

*Supporting information for*

**Twin hydrogen bonds with phosphine oxide: anticooperativity effects caused by competing proton donors**

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correction.  $r_2$  dependence on  $r_2^a$  for selected complexes.

**Table S1.** Energetic and geometric parameters of 1:2 complexes formed by Me<sub>3</sub>PO with proton donors **1–70** in chloroform (PCM,  $\epsilon = 4.7$ ): local electron kinetic,  $G^a$ , and potential,  $V^a$ , energy densities in kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> bohr<sup>-3</sup> (calculated at BCP); interatomic distance  $r_1^a$  in Å; the values of cooperativity (anticooperativity) effects on energy  $\Delta\Delta E/\Delta E$  ( $\Delta\Delta E = \Delta E^a - \Delta E$ ), geometry  $\Delta r_2/r_2$  ( $\Delta r_2 = r_2^a - r_2$ ); hydrogen bond angles for all 140 individual H-bonds  $\alpha$  (P=O $\cdots$ H),  $\beta$  (O $\cdots$ H–A) (in degrees); dihedral angles  $\gamma$  (in degrees, defined as shown in Figure 10).

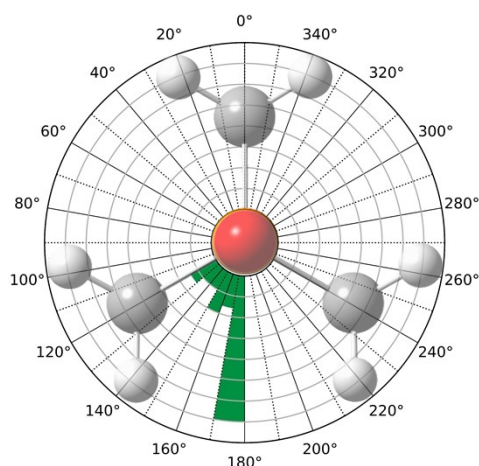
| No.               | Proton donor molecule          | $G^a$ | $V^a$ | $r_1^a$ | $\Delta\Delta E/\Delta E$ | $\Delta r_2/r_2$ | $\alpha$ |       | $\beta$ |       | $\gamma$ |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------------------------|------------------|----------|-------|---------|-------|----------|
| OH proton donors  |                                |       |       |         |                           |                  |          |       |         |       |          |
| 1                 | Water                          | 79.7  | 78.4  | 0.980   | −0.09                     | 0.015            | 128.1    | 129.9 | 179.7   | 179.1 | 175.3    |
| 2                 | Methanol                       | 79.7  | 78.4  | 0.978   | −0.11                     | 0.019            | 128.7    | 126.7 | 179.1   | 179.0 | 179.3    |
| 3                 | Fluoromethanol                 | 101.9 | 109.7 | 0.988   | −0.14                     | 0.027            | 128.6    | 124.5 | 177.2   | 177.1 | 178.5    |
| 4                 | Difluoromethanol               | 114.6 | 130.8 | 1.002   | −0.19                     | 0.048            | 128.1    | 128.6 | 175.5   | 175.0 | 176.1    |
| 5                 | Trifluoromethanol              | 132.8 | 161.4 | 1.011   | −0.27                     | 0.075            | 128.0    | 127.3 | 176.8   | 177.7 | 175.4    |
| 6                 | Chloromethanol                 | 108.3 | 119.8 | 0.992   | −0.17                     | 0.038            | 127.3    | 128.3 | 177.2   | 176.7 | 171.1    |
| 7                 | Dichloromethanol               | 119.4 | 138.7 | 1.004   | −0.26                     | 0.075            | 129.7    | 127.0 | 171.8   | 174.1 | 177.0    |
| 8                 | Ethanol                        | 75.7  | 73.7  | 0.978   | −0.15                     | 0.023            | 126.5    | 124.5 | 176.5   | 175.8 | 179.6    |
| 9                 | 2,2,2-Trifluoroethanol         | 96.4  | 101.6 | 0.984   | −0.13                     | 0.030            | 129.0    | 129.8 | 175.9   | 174.4 | 161.7    |
| 10                | Formic acid                    | 116.7 | 135.0 | 1.007   | −0.19                     | 0.050            | 126.3    | 125.1 | 173.8   | 174.7 | 150.5    |
| 11                | Acetic acid                    | 110.9 | 126.1 | 1.002   | −0.16                     | 0.043            | 124.5    | 124.9 | 173.8   | 173.8 | 144.1    |
| 12                | Chloroacetic acid              | 122.9 | 145.7 | 1.010   | −0.21                     | 0.059            | 125.1    | 125.8 | 174.6   | 174.3 | 150.3    |
| 13                | Dichloroacetic acid            | 131.4 | 160.1 | 1.015   | −0.23                     | 0.067            | 126.0    | 125.5 | 174.4   | 174.9 | 149.2    |
| 14                | Trichloroacetic acid           | 137.1 | 170.3 | 1.018   | −0.25                     | 0.079            | 126.1    | 126.5 | 174.7   | 174.6 | 152.4    |
| 15                | Trifluoroacetic acid           | 139.6 | 174.6 | 1.020   | −0.27                     | 0.082            | 126.9    | 126.2 | 174.7   | 175.1 | 159.2    |
| 16                | Benzoic acid                   | 113.7 | 130.6 | 1.003   | −0.16                     | 0.046            | 124.4    | 124.5 | 173.6   | 173.8 | 143.7    |
| 17                | Pentafluorobenzoic acid        | 127.7 | 154.0 | 1.013   | −0.23                     | 0.066            | 125.5    | 125.6 | 174.8   | 174.7 | 152.8    |
| 18                | Methanesulfonic acid           | 144.8 | 184.1 | 1.023   | −0.23                     | 0.086            | 126.8    | 126.7 | 174.1   | 176.2 | 162.6    |
| 19                | Benzenesulfonic acid           | 140.3 | 176.4 | 1.021   | −0.21                     | 0.093            | 125.9    | 125.9 | 174.3   | 176.3 | 162.5    |
| 20                | <i>p</i> -Toluenesulfonic acid | 139.0 | 173.8 | 1.020   | −0.16                     | 0.102            | 125.5    | 126.0 | 174.8   | 176.2 | 163.8    |
| 21                | Phenylphosphonic acid          | 123.5 | 146.6 | 1.006   | −0.16                     | 0.055            | 125.2    | 126.6 | 178.5   | 175.3 | 144.9    |
| 22                | Phenol                         | 92.7  | 97.6  | 0.986   | −0.20                     | 0.039            | 123.7    | 126.3 | 172.9   | 174.1 | 179.4    |
| 23                | 2-Nitrophenol                  | 110.0 | 123.4 | 0.994   | −0.25                     | 0.043            | 125.5    | 124.6 | 174.2   | 173.0 | 176.3    |
| 24                | 3-Nitrophenol                  | 100.4 | 109.1 | 0.990   | −0.29                     | 0.050            | 125.3    | 131.6 | 175.9   | 175.1 | 150.9    |
| 25                | 4-Nitrophenol                  | 106.3 | 117.9 | 0.993   | −0.29                     | 0.050            | 125.8    | 127.5 | 175.6   | 175.7 | 179.7    |
| NH proton donors  |                                |       |       |         |                           |                  |          |       |         |       |          |
| 26                | Ammonia                        | 40.8  | 35.1  | 1.022   | −0.07                     | 0.007            | 126.9    | 127.4 | 176.1   | 176.3 | 152.1    |
| 27                | Dimethylamine                  | 40.9  | 35.5  | 1.020   | −0.11                     | 0.017            | 126.9    | 127.8 | 177.6   | 178.1 | 173.8    |
| 28                | Aziridine                      | 46.8  | 41.5  | 1.023   | −0.16                     | 0.016            | 124.0    | 121.5 | 177.4   | 178.3 | 175.0    |
| 29                | Azetidine                      | 40.4  | 35.1  | 1.020   | −0.10                     | 0.012            | 125.3    | 124.6 | 178.9   | 179.4 | 173.0    |
| 30                | Pyrrolidine                    | 35.3  | 30.5  | 1.021   | −0.37                     | 0.033            | 122.7    | 138.5 | 171.9   | 177.9 | 156.9    |
| 31                | Piperidine                     | 40.3  | 34.8  | 1.019   | −0.09                     | 0.010            | 129.4    | 126.6 | 178.7   | 178.2 | 179.3    |
| 32                | Piperazine                     | 36.7  | 31.8  | 1.021   | −0.26                     | 0.026            | 123.8    | 112.7 | 170.7   | 165.2 | 158.0    |
| 33                | 2-Pyrrolidone                  | 66.4  | 63.3  | 1.026   | −0.09                     | 0.011            | 123.6    | 120.1 | 179.5   | 175.0 | 149.2    |
| 34                | Pyrrole                        | 68.3  | 64.7  | 1.023   | −0.20                     | 0.030            | 129.7    | 130.2 | 178.5   | 178.8 | 178.1    |
| 35                | Imidazole                      | 75.7  | 74.1  | 1.027   | −0.24                     | 0.036            | 130.9    | 129.8 | 179.3   | 179.1 | 178.7    |
| 36                | Pyrazole                       | 81.2  | 81.4  | 1.029   | −0.14                     | 0.020            | 129.7    | 122.2 | 179.1   | 173.5 | 170.8    |
| 37                | 1,4-Dihydropyrazine            | 58.3  | 53.1  | 1.020   | −0.21                     | 0.025            | 128.8    | 128.1 | 176.3   | 176.4 | 176.9    |
| NH+ proton donors |                                |       |       |         |                           |                  |          |       |         |       |          |
| 38                | Ammonium                       | 113.7 | 134.0 | 1.066   | −1.12                     | 0.095            | 127.5    | 124.3 | 177.0   | 179.6 | 179.3    |
| 39                | Dimethylammonium               | 91.4  | 98.6  | 1.051   | −1.19                     | 0.105            | 126.5    | 124.1 | 178.9   | 176.6 | 177.1    |
| 40                | Trimethylammonium              | 76.1  | 78.1  | 1.047   | −1.27                     | 0.140            | 123.8    | 124.6 | 177.9   | 175.2 | 179.3    |
| 41                | Imidazolium                    | 107.3 | 122.0 | 1.049   | −1.00                     | 0.079            | 127.0    | 127.8 | 176.8   | 178.0 | 174.5    |
| 42                | Pyridinium                     | 112.7 | 130.7 | 1.053   | −1.03                     | 0.077            | 125.4    | 129.0 | 176.0   | 176.2 | 173.5    |
| 43                | 2-Picolinium                   | 112.1 | 129.1 | 1.051   | −1.05                     | 0.057            | 124.8    | 130.4 | 174.3   | 171.8 | 179.0    |
| 44                | 3-Picolinium                   | 110.6 | 127.3 | 1.052   | −1.02                     | 0.074            | 125.1    | 127.7 | 177.9   | 177.1 | 174.4    |
| 45                | 4-Picolinium                   | 105.3 | 118.8 | 1.049   | −1.01                     | 0.082            | 126.7    | 128.6 | 176.5   | 175.5 | 174.8    |

