

## Electronic Supplementary Information

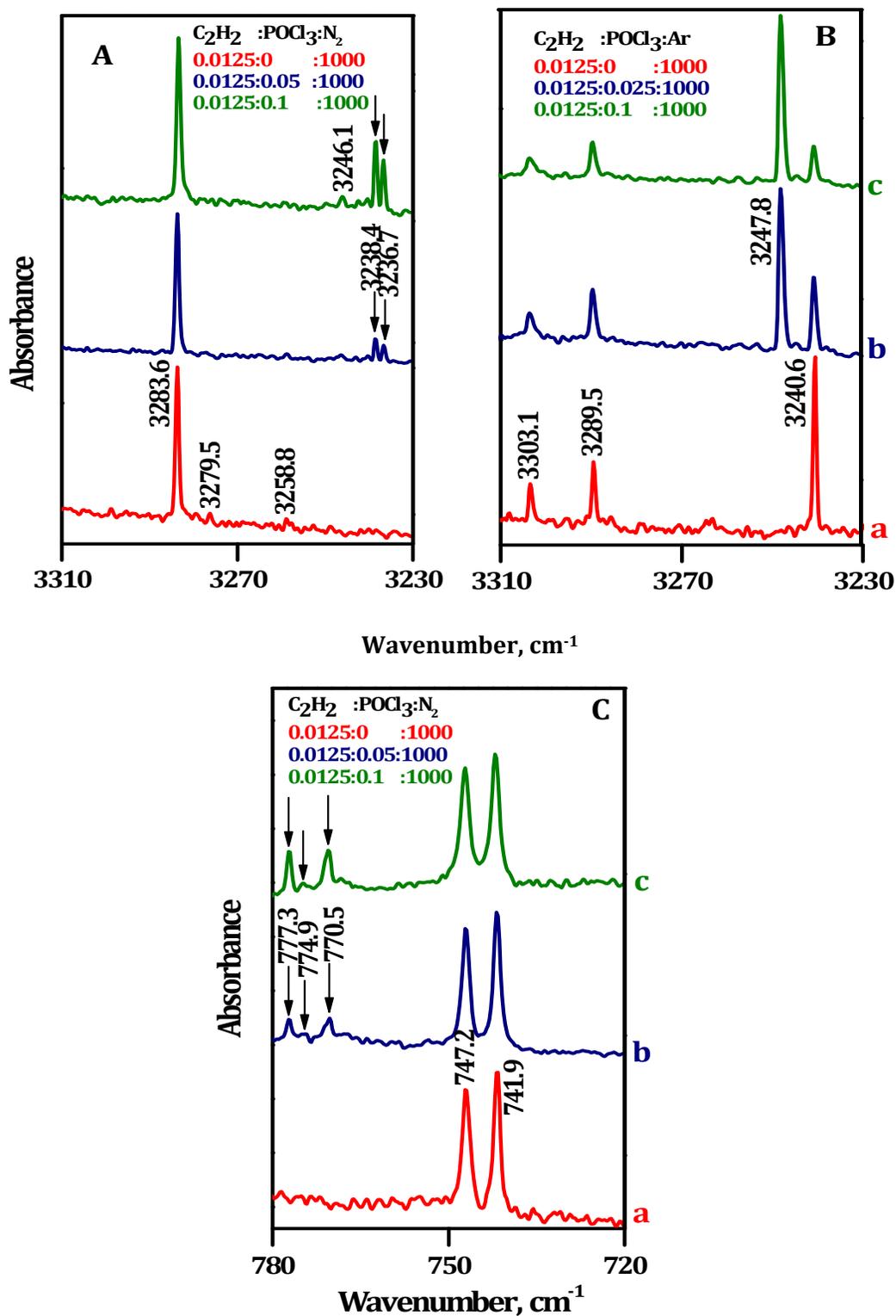
### **Elusive Hypervalent Phosphorus... $\pi$ Interactions: Evidence for Paradigm Transformation from Hydrogen to Phosphorus Bonding at Low Temperatures**

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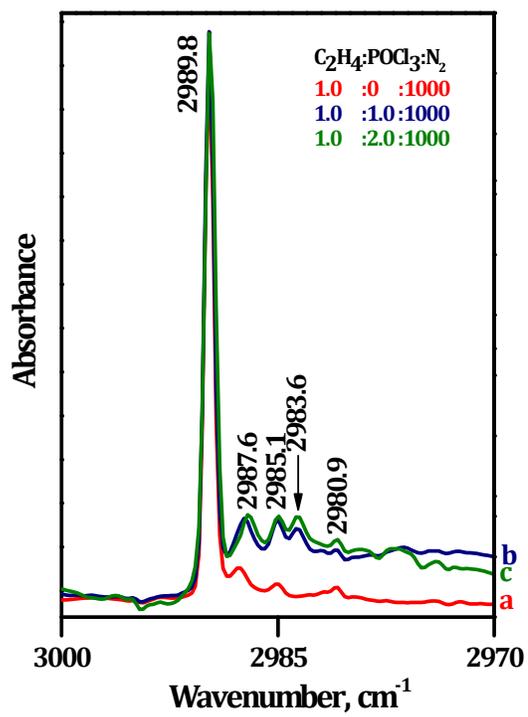
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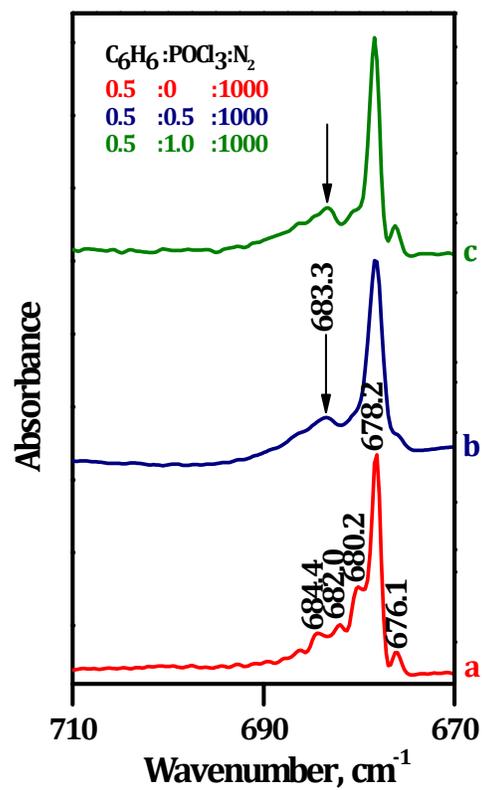
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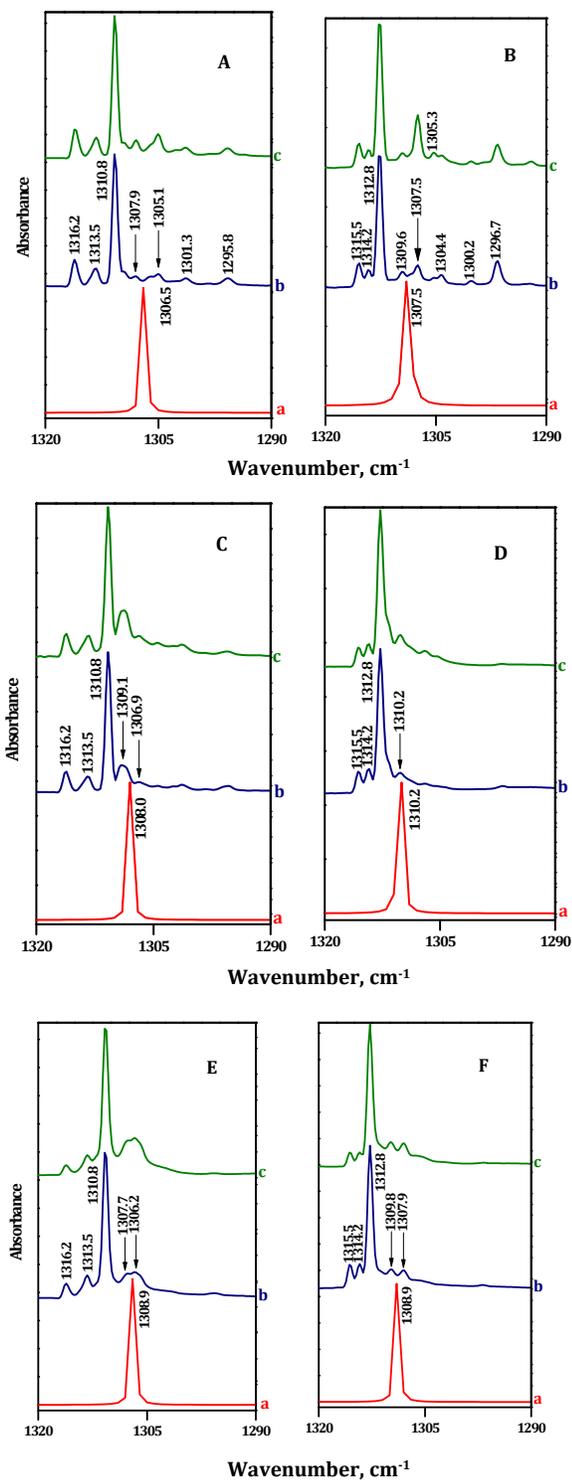
**Figure S1.** Infrared spectra of C-H stretching and bending region of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>. Grid A, C and Grid B corresponds to POCl<sub>3</sub> with C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> in N<sub>2</sub> and Ar matrixes, respectively. Spectra are recorded at 12 K after annealing the matrix at 30 K (N<sub>2</sub>) and 35 K (Ar).



