

Electronic Supplementary Information

Geometries, interaction energies and complexation free energies of 18-crown-6 with neutral molecules

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Table S1. B3LYP-D3BJ/6-31+G(2df, p) rearrangement energies of crown and guest molecules, and the total rearrangement energy for the 18C6:guest complex (kJ mol⁻¹).

| | Crown | Guest | Total |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| CO | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| CF ₄ | 0.2 | 2.0 | 2.2 |
| Methylcyclopentane | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| SiH ₄ | 0.2 | 2.0 | 2.2 |
| C ₃ H ₈ | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| Methylcyclobutane | 1.3 | 0.5 | 1.8 |
| C ₂ H ₆ | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| CH ₄ | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| PH ₃ | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| C ₂ H ₄ | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| CH ₃ COCH ₃ | 1.4 | 1.3 | 2.7 |
| CH ₃ OCH ₃ | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| Methylcyclohexane | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.5 |
| NH ₃ | 0.2 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| CH ₃ CHO | 1.9 | 0.8 | 2.7 |
| NH ₂ CH ₃ | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| H ₂ S | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| NH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.2 |
| CO ₂ | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| CH ₃ COOH | 2.3 | 23.7 | 26.0 |
| Toluene | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| C ₂ H ₂ | 0.8 | 0 | 0.8 |
| CCl ₄ | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.5 |
| CH ₃ Cl | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.3 |
| CS ₂ | 1.6 | 0.7 | 2.3 |
| HCHO | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| CH ₃ CH ₂ OH | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| CH ₃ OH | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| HCl | 1.5 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| CHCl ₃ | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| CH ₂ F ₂ | 1.1 | 1.0 | 2.1 |
| H ₂ O | 1.0 | 0.2 | 1.2 |

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| Benzene | 2.6 | 0.3 | 2.9 |
| HF | 1.3 | 2.9 | 4.2 |
| CH ₃ CN | 1.5 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 3.1 | 0.8 | 3.9 |
| Aniline | 2.4 | 1.0 | 3.4 |
| Dimethylsulfone | 2.4 | 2.1 | 4.5 |
| HCOOH | 2.1 | 19.0 | 21.1 |
| Phenol | 5.9 | 0.6 | 6.5 |
| Benzoic acid | 3.0 | 4.3 | 7.3 |
| CH ₃ NO ₂ | 1.6 | 0.8 | 2.4 |
| HCN | 1.7 | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| HCONH ₂ | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| Methanesulfonamide | 3.7 | 6.0 | 9.7 |
| NH ₂ CN | 3.9 | 0.9 | 4.8 |
| Dinitromethane | 5.3 | 11.1 | 16.4 |
| Malononitrile | 5.9 | 1.0 | 6.9 |

Table S2. CE-B3LYP model interaction energies (kJ mol⁻¹) between 18-crown-6 and neutral guest molecules. Individual components have been scaled as described in the original publication.^[1]

