233	2.219	
face	2.208	2.222		
vertex	2.203	2.216		
Hydrogen-bonded complexes with ClH				
bond	2.209	2.226	2.217	
face	2.209	2.219		
Halogen-bonded complexes with ClF				
bond	2.209	2.235	2.219	
vertex (P···Cl)	2.201	2.219		
vertex (P···F)	2.213	2.211		

a) The P-P distance in the P<sub>4</sub> molecule is 2.211 Å.

Table S6. Components of  $^1J(P_i-P_j)$  (Hz) for molecular  $P_4$  and its hydrogen-, halogen-, and pnicogen-bonded complexes

Pnicogen-bonded complexes with FH

Site	PSO	DSO	FC	SD	$J(P1-P2)$
face	-14.0	0.2	-143.1	-4.1	-161.0
vertex	-16.9	0.2	-140.7	-4.2	-161.6
					$J(P2-P3)$
face	-17.3	0.2	-155.6	-4.6	-177.2
vertex	-16.9	0.2	-149.5	-4.5	-170.6

Pnicogen-bonded complexes with FCl

Site	PSO	DSO	FC	SD	$J(P1-P2)$
face	-15.2	0.2	-144.4	-4.2	-163.6
					$J(P2-P3)$
	-16.7	0.2	-151.6	-4.4	-172.5

Hydrogen-bonded complexes with FH

Site	PSO	DSO	FC	SD	$J(P1-P2)$
bond	-20.7	0.2	-152.7	-4.6	-177.7
face	-22.3	0.2	-151.7	-4.9	-178.7
vertex	-15.2	0.2	-160.4	-4.6	-180.0
					$J(P2-P3)$
bond	-9.4	0.2	-115.0	-3.0	-127.1
face	-13.1	0.2	-131.2	-3.6	-147.7
vertex	-14.5	0.2	-141.7	-4.0	-160.0
					$J(P1-P4)$
bond	-11.2	0.2	-140.6	-3.7	-155.3

Hydrogen-bonded complexes with ClH

Site	PSO	DSO	FC	SD	$J(P1-P2)$
bond	-19.5	0.2	-149.8	-4.6	-173.6
face	-21.0	0.2	-148.3	-4.8	-173.9
					$J(P2-P3)$
bond	-11.3	0.2	-126.3	-3.2	-140.6
face	-13.7	0.2	-137.3	-3.6	-154.4
					$J(P1-P4)$
bond	-13.3	0.2	-142.3	-3.9	-159.3

### Halogen-bonded complexes with ClH

Site face	PSO	DSO	FC	SD	$J(P1-P2)$
	-16.2	0.2	-144.6	-4.4	-165.0
					$J(P2-P3)$
	-16.2	0.2	-149.9	-4.3	-170.1

### Halogen-bonded complexes with ClF

Site bond vertex (P...Cl)	PSO	DSO	FC	SD	$J(P1-P2)$
	-20.7	0.2	-148.5	-4.3	-173.3
	-16.2	0.2	-167.0	-4.9	-187.8
					$J(P2-P3)$
bond vertex (P...Cl)	-9.2	0.3	-118.0	-2.7	-129.7
	-12.8	0.2	-140.1	-3.6	-156.3
					$J(P1-P4)$
bond	-12.6	0.2	-141.2	-4.0	-157.6
					$J(P1-P2)$
parallel	-16.0	0.2	-146.3	-4.4	-166.5
	-15.9	0.2	-150.6	-4.1	-170.5
	-15.5	0.2	-141.3	-4.0	-160.6
					$J(P2-P4)$
	-16.8	0.2	-151.9	-4.4	-172.8
vertex (P...F)					$J(P1-P2)$
	-16.7	0.2	-142.8	-4.3	-163.5
	-16.8	0.2	-148.4	-4.4	-169.3
					$J(P2-P3)$

$P_4$ monomer	$^1J(P-P)$				
	-16.3	0.2	-147.3	-4.3	-167.8