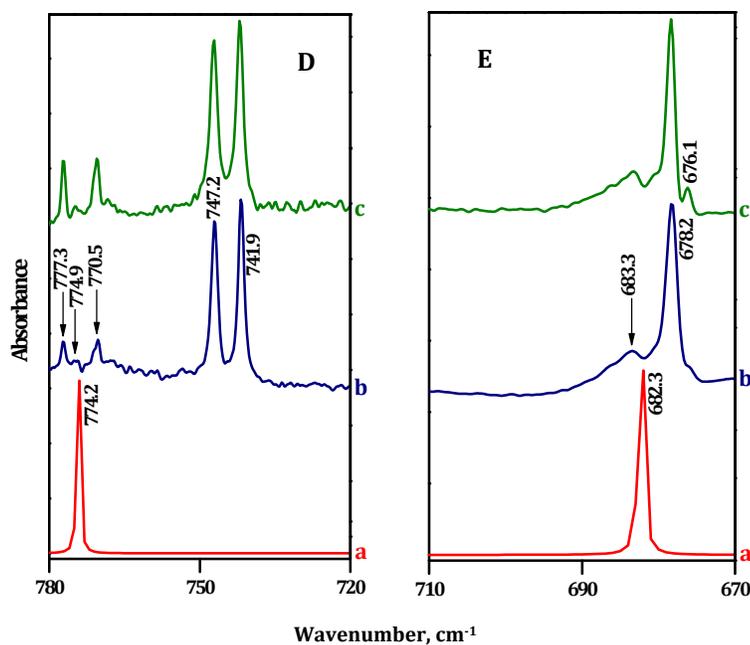
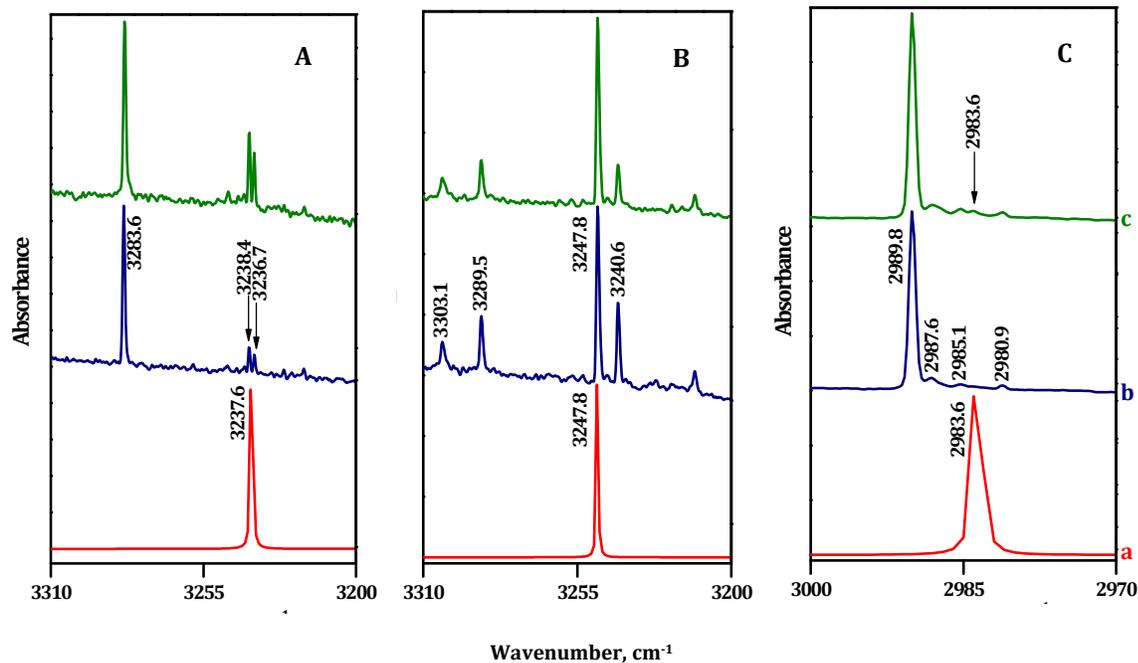
**Figure S2.** Infrared spectra of C-H stretching region of  $C_2H_4$  in  $N_2$  matrix, spanning the region 3000-2970  $cm^{-1}$ . All spectra are recorded at 12 K after annealing the matrix at 30 K.