|                         |                               |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
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| 46                      | 3,5-Lutidinium                | 109.7 | 125.7 | 1.051 | −1.01 | 0.073 | 124.1 | 126.5 | 176.6 | 179.0 | 176.8 |
| 47                      | 2,6-Lutidinium                | 85.3  | 90.3  | 1.044 | −1.21 | 0.099 | 122.6 | 129.2 | 177.7 | 177.3 | 178.9 |
| 48                      | 2,4,6-Collidinium             | 84.7  | 89.1  | 1.043 | −1.16 | 0.096 | 124.9 | 129.6 | 176.4 | 177.1 | 179.2 |
| 49                      | 2-(Dimethylamino)pyridinium   | 69.2  | 68.0  | 1.035 | −1.21 | 0.112 | 126.0 | 128.0 | 158.8 | 158.0 | 178.4 |
| 50                      | 3-(Dimethylamino)pyridinium   | 105.6 | 118.8 | 1.048 | −0.98 | 0.071 | 126.3 | 127.1 | 178.8 | 178.6 | 178.8 |
| 51                      | 4-(Dimethylamino)pyridinium   | 97.9  | 106.2 | 1.041 | −0.97 | 0.063 | 128.1 | 126.7 | 176.2 | 179.1 | 173.6 |
| 52                      | 3,5-(Dimethylamino)pyridinium | 101.2 | 111.6 | 1.045 | −0.95 | 0.067 | 128.8 | 126.7 | 177.5 | 178.8 | 176.4 |
| 53                      | 3,4,5-(Trimethoxy)pyridinium  | 100.9 | 111.7 | 1.045 | −1.04 | 0.079 | 126.4 | 127.7 | 178.5 | 177.8 | 175.5 |
| 54                      | 3,4,5-Trifluoropyridinium     | 130.2 | 162.1 | 1.068 | −1.05 | 0.103 | 122.7 | 125.7 | 177.9 | 176.8 | 169.5 |
| 55                      | 3,4,5-Trichloropyridinium     | 123.9 | 150.8 | 1.063 | −1.03 | 0.105 | 124.6 | 127.2 | 178.4 | 175.6 | 176.2 |
| 56                      | 3,5-Diaminopyridinium         | 107.9 | 122.6 | 1.049 | −0.97 | 0.068 | 123.6 | 129.3 | 179.3 | 176.4 | 166.6 |
| <b>CH proton donors</b> |                               |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 57                      | Trifluoroethylene             | 40.0  | 33.4  | 1.085 | −0.13 | 0.025 | 134.2 | 135.5 | 174.3 | 178.6 | 177.5 |
| 58                      | Trichloroethylene             | 42.0  | 35.3  | 1.087 | −0.03 | 0.019 | 135.5 | 136.8 | 175.0 | 174.8 | 172.9 |
| 59                      | Acetylene                     | 43.1  | 35.5  | 1.077 | −0.14 | 0.023 | 133.0 | 133.0 | 179.6 | 179.6 | 179.2 |
| 60                      | Fluoroacetylene               | 44.9  | 37.3  | 1.076 | −0.14 | 0.023 | 133.1 | 133.1 | 179.7 | 179.6 | 178.9 |
| 61                      | Hydrogen cyanide              | 68.4  | 64.1  | 1.092 | −0.27 | 0.039 | 131.2 | 130.1 | 179.9 | 179.8 | 178.7 |
| 62                      | Trinitromethane               | 75.5  | 73.9  | 1.108 | −0.27 | 0.071 | 132.1 | 127.8 | 176.2 | 176.3 | 166.9 |
| 63                      | 1,1-Dinitroethane             | 48.1  | 42.4  | 1.097 | −0.22 | 0.050 | 127.7 | 128.8 | 168.3 | 173.8 | 168.7 |
| 64                      | 2-Nitropropane                | 24.3  | 20.9  | 1.090 | −0.20 | 0.022 | 120.8 | 117.8 | 168.6 | 172.2 | 141.9 |
| 65                      | Trichloromethane              | 52.4  | 46.9  | 1.090 | −0.13 | 0.037 | 129.0 | 133.1 | 175.3 | 179.3 | 177.4 |
| 66                      | Dichloromethane               | 41.8  | 35.9  | 1.088 | −0.07 | 0.019 | 130.5 | 132.9 | 175.8 | 176.6 | 179.7 |
| 67                      | Chloromethane                 | 26.0  | 22.2  | 1.088 | −0.06 | 0.026 | 125.1 | 121.6 | 172.0 | 170.7 | 133.0 |
| 68                      | Methane                       | 6.2   | 4.9   | 1.091 | −3.94 | 0.081 | 128.4 | 130.5 | 175.5 | 173.9 | 178.2 |
| 69                      | Trifluoromethane              | 47.0  | 40.8  | 1.092 | −0.21 | 0.030 | 133.8 | 133.0 | 176.0 | 177.7 | 178.0 |
| 70                      | Tribromomethane               | 49.1  | 43.4  | 1.090 | −0.30 | 0.042 | 129.9 | 128.2 | 177.8 | 175.2 | 179.9 |

