

## Electronic Supporting Information

### Conformational Adaptation and Large Amplitude Motions of 1-Phenyl-2,2,2-Trifluoroethanol with Two Water Molecules: A Rotational Spectroscopic and Ab Initio Investigation

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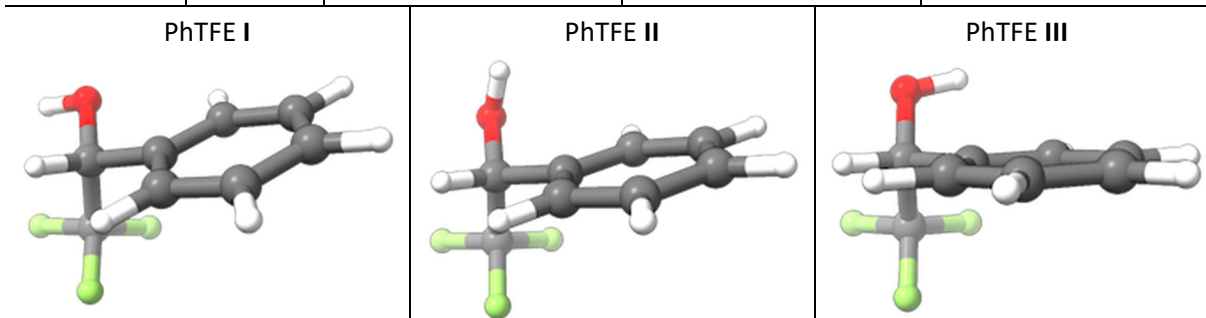
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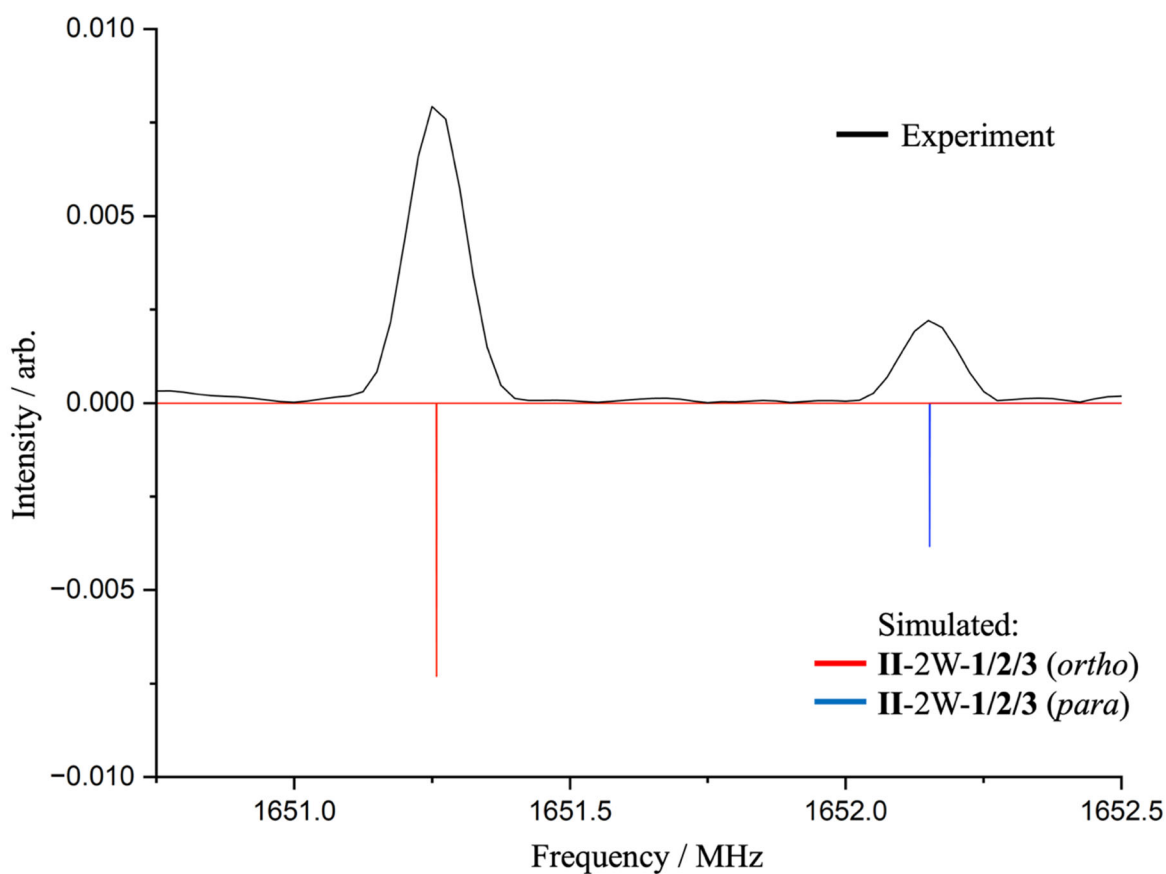
**Table S1.** Raw ( $\Delta E_e$ ), ZPE-corrected ( $\Delta E_{0,a}$ ), and ZPE+BSSE-corrected ( $\Delta E_{0,b}$ ) relative energies (in kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), rotational constants (in MHz), dipole moment components (in Debye), and the C<sub>benzene</sub>COH torsion,  $\tau$  (in degrees, 0 to 360), for the PhTFE subunit in the computationally identified PhTFE...2H<sub>2</sub>O conformers calculated at the B3LYP-D3BJ/def2-TZVPPD level of theory.