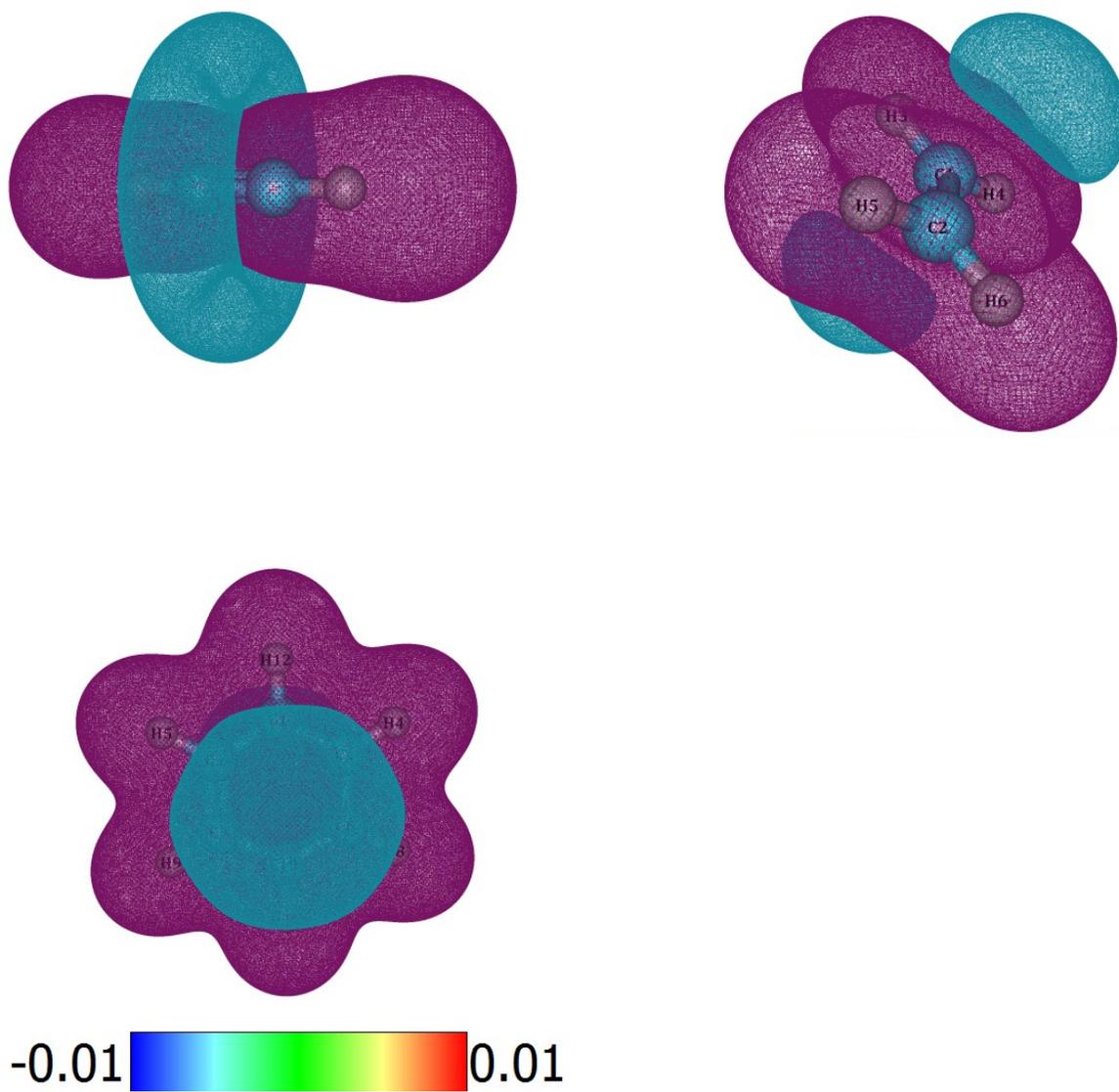
**Figure S3.** Infrared spectra of C-H bending region of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> in N<sub>2</sub> matrix, spanning the region 710-670 cm<sup>-1</sup>. All spectra are recorded at 12 K after annealing at 30 K.



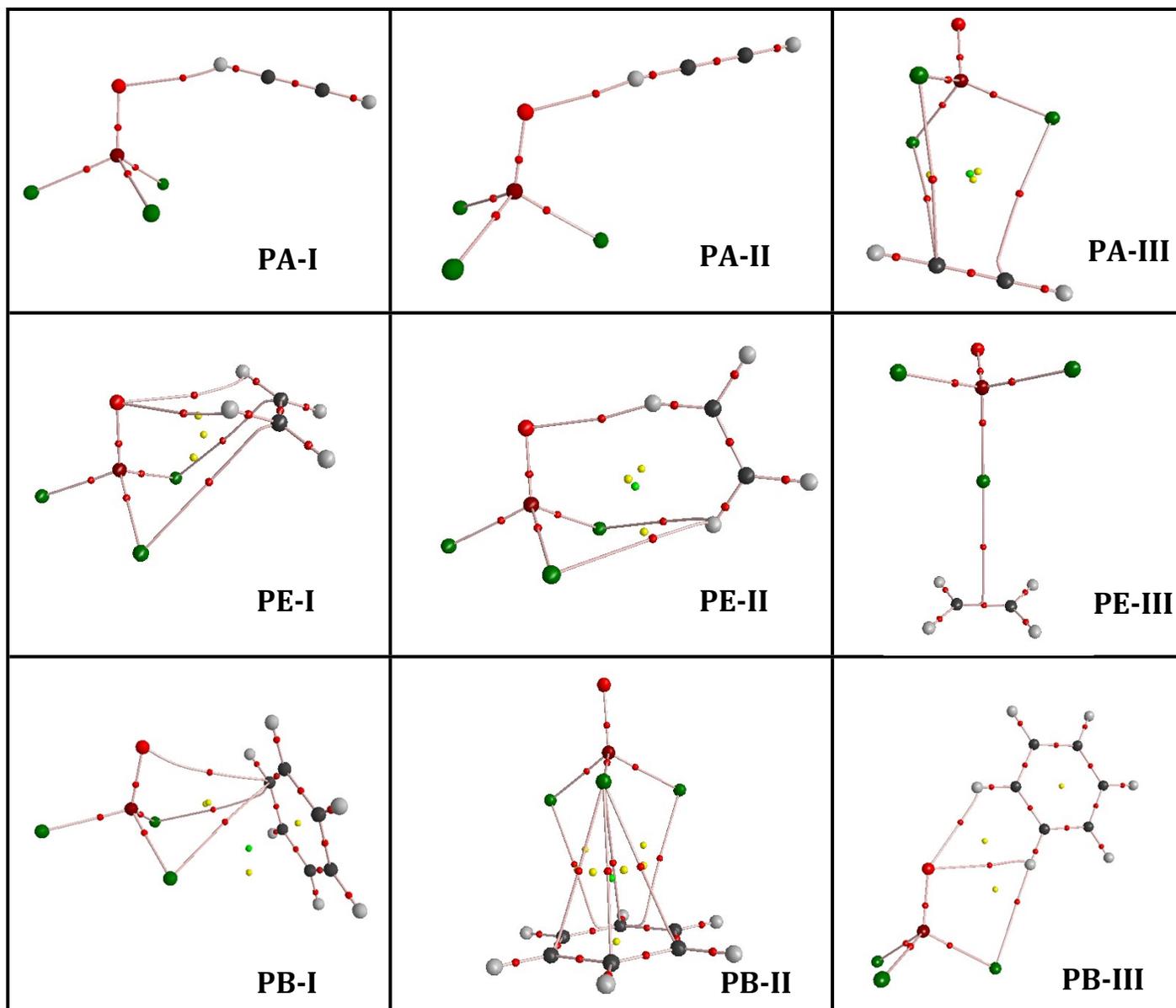
**Figure S4.** Infrared spectra in the P=O stretching region of  $\text{POCl}_3$ . Grid A, C, E and Grid B, D, F corresponds to the co-deposition experiments of  $\text{POCl}_3$  with  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2, \text{C}_2\text{H}_4, \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  in  $\text{N}_2$  and Ar matrixes respectively. All spectra were recorded at 12 K after annealing at 30 K ( $\text{N}_2$ ) and 35 K (Ar). Trace ‘a’ in all the grids correspond to computed scaled spectra and trace ‘b’ and ‘c’ correspond to variation of concentration of the  $\pi$ -donors for the fixed concentration of  $\text{POCl}_3$ .