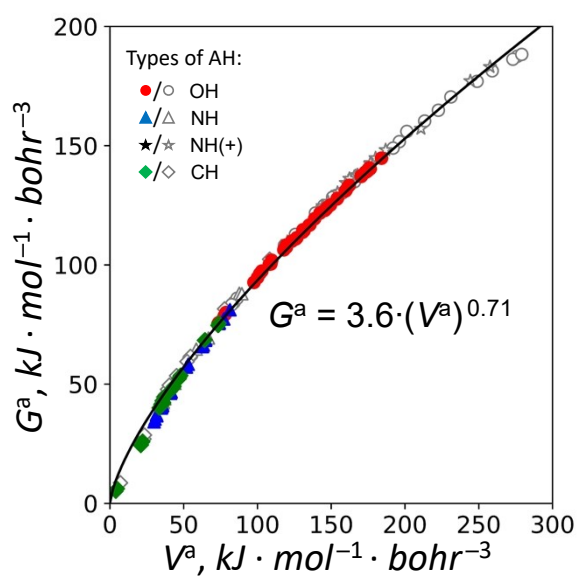
**Table S2.** The numeric values of the main geometric, energetic and spectroscopic parameters of hydrogen-bonded 1:1 complexes formed by Me<sub>3</sub>PO with proton donors **1–70** (PCM,  $\epsilon = 4.7$ ), taken from ref. 51: hydrogen bond energy  $\Delta E$  (in kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), local electron kinetic,  $G$ , and potential,  $V$ , energy densities at BCP (in kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> bohr<sup>-3</sup>), hydrogen bond distance,  $r_2$  (in Å); angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  (in degrees), the changes of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P NMR chemical shifts,  $\Delta\delta\text{H}$  and  $\Delta\delta\text{P}$  (in ppm) and the change of P=O vibrational,  $\Delta\nu_{\text{P=O}}$  (in cm<sup>-1</sup>).

| No.                      | Proton donor molecule          | $\Delta E$ | $G$    | $V$    | $r_2$ | $\alpha$ | $\beta$ | $\Delta\delta\text{H}$ | $\Delta\delta\text{P}$ | $\Delta\nu_{\text{P=O}}$ |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|-------|----------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>OH proton donors</b>  |                                |            |        |        |       |          |         |                        |                        |                          |
| 1                        | Water                          | 30.08      | 84.29  | 84.18  | 1.764 | 132.2    | 179.1   | 4.9                    | 5.7                    | -18.1                    |
| 2                        | Methanol                       | 29.68      | 85.97  | 86.19  | 1.760 | 134.3    | 178.7   | 5.3                    | 5.9                    | -16.5                    |
| 3                        | Fluoromethanol                 | 42.27      | 112.79 | 125.71 | 1.651 | 133.9    | 176.6   | 6.5                    | 8.9                    | -27.8                    |
| 4                        | Difluoromethanol               | 49.20      | 136.54 | 166.97 | 1.563 | 133.9    | 176.0   | 8.3                    | 11.0                   | -37.7                    |
| 5                        | Trifluoromethanol              | 62.80      | 170.43 | 231.10 | 1.467 | 136.0    | 176.8   | 9.7                    | 13.5                   | -50.1                    |
| 6                        | Chloromethanol                 | 46.24      | 124.88 | 145.04 | 1.609 | 134.4    | 176.8   | 7.8                    | 10.0                   | -35.4                    |
| 7                        | Dichloromethanol               | 53.58      | 155.97 | 201.21 | 1.508 | 137.0    | 174.4   | 9.8                    | 12.1                   | -47.1                    |
| 8                        | Ethanol                        | 28.06      | 83.32  | 82.54  | 1.772 | 135.8    | 178.2   | 5.4                    | 5.1                    | -16.0                    |
| 9                        | 2,2,2-Trifluoroethanol         | 40.35      | 108.13 | 118.25 | 1.668 | 134.9    | 176.9   | 6.2                    | 8.3                    | -18.8                    |
| 10                       | Formic acid                    | 49.41      | 140.12 | 175.02 | 1.552 | 128.3    | 175.8   | 8.1                    | 12.9                   | -47.2                    |
| 11                       | Acetic acid                    | 45.26      | 130.12 | 157.47 | 1.583 | 127.4    | 175.2   | 7.6                    | 12.1                   | -42.6                    |
| 12                       | Chloroacetic acid              | 53.22      | 151.70 | 196.19 | 1.517 | 129.2    | 175.2   | 8.8                    | 13.5                   | -51.7                    |
| 13                       | Dichloroacetic acid            | 59.39      | 164.86 | 222.64 | 1.480 | 129.4    | 176.1   | 9.3                    | 15.5                   | -63.3                    |
| 14                       | Trichloroacetic acid           | 63.16      | 176.97 | 248.87 | 1.447 | 130.0    | 176.1   | 10.0                   | 16.4                   | -69.3                    |
| 15                       | Trifluoroacetic acid           | 64.79      | 181.39 | 259.15 | 1.434 | 130.4    | 176.3   | 10.1                   | 16.7                   | -74.1                    |
| 16                       | Benzoic acid                   | 46.79      | 134.86 | 165.78 | 1.569 | 127.4    | 175.0   | 8.1                    | 12.6                   | -46.7                    |
| 17                       | Pentafluorobenzoic acid        | 56.36      | 160.31 | 213.33 | 1.493 | 129.6    | 175.5   | 9.1                    | 14.7                   | -58.1                    |
| 18                       | Methanesulfonic acid           | 65.10      | 187.50 | 276.06 | 1.417 | 128.5    | 177.0   | 8.7                    | 18.4                   | -35.1                    |
| 19                       | Benzenesulfonic acid           | 64.42      | 186.23 | 273.13 | 1.419 | 128.5    | 176.3   | 10.4                   | 17.7                   | -27.0                    |
| 20                       | <i>p</i> -Toluenesulfonic acid | 61.34      | 188.26 | 279.14 | 1.411 | 130.6    | 175.6   | 10.8                   | 17.1                   | -54.5                    |
| 21                       | Phenylphosphonic acid          | 54.06      | 149.00 | 191.91 | 1.525 | 129.2    | 178.8   | 8.9                    | 14.5                   | -51.0                    |
| 22                       | Phenol                         | 40.42      | 107.85 | 118.34 | 1.666 | 136.8    | 177.7   | 6.5                    | 7.1                    | -27.1                    |
| 23                       | 2-Nitrophenol                  | 52.55      | 129.06 | 153.17 | 1.592 | 134.1    | 178.0   | 7.7                    | 10.3                   | -40.8                    |
| 24                       | 3-Nitrophenol                  | 48.99      | 121.78 | 139.32 | 1.617 | 142.7    | 177.9   | 7.1                    | 8.5                    | -27.0                    |
| 25                       | 4-Nitrophenol                  | 52.03      | 128.37 | 150.93 | 1.594 | 139.1    | 179.5   | 7.4                    | 9.5                    | -39.9                    |
| <b>NH proton donors</b>  |                                |            |        |        |       |          |         |                        |                        |                          |
| 26                       | Ammonia                        | 12.00      | 41.64  | 35.30  | 2.049 | 130.6    | 177.0   | 2.9                    | 2.2                    | -8.6                     |
| 27                       | Dimethylamine                  | 11.90      | 43.84  | 37.27  | 2.032 | 137.9    | 179.0   | 3.0                    | 1.9                    | -7.9                     |
| 28                       | Aziridine                      | 15.62      | 50.30  | 44.06  | 1.981 | 133.2    | 175.9   | 3.2                    | 3.2                    | -9.4                     |
| 29                       | Azetidine                      | 11.70      | 42.41  | 36.26  | 2.046 | 132.4    | 177.7   | 2.8                    | 2.1                    | -7.4                     |
| 30                       | Pyrrolidine                    | 12.00      | 41.31  | 35.41  | 2.058 | 130.4    | 177.2   | 2.7                    | 2.0                    | -8.0                     |
| 31                       | Piperidine                     | 11.55      | 42.00  | 35.80  | 2.049 | 133.1    | 179.0   | 2.9                    | 2.0                    | -7.7                     |
| 32                       | Piperazine                     | 11.83      | 41.31  | 35.15  | 2.056 | 134.0    | 176.5   | 3.0                    | 1.7                    | -7.8                     |
| 33                       | 2-Pyrrolidone                  | 26.94      | 69.32  | 66.78  | 1.846 | 121.8    | 174.1   | 4.7                    | 8.0                    | -25.7                    |
| 34                       | Pyrrole                        | 28.06      | 77.45  | 74.03  | 1.800 | 142.3    | 179.7   | 4.3                    | 4.9                    | -14.5                    |
| 35                       | Imidazole                      | 33.68      | 88.12  | 87.70  | 1.749 | 147.2    | 178.9   | 4.7                    | 5.7                    | -16.0                    |
| 36                       | Pyrazole                       | 33.35      | 87.87  | 89.42  | 1.750 | 139.0    | 177.2   | 4.5                    | 6.1                    | -19.3                    |
| 37                       | 1,4-Dihydropyrazine            | 20.18      | 64.69  | 58.51  | 1.875 | 142.2    | 179.8   | 4.5                    | 3.6                    | -11.5                    |
| <b>NH+ proton donors</b> |                                |            |        |        |       |          |         |                        |                        |                          |
| 38                       | Ammonium                       | 77.43      | 157.15 | 210.79 | 1.496 | 151.2    | 175.5   | 9.8                    | 14.1                   | -47.6                    |
| 39                       | Dimethylammonium               | 69.12      | 137.33 | 166.42 | 1.570 | 159.6    | 174.6   | 7.6                    | 12.6                   | -33.8                    |
| 40                       | Trimethylammonium              | 67.45      | 134.39 | 159.89 | 1.584 | 160.7    | 175.7   | 7.2                    | 12.7                   | -34.1                    |
| 41                       | Imidazolium                    | 66.29      | 142.22 | 178.05 | 1.544 | 150.1    | 176.0   | 7.6                    | 12.5                   | -33.3                    |
| 42                       | Pyridinium                     | 70.04      | 148.19 | 186.87 | 1.533 | 154.4    | 175.9   | 7.3                    | 13.5                   | -39.3                    |
| 43                       | 2-Picolinium                   | 66.30      | 136.95 | 165.52 | 1.569 | 157.9    | 177.3   | 6.9                    | 11.8                   | -36.7                    |
| 44                       | 3-Picolinium                   | 68.16      | 144.79 | 180.06 | 1.544 | 155.5    | 174.9   | 7.1                    | 12.8                   | -37.3                    |
| 45                       | 4-Picolinium                   | 67.11      | 142.46 | 176.39 | 1.551 | 153.8    | 176.8   | 7.2                    | 12.7                   | -40.0                    |
| 46                       | 3,5-Lutidinium                 | 66.80      | 142.76 | 176.62 | 1.551 | 153.5    | 177.0   | 7.0                    | 12.5                   | -39.4                    |