Structure <sup>a</sup>	$\tau$ (CCOH) deg.	Energies (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )			Dip. Mom. (D)			Rot. Const. (MHz)		
		$\Delta E_e$	$\Delta E_{0,a}$	$\Delta E_{0,b}$	$\mu_a$	$\mu_b$	$\mu_c$	A	B	C
II-2W-1	167	0.0	0.0	0.0	-5.1	-0.3	-1.3	853	469	364
II-2W-2	170	0.8	0.4	0.4	-5.2	-0.4	-1.2	857	465	366
II-2W-3	164	0.8	0.4	0.4	-4.9	0.0	-0.2	865	468	369
III-2W-4	277	2.6	4.5	4.4	1.3	0.9	0.3	940	444	356
II-2W-5	195	2.7	4.4	4.4	-2.4	0.4	0.2	699	545	383
I-2W-6	94	3.1	4.0	3.9	1.5	2.5	1.2	676	518	356
II-2W-7	153	3.4	4.4	4.2	0.2	2.0	1.0	851	418	335
III-2W-8	298	3.6	5.9	5.9	-2.7	0.1	-0.1	721	536	388
I-2W-9	76	4.2	4.8	4.6	0.1	2.9	-0.7	717	472	338
I-2W-10	81	4.2	5.4	5.4	0.5	0.8	0.8	1036	388	346
I-2W-11	69	4.5	5.4	5.2	0.7	2.5	1.2	745	461	339
I-2W-12	73	5.2	6.3	6.2	0.7	-1.5	-0.3	1020	398	346
III-2W-13	293	5.3	6.7	6.7	0.8	0.7	1.0	926	429	348
II-2W-14	176	5.4	6.1	5.9	0.5	2.2	1.2	751	453	335
I-2W-15	63	5.5	6.5	6.3	1.1	1.1	0.6	906	413	338
aIII-2W-16	288	5.5	7.0	7.1	-2.5	-0.8	1.0	871	516	439
III-2W-17	292	5.6	7.1	7.0	1.0	-1.2	-0.9	975	431	350
III-2W-18	298	6.0	7.4	7.3	0.1	2.1	1.2	635	549	368
II-2W-19	201	6.6	6.8	6.7	1.8	1.4	0.3	682	546	369
aIII-2W-20	283	7.1	7.6	7.6	-4.6	-1.1	0.7	904	464	397
aIII-2W-21	263	7.4	9.2	9.1	-3.0	-0.1	-1.3	678	518	380
aIII-2W-22	292	8.4	8.6	8.7	-3.7	-0.3	0.3	869	513	437
III-2W-23	305	8.9	9.6	9.5	1.8	1.9	0.5	642	552	364
I-2W-24	94	9.0	8.3	8.1	-2.0	0.6	2.4	1057	357	330
I-2W-25	89	9.1	8.2	8.0	-0.8	0.1	0.7	1164	346	315
I-2W-26	62	10.0	10.0	10.0	-1.7	0.4	0.3	713	519	400
III-2W-27	290	10.4	10.1	10.0	-0.3	1.6	-1.7	864	446	356
aIII-2W-28	284	14.2	14.3	14.2	-2.7	0.4	1.8	637	531	374
aIII-2W-29	268	14.4	13.8	13.7	0.6	0.8	-1.2	658	507	362
aIII-2W-30	273	17.1	16.2	16.2	1.9	-1.8	-1.5	728	499	411
I-2W-31	54	19.3	18.0	17.8	0.5	-0.9	-2.8	710	476	357
II-2W-32	178	19.4	16.8	16.8	-5.2	1.7	1.6	734	510	400

I-2W-33	79	21.5	18.9	18.7	-2.5	1.6	-1.6	928	397	359
II-2W-34	196	21.7	19.9	19.9	-5.6	-1.2	-3.5	729	530	390
I-2W-35	58	22.5	20.7	20.7	-1.7	-2.5	1.5	877	452	368
aIII-2W-36	282	22.9	20.6	20.5	0.4	-1.2	3.1	697	480	412
I-2W-37	69	23.0	21.5	21.3	1.2	-1.7	-2.0	643	552	344
I-2W-38	57	23.2	21.0	21.0	-1.7	-2.3	-0.4	904	445	366



<sup>a</sup> Structures containing an “a” prior to the Roman numerals describing the configuration of the PhTFE subunit are highly distorted from its free, isolated form. In the isolated PhTFE monomers,  $\tau$  has values of 57, 169, and 277 degrees for PhTFE I, II, and III, respectively. The optimized PhTFE monomer structures are provided at the bottom.



**Figure S1.** A zoom-in section of the rotational spectrum showing the *ortho-para* splitting in the  $2_{0,2} \rightarrow 1_{0,1}$  *a*-type transition of II-2W-1/2/3.

**Table S2.1.**  $\Pi$ -2W-1/2/3 (*ortho*) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta\nu = \nu - \nu_{\text{calc}}$ ).

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$\nu$ / MHz	$\Delta\nu$ / MHz
2	1	2	1	1	1	1567.9128	-0.0007
2	0	2	1	0	1	1651.2583	0.0003
2	1	1	1	1	0	1769.3029	0.0001
2	1	1	1	0	1	2253.6248	0.0031
3	1	3	2	1	2	2341.8214	0.0014
3	0	3	2	0	2	2436.6675	-0.0014
3	2	1	2	2	0	2569.1513	-0.0007
3	1	2	2	1	1	2642.0004	-0.0002
6	3	4	6	1	5	2885.6753	0.0010
2	2	0	1	1	0	2937.5185	-0.0009
5	3	3	5	1	4	2947.9485	-0.0020
5	4	1	5	3	3	3009.1101	-0.0019
8	1	7	8	1	8	3011.6935	0.0014
2	2	1	1	1	1	3020.8685	0.0040
8	3	6	8	1	7	3024.7836	-0.0011
4	1	4	3	1	3	3106.0976	0.0016
4	0	4	3	0	3	3187.8774	-0.0023
8	2	7	8	0	8	3189.1261	-0.0025
9	3	7	9	1	8	3240.8236	0.0033
4	2	3	3	2	2	3323.6177	0.0004
4	3	2	3	3	1	3366.9407	0.0009
4	3	1	3	3	0	3378.1242	0.0020
2	2	0	1	0	1	3421.8386	0.0003
4	2	2	3	2	1	3472.7754	0.0018
4	1	3	3	1	2	3497.6887	0.0004
10	3	8	10	1	9	3536.5616	-0.0016
11	2	9	11	2	10	3559.4368	0.0022
9	2	8	9	0	9	3600.2997	-0.0018
3	2	1	2	1	1	3737.3715	0.0029
5	1	5	4	1	4	3860.8678	-0.0008
3	2	2	2	1	2	3955.8627	0.0003
5	2	4	4	2	3	4133.0508	-0.0009
5	4	1	4	4	0	4211.3334	-0.0001
5	3	3	4	3	2	4213.9367	0.0014
5	3	2	4	3	1	4251.3608	-0.0017
5	1	4	4	1	3	4326.8918	-0.0001
3	2	1	2	0	2	4339.7351	0.0028
5	2	3	4	2	2	4385.7759	0.0000