**Figure S5.** Grids ‘A’ and ‘B’ correspond to the infrared spectra of C-H stretching region of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  in  $\text{N}_2$  and Ar matrixes respectively. Grid ‘C’ shows the infrared spectra of C-H stretching region of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  in  $\text{N}_2$  matrix; Grid ‘D’ shows the infrared spectra of C-H bending region of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  in  $\text{N}_2$  matrix. Grid ‘E’ corresponds to the infrared spectra of C-H bending region of  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  in  $\text{N}_2$  matrix. Spectra are recorded at 12 K after annealing the matrix at 30 K ( $\text{N}_2$ ) and 35 K (Ar). Trace ‘a’ in all grids correspond to computed scaled spectra and trace ‘b’ and ‘c’ correspond to variation of concentration of  $\text{POCl}_3$  for the fixed concentration of  $\pi$ -donors.

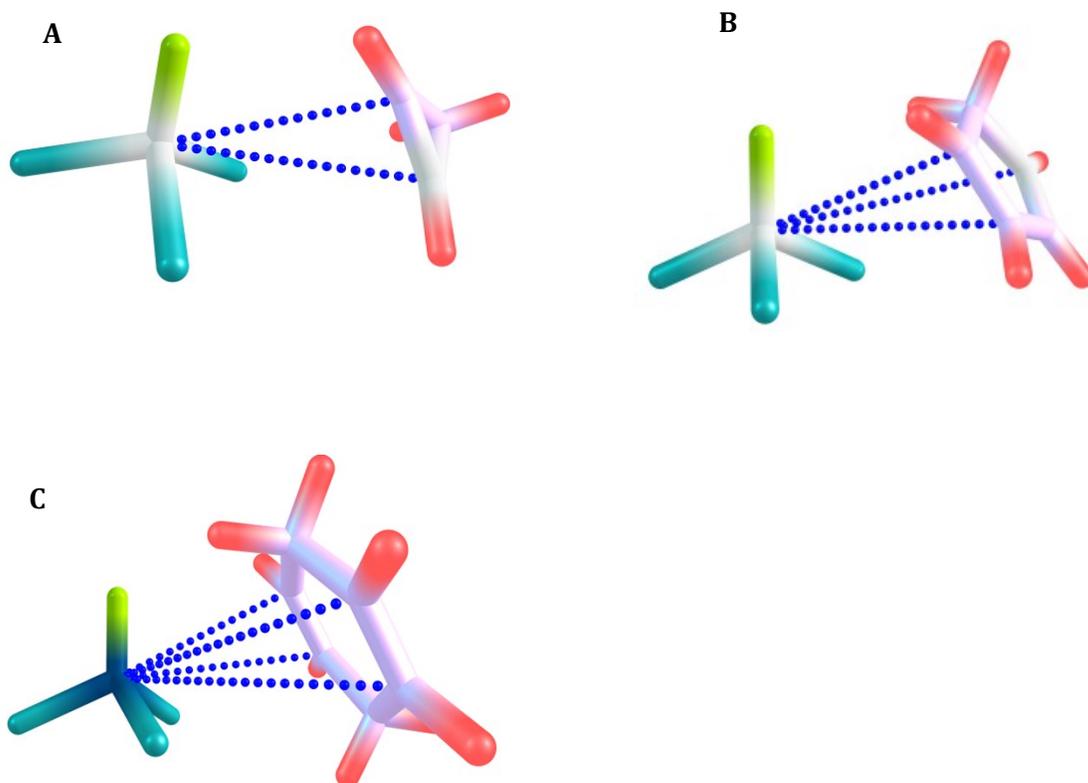


**Figure S6.** ESP mapping of  $C_2H_2$ ,  $C_2H_4$  and  $C_6H_6$  using 0.01 au contour surface.

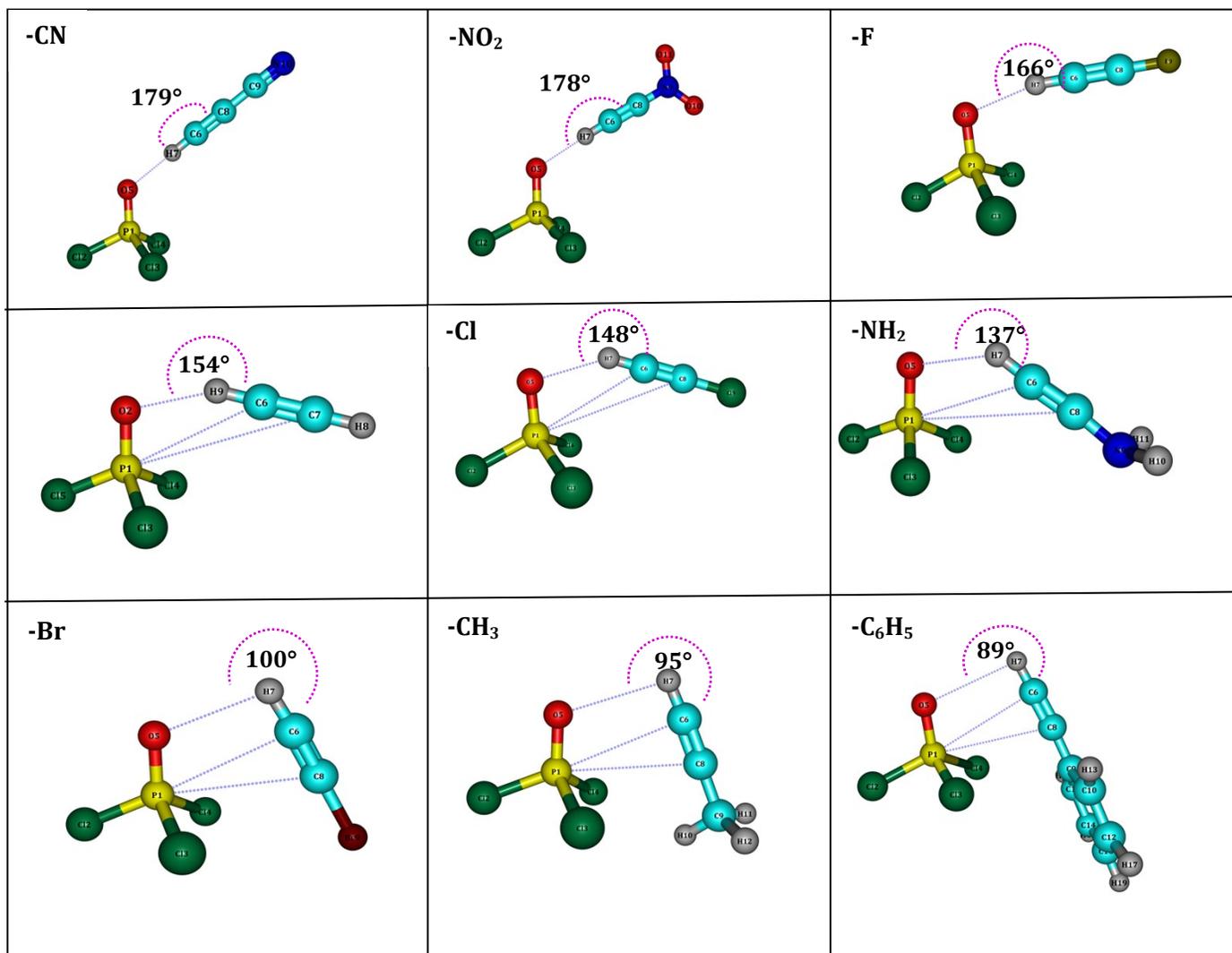


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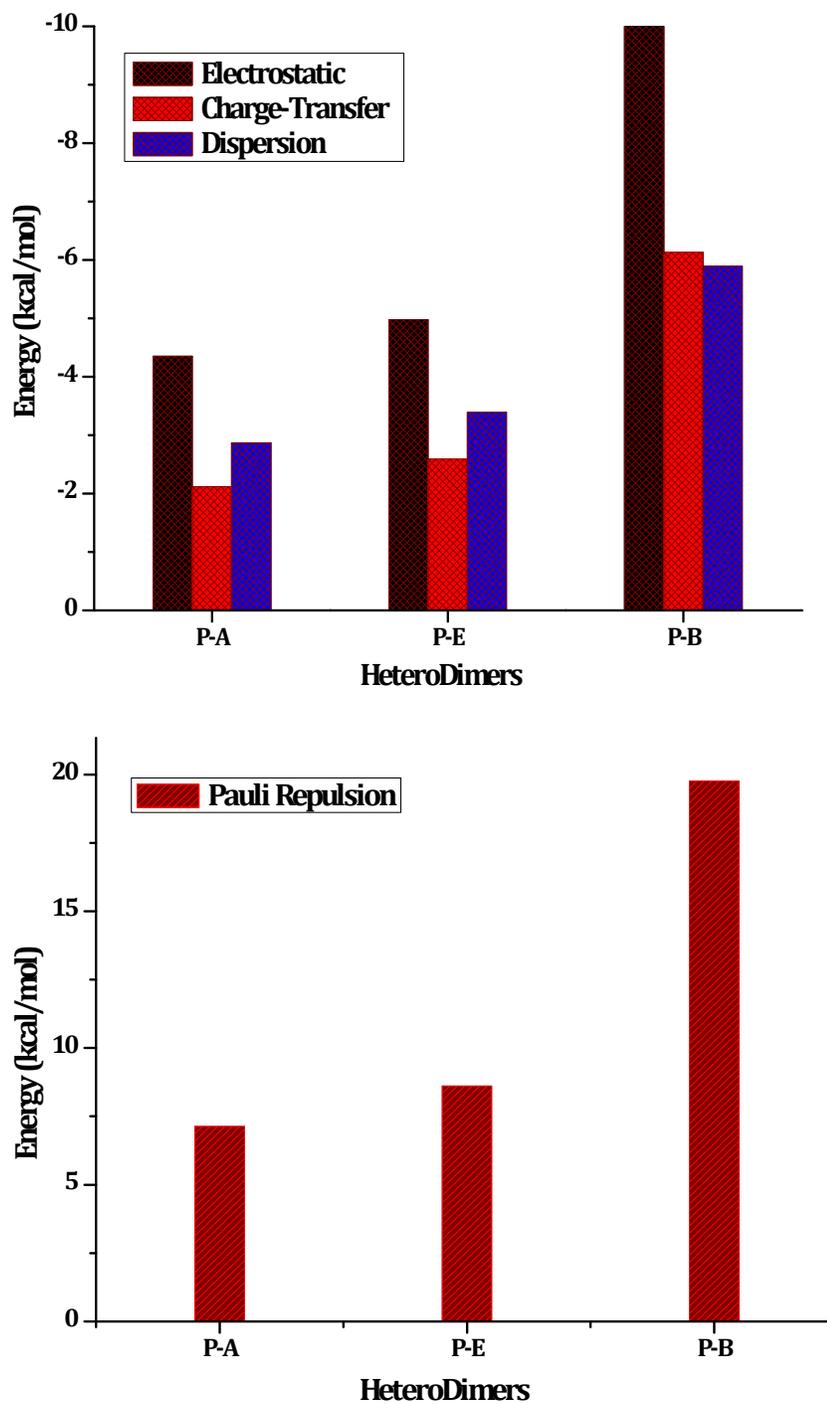
**Figure S7.** AIM Structures of all  $\text{POCl}_3\text{-C}_2\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{POCl}_3\text{-C}_2\text{H}_4$  and  $\text{POCl}_3\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6$  heterodimers.



**Figure S8.** The structures of heterodimers of POCl<sub>3</sub> with non-aromatic π electron rich compounds computed at MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ level of theory; A) POCl<sub>3</sub>: Cyclopropene B) POCl<sub>3</sub>:1, 3-Cyclopentadiene C) POCl<sub>3</sub>:1, 4-Cyclohexadiene



**Figure S9.** The structures of  $\text{POCl}_3$  with substituted  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  heterodimers computed at MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ level of theory. The hydrogen bonding angle is shown alongside.



**Figure S10.** Bar Graph showing the different stabilizing and destabilizing interactions in  $\text{PCl}_3$  heterodimers with  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  (P-A),  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (P-E) and  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  (P-B).

**Table S1.** Computed and experimental vibrational wavenumbers, shifts in the wavenumbers and mode assignments for POCl<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> dimers calculated at the MP2 level of theory using aug-cc-pVDZ basis set.

Computed Wavenumber <sup>a</sup> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )		Experimental Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )				Mode Assignment