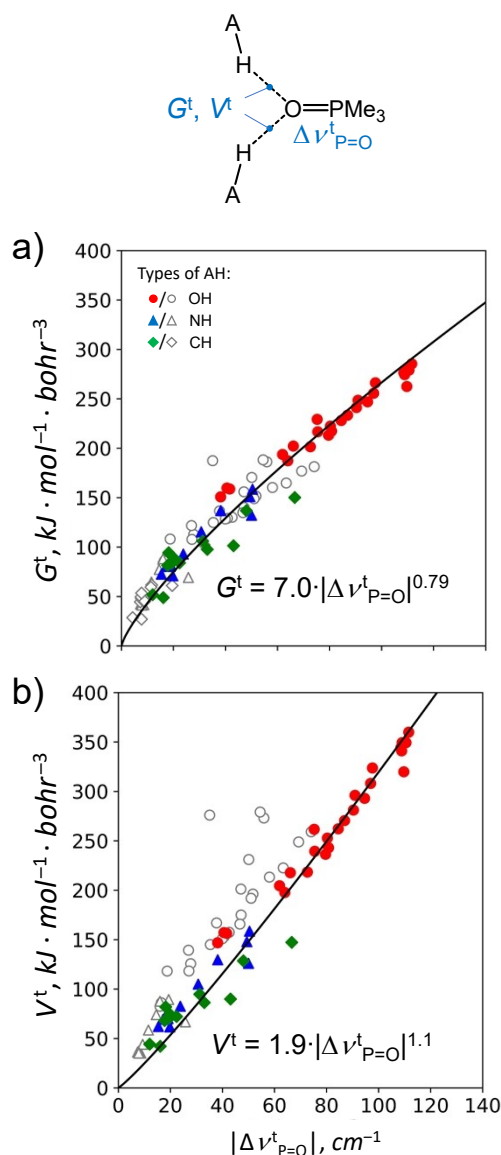
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| 47                      | 2,6-Lutidinium                | 61.13 | 126.52 | 147.81 | 1.602 | 158.1 | 175.7 | 6.7 | 10.7 | −34.7 |
| 48                      | 2,4,6-Collidinium             | 58.65 | 124.70 | 144.13 | 1.609 | 160.1 | 175.3 | 6.6 | 10.3 | −27.1 |
| 49                      | 2-(Dimethylamino)pyridinium   | 55.79 | 109.71 | 120.29 | 1.662 | 158.8 | 164.0 | 5.8 | 10.6 | −34.2 |
| 50                      | 3-(Dimethylamino)pyridinium   | 64.44 | 137.12 | 166.46 | 1.568 | 153.2 | 174.2 | 6.8 | 12.1 | −35.2 |
| 51                      | 4-(Dimethylamino)pyridinium   | 57.36 | 123.90 | 144.06 | 1.608 | 152.5 | 177.2 | 6.6 | 10.8 | −28.8 |
| 52                      | 3,5-(Dimethylamino)pyridinium | 60.35 | 130.32 | 154.27 | 1.589 | 153.8 | 177.4 | 6.5 | 11.4 | −36.1 |
| 53                      | 3,4,5-(Trimethoxy)pyridinium  | 63.57 | 136.19 | 162.33 | 1.571 | 164.6 | 176.3 | 6.9 | 11.1 | −28.3 |
| 54                      | 3,4,5-Trifluoropyridinium     | 85.05 | 183.05 | 257.61 | 1.439 | 153.4 | 175.5 | 8.9 | 16.8 | −58.7 |
| 55                      | 3,4,5-Trichloropyridinium     | 81.76 | 177.11 | 244.30 | 1.455 | 151.1 | 176.2 | 8.7 | 16.3 | −72.4 |
| 56                      | 3,5-Diaminopyridinium         | 63.92 | 137.72 | 167.75 | 1.566 | 153.3 | 176.9 | 6.8 | 12.0 | −37.3 |
| <b>CH proton donors</b> |                               |       |        |        |       |       |       |     |      |       |
| 57                      | Trifluoroethylene             | 14.86 | 44.54  | 36.38  | 2.022 | 148.7 | 176.1 | 2.7 | 2.0  | −7.3  |
| 58                      | Trichloroethylene             | 14.78 | 45.53  | 37.63  | 2.014 | 145.5 | 172.4 | 2.6 | 2.1  | −8.4  |
| 59                      | Acetylene                     | 14.84 | 47.83  | 39.08  | 1.984 | 149.2 | 179.9 | 3.2 | 1.6  | −7.7  |
| 60                      | Fluoroacetylene               | 15.87 | 49.54  | 40.27  | 1.965 | 150.2 | 179.5 | 3.5 | 1.6  | −7.6  |
| 61                      | Hydrogen cyanide              | 30.77 | 81.55  | 77.71  | 1.776 | 149.5 | 179.4 | 4.8 | 4.9  | −18.2 |
| 62                      | Trinitromethane               | 41.71 | 102.36 | 108.31 | 1.702 | 144.9 | 179.3 | 5.3 | 8.6  | −31.8 |
| 63                      | 1,1-Dinitroethane             | 25.38 | 61.08  | 54.30  | 1.914 | 141.4 | 165.5 | 3.3 | 4.7  | −19.5 |
| 64                      | 2-Nitropropane                | 9.82  | 27.02  | 23.03  | 2.243 | 120.9 | 173.8 | 1.8 | 2.8  | −7.8  |
| 65                      | Trichloromethane              | 22.11 | 61.64  | 54.65  | 1.907 | 147.8 | 179.3 | 2.8 | 4.1  | −11.6 |
| 66                      | Dichloromethane               | 14.94 | 45.22  | 38.10  | 2.026 | 141.7 | 178.4 | 2.6 | 2.5  | −9.0  |
| 67                      | Chloromethane                 | 7.34  | 28.67  | 23.42  | 2.204 | 142.2 | 178.1 | 2.0 | 1.0  | −4.3  |
| 68                      | Methane                       | 0.19  | 8.62   | 7.13   | 2.741 | 153.2 | 178.7 | 0.8 | 0.5  | −0.2  |
| 69                      | Trifluoromethane              | 18.89 | 53.51  | 45.21  | 1.962 | 156.1 | 177.2 | 2.4 | 2.8  | −7.8  |
| 70                      | Tribromomethane               | 19.29 | 59.47  | 52.31  | 1.917 | 147.1 | 179.3 | 2.6 | 4.2  | −11.4 |