4	2	2	3	1	2	4568.1428	0.0012
6	1	6	5	1	5	4607.7404	-0.0011
6	0	6	5	0	5	4641.0282	-0.0013
3	3	0	2	2	0	4667.3409	-0.0010
3	3	1	2	2	1	4682.7903	0.0007
6	2	5	5	2	4	4929.3049	0.0005
4	2	3	3	1	3	4937.6593	-0.0003
6	5	2	5	5	1	5049.7363	-0.0007
6	5	1	5	5	0	5049.8753	-0.0015
6	3	4	5	3	3	5057.8621	-0.0001
6	4	3	5	4	2	5062.9628	0.0013
6	4	2	5	4	1	5068.9466	0.0005
6	1	5	5	1	4	5120.1377	-0.0007
6	3	3	5	3	2	5149.4763	-0.0012
6	2	4	5	2	3	5288.0841	0.0001
7	1	7	6	1	6	5348.9426	-0.0015
7	0	7	6	0	6	5366.5674	0.0010
4	2	2	3	0	3	5375.8365	-0.0005
5	1	4	4	0	4	5444.3988	0.0029
5	2	3	4	1	3	5456.2247	-0.0044
4	3	1	3	2	1	5476.3111	-0.0009
4	3	2	3	2	2	5546.8203	0.0023
7	2	6	6	2	5	5711.5409	-0.0017
7	1	6	6	1	5	5874.6142	-0.0026
7	6	1	6	6	0	5889.3707	-0.0065
7	6	2	6	6	1	5889.3707	0.0064
7	5	3	6	5	2	5902.2913	0.0000
7	5	2	6	5	1	5903.0509	0.0029
7	4	4	6	4	3	5919.3938	-0.0006
7	4	3	6	4	2	5938.5449	-0.0011
5	2	4	4	1	4	5964.6169	0.0016
7	3	4	6	3	3	6072.8094	0.0013
8	1	8	7	1	7	6086.5568	0.0014
8	0	8	7	0	7	6095.2674	-0.0004
7	2	5	6	2	4	6165.8938	0.0018
5	3	2	4	2	2	6254.9013	0.0004
4	4	0	3	3	0	6376.7502	-0.0013
4	4	1	3	3	1	6378.4844	0.0032
6	2	4	5	1	4	6417.4203	-0.0010
5	3	3	4	2	3	6437.1354	-0.0006
8	2	7	7	2	6	6480.2981	-0.0029
5	2	3	4	0	4	6573.7279	-0.0052

8	1	7	7	1	6	6600.2973	-0.0001
8	3	6	7	3	5	6719.6224	-0.0011
8	7	2	7	7	1	6729.1362	0.0012
8	7	1	7	7	0	6729.1362	0.0001
8	6	3	7	6	2	6740.7725	0.0008
8	6	2	7	6	1	6740.8549	0.0003
8	5	4	7	5	3	6759.4685	-0.0003
8	5	3	7	5	2	6762.4198	0.0004
8	4	5	7	4	4	6776.9517	-0.0036
9	1	9	8	1	8	6822.1165	0.0006
9	0	9	8	0	8	6826.2347	0.0045

**Table S2.2.** II-2W-1/2/3 (*para*) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta\nu = \nu - \nu_{\text{calc}}$ ).

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$\nu$ / MHz	$\Delta\nu$ / MHz
2	0	2	1	0	1	1652.1522	-0.0010
2	1	1	1	1	0	1772.6766	-0.0026
3	1	3	2	1	2	2341.0777	0.0004
3	2	2	2	2	1	2505.2595	0.0003
3	2	1	2	2	0	2573.9247	-0.0100
2	2	0	1	1	0	2935.3984	-0.0007
2	2	1	1	1	1	3019.8842	-0.0010
8	3	6	8	1	7	3031.2812	0.0026
4	1	4	3	1	3	3104.5508	0.0026
4	0	4	3	0	3	3186.0363	-0.0064
4	2	3	3	2	2	3326.2203	0.0024
4	3	2	3	3	1	3371.1251	-0.0012
4	3	1	3	3	0	3382.9763	0.0021
2	2	0	1	0	1	3419.4758	0.0021
4	2	2	3	2	1	3480.3259	-0.0006
4	1	3	3	1	2	3502.7156	-0.0018
9	2	8	9	0	9	3633.4785	-0.0052
3	2	1	2	1	1	3736.6539	-0.0007
5	1	5	4	1	4	3858.2860	0.0072
5	0	5	4	0	4	3913.9190	-0.0001
3	2	2	2	1	2	3957.4753	-0.0014
5	2	4	4	2	3	4135.4834	0.0010
5	4	2	4	4	1	4215.3691	0.0043
5	4	1	4	4	0	4216.8384	0.0000
5	3	3	4	3	2	4219.1725	-0.0044
5	3	2	4	3	1	4258.7519	-0.0004
5	1	4	4	1	3	4331.2032	-0.0005

3	2	1	2	0	2	4341.2565	0.0013
5	2	3	4	2	2	4395.5035	-0.0010
4	2	2	3	1	2	4570.4158	0.0102
6	1	6	5	1	5	4603.9883	0.0013
3	3	0	2	2	0	4663.7566	0.0006
3	3	1	2	2	1	4679.7575	-0.0013
6	2	5	5	2	4	4931.1112	0.0033
6	5	2	5	5	1	5056.1496	0.0000
6	5	1	5	5	0	5056.3053	0.0012
6	3	4	5	3	3	5063.8531	-0.0011
6	4	3	5	4	2	5069.7829	-0.0030
6	4	2	5	4	1	5076.2572	0.0027
6	1	5	5	1	4	5122.3361	-0.0029
6	3	3	5	3	2	5160.3606	0.0019
6	2	4	5	2	3	5298.8047	-0.0014
7	1	7	6	1	6	5344.0006	0.0002
7	0	7	6	0	6	5360.9045	-0.0017
4	2	2	3	0	3	5385.0003	0.0001
5	1	4	4	0	4	5462.4756	0.0026
5	2	3	4	1	3	5463.1897	-0.0029
4	3	1	3	2	1	5472.7966	0.0012
4	3	2	3	2	2	5545.6251	-0.0008
7	2	6	6	2	5	5712.3004	-0.0018
7	1	6	6	1	5	5873.8458	-0.0032
7	6	2	6	6	1	5896.7696	-0.0014
7	6	1	6	6	0	5896.7845	-0.0011
7	3	5	6	3	4	5900.6682	0.0013
7	5	3	6	5	2	5910.1861	0.0002
7	5	2	6	5	1	5911.0215	0.0002
7	4	4	6	4	3	5927.6513	-0.0001
7	4	3	6	4	2	5948.3117	-0.0014
5	2	4	4	1	4	5973.5493	-0.0021
8	1	8	7	1	7	6080.4496	-0.0020
7	3	4	6	3	3	6087.4881	0.0033
8	0	8	7	0	7	6088.7125	0.0005
7	2	5	6	2	4	6176.2726	0.0007
4	4	0	3	3	0	6371.8766	-0.0010
4	4	1	3	3	1	6373.7096	0.0016

8	2	7	7	2	6	6479.7134	-0.0026
8	1	7	7	1	6	6596.9016	-0.0040
8	3	6	7	3	5	6725.5817	-0.0041
8	7	1	7	7	0	6737.5374	-0.0020
8	7	2	7	7	1	6737.5374	-0.0007
8	6	3	7	6	2	6749.6275	-0.0015
8	6	2	7	6	1	6749.7263	0.0039
8	5	4	7	5	3	6768.9907	0.0009
8	5	3	7	5	2	6772.2491	0.0058
8	4	5	7	4	4	6786.4619	0.0011
9	1	9	8	1	8	6814.8964	0.0010
9	0	9	8	0	8	6818.7509	-0.0011
8	4	4	7	4	3	6839.4484	0.0084

**Table S2.3.** II-2W-1/2/3 ( $^{18}\text{O}^{18}\text{O}$ ) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta\nu = \nu - \nu_{\text{calc}}$ ).