ν	Δ ν	N <sub>2</sub>		Ar		
		ν	Δ ν	ν	Δ ν	
<b>POCl<sub>3</sub></b>						
1251.3(127)	-	1316.2/1313.5/ 1310.8 <sup>c</sup>	-	1315.5/1314.2/ 1312.8 <sup>c</sup>	-	v <sub>1</sub> mode in POCl <sub>3</sub>
<b>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub></b>						
3431.7(93)	-	3283.6	-	3289.5	-	v <sub>3</sub> mode in C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>
702.7(95)	-	747.2/741.9 <sup>c</sup>	-	737.1	-	v <sub>5</sub> mode in C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>
702.7(95)	-					
<b>PA-I</b>						
3400(183)	-31.1	3238.4/3236.7 <sup>c</sup>	-46.0	3247.8	-41.7	v <sub>3</sub> mode in C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>
737.2(119)	34.2	770.5	25.9	- <sup>b</sup>	-	v <sub>5</sub> mode in C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>
740.21(83)	37.1	774.9/777.3 <sup>c</sup>	29.6			
1239.3(133)	-12.1	1307.9/1305.1 <sup>c</sup>	-7.0	1307.5	-6.7	v <sub>1</sub> mode in POCl <sub>3</sub>
<b>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub></b>						
3175.6(11)	-	2989.8	-	2995.8	-	v <sub>11</sub> mode in C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>
<b>PE-I</b>						
3172.6(8)	-3.0	2983.6	-6.2	- <sup>b</sup>	-	v <sub>11</sub> mode in C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>
1248.2(124)	-3.1	1309.1/1306.9 <sup>c</sup>	-5.5	1310.2	-4.0	v <sub>1</sub> mode in POCl <sub>3</sub>
<b>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub></b>						
678.3(116)	-	678.2	-	675.0	-	v <sub>4</sub> mode in C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>
<b>PB-I</b>						
679.3(124)	1.0	683.3	5.1	- <sup>b</sup>	-	v <sub>4</sub> mode in C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>
1246.9(102)	-4.5	1307.7/1306.2 <sup>c</sup>	-6.6	1307.9/1309.8 <sup>c</sup>	-5.3	v <sub>1</sub> mode in POCl <sub>3</sub>

<sup>a</sup>Intensities in km/mol given in parenthesis

<sup>b</sup>Features were not observed experimentally

<sup>c</sup>Average values are taken to compute the vibrational shifts

**Table S2.** Electron occupancies of various NBOs of POCl<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> complexes computed at MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ level of theory. The important donor-acceptor delocalization interaction and delocalization energies (E<sub>2</sub>) are also shown.

