

## **Supporting Information**

### **Reductions with SmI<sub>2</sub>: Mechanistic Probe for Distinguishing Between Two Operational Modes of Proton Transfer**

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Table S1: ET30 for THF solutions of MeOH, TFE and i-PrOH.

<b>ROH</b>	<b>[ROH] (M)</b>	<b><math>\lambda_{\text{max}}(\text{nm})</math></b>	<b>ET30 (kcal/mol)</b>
MeOH	1	654	43.7
MeOH	0.5	684	41.8
MeOH	0.25	704	40.6
MeOH	0.0625	748	38.2
MeOH	0	764	37.4
TFE	1	561	51
TFE	0.5	581	49.2
TFE	0.25	607	47.1
TFE	0.0625	659	43.4
TFE	0	765	37.4
i-PrOH	1	689	41.5
i-PrOH	0.5	709	40.3
i-PrOH	0.25	728	39.3
i-PrOH	0.0625	754	37.9

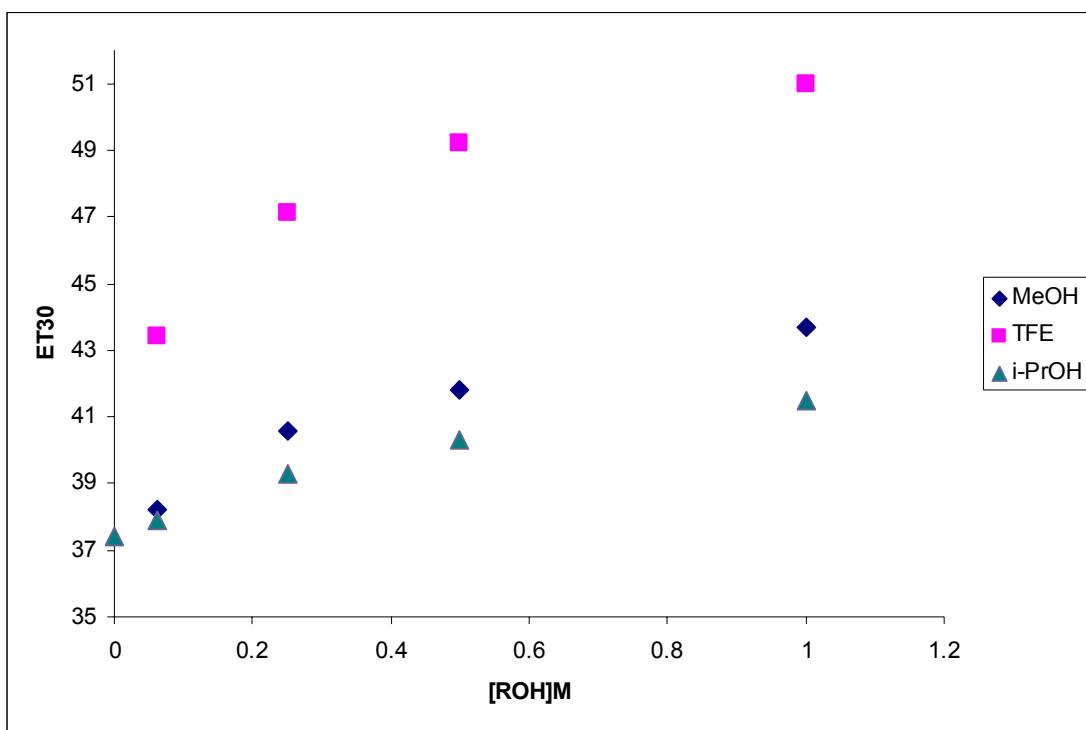


Figure S1: ET30 values as a function of [ROH] concentration.

Table S2: Reaction scheme and Data used for the SPECFIT simulation.

Simulation	kf	kb	[H <sub>2</sub> O]	k <sub>obs</sub>
SmI <sub>2</sub> +MeOH <====> SmI <sub>2</sub> (MeOH)	1.00E+07	5.00E+07	1.04 0.52 0.26 0.129 0.0645 0.03225 0.016625 0.008813 0.004906 0.002953	830
SmI <sub>2</sub> (MeOH) +MeOH <====> SmI <sub>2</sub> (MeOH) <sub>2</sub>	2.00E+08	5.00E+07		830
SmI <sub>2</sub> (MeOH) <sub>2</sub> +MeOH <====> SmI <sub>2</sub> (MeOH) <sub>3</sub>	4.00E+09	5.00E+07		820
SmI <sub>2</sub> (MeOH) <sub>3</sub> +MeOH <====> SmI <sub>2</sub> (MeOH) <sub>4</sub>	8.00E+10	5.00E+07		780
Substrate + SmI <sub>2</sub> (MeOH)	7.00E+04			390
Substrate + SmI <sub>2</sub> (MeOH) <sub>2</sub>	1.40E+05			72
Substrate + SmI <sub>2</sub> (MeOH) <sub>3</sub>	2.10E+05			6.9
Substrate + SmI <sub>2</sub> (MeOH) <sub>4</sub>	2.80E+05			0.88
				0.25
				0.13
				0.039
			0.001	