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$\nu$ / MHz	$\Delta\nu$ / MHz
3	1	3	2	1	2	2267.4727	0.0042
3	0	3	2	0	2	2360.5253	-0.0069
4	1	4	3	1	3	3006.0094	0.0028
4	0	4	3	0	3	3083.8763	0.0001
4	2	3	3	2	2	3226.9495	-0.0024
4	3	1	3	3	0	3285.7988	-0.0001
4	2	2	3	2	1	3384.4008	0.0021
4	1	3	3	1	2	3401.2091	0.0020
5	1	5	4	1	4	3734.7549	0.0120
5	0	5	4	0	4	3786.6707	0.0018
5	2	4	4	2	3	4010.7091	-0.0003
5	4	2	4	4	1	4093.1146	-0.0014
5	4	1	4	4	0	4094.7503	-0.0042
5	3	3	4	3	2	4096.4659	-0.0023
5	3	2	4	3	1	4138.6509	0.0026
5	1	4	4	1	3	4202.3761	-0.0063
5	2	3	4	2	2	4274.2999	-0.0074
6	1	6	5	1	5	4455.5532	0.0084
6	0	6	5	0	5	4485.0033	-0.0010
6	2	5	5	2	4	4780.4998	0.0028
6	3	4	5	3	3	4915.9856	0.0016
6	4	3	5	4	2	4923.3026	-0.0049
6	4	2	5	4	1	4930.4865	0.0017



6	1	5	5	1	4	4965.0535	-0.0054
6	3	3	5	3	2	5018.0857	0.0022
5	2	3	4	1	3	5298.0074	0.0081
7	2	6	6	2	5	5535.6366	-0.0022
7	1	6	6	1	5	5688.1683	-0.0084
7	6	2	6	6	1	5725.5505	0.0164
7	6	1	6	6	0	5725.5505	-0.0011
7	3	5	6	3	4	5727.0292	-0.0050
7	4	4	6	4	3	5756.7996	0.0034
7	4	3	6	4	2	5779.6373	-0.0010
8	1	8	7	1	7	5882.7493	0.0022
8	0	8	7	0	7	5889.9484	0.0028
7	3	4	6	3	3	5922.4663	0.0019
7	2	5	6	2	4	5999.5245	-0.0046
8	2	7	7	2	6	6276.9811	-0.0070
8	3	6	7	3	5	6525.5664	0.0013
8	3	5	7	3	4	6835.5293	0.0089

**Table S2.4.** II-2W-1/2/3 ( $^{16}\text{O}^{18}\text{O}$ ) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta\nu = \nu - \nu_{\text{calc}}$ ).

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$\nu$ / MHz	$\Delta\nu$ / MHz
3	1	3	2	1	2	2295.5148	-0.0015
3	0	3	2	0	2	2389.3885	0.0074
4	2	2	3	2	1	3397.1752	-0.0035
4	1	3	3	1	2	3426.3358	-0.0039
5	0	5	4	0	4	3844.1423	-0.0070
5	2	4	4	2	3	4050.0283	0.0003
5	3	2	4	3	1	4160.2964	0.0004
5	1	4	4	1	3	4240.9026	-0.0018
5	2	3	4	2	2	4290.7671	0.0027
6	1	6	5	1	5	4518.8458	-0.0024
6	0	6	5	0	5	4553.9203	0.0010
6	2	5	5	2	4	4831.4986	0.0101
6	3	4	5	3	3	4953.1989	0.0013
6	4	3	5	4	2	4956.9733	0.0046
6	4	2	5	4	1	4962.1982	0.0044
6	1	5	5	1	4	5021.8185	0.0027
6	2	4	5	2	3	5175.6113	-0.0074
7	1	7	6	1	6	5246.1568	-0.0028
7	0	7	6	0	6	5265.1335	0.0003
7	2	6	6	2	5	5599.6244	0.0020
7	1	6	6	1	5	5765.4665	-0.0030

7	3	5	6	3	4	5773.4536	-0.0015
7	5	3	6	5	2	5778.7476	-0.0001
7	4	3	6	4	2	5812.0034	0.0000
7	3	4	6	3	3	5938.0632	-0.0026
8	1	8	7	1	7	5969.8254	-0.0016
7	2	5	6	2	4	6038.1789	0.0011
8	2	7	7	2	6	6354.7804	0.0004
9	0	9	8	0	8	6695.9801	0.0012

**Table S2.5.** II-2W-1/2/3 ( $^{18}\text{O}^{16}\text{O}$ ) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta\nu = \nu - \nu_{\text{calc}}$ ).

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$\nu$ / MHz	$\Delta\nu$ / MHz
3	1	3	2	1	2	2312.2988	0.0047
4	1	4	3	1	3	3064.6856	-0.0017
4	0	4	3	0	3	3141.4328	-0.0044
4	2	3	3	2	2	3293.0001	-0.0008
4	2	2	3	2	1	3459.9634	-0.0048
4	1	3	3	1	2	3471.1386	-0.0027
5	1	5	4	1	4	3806.8541	-0.0027
5	0	5	4	0	4	3856.7249	0.0042
5	3	2	4	3	1	4229.7132	0.0009
5	1	4	4	1	3	4285.7454	-0.0034
5	2	3	4	2	2	4368.8046	-0.0026
6	1	6	5	1	5	4540.9058	-0.0015
6	2	5	5	2	4	4875.4025	-0.0030
6	4	3	5	4	2	5028.2255	0.0051
6	1	5	5	1	4	5059.2058	0.0039
6	3	3	5	3	2	5131.3344	0.0078
6	2	4	5	2	3	5261.5697	0.0012
7	1	7	6	1	6	5269.4414	0.0000
7	0	7	6	0	6	5283.1823	0.0030
7	2	6	6	2	5	5643.7718	0.0038
7	1	6	6	1	5	5791.9444	0.0007
7	3	5	6	3	4	5845.5745	0.0066
7	5	3	6	5	2	5861.6896	-0.0043
7	5	2	6	5	1	5862.8507	-0.0076
7	4	4	6	4	3	5879.6861	0.0039
7	4	3	6	4	2	5906.0506	-0.0016
8	0	8	7	0	7	6001.1015	0.0002
7	3	4	6	3	3	6057.9087	-0.0015
7	2	5	6	2	4	6124.2939	0.0013
8	2	7	7	2	6	6397.8375	-0.0056

8	1	7	7	1	6	6499.4344	-0.0006
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**Table S2.6.** II-2W-1/2/3 (OD-HOH-HOH) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta\nu = \nu - \nu_{\text{calc}}$ ).