Complexes	NBO	Occupancy	Donor-Acceptor delocalization interaction	E <sub>2</sub> (kcal/mol)
<b>POCl<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> Heterodimers</b>				
PA-I	n <sup>1</sup> O2	1.97214(1.97348) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>1</sup> O2 → σ*(C6-H9)	1.19
	σ*(C6-H9)	0.01086(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> O2	1.82487(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> O2 → σ*(C6-H9)	2.73
	σ*(C6-H9)	0.01086(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> Cl3	1.98794(1.98853) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> Cl3 → π*(C6-C7)	0.05
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00966(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> Cl4	1.98794(1.98853) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> Cl4 → π*(C6-C7)	0.05
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00966(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	σ*(P1-O2)	0.10136(0.09868) <sup>a</sup>	σ*(P1-O2) → σ*(C6-H9)	0.24
	σ*(C6-H9)	0.01086(0.00521) <sup>b</sup>		
	σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.16991(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>	σ*(P1-Cl5) → π*(C6-C7)	0.14
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00033(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	π(C6-C7)	1.99862(1.99980) <sup>b</sup>	π(C6-C7) → σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.07
	σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.16991(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>		
PA-II	n <sup>1</sup> O2	1.97084(1.97348) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>1</sup> O2 → σ*(C6-H9)	2.27
	σ*(C6-H9)	0.01229(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> O2	1.82587(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> O2 → σ*(C6-H9)	2.95
	σ*(C6-H9)	0.01229(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> Cl5	1.95236(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl5 → π*(C6-C7)	0.19
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00961(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	σ*(P1-O2)	0.10095(0.09868) <sup>a</sup>	σ*(P1-O2) → σ*(C6-H9)	0.35
σ*(C6-H9)	0.01229(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>			
PA-III	n <sup>1</sup> Cl3	1.95416(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3 → π*(C6-C7)	0.09
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00891(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3	1.95416(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3 → σ*(C6-C7)	0.13
	σ*(C6-C7)	0.00075(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3	1.95416(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3 → π*(C6-C7)	0.33
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00891(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> Cl3	1.95317(1.95358) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> Cl3 → π*(C6-C7)	0.08
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00891(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>1</sup> Cl4	1.98828(1.98853) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>1</sup> Cl4 → π*(C6-C7)	0.09
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00891(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> Cl4	1.95416(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl4 → σ*(C6-C7)	0.13
	σ*(C6-C7)	0.00075(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> Cl4	1.95416(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl4 → π*(C6-C7)	0.33
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00891(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> Cl4	1.95317(1.95358) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> Cl4 → π*(C6-C7)	0.08
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00891(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>1</sup> Cl5	1.98834(1.98853) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>1</sup> Cl5 → π*(C6-C7)	0.06
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00891(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> Cl5	1.95427(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl5 → π*(C6-C7)	0.22
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00891(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
π C6-C7	1.99886(1.99980) <sup>b</sup>	π C6-C7 → σ*(P1-O2)	0.08	
σ*(P1-O2)	0.09787(0.09868) <sup>a</sup>			

Complexes	NBO	Occupancy	Donor-Acceptor delocalization interaction	E <sub>2</sub> (kcal/mol)
<b>POCl<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> Heterodimers</b>				
<b>PE-I</b>	n <sup>2</sup> O2	1.82359(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> O2 → σ*(C6-H8)	0.09
	σ*(C6-H8)	0.00853(0.00820) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> O2	1.82359(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> O2 → σ*(C6-H9)	0.17
	σ*(C6-H9)	0.00849(0.00820) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> O2	1.82359(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> O2 → σ*(C7-H10)	0.09
	σ*(C7-H10)	0.00853(0.00820) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> O2	1.82359(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> O2 → σ*(C7-H11)	0.17
	σ*(C7-H11)	0.00849(0.00820) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> O2	1.82120(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> O2 → σ*(C6-H9)	0.09
	σ*(C6-H9)	0.00849(0.00820) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> O2	1.82120(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> O2 → σ*(C7-H11)	0.09
	σ*(C7-H11)	0.00849(0.00820) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3	1.95396(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3 → σ*(C6-C7)	0.22
	σ*(C6-C7)	0.00223(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> Cl3	1.95224(1.95358) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> Cl3 → σ*(C6-C7)	0.22
	σ*(C6-C7)	0.00223(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> Cl4	1.95396(1.98853) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl4 → σ*(C6-C7)	0.22
	σ*(C6-C7)	0.00223(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> Cl4	1.95224(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> Cl4 → σ*(C6-C7)	0.22
	σ*(C6-C7)	0.00223(0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
σ(C6-C7)	1.99732(1.99934) <sup>b</sup>	σ(C6-C7) → σ*(P1-O2)	0.10	
σ*(P1-O2)	0.09961(0.09868) <sup>a</sup>			
σ(C6-C7)	1.99732(1.99934) <sup>b</sup>	σ(C6-C7) → σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.39	
σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.17202(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>			
π(C6-C7)	1.99165(1.99235) <sup>b</sup>	π <sub>2</sub> (C6-C7) → σ*(P1-O2)	0.07	
σ*(P1-O2)	0.09961(0.09868) <sup>b</sup>			
<b>PE-II</b>	n <sup>2</sup> O2	1.82209(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> O2 → σ*(C6-H8)	0.28
	σ*(C6-H8)	0.01018(0.00820) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> O2	1.82067(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> O2 → σ*(C6-H9)	1.39
	σ*(C6-H8)	0.01018(0.00820) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> Cl4	1.95128(1.98853) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> Cl4 → σ*(C7-H10)	0.41
	σ*(C7-H10)	0.00977(0.00820) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> Cl5	1.95127(1.95358) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> Cl5 → σ*(C7-H10)	0.41
	σ*(C7-H10)	0.00977(0.00820) <sup>b</sup>		
	σ*(P1-Cl3)	0.17242(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>	σ*(P1-Cl3) → σ*(C6-H8)	0.07
σ*(C6-H8)	0.01018(0.00820) <sup>b</sup>			
<b>PE-III</b>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3	1.95128 (1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3 → σ*(C6-C7)	0.27
	σ*(C6-C7)	0.00104 (0.00000) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3	1.95128 (1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3 → π*(C6-C7)	0.05
	π*(C6-C7)	0.00227(0.00246) <sup>b</sup>		
	σ(C6-C7)	1.99429 (0.17462) <sup>a</sup>	σ(C6-C7) → σ*(P1-Cl3)	0.79
	σ*(P1-Cl3)	0.17173(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>		
	π(C6-C7)	1.99277 (1.99235) <sup>b</sup>	π(C6-C7) → σ*(P1-Cl3)	0.17
σ*(P1-Cl3)	0.17173 (0.17462) <sup>a</sup>			