| Guest | Electrostatic | Polarisation | Dispersion | Repulsion | Total |
|---|---------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| CO | -17.2 | -1.3 | -22.7 | 23.9 | -17.3 |
| CF ₄ | -11.3 | -2.7 | -32.6 | 12.4 | -34.2 |
| Methylcyclopentane | -12.2 | -6.6 | -45.8 | 24.7 | -39.9 |
| SiH ₄ | -26.4 | -6.8 | -34.9 | 32.5 | -35.5 |
| C ₃ H ₈ | -8.0 | -5.2 | -33.6 | 17.1 | -29.7 |
| Methylcyclobutane | -9.6 | -5.9 | -41.1 | 20.6 | -35.9 |
| C ₂ H ₆ | -4.1 | -4.5 | -27.4 | 12.1 | -23.9 |
| CH ₄ | -7.4 | -3.8 | -17.8 | 10.7 | -18.4 |
| PH ₃ | -20.0 | -5.0 | -25.3 | 21.2 | -29.1 |
| C ₂ H ₄ | -8.7 | -4.3 | -24.7 | 11.8 | -25.9 |
| CH ₃ COCH ₃ | -31.9 | -8.1 | -37.0 | 27.4 | -49.6 |
| CH ₃ OCH ₃ | -22.3 | -6.4 | -32.2 | 22.1 | -38.9 |
| Methylcyclohexane | -12.2 | -6.7 | -45.7 | 25.3 | -39.2 |
| NH ₃ | -43.7 | -6.1 | -22.8 | 24.5 | -48.1 |
| CH ₃ CHO | -37.7 | -7.9 | -32.5 | 29.3 | -48.8 |
| NH ₂ CH ₃ | -37.8 | -7.2 | -27.2 | 24.8 | -47.4 |
| H ₂ S | -40.0 | -6.0 | -20.7 | 27.0 | -39.7 |
| NH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ | -38.6 | -7.6 | -31.8 | 27.5 | -50.4 |
| CO ₂ | -39.9 | -2.9 | -33.4 | 25.2 | -51.0 |
| CH ₃ COOH | -77.5 | -16.3 | -36.0 | 46.9 | -82.9 |
| Toluene | -20.5 | -6.9 | -43.2 | 27.5 | -43.1 |
| C ₂ H ₂ | -12.5 | -3.4 | -17.0 | 6.2 | -26.7 |
| CCl ₄ | -12.0 | -3.6 | -30.2 | 19.2 | -26.6 |
| CH ₃ Cl | -37.6 | -6.8 | -29.8 | 24.8 | -49.5 |
| CS ₂ | -16.7 | -4.2 | -26.9 | 25.9 | -21.9 |

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|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|
| HCHO | -33.8 | -5.6 | -26.4 | 19.0 | -46.8 |
| CH ₃ CH ₂ OH | -45.7 | -9.6 | -34.3 | 31.7 | -57.9 |
| CH ₃ OH | -48.5 | -8.8 | -24.7 | 30.3 | -51.7 |
| HCl | -28.1 | -4.2 | -17.1 | 10.0 | -39.4 |
| CHCl ₃ | -36.7 | -4.6 | -31.3 | 25.9 | -46.7 |
| CH ₂ F ₂ | -37.4 | -6.0 | -30.8 | 19.3 | -54.9 |
| H ₂ O | -52.3 | -7.0 | -17.1 | 21.3 | -55.1 |
| Benzene | -16.2 | -6.1 | -36.1 | 19.5 | -38.8 |
| HF | -76.9 | -14.8 | -11.3 | 49.8 | -53.2 |
| CH ₃ CN | -48.6 | -9.1 | -35.5 | 29.9 | -63.3 |
| CH ₂ Cl ₂ | -47.1 | -8.4 | -35.9 | 30.1 | -61.3 |
| Aniline | -54.0 | -9.8 | -42.9 | 35.7 | -71.0 |
| Dimethylsulfone | -69.6 | -13.0 | -41.7 | 47.1 | -77.3 |
| HCOOH | -83.3 | -15.3 | -32.6 | 40.4 | -90.8 |
| Phenol | -50.6 | -10.1 | -41.5 | 29.1 | -73.1 |
| Benzoic acid | -69.2 | -13.4 | -45.2 | 51.8 | -75.9 |
| CH ₃ NO ₂ | -60.1 | -9.8 | -37.0 | 32.8 | -74.1 |
| HCN | -37.8 | -5.4 | -20.3 | 9.8 | -53.8 |
| HCONH ₂ | -74.4 | -13.1 | -34.2 | 39.4 | -82.3 |
| Methylsulfonamide | -79.1 | -14.4 | -43.4 | 41.9 | -95.1 |
| NH ₂ CN | -98.0 | -16.8 | -36.8 | 53.5 | -98.1 |
| Dinitromethane | -94.2 | -15.8 | -49.7 | 46.3 | -113.4 |
| Malononitrile | -84.3 | -16.3 | -47.7 | 45.9 | -102.4 |

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