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$\nu$ / MHz	$\Delta\nu$ / MHz
3	1	3	2	1	2	2335.0667	-0.0020
3	1	2	2	1	1	2638.4574	-0.0025
4	1	4	3	1	3	3096.5874	0.0004
4	0	4	3	0	3	3177.0909	-0.0042
4	2	3	3	2	2	3316.8014	-0.0004
4	3	2	3	3	1	3361.6075	0.0039
4	1	3	3	1	2	3491.9192	-0.0019
5	1	5	4	1	4	3848.4140	-0.0015
5	0	5	4	0	4	3903.2080	-0.0021
5	2	4	4	2	3	4123.7550	-0.0027
5	4	1	4	4	0	4204.9792	0.0049
5	3	3	4	3	2	4207.2247	0.0088
5	3	2	4	3	1	4246.8891	0.0004
5	1	4	4	1	3	4317.7420	-0.0019
5	2	3	4	2	2	4382.6760	0.0032
6	1	6	5	1	5	4592.2799	-0.0010
6	0	6	5	0	5	4624.0190	-0.0005
6	5	2	5	5	1	5041.9112	-0.0026
6	5	1	5	5	0	5042.0709	0.0006
6	3	4	5	3	3	5049.4138	-0.0024
6	4	2	5	4	1	5062.0158	0.0006
6	1	5	5	1	4	5106.2850	-0.0041
6	3	3	5	3	2	5146.0640	-0.0019
7	1	7	6	1	6	5330.5130	0.0039
7	0	7	6	0	6	5347.0570	0.0028
7	2	6	6	2	5	5696.0980	0.0007
7	1	6	6	1	5	5855.4480	-0.0005
7	3	5	6	3	4	5883.7200	-0.0010
7	4	4	6	4	3	5910.9070	-0.0011
7	4	3	6	4	2	5931.7170	-0.0063
8	1	8	7	1	7	6065.2270	0.0057
7	3	4	6	3	3	6070.5470	0.0034
8	2	7	7	2	6	6461.3793	-0.0016
8	1	7	7	1	6	6576.5753	0.0067
8	3	6	7	3	5	6706.1224	0.0009
9	0	9	8	0	8	6801.7038	-0.0070

**Table S2.7. II-2W-1/2/3 (OD-DOH-DOH) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta v = v - v_{\text{calc}}$ ).**

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$v$ / MHz	$\Delta v$ / MHz
3	1	3	2	1	2	2301.1488	-0.0003
3	0	3	2	0	2	2395.3328	-0.0048
4	2	2	3	2	1	3426.5759	0.0002
5	1	5	4	1	4	3791.5626	-0.0016
5	0	5	4	0	4	3845.5255	-0.0015
5	2	4	4	2	3	4067.2253	0.0012
5	1	4	4	1	3	4260.6249	-0.0049
6	1	6	5	1	5	4523.9506	0.0031
6	0	6	5	0	5	4555.0174	0.0039
6	2	5	5	2	4	4848.9815	0.0050
6	3	4	5	3	3	4982.2864	0.0040
6	4	3	5	4	2	4988.7182	-0.0043
6	4	2	5	4	1	4995.4335	-0.0007
6	3	3	5	3	2	5080.5780	0.0040
6	2	4	5	2	3	5216.2350	0.0049
7	1	7	6	1	6	5250.7250	-0.0007
7	0	7	6	0	6	5266.8260	0.0002
7	2	6	6	2	5	5616.2664	-0.0007
7	1	6	6	1	5	5773.6761	-0.0049
7	3	5	6	3	4	5805.0996	-0.0005
7	4	4	6	4	3	5833.0495	0.0010
7	4	3	6	4	2	5854.4558	-0.0016
8	1	8	7	1	7	5974.0269	-0.0017
8	0	8	7	0	7	5981.8271	-0.0017
7	3	4	6	3	3	5994.5513	-0.0031
7	2	5	6	2	4	6078.4783	-0.0011
8	2	7	7	2	6	6369.8207	-0.0005
8	1	7	7	1	6	6482.8409	0.0052

**Table S2.8. II-2W-1/2/3 (OD-DOH-HOH) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta v = v - v_{\text{calc}}$ ).**

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$v$ / MHz	$\Delta v$ / MHz
5	1	5	4	1	4	3821.2884	0.0022
5	1	4	4	1	3	4293.4691	0.0000
5	2	3	4	2	2	4365.1554	-0.0003
6	1	6	5	1	5	4559.1994	0.0035
6	0	6	5	0	5	4589.2092	-0.0049
6	2	5	5	2	4	4887.1378	0.0005

6	3	4	5	3	3	5023.4697	0.0053
6	1	5	5	1	4	5074.0015	-0.0047
6	2	4	5	2	3	5260.1022	-0.0004
7	1	7	6	1	6	5291.5244	0.0021
7	0	7	6	0	6	5306.8999	-0.0032
7	2	6	6	2	5	5659.8053	-0.0004
7	1	6	6	1	5	5814.6363	0.0042
7	4	4	6	4	3	5882.1796	-0.0041
7	4	3	6	4	2	5904.9672	0.0007
8	1	8	7	1	7	6020.4243	-0.0032
8	0	8	7	0	7	6027.7997	0.0009
8	2	7	7	2	6	6418.5652	0.0009
9	0	9	8	0	8	6750.8255	0.0012

**Table S2.9.** II-2W-1/2/3 (OD-HOH-DOH) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta\nu = \nu - \nu_{\text{calc}}$ ).