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<b>POCl<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> Heterodimers</b>				
<b>PB-I</b>	n <sup>2</sup> O2	1.82409(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> O2 → σ*(C6-C7)	0.08
	σ*(C6-C7)	0.01414(0.01389) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> O2	1.82409(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> O2 → π*(C6-C7)	0.22
	π*(C6-C7)	0.33274(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> O2	1.82409(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> O2 → σ*(C11-C15)	0.07
	σ*(C11-C15)	0.01385(0.01389) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> O2	1.82409(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> O2 → π*(C11-C15)	0.28
	π*(C11-C15)	0.32093(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>		
	π(C6-C7)	1.66862(1.66397) <sup>b</sup>	π(C6-C7) → σ*(P1-O2)	0.08
	σ*(P1-O2)	0.10015(0.09868) <sup>a</sup>		
	π(C6-C7)	1.66862(1.66397) <sup>b</sup>	π(C6-C7) → σ*(P1-Cl4)	0.07
	σ*(P1-Cl4)	0.17663(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>		
	π(C6-C7)	1.66862(1.66397) <sup>b</sup>	π(C6-C7) → σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.60
	σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.17419(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>		
	π(C8-C12)	1.67107(1.66397) <sup>b</sup>	π(C8-C12) → σ*(P1-Cl3)	0.07
	σ*(P1-Cl3)	0.16903(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>		
	π(C6-C7)	1.66862(1.66397) <sup>b</sup>	π(C6-C7) → σ*(P1-O2)	0.24
	σ*(P1-O2)	0.10015(0.09868) <sup>a</sup>		
	π(C8-C12)	1.67107(1.66397) <sup>b</sup>	π(C8-C12) → σ*(P1-Cl3)	0.25
	σ*(P1-Cl3)	0.16903(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>		
π(C11-C15)	1.65774(1.66397) <sup>b</sup>	π(C11-C15) → σ*(P1-O2)	0.09	
σ*(P1-O2)	0.10015(0.09868) <sup>a</sup>			
<b>PB-II</b>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3	1.95555(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl3 → σ*(C12-C15)	0.06
	σ*(C12-C15)	0.01410(0.01389) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> Cl3	1.95437(1.95358) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> Cl3 → π*(C8-C12)	0.09
	π*(C8-C12)	0.33277(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> Cl4	1.95556(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl4 → σ*(C8-C12)	0.06
	σ*(C8-C12)	0.01410(0.01389) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> Cl4	1.95556(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl4 → π*(C8-C12)	0.24
	π*(C8-C12)	0.33277(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>2</sup> Cl4	1.95556(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>2</sup> Cl4 → π*(C11-C15)	0.21
	π*(C11-C15)	0.01401(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> Cl4	1.95438(1.95358) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> Cl4 → π*(C11-C15)	0.10
	π*(C11-C15)	0.33111(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>		
	n <sup>3</sup> Cl5	1.94930(1.95358) <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>3</sup> Cl5 → π*(C6-C7)	0.05
	π*(C6-C7)	0.33413(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>		
	π(C6-C7)	1.66446(1.66397) <sup>b</sup>	π(C6-C7) → σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.22
	σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.16865(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>		
	π(C8-C12)	1.66304(1.66397) <sup>b</sup>	π(C8-C12) → σ*(P1-O2)	0.13
	σ*(P1-O2)	0.09823(0.09868) <sup>a</sup>		
	π*(C6-C7)	0.33413(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>	π*(C6-C7) → σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.32
	σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.16865(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>		
π*(C8-C12)	0.33277(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>	π*(C8-C12) → σ*(P1-O2)	0.07	
σ*(P1-O2)	0.09823(0.09868) <sup>a</sup>			
π*(C8-C12)	0.33277(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>	π*(C8-C12) → σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.09	
σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.16865(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>			
π*(C11-C15)	0.33111(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>	π*(C11-C15) → σ*(P1-Cl5)	0.45	

	$\sigma^*(\text{P1-C15})$	0.16865(0.17462) <sup>a</sup>		
<b>PB-III</b>	$n^1\text{Cl2}$	1.98813(1.98853) <sup>a</sup>	$n^2\text{Cl2} \rightarrow \sigma^*(\text{C8-H13})$	0.19
	$\sigma^*(\text{C8-H13})$	0.01316(1.98451) <sup>b</sup>		
	$n^3\text{Cl2}$	1.95269(1.95547) <sup>a</sup>	$n^3\text{Cl2} \rightarrow \sigma^*(\text{C8-H13})$	1.62
	$\sigma^*(\text{C8-H13})$	0.01316(1.98451) <sup>b</sup>		
	$n^1\text{O5}$	1.97211(1.97348) <sup>a</sup>	$n^1\text{O5} \rightarrow \sigma^*(\text{C6-C7})$	0.12
	$\sigma^*(\text{C6-C7})$	0.01381(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>		
	$n^1\text{O5}$	1.97211(1.97348) <sup>a</sup>	$n^1\text{O5} \rightarrow \sigma^*(\text{C6-H9})$	0.76
	$\sigma^*(\text{C6-H9})$	0.01042(1.98451) <sup>b</sup>		
	$n^3\text{O5}$	1.82192(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	$n^2\text{Cl4} \rightarrow \sigma^*(\text{C11-C15})$	0.09
	$\sigma^*(\text{C6-C7})$	0.01381(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>		
	$n^3\text{O5}$	1.82192(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	$n^3\text{O5} \rightarrow \sigma^*(\text{C6-H9})$	0.07
	$\sigma^*(\text{C6-H9})$	0.01042(1.98451) <sup>b</sup>		
	$n^3\text{O5}$	1.82192(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	$n^3\text{O5} \rightarrow \sigma^*(\text{C8-C12})$	0.08
	$\sigma^*\text{C8-C12}$	0.01408(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>		
	$n^3\text{O5}$	1.82192(1.81998) <sup>a</sup>	$n^3\text{O5} \rightarrow \sigma^*(\text{C8-H13})$	0.26
	$\sigma^*(\text{C8-H13})$	0.01316(1.98451) <sup>b</sup>		
$\sigma(\text{C6-C8})$	1.97816(0.33237) <sup>b</sup>	$\sigma(\text{C6-C8}) \rightarrow \sigma^*(\text{P1-O5})$	0.07	
$\sigma^*(\text{P1-O5})$	0.09916(0.09868) <sup>a</sup>			

<sup>a</sup>Occupancy of monomeric  $\text{POCl}_3$  is given in parentheses.

<sup>b</sup>Occupancy of monomeric  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2/\text{C}_2\text{H}_4/\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$  is given in parentheses.

**Table S3.** The properties of (3,-1) bond critical points (BCP) of various heterodimers. The BCPs of the monomers are given in parenthesis.