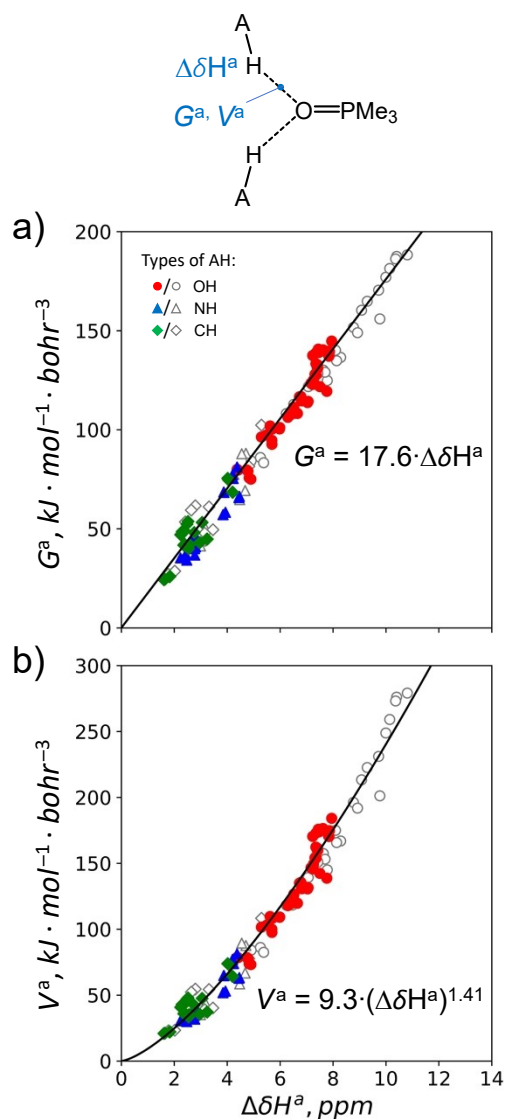
**Fig. S1.** Distribution diagram of AH proton donor positions in 1:1 complexes relative to  $\text{Me}_3\text{PO}$ . Each radial grid mark corresponds to five occurrences of a certain AH position.



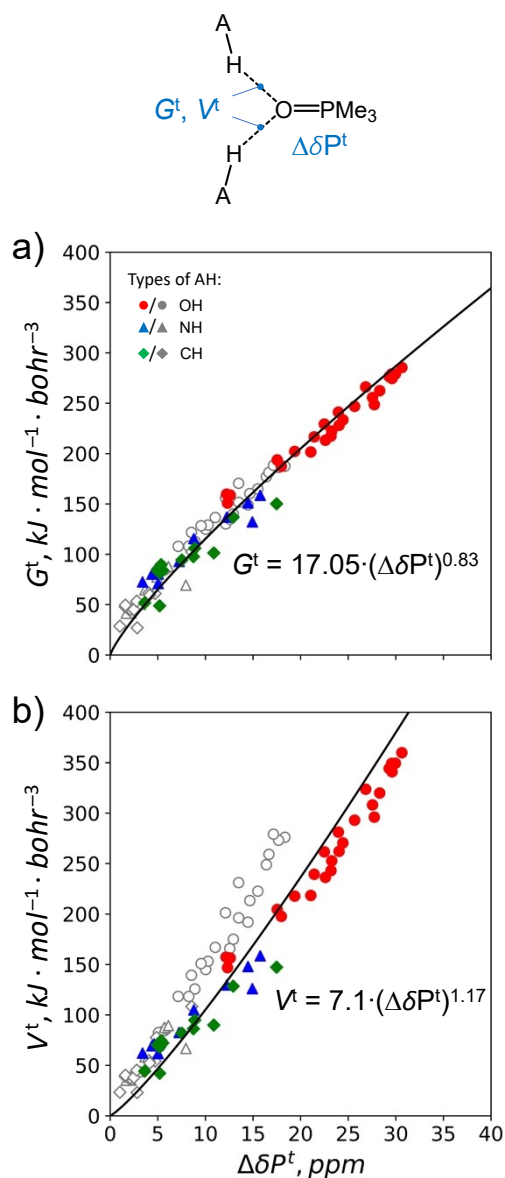
**Fig. S2.** Correlation between local electron kinetic  $G^a$  and potential  $V^a$  energy densities. Open gray symbols correspond to 1:1 complexes, filled red, blue and green symbols correspond to 1:2 complexes. Solid curve corresponds to correlational equation given next to the curve ( $V^a$  in  $\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{bohr}^{-3}$ ,  $G^a$  in  $\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{bohr}^{-3}$ ).