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$\nu$ / MHz	$\Delta\nu$ / MHz
4	1	4	3	1	3	3072.1561	0.0052
4	0	4	3	0	3	3153.4503	0.0019
4	2	3	3	2	2	3289.8292	-0.0070
4	2	2	3	2	1	3439.7279	-0.0005
5	1	5	4	1	4	3818.3488	0.0005
5	0	5	4	0	4	3874.3491	0.0010
5	2	3	4	2	2	4344.3383	-0.0001
6	1	6	5	1	5	4556.6492	0.0024
6	0	6	5	0	5	4589.4803	-0.0032
6	2	5	5	2	4	4878.2825	-0.0022
6	3	4	5	3	3	5007.4536	-0.0005
6	4	3	5	4	2	5012.7702	-0.0034
6	4	2	5	4	1	5018.8713	0.0013
6	1	5	5	1	4	5068.3091	0.0014
6	2	4	5	2	3	5237.9585	0.0020
7	1	7	6	1	6	5289.2944	0.0002
7	2	6	6	2	5	5651.8123	0.0006
7	1	6	6	1	5	5813.6394	0.0021
7	3	5	6	3	4	5835.4083	0.0002
7	5	3	6	5	2	5843.7417	0.0012
7	5	2	6	5	1	5844.5168	0.0006
7	4	3	6	4	2	5880.3649	0.0001
7	3	4	6	3	3	6015.4274	-0.0002
8	1	8	7	1	7	6018.3738	-0.0011
8	0	8	7	0	7	6026.9044	-0.0027

7	2	5	6	2	4	6106.7985	0.0000
8	2	7	7	2	6	6411.8332	-0.0006
8	1	7	7	1	6	6530.4023	-0.0018
9	1	9	8	1	8	6745.4261	-0.0002
9	0	9	8	0	8	6749.4441	0.0024
8	4	4	7	4	3	6760.1378	0.0003

**Table S2.10.** II-2W-1/2/3 (OH-DOH-HOH) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta\nu = \nu - \nu_{\text{calc}}$ ).

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$\nu$ / MHz	$\Delta\nu$ / MHz
4	1	4	3	1	3	3084.6268	-0.0018
4	0	4	3	0	3	3164.8617	0.0048
4	2	3	3	2	2	3304.8877	-0.0020
4	2	2	3	2	1	3458.8783	0.0044
5	1	5	4	1	4	3833.4258	0.0008
5	0	5	4	0	4	3887.9162	0.0002
5	2	4	4	2	3	4108.8009	0.0044
5	3	3	4	3	2	4192.4745	-0.0014
5	3	2	4	3	1	4232.3966	0.0019
5	2	3	4	2	2	4368.1648	0.0025
6	1	6	5	1	5	4574.2612	-0.0011
6	0	6	5	0	5	4605.7588	0.0004
6	2	5	5	2	4	4899.0667	-0.0010
6	3	4	5	3	3	5031.6748	-0.0012
6	4	3	5	4	2	5037.8756	0.0009
6	4	2	5	4	1	5044.4527	-0.0055
6	1	5	5	1	4	5087.7532	-0.0020
6	3	3	5	3	2	5128.8601	-0.0027
6	2	4	5	2	3	5265.2496	-0.0037
7	1	7	6	1	6	5309.4756	-0.0002
7	2	6	6	2	5	5674.9381	-0.0020
7	1	6	6	1	5	5833.5755	-0.0017
7	3	5	6	3	4	5862.9244	-0.0001
7	5	3	6	5	2	5872.9902	-0.0046
7	4	3	6	4	2	5911.3836	0.0088
7	3	4	6	3	3	6050.5993	-0.0010
7	2	5	6	2	4	6136.3222	0.0014
8	1	7	7	1	6	6551.5081	0.0015
9	1	9	8	1	8	6770.9403	-0.0007
9	0	9	8	0	8	6774.6446	0.0011
8	2	6	7	2	5	6972.0505	0.0015

**Table S2.11.** II-2W-1/2/3 (OH-HOH-DOH) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta v = v - v_{\text{calc}}$ ).

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$v$ / MHz	$\Delta v$ / MHz
3	1	3	2	1	2	2323.0253	-0.0007
3	0	3	2	0	2	2417.8376	0.0024
3	2	2	2	2	1	2482.2957	0.0056
4	1	4	3	1	3	3081.4440	0.0030
4	0	4	3	0	3	3163.9720	0.0030
4	2	3	3	2	2	3296.5160	0.0027
4	3	2	3	3	1	3338.6727	-0.0012
4	3	1	3	3	0	3349.3402	0.0025
4	2	2	3	2	1	3442.0994	0.0036
5	1	5	4	1	4	3830.5060	-0.0063
5	0	5	4	0	4	3888.2436	0.0029
5	4	1	4	4	0	4175.7758	-0.0042
5	3	3	4	3	2	4178.6244	0.0071
5	3	2	4	3	1	4214.3720	0.0001
5	1	4	4	1	3	4293.0320	0.0006
5	2	3	4	2	2	4347.3920	-0.0023
6	1	6	5	1	5	4571.7510	-0.0007
6	0	6	5	0	5	4606.1440	0.0031
6	2	5	5	2	4	4890.1880	-0.0009
6	3	4	5	3	3	5015.7400	-0.0002
6	4	3	5	4	2	5020.1420	-0.0040
6	4	2	5	4	1	5025.7450	-0.0031
6	1	5	5	1	4	5081.7410	-0.0002
6	3	3	5	3	2	5103.5580	-0.0004
7	1	7	6	1	6	5307.3120	-0.0008
7	0	7	6	0	6	5325.7290	0.0023
7	2	6	6	2	5	5666.8790	-0.0041
7	1	6	6	1	5	5832.2700	-0.0037
7	3	5	6	3	4	5845.8490	-0.0036
7	5	2	6	5	1	5853.0729	0.0024
7	4	4	6	4	3	5869.2390	0.0000
7	4	3	6	4	2	5887.1910	-0.0047
7	3	4	6	3	3	6017.7760	-0.0020
8	1	8	7	1	7	6039.2320	-0.0048
8	0	8	7	0	7	6048.4360	-0.0039
7	2	5	6	2	4	6115.1450	-0.0001
8	1	7	7	1	6	6553.5909	0.0030
8	5	4	7	5	3	6702.0517	0.0017
8	5	3	7	5	2	6704.7607	-0.0003

8	4	4	7	4	3	6765.9492	0.0073
9	1	9	8	1	8	6769.0658	0.0064
9	0	9	8	0	8	6773.4504	-0.0009

**Table S2.12.** II-2W-1/2/3 (OH-HOD-HOH) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta v = v - v_{\text{calc}}$ ).

