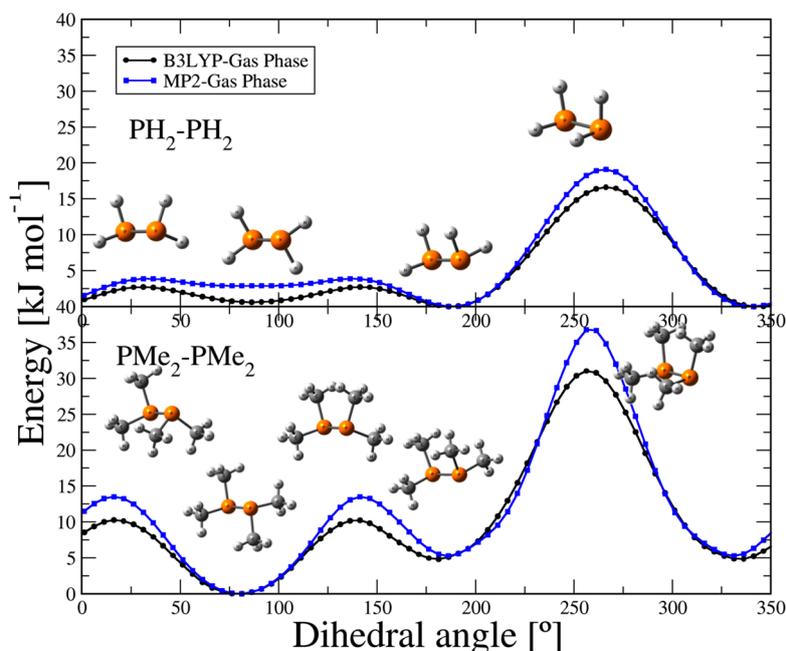
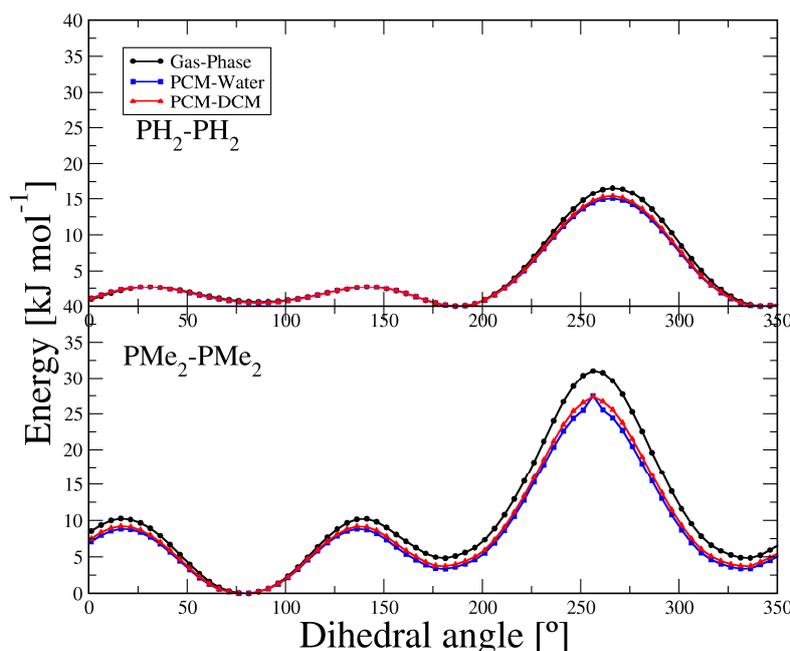


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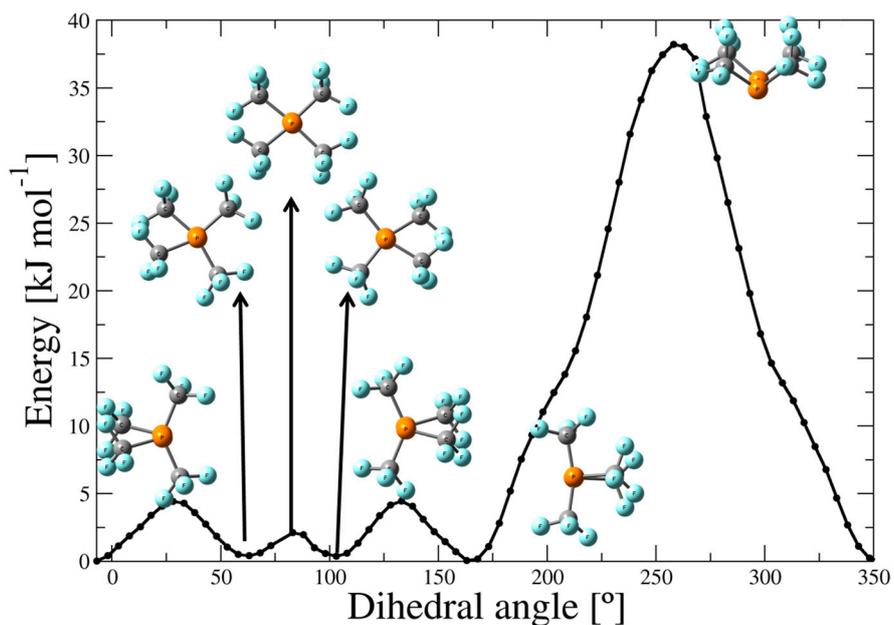
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**Figure S1.** PES for H<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub> and Me<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>, corresponding to the rotation along the molecular axis, at MP2 and B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) computational level in gas phase. Orange, grey and white atoms corresponds to P, C and H atoms respectively.



**Figure S2.** PES for H<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub> and Me<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>, corresponding to the rotation along the molecular axis and B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p), gas phase, PCM-Water and PCM-DCM.



**Figure S3.** PES for  $(\text{CF}_3)_4\text{P}_2$  corresponding to the rotation along the molecular axis and B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)/PCM-DCM.

**Table S1.** Relative energies of *anti* and *gauche* conformers of  $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2$ , and  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{P}_2$  systems at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p), M06-2X/6-311++G(d,p) and M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ computational level.

B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)	M06-2X/6-311++G(d,p)	M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ
0.9	-1.1	-0.8
4.4	5.7	6.3
1.5	1.4	3.2