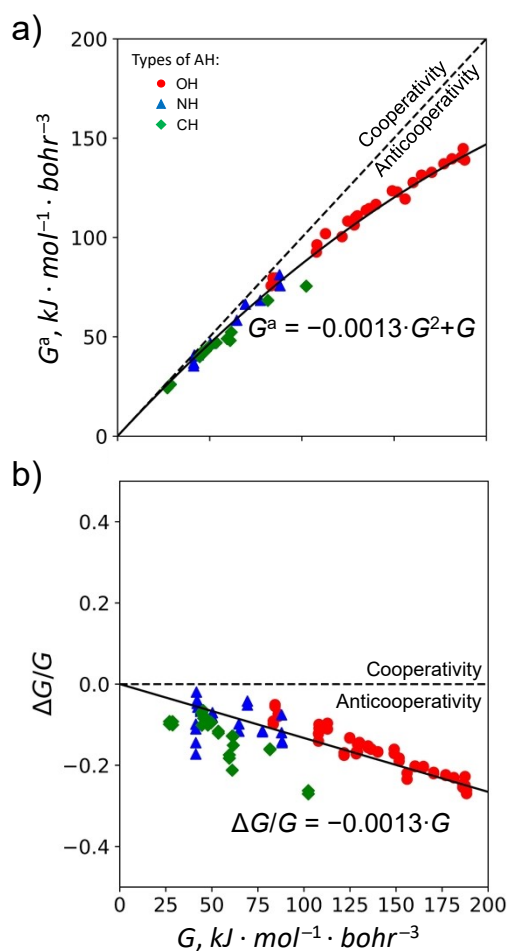
**Fig. S3.** Correlations between (a) total local electron kinetic energy density  $G^t = G + G^a$  and  $|\Delta \nu_{P=O}^t|$ , (b) total local electron potential energy density  $V^t = V + V^a$  and  $|\Delta \nu_{P=O}^t|$ . Open gray symbols correspond to 1:1 complexes; filled red, blue and green symbols correspond to 1:2 complexes. As the correlation  $\Delta E^a(G^a)$  is linear (Figure 11) and the correlation  $\Delta E^t(|\Delta \nu_{P=O}^t|)$  is a power function (Figure 13a), the  $G^t(|\Delta \nu_{P=O}^t|)$  and  $V^t(|\Delta \nu_{P=O}^t|)$  could also be described by a power function. Solid curves correspond to correlation power functions fitted for both 1:1 and 1:2 complexes by keeping the power values fixed at 0.79 for  $G^t(|\Delta \nu_{P=O}^t|)$  and 1.1 for  $V^t(|\Delta \nu_{P=O}^t|)$ . For the fitting equations to be valid, the following units should be used:  $G^t$  and  $V^t$  in  $\text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{bohr}^{-3}$ ,  $|\Delta \nu_{P=O}^t|$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



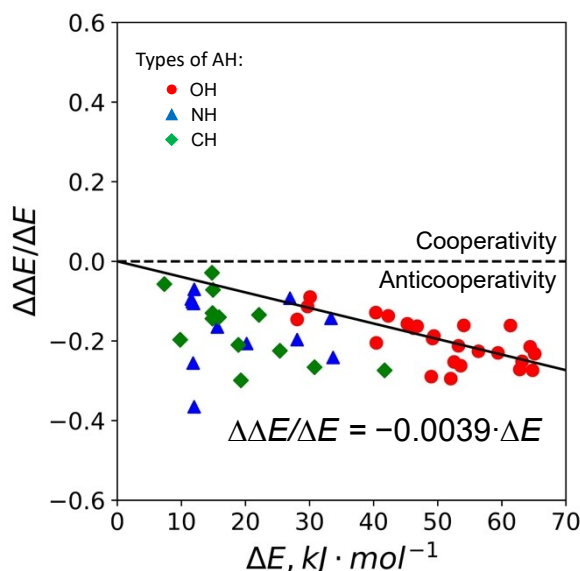
**Fig. S4.** Correlations between (a) local electron kinetic energy density  $G^a$  and  $\Delta\delta\text{H}^a$ , (b) local electron potential energy density  $V^a$  and  $\Delta\delta\text{H}^a$ . Open gray symbols correspond to 1:1 complexes; filled red, blue and green symbols correspond to 1:2 complexes. As the correlations  $\Delta E^a(G^a)$  and  $\Delta E^a(\Delta\delta\text{H}^a)$  are linear (Figure 11, Figure 13b), and the correlation  $G^a(V^a)$  is described by the power function (Figure S2), the  $G^a(\Delta\delta\text{H}^a)$  could be described by a linear function and  $V^a(\Delta\delta\text{H}^a)$  could be described by a power function. Solid curves correspond to correlation functions fitted for both 1:1 and 1:2 complexes (the power value fixed at 1.41 for  $V^a(\Delta\delta\text{H}^a)$ ). For the fitting equations to be valid, the following units should be used:  $G^a$  and  $V^a$  in  $\text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{bohr}^{-3}$ ,  $\Delta\delta\text{H}^a$  in ppm.



**Fig. S5.** Correlations between (a) total local electron kinetic energy density  $G^t$  and  $\Delta\delta P^t$ , (b) total local electron potential energy density  $V^t$  and  $\Delta\delta P^t$ . Open gray symbols correspond to 1:1 complexes; filled red, blue and green symbols correspond to 1:2 complexes. Solid curves correspond to correlation functions fitted for both 1:1 and 1:2 complexes. The power values were fixed at 0.83 for  $G^t(\Delta\delta P^t)$  and 1.17 for  $V^t(\Delta\delta P^t)$  because correlation  $\Delta E^a(G^a)$  is linear (Figure 11) and the correlations  $G^a(V^a)$  and  $\Delta E^t(\Delta\delta P^t)$  are power functions (Figure S2, Figure 13c). For the fitting equations to be valid, the following units should be used:  $G^a$  and  $V^a$  in  $\text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{bohr}^{-3}$ ,  $\Delta\delta P^t$  in ppm.



**Fig. S6.** (a) The correlation between  $G^a$  and  $G$ . (b) The correlation of relative hydrogen bond cooperativity on local electron kinetic energy density  $\Delta G/G$  ( $\Delta G = G^a - G$ ) and  $G$ . Solid curves correspond to correlational equations given next to the curves. The correlation  $\Delta G/G(G)$  seems to be close to linear with the coefficient  $-0.0013 \text{ kJ}^{-1} \text{ mol bohr}^3$  obtained by least squares fitting. The correlation function for  $G^a(G)$  was derived from the fitting function for  $\Delta G/G(G)$ . Dashed lines indicate the boundaries between regions of cooperativity and anticooperativity effects. For the fitting equations to be valid  $G$ ,  $G^a$  and  $\Delta G$  should be in  $\text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{bohr}^{-3}$ .

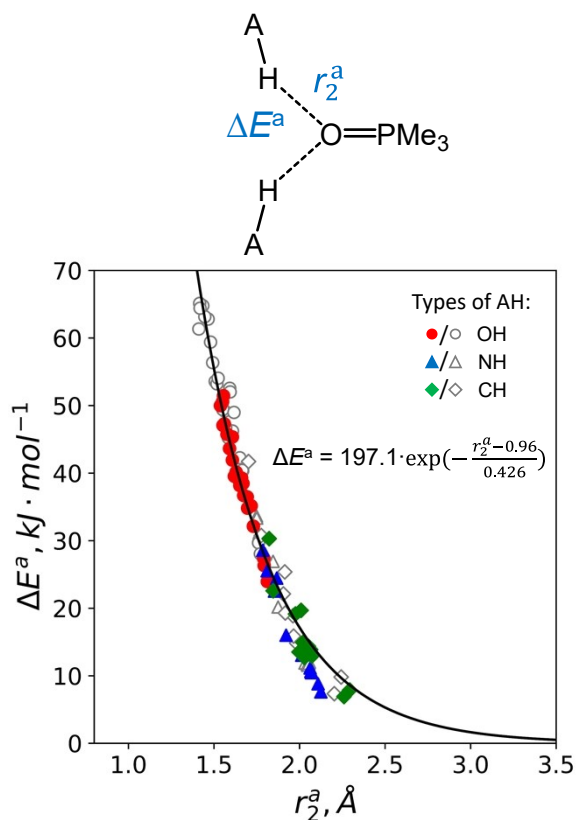


**Fig. S7.** The correlation of relative hydrogen bond cooperativity  $\Delta\Delta E/\Delta E$  ( $\Delta\Delta E = \Delta E^a - \Delta E$ ) and  $\Delta E$ . Solid curve corresponds to correlational equation given next to the curve. Dashed line indicates the boundary between regions of cooperativity and anticooperativity effects. For the fitting equation to be valid  $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta\Delta E$  should be in  $\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ .