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$v$ / MHz	$\Delta v$ / MHz
3	1	3	2	1	2	2317.4076	-0.0062
3	1	2	2	1	1	2627.0759	-0.0036
4	0	4	3	0	3	3149.5426	0.0057
4	2	3	3	2	2	3297.5448	0.0036
4	2	2	3	2	1	3460.5002	-0.0026
5	1	5	4	1	4	3816.4689	-0.0005
5	0	5	4	0	4	3867.4895	-0.0036
5	2	4	4	2	3	4098.0129	0.0019
5	1	4	4	1	3	4291.6698	0.0044
5	2	3	4	2	2	4369.6344	0.0014
6	1	6	5	1	5	4552.9079	0.0045
6	0	6	5	0	5	4581.4599	0.0036
6	2	5	5	2	4	4883.9999	0.0018
6	3	4	5	3	3	5024.1684	0.0014
6	4	3	5	4	2	5032.5036	-0.0018
6	4	2	5	4	1	5040.2865	-0.0041
7	1	7	6	1	6	5283.7883	-0.0084
7	0	7	6	0	6	5298.2001	-0.0003
7	2	6	6	2	5	5654.8783	-0.0046
7	1	6	6	1	5	5805.6995	-0.0037
7	3	5	6	3	4	5852.3849	0.0020
7	5	3	6	5	2	5866.6949	-0.0016
7	5	2	6	5	1	5867.7684	0.0038
7	4	4	6	4	3	5884.4963	0.0036
7	4	3	6	4	2	5909.2131	-0.0027
8	1	8	7	1	7	6011.3509	0.0046

**Table S2.13.** II-2W-1/2/3 (OH-DOH-DOH) assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta v = v - v_{\text{calc}}$ ).

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$v$ / MHz	$\Delta v$ / MHz
3	1	3	2	1	2	2307.5772	0.0052
3	0	3	2	0	2	2402.0377	-0.0004
4	1	4	3	1	3	3060.2757	0.0032



4	0	4	3	0	3	3141.2895	-0.0030
4	2	3	3	2	2	3278.2478	-0.0025
4	2	2	3	2	1	3428.7865	0.0004
4	1	3	3	1	2	3452.2395	0.0006
5	1	5	4	1	4	3803.4262	0.0060
5	0	5	4	0	4	3859.0753	-0.0035
5	2	4	4	2	3	4076.0961	0.0064
5	3	3	4	3	2	4157.7908	0.0081
5	3	2	4	3	1	4196.0047	-0.0039
6	1	6	5	1	5	4538.6662	0.0023
6	0	6	5	0	5	4571.2106	-0.0001
6	2	5	5	2	4	4860.6063	-0.0083
6	3	4	5	3	3	4990.3189	-0.0010
6	4	3	5	4	2	4995.7913	-0.0054
6	4	2	5	4	1	5001.9813	0.0029
6	1	5	5	1	4	5050.2127	-0.0042
6	3	3	5	3	2	5083.7092	0.0005
6	2	4	5	2	3	5221.2073	-0.0013
7	1	7	6	1	6	5268.2657	-0.0004
7	0	7	6	0	6	5285.3865	-0.0004
5	2	3	4	1	3	5391.4943	-0.0014
4	3	2	3	2	2	5482.6256	0.0019
7	2	6	6	2	5	5631.0165	-0.0016
7	1	6	6	1	5	5792.0859	-0.0059
7	3	5	6	3	4	5815.2833	-0.0002
7	5	3	6	5	2	5823.9233	-0.0037
7	5	2	6	5	1	5824.7187	0.0016
7	4	4	6	4	3	5841.0899	0.0012
7	4	3	6	4	2	5860.8512	-0.0012
7	3	4	6	3	3	5996.5959	0.0005
8	0	8	7	0	7	6002.7316	0.0012
7	2	5	6	2	4	6086.8254	0.0030
8	2	7	7	2	6	6387.8867	-0.0022
8	1	7	7	1	6	6505.5557	0.0051
8	4	5	7	4	4	6687.4124	0.0048
9	1	9	8	1	8	6718.3523	-0.0003
9	0	9	8	0	8	6722.3027	0.0002
8	2	6	7	2	5	6918.2531	-0.0022
8	3	5	7	3	4	6921.1744	0.0013

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**Table S3.1.** Experimental spectroscopic constants for the PhTFE(OH) II···DOD species.<sup>a</sup>

Constants	(OH) II···DOD
A/ MHz	1048.1823(81)
B/ MHz	557.13058(46)
C/ MHz	453.70015(38)
$\Delta_K$ / kHz	[0. 9052]
$\Delta_{JK}$ / kHz	0.105(25)
$\Delta_J$ / kHz	0.0254(51)
$\delta_K$ / kHz	[-0.0703]
$\delta_J$ / kHz	[0.00839]
$\sigma$ / kHz	3.8
$N$	22

<sup>a</sup> Standard errors in units of the least significant digit can be found enclosed within parentheses next to their respective fit parameter. The quartic centrifugal distortion constants within square parentheses were held fixed at the B3LYP-D3BJ/def2-TZVPD predicted values of the parent species (see reference 7).  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of the fit in kHz and  $N$  is the number of rotational transitions included in the fit.

**Table S3.2.** PhTFE(OH) II···DOD assigned transitions, along with their frequencies and deviation from the calculated value ( $\Delta\nu = \nu - \nu_{\text{calc}}$ ).

$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$	$J'$	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	$\nu$ / MHz	$\Delta\nu$ / MHz
3	1	3	2	1	2	2868.7415	0.0050
4	1	4	3	1	3	3810.6248	-0.0075
4	2	3	3	2	2	4031.8317	-0.0033
4	3	1	3	3	0	4076.9473	0.0086
4	2	2	3	2	1	4163.6471	0.0046
5	1	5	4	1	4	4743.5199	0.0013
5	0	5	4	0	4	4821.4644	-0.0024
5	2	4	4	2	3	5021.5631	0.0007
5	3	3	4	3	2	5092.2921	0.0019
5	3	2	4	3	1	5118.8128	-0.0045
5	1	4	4	1	3	5234.1288	-0.0012
6	1	6	5	1	5	5668.2971	-0.0034
6	0	6	5	0	5	5719.9257	-0.0036
6	2	5	5	2	4	5999.7968	0.0004
6	4	3	5	4	2	6113.8019	0.0005
6	3	4	5	3	3	6114.2948	-0.0013
6	4	2	5	4	1	6117.2427	-0.0033
6	3	3	5	3	2	6181.1692	-0.0012
6	1	5	5	1	4	6221.9334	0.0029
6	2	4	5	2	3	6341.3815	-0.0032
7	0	7	6	0	6	6617.3163	0.0075
7	1	6	6	1	5	7173.7123	-0.0008
3	1	3	2	1	2	2868.7415	0.0050

4	1	4	3	1	3	3810.6248	-0.0075
4	2	3	3	2	2	4031.8317	-0.0033
4	3	1	3	3	0	4076.9473	0.0086
4	2	2	3	2	1	4163.6471	0.0046
5	1	5	4	1	4	4743.5199	0.0013
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6	1	5	5	1	4	6221.9334	0.0029
6	2	4	5	2	3	6341.3815	-0.0032
7	0	7	6	0	6	6617.3163	0.0075
7	1	6	6	1	5	7173.7123	-0.0008

**Table S4.** Predicted rotational and quartic centrifugal distortion constants for **II-2W-1**, **II-2W-2**, and **II-2W-3** calculated at the B3LYP-D3BJ/def2-TZVPPD level of theory along with the experimental constants for **II-2W-1/2/3**.

