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## Weak Hydrogen Bonding Competition between O–H···π and O–H···Cl

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Fig. S1. The high-lying structures of the TFE–CMP complexes obtained at the B3LYP-D3/aug-cc-pVTZ level. The dashed lines denote the O–H··· $\pi$  and O–H···Cl hydrogen bonds.



Fig. S2. Spectra of TFE, CMP, and their mixture in the 3200-3650 cm<sup>-1</sup> region. A 6 m path length cell was used.



Fig. S3. (A) Spectra of TFE, CMP, and their mixture in the 3200-3650 cm<sup>-1</sup> region. A 20 cm path length cell was used. (B) Spectra of the TFE–CMP complex in the  $v_{H}$  band region.



Fig. S4. The integrated absorbance of the OH-stretching band in the TFE–CMP complex as a function of the product of the TFE and CMP pressures. The integration region for TFE–CMP is 3525-3632 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S5. The deconvolution fitting of the OH-stretching fundamental transition band of TFE-CMP.

structures	O-H····π/Cl			C=C
	$\Delta r_{\rm OH}^a$	$r_{HB}^{b}$	θc	$\Delta r_{C=C} d$
TFE-gauche-CMP (a)	0.0051			0.0028
TFE-gauche-CMP (b)	0.0066			0.0035
TFE-gauche-CMP (c)	0.0061	2.2952	152.8	0.0004
TFE-syn-CMP (d)	0.0055			0.0039
TFE-syn-CMP (e)	0.0046	2.3871	174.1	0.0014

**Table S1.** Selected geometric parameters of the most stable TFE–CMP structures at the MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ level (angles in degrees; lengths/distances in Å)

<sup>a</sup>  $\Delta r_{OH} = r_{complex} - r_{monomer}$ , is the change in the OH bond length upon complexation. <sup>b</sup> Intermolecular hydrogen bond distance. <sup>c</sup> Intermolecular hydrogen bond angle. <sup>d</sup>  $\Delta r_{C=C} = r_{complex} - r_{monomer}$ , is the change in the C=C bond length upon complexation.

**Table S2.** Comparison of the calculated BE (not corrected) and BSSE of the most stable TFE–CMP structures with B3LYP-D3 and MP2 methods (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>)

structures _	B3LYP-	B3LYP-D3/aug-cc-pVTZ		MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ	
	BE	BSSE	BE	BSSE	
TFE-gauche-CMP (a)	-26.1	0.9	-29.5	6.4	
TFE-gauche-CMP (b)	-23.7	1.2	-28.3	7.0	
TFE-gauche-CMP (c)	-25.7	1.0	-28.3	6.3	
TFE-syn-CMP (d)	-30.4	1.1	-33.4	7.3	
TFE-syn-CMP (e)	-28.7	1.1	-32.3	7.4	