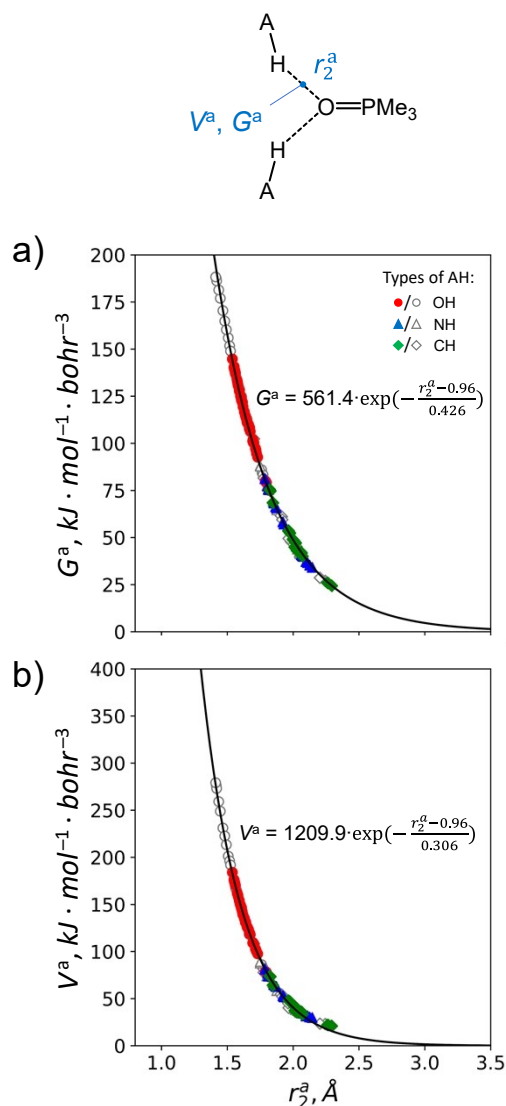
**Table S3.** Explicit equations of some correlation functions mentioned in the text:  $\Delta\Delta \nu_{\text{P=O}}(\Delta E)$ ,  $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{H}(\Delta E)$ ,  $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{P}(\Delta E)$ ,  $r_2^a(r_2)$ ,  $\Delta r_2(r_2)$ ,  $\Delta\Delta \nu_{\text{P=O}}(r_2)$ ,  $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{H}(r_2)$ ,  $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{P}(r_2)$ . For the equations to be valid with the given numerical coefficients, the variables should be taken in the following units:  $\Delta E$  in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ ;  $r_2^a$ ,  $r_2$  and  $\Delta r_2$  in  $\text{\AA}$ ;  $\Delta\Delta \nu_{\text{P=O}}$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{P}$  and  $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{H}$  in ppm).

| Correlation function                      | Figure    | Explicit fitting function                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\Delta\Delta \nu_{\text{P=O}}(\Delta E)$ | Fig. 15a  | $ \Delta\Delta \nu_{\text{P=O}}  = 0.284 \cdot (2 \cdot \Delta E - 0.0039 \cdot \Delta E^2)^{1.266} - 0.284 \cdot \Delta E^{1.266}$                                                                             |
| $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{H}(\Delta E)$    | Fig. 15b  | $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{H} = -0.00065 \cdot \Delta E^2$                                                                                                                                                        |
| $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{P}(\Delta E)$    | Fig. 15c  | $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{P} = 0.152 \cdot (2 \cdot \Delta E - 0.0039 \cdot \Delta E^2)^{1.205} - 0.152 \cdot \Delta E^{1.205}$                                                                                  |
| $r_2^a(r_2)$                              | Fig. 17   | $r_2^a = 0.96 - 0.426 \cdot \ln \left( -0.769 \cdot \exp \left( -2 \cdot \frac{r_2 - 0.96}{0.426} \right) + \exp \left( -\frac{r_2 - 0.96}{0.426} \right) \right)$                                              |
| $\Delta r_2(r_2)$                         | Fig. S10  | $\Delta r_2/r_2 = r_2^{-1} \cdot \left( 0.96 - 0.426 \cdot \ln \left( -0.769 \cdot \exp \left( -2 \cdot \frac{r_2 - 0.96}{0.426} \right) + \exp \left( -\frac{r_2 - 0.96}{0.426} \right) \right) \right) - r_2$ |
| $\Delta\Delta \nu_{\text{P=O}}(r_2)$      | Fig. S11a | $ \Delta\Delta \nu_{\text{P=O}}(r_2)  = 761 \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{r_2^a(r_2) - 0.96}{0.307} \right) - 284 \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{r_2 - 0.96}{0.307} \right)$                                               |
| $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{H}(r_2)$         | Fig. S11b | $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{H}(r_2) = 32.85 \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{r_2^a(r_2) - 0.96}{0.426} \right) - 32.85 \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{r_2 - 0.96}{0.426} \right)$                                                |

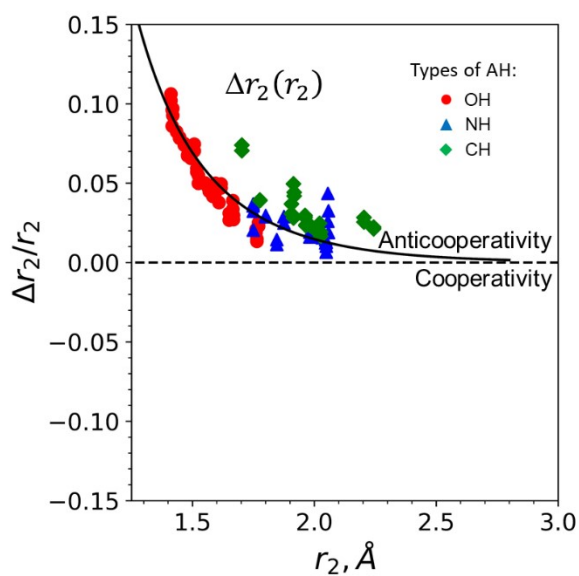
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| $\Delta\Delta\delta P(r_2)$ | Fig. S11c | $\Delta\Delta\delta P(r_2) = 188.3 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{r_2^a(r_2) - 0.96}{0.322}\right) - 73.8 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{r_2 - 0.96}{0.322}\right)$ |
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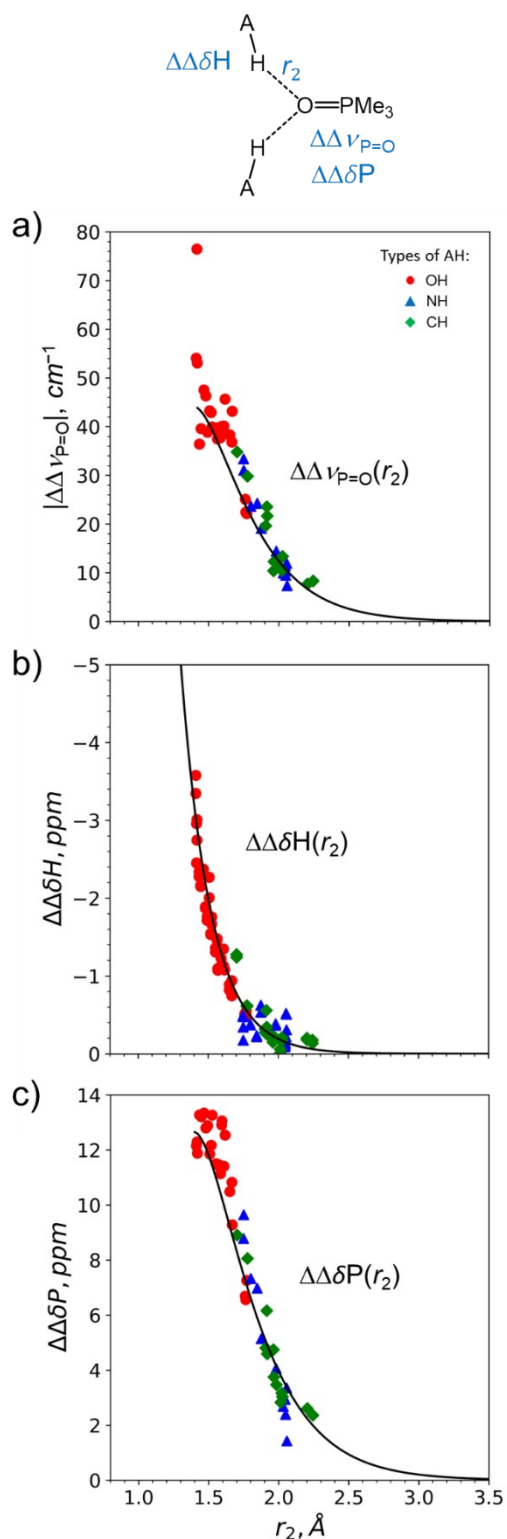
**Fig. S8.** Correlation between hydrogen bond energy  $\Delta E^a$  and hydrogen bond length  $r_2^a$ . Open gray symbols correspond to 1:1 complexes; filled red, blue and green symbols correspond to 1:2 complexes. The solid line is drawn according to the correlation function given next to the curve. For the fitting equations to be valid, the following units should be used:  $\Delta E^a$  in  $\text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ ,  $r_2^a$  in  $\text{\AA}$ .