Constants	Experiment	B3LYP-D3BJ		
	II-2W-1/2/3	II-2W-1	II-2W-2	II-2W-3
$A$ / MHz	851.12402(20)	852.8	856.8	864.8
$B$ / MHz	467.4997798(79)	468.6	464.8	468.0
$C$ / MHz	366.804747(82)	364.4	366.4	368.5
$\Delta_K$ / kHz	0.520(12)	0.537	0.605	0.546
$\Delta_{JK}$ / kHz	-0.0766(16)	-0.111	-0.132	-0.121
$\Delta_J$ / kHz	0.03740(63)	0.040	0.038	0.042
$\delta_K$ / kHz	[0.008694]	0.009	-0.014	0.013
$\delta_J$ / kHz	0.01038(28)	0.013	0.012	0.014

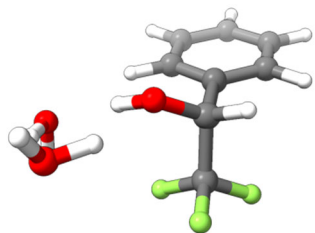
**Table S5.** Comparison of the calculated Cartesian coordinates in the principal axis system for **II-2W-1**, **II-2W-2**, and **II-2W-3** with the experimental substitution coordinates for **II-2W-1/2/3** obtained from the isotopic substitution analysis for multiply substituted species. In this table, single, and double isotopically substituted species were used as the parent species for the Kraitchman analysis of doubly and triply substituted species, respectively.<sup>a</sup>

Parent Species	Substituted Species	Experimental Substitution Coordinates		
		<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
D13	H21	-1.9383(9)	2.6206(7)	-0.384(5)
	H24	-3.1989(5)	0.885(2)	1.015*i(2)
D21	H13	0.546(4)	2.1662(9)	0.474(4)
	H24	-3.1979(5)	0.959(2)	1.097*i(2)
D24	H13	0.561(3)	2.1692(8)	0.489(3)
	H21	-1.9412(9)	2.6492(6)	0.099*i(17)
D21 and D24	H13	0.546(3)	2.1585(8)	0.486(4)
<sup>18</sup> O20	O23	-3.4370(1)	1.3123(4)	-0.215(2)
<sup>18</sup> O23	O20	-1.2361(5)	3.0763(2)	-0.194(3)
Parent Species	Substituted Species	II-2W-1/2/3 Predicted Coordinates		
		<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
D13	H21	-2.09 / -2.10 / -2.03	2.58 / 2.54 / 2.59	-0.27 / -0.22 / -0.21
	H24	-3.03 / -2.99 / -3.10	0.63 / 0.48 / 0.63	0.41 / -0.71 / -0.52
D21	H13	0.13 / 0.15 / 0.48	2.27 / 2.25 / 2.26	0.30 / 0.48 / 0.50
	H24	-3.03 / -2.99 / -3.10	0.63 / 0.48 / 0.63	0.41 / -0.71 / -0.52
D24	H13	0.13 / 0.15 / 0.48	2.27 / 2.25 / 2.26	0.30 / 0.48 / 0.50
	H21	-2.09 / -2.10 / -2.03	2.58 / 2.54 / 2.59	-0.27 / -0.22 / -0.21
D21 and D24	H13	0.13 / 0.15 / 0.48	2.27 / 2.25 / 2.26	0.30 / 0.48 / 0.50
<sup>18</sup> O20	O23	-3.43 / -3.41 / -3.40	1.40 / 1.34 / 1.42	-0.02 / -0.55 / -0.06
<sup>18</sup> O23	O20	-1.28 / -1.34 / -1.19	3.11 / 3.10 / 3.08	-0.41 / 0.01 / -0.30

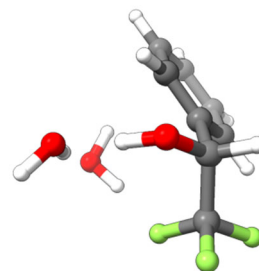
<sup>a</sup> Costain errors on experimental values are included in the parentheses next to the coordinate and are in units of the last digit. Coordinates with imaginary numbers indicate that the value is near zero. Theoretical coordinates of **II-2W-1**, **II-2W-2**, and **II-2W-3** in their principal axis orientation in the specific parent species are provided for the three lowest energy structures, where the coordinate for each conformer is separated by a slash. All coordinates are in units of Å.

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III-2W-12 (slight distortion)



III-2W-15 (significant distortion)

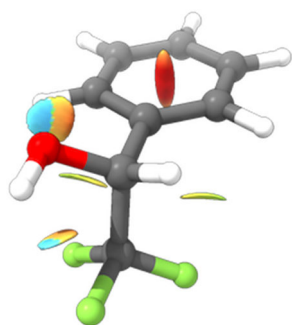


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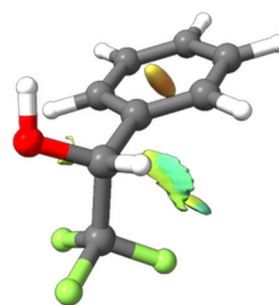
**Figure S2.** Sample molecular models showing complexes containing monomeric PhTFE III being only slightly (III-2W-12) and significantly distorted (III-2W-15).

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PhTFE I



PhTFE II

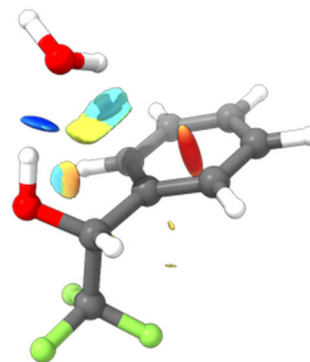


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I – W1



II – W3



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**Figure S3.** NCI analyses for the two lowest energy PhTFE monomer conformers and the two most relevant PhTFE monohydrate conformers, calculated at the B3LYP-D3BJ/def2-TZVPPD level of theory. The value (from -0.050 to 0.050) of  $\text{sign}(\lambda_2)\rho$  at a particular point is used to colour the RDG surface (isosurface 0.60). Colour gradient goes from blue (stabilizing) to red (destabilizing), with weak interactions being indicated by green.