Heterodimers	$\rho(\mathbf{r}_c)^a$	$\Delta^2 \rho(\mathbf{r}_c)^a$	$\lambda_1^a$	$\lambda_2^a$	$\lambda_3^a$
<b>PA-I</b>					
O2...H9	0.01344	-0.01025	-0.01360	-0.01284	0.06742
P1-O2	0.20204(0.20313)	-0.37256(-0.37754)	-0.32322(-0.32412)	-0.32316(-0.32412)	2.13664(2.15841)
C6-H9	0.27497(0.27608)	0.27922(0.27659)	-0.72496(-0.71725)	-0.72448(-0.71725)	0.33255(0.32815)
C6-C7	0.37026(0.37003)	0.216620(0.21497)	-0.55040(-0.54464)	-0.55018(-0.54464)	0.23394(0.22941)
<b>PA-II</b>					
O2...H9	0.01463	-0.01173	-0.01551	-0.01536	0.07778
P1-O2	0.20206(0.20313)	-0.37323(-0.37754)	-0.32392(-0.32412)	-0.32350(-0.32412)	2.14034(2.15841)
C6-H9	0.27474(0.27608)	0.27897(0.27659)	-0.72569(-0.71725)	-0.72557(-0.71725)	0.33538(0.32815)
C6-C7	0.37048(0.37003)	0.21693(0.21497)	-0.55148(-0.54464)	-0.55133(-0.54464)	0.23509(0.22941)
<b>PA-III</b>					
Cl3...C7	0.00536	-0.00373	-0.00292	-0.00225	0.02011
Cl4...C7	0.00536	-0.00373	-0.00292	-0.00225	0.02011
Cl5...C6	0.00467	-0.00295	-0.00245	-0.00191	0.01617
C6-C7	0.36969(0.37003)	0.21479(0.21497)	-0.54519(-0.54464)	-0.54422(-0.54464)	0.23026(0.22941)
<b>PE-I</b>					
O2...H11	0.00643	-0.00599	-0.00478	-0.00284	0.03160
O2...H9	0.00643	-0.00600	-0.00479	-0.00285	0.06316
P1-O2	0.20281(0.20313)	-0.37642(-0.37754)	-0.32409(-0.32412)	-0.32363(-0.32412)	2.15341(2.15841)
Cl4...C7	0.00548	-0.00386	-0.00253	-0.00169	0.01964
Cl3...C6	0.00548	-0.00386	-0.00253	-0.00169	0.01967
C6-C7	0.32418(0.32462)	0.20038(0.20080)	-0.66736(-0.66939)	-0.49651(-0.49653)	0.36233(0.36272)
C7-H11	0.27403(0.27307)	0.25316(0.24989)	-0.68897(-0.68234)	-0.67906(-0.67293)	0.35541(0.35570)
C6-H9	0.27403(0.27307)	0.25315(0.24989)	-0.68896(-0.68234)	-0.67905(-0.67293)	0.35541(0.35570)
P1-Cl4	0.12818(0.12759)	0.00874(0.00945)	-0.13691(-0.13558)	-0.13452(-0.13339)	0.23649(0.23116)
P1-Cl3	0.12818(0.12759)	0.00872(0.00945)	-0.13692(-0.13558)	-0.13453(-0.13339)	0.23653(0.23116)
<b>PE-II</b>					
O2...H8	0.00902	-0.00685	-0.00832	-0.00792	0.04364
Cl5...H10	0.00493	-0.00406	-0.00348	-0.00299	0.02271
Cl4...H10	0.00493	-0.00406	-0.00347	-0.00299	0.02268
P1-O2	0.02293(0.20313)	-0.37630(-0.37754)	-0.32421(-0.32412)	-0.32420(-0.32412)	2.15361(2.15841)
C6-H8	0.27428(0.27307)	0.25443(0.24989)	-0.69061(-0.68234)	-0.68198(-0.67293)	0.35488(0.35570)
C7-H10	0.27295(0.27307)	0.24829(0.24989)	-0.68037(-0.68234)	-0.67095(-0.67293)	0.38514(0.35570)
P1-Cl5	0.12803(0.12759)	0.00851(0.00945)	-0.13634(-0.13558)	-0.13422(-0.13339)	0.23651(0.23116)
P1-Cl4	0.12803(0.12759)	0.00853(0.00945)	-0.13633(-0.13558)	-0.13422(-0.13339)	0.23643(0.23116)

<b>PE-III</b>					
C13...C6	0.00796	-0.00543	-0.00473	-0.00279	0.02923
C13...C7	0.00796	-0.00543	-0.00473	-0.00279	0.02923
C6-C7	0.32403(0.32462)	0.20023(0.20080)	-0.66726(-0.66939)	-0.49642(-0.49653)	0.36276(0.36272)
P1-C13	0.12930(0.12759)	0.01066(0.00945)	-0.13837(-0.13558)	-0.13579(-0.13339)	0.23152(0.23116)
<b>PB-I</b>					
O2...C7	0.00747	-0.00576	-0.00336	-0.00191	0.02832
C14...C7	0.00613	-0.00402	-0.00251	-0.00128	0.01988
C13...C7	0.00736	-0.00515	-0.00321	-0.00059	0.02442
C6-C7	0.29105(0.29544)	0.17412(0.17450)	-0.58336(-0.58485)	-0.48624(0.48768)	0.37310(0.37445)
P1-O2	0.20271(0.20313)	-0.37592(-0.37754)	-0.32401(-0.32412)	-0.32337(-0.32412)	2.15105(2.15841)
P1-C14	0.12684(0.12759)	-0.01005(0.00945)	-0.13444(-0.13558)	-0.13241(-0.13339)	0.22664(0.23116)
P1-C13	0.12983(0.12759)	0.00679(0.00945)	-0.13933(-0.13558)	-0.13687(-0.13339)	0.24901(0.23116)
<b>PB-II</b>					
C15...C7	0.00696	-0.00527	-0.00353	-0.00018	0.02483
C15...C11	0.00698	-0.00527	-0.00345	-0.00017	0.02474
C15...C6	0.00698	-0.00527	-0.00345	-0.00017	0.02471
C15...C12	0.00713	-0.00509	-0.00358	-0.00043	0.02344
C13...C12	0.00587	-0.00378	-0.00303	-0.00113	0.01926
C14...C12	0.00587	-0.00378	-0.00303	-0.00113	0.01926
C6-C7	0.29506(0.29544)	0.17429(0.17450)	-0.58356(-0.58485)	-0.48717(0.48768)	0.37358(0.37445)
C11...C7	0.29506	0.17429	-0.58356	-0.48717	0.37358
P1-C15	0.12980(0.12759)	0.00665(0.00945)	-0.13923(-0.32412)	-0.13634(-0.13339)	0.24897(0.23116)
P1-C14	0.12645(0.12759)	0.01006(0.00945)	-0.13365(-0.32412)	-0.13149(-0.13339)	0.22491(0.23116)
P1-C13	0.12646(0.12759)	0.01004(0.00945)	-0.13365(-0.32412)	-0.13149(-0.13339)	0.22497(0.23116)
<b>PB-III</b>					
O5...H9	0.00823	-0.00768	-0.00757	-0.00702	0.04532
O5...H13	0.00667	-0.00611	-0.00551	-0.00445	0.03440
C13...H13	0.00718	-0.00575	-0.00559	-0.00557	0.03417
P1-C13	0.12744(0.12759)	0.00896(0.00945)	-0.13525(-0.32412)	-0.13339(-0.13339)	0.23281(0.23116)
P1-O5	0.20286(0.20313)	-0.37691(-0.37754)	-0.32459(-0.32412)	-0.32348(-0.32412)	2.15571(2.15841)
C6-H9	0.27512(0.27301)	0.25594(0.24926)	-0.69731(0.68406)	-0.68803(-0.67422)	0.36156(0.36126)
C8-H13	0.27463(0.27301)	0.25213(0.24926)	-0.69148(0.68406)	-0.68181(-0.67422)	0.36477(0.36126)

**Table S4.** Proton affinity of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> and substituted C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> calculated at MP2 level of theory with aug-cc-pVDZ basis set.

<b>Structures</b>	<b>Proton affinity (kcal/mol)</b>
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	-149.9
C <sub>2</sub> H-CN	-129.8
C <sub>2</sub> H-NO <sub>2</sub>	-148.1
C <sub>2</sub> H-F	-154.1
C <sub>2</sub> H-Cl	-161.6
C <sub>2</sub> H-Br	-163.6
C <sub>2</sub> H-CH <sub>3</sub>	-168.0
C <sub>2</sub> H-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	-190.8
<i>C<sub>2</sub>H-NH<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>-206.2</i>
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	-160.3
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	-313.3