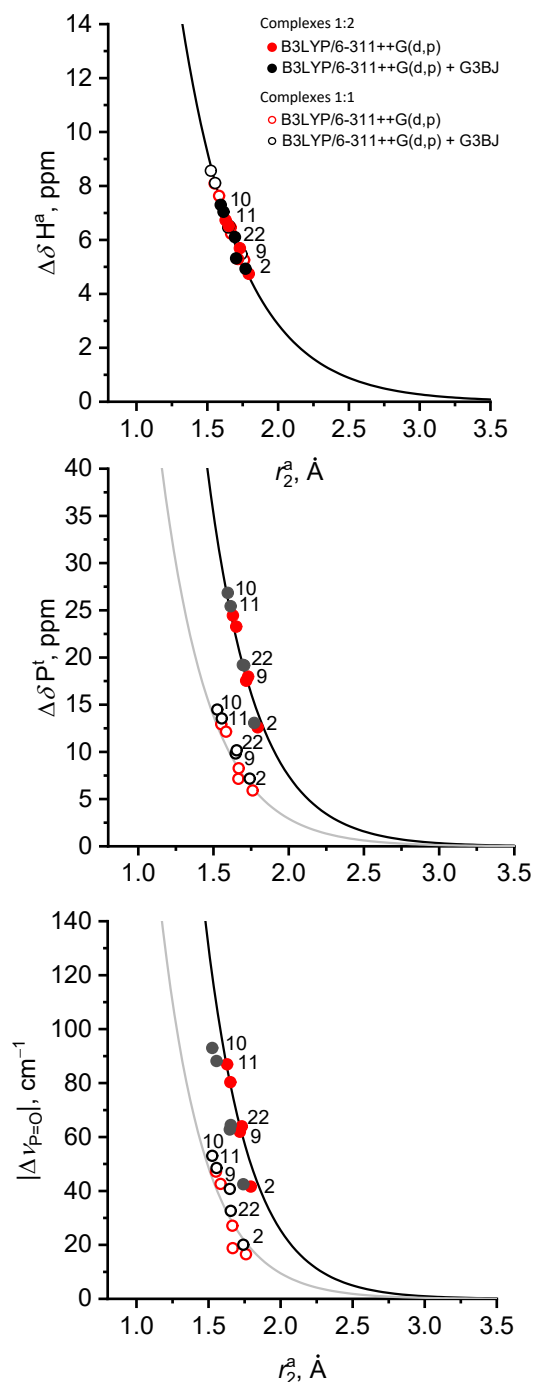
**Fig. S9.** Correlations between (a)  $G^a$  and hydrogen bond length  $r_2^a$ , (b)  $V^a$  and  $r_2^a$ . Open gray symbols correspond to 1:1 complexes; filled red, blue and green symbols correspond to 1:2 complexes. The solid lines correspond to correlation functions  $g \cdot \exp(-(r_2^a - r_2^0)/h)$ , where coefficients  $g$  and  $h$  were obtained for  $G^a(r_2^a)$  and  $V^a(r_2^a)$  by the least squares fitting. For the fitting equations to be valid, the following units should be used:  $V^a$  and  $G^a$  in  $\text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{bohr}^{-3}$ ,  $r_2^a$  in  $\text{\AA}$ .



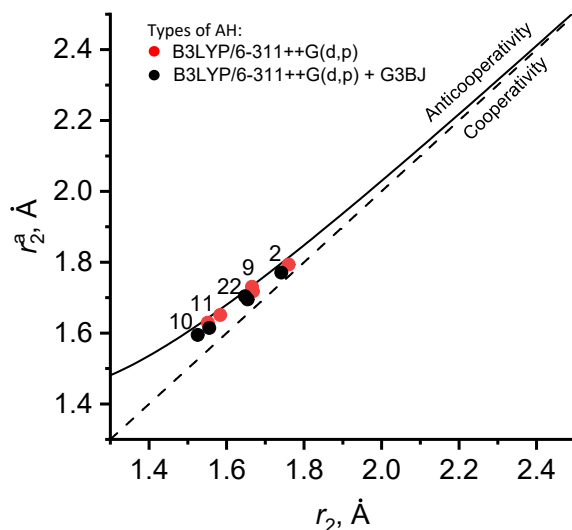
**Fig. S10.** The correlation of relative geometric cooperativity  $\Delta r_2/r_2$  ( $\Delta r_2 = r_2^a - r_2$ ) and  $r_2$  distance for 1:2 and 1:1 complexes formed by Me<sub>3</sub>PO with the same AH proton donors. Solid curve corresponds to correlation function, which is given in Table S3. Dashed line indicates the boundary between regions of cooperativity and anticooperativity effects.



**Fig. S11.** The correlations of hydrogen bond length  $r_2$  and spectral cooperativity parameters: (a)  $|\Delta\Delta\nu_{P=O}| = |\Delta\nu_{P=O}^t - \Delta\nu_{P=O}|$ , (b)  $\Delta\Delta\delta H = \Delta\delta H^a - \Delta\delta H$ , (c)  $\Delta\Delta\delta P = \Delta\delta P^t - \Delta\delta P$ . Solid curves correspond to correlation functions  $\Delta\Delta\nu_{P=O}(r_2)$ ,  $\Delta\Delta\delta H(r_2)$  and  $\Delta\Delta\delta P(r_2)$  derived from correlations given in Figure 16, Figure 17 and explicitly given in Table S3.



**Fig. S12.** Comparison of the results obtained with/without taking the dispersion correction into account. Red data points – B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p); black data points – B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)+D3BJ. Correlations between interatomic distance  $r_2^a$  and IR, NMR spectroscopy parameters for complexes of  $\text{Me}_3\text{P}=\text{O}$  with proton donors **2**, **9**, **10**, **11** and **22** are shown: (a) stretching frequency  $|\Delta\nu_{P=O}|$ , (b) <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shift  $\Delta\delta H^a$  and (c) <sup>31</sup>P NMR chemical shift  $\Delta\delta P^t$ . Solid lines correspond to fitting curves (see text) obtained for 1:1 complexes (gray lines) and 1:2 complexes (black lines).



**Fig. S13.** Comparison of the results obtained with/without taking the dispersion correction into account. Red data points – B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p); black data points – B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)+D3BJ. Correlation between hydrogen bond distances  $r_2^a$  and  $r_2$  for complexes of  $\text{Me}_3\text{P}=\text{O}$  with proton donors **2**, **9**, **10**, **11** and **22** are shown. Solid line corresponds to correlation function  $r_2^a(r_2)$  given explicitly in Table S3 in ESI and derived from fitting functions shown in Figure 14 and Figure S8. Dashed line indicates the boundary between regions of cooperativity and anticooperativity effects.