# ESI: ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION Pyruvic acid proton and hydrogen transfer reactions in clusters

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FIG. 1: Cluster region of mass spectra of isolated pyruvic acid clusters (a,b,c) and pyruvic acid clusters deposited on ice nanoparticles (d,e). Spectra (a,b,d) were recorded after electron impact ionization (70 eV electrons, EI) and the spectra (c,e) after multiphoton ionization (193 nm photons, PI). Spectrum (a) corresponds to the expansion of PA in He carrier gas, while spectrum (b) corresponds to expansion in Ar where some contamination with water is observed. Cluster series corresponding to protonated pyruvic acid clusters is indicated with a blue comb.

#### II. MOLECULAR FRAGMENTS



FIG. 2: Molecular region of mass spectra presented in figure 1. A peak at m/z = 61 is highlighted. This mass is not present in mass spectra of isolated PA molecules,<sup>1</sup> and it corresponds to a protonated acetic acid, (AA)H<sup>+</sup>.

III. CARTESIAN COORDINATES (IN ANGSTROM) AND ELECTRONIC EN-ERGIES (IN HARTREE) OF THE STRUCTURES OPTIMIZED AT THE B3LYP+D2/DEF2TZVP LEVEL OF THEORY



FIG. 3: Structures of molecules and ions optimized at the B3LYP+D2/def2TZVP level of theory. Relative energies are given in eV.

H2O

E = -76.441880

O 0.000000 0.000000 0.116876 H 0.000000 0.765219 -0.467505 H 0.000000 -0.765219 -0.467505

CO

E = -113.357483

C 0.000000 0.000000 -0.642794

O 0.000000 0.000000 0.482096

CO2

E = -188.658351

C 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000

O 0.000000 0.000000 1.159857 O 0.000000 0.000000 -1.159857

## $\operatorname{COH}$

E=-113.891299 C 0.061777 0.582496 0.000000 O 0.061777 -0.589441 0.000000 H -0.864878 1.220554 0.000000

## $\rm COH2$

E=-114.528319 C 0.000000 -0.526312 0.000000 O 0.000000 0.672928 0.000000 H -0.940782 -1.112770 0.000000 H 0.940788 -1.112781 0.000000

CH3CO

E=-153.207355

C -0.963915 -0.665213 0.000000

H -0.427770 -1.619624 0.000000

H -1.605758 -0.584136 0.879991

H -1.605758 -0.584136 -0.879991

C 0.000000 0.496344 0.000000

O 1.177847 0.475138 0.000000

CH3COCOCH3

E = -306.520855

C 1.890008 -0.564259 -0.000244

C 0.694743 0.346043 0.000046

C -0.694741 -0.346037 0.000084

C -1.890018 0.564259 -0.000207

O 0.757039 1.552188 0.000265

O -0.757028 -1.552184 0.000256
H 2.803186 0.028086 -0.000124
H 1.852419 -1.221055 0.872893
H 1.852394 -1.220600 -0.873722
H -2.803180 -0.028111 0.001161
H -1.851799 1.222096 0.872096
H -1.853065 1.219520 -0.874542

[PA-H], I

E = -341.816313

C 1.408503 1.260473 0.00000 C 0.000000 0.759102 0.000000 C -0.183189 -0.770397 0.000000 O -1.331394 -1.288010 0.000000 O -0.996547 1.430892 0.000000 O 0.748041 -1.590670 0.000000 H 1.933320 0.869101 0.877284 H 1.420672 2.349037 0.000000 H 1.933320 0.869101 -0.877284

[PA-H], II

E = -341.841088

C -1.675265 0.913139 0.000012

C -0.774547 -0.183803 -0.000006

O -1.137303 -1.360248 -0.000008

C  $0.722670 \ 0.183487 \ 0.000025$ 

O 1.126534 1.318541 0.000008

O 1.508487 -0.898283 0.000013

H -1.311618 1.930977 -0.000155

H -2.736357 0.702639 0.000037

H 2.429078 -0.590631 -0.000171

PA

E = -342.487803

c 1.354131 1.367029 0.000000

c 0.000000 0.737099 0.000000
o -1.050080 1.337588 0.000000
c -0.041539 -0.814625 0.000000
o 0.948088 -1.490147 0.000000
o -1.281497 -1.307301 0.000000
h 1.914365 1.021049 0.872924
h 1.262308 2.451298 0.000000
h 1.914365 1.021049 -0.872924

h -1.898679 -0.551536 0.000000

## H2O+

E=-75.982077 O 0.000000 0.000000 0.115504 H 0.000000 0.826242 -0.462015 H 0.000000 -0.826242 -0.462015

H3O+

E=-76.703791 O 0.000040 -0.000004 -0.069610 H -0.500942 -0.804353 0.185600 H -0.446467 0.835815 0.185594 H 0.947086 -0.031433 0.185684

PA+, I

E=-342.132617 C -1.800659 0.754397 0.210273 C -0.811802 -0.330588 -0.031684 C 0.860525 0.250736 -0.020812 O 1.628293 -0.747463 0.253683 O -0.883555 -1.474242 -0.247400
O 1.000459 1.394931 -0.259336
H -1.601174 1.184235 1.197377
H -2.806676 0.341753 0.144422
H -1.616618 1.533553 -0.536742
H 2.574505 -0.492626 0.272709

PA+, II

E = -342.138435

C -1.519730 1.166921 -0.000026

C -0.734991 0.002640 0.000084

O -1.309313 -1.143160 -0.000006

C 0.793200 -0.055602 0.000022

O 1.340312 1.139896 -0.000008

O 1.308243 -1.137585 -0.000033

H -1.035927 2.135332 0.000128

H -2.601548 1.085887 -0.000239

H 2.314340 1.082852 -0.000029

H -0.621680 -1.861029 0.000040

[(PA)2]+, I

E = -684.664242

C 4.142629 1.167259 0.013980

C 3.440661 -0.150325 0.013696

C 1.870222 -0.095477 0.007131

O 1.269480 -1.203265 -0.098458

O 3.928207 -1.238637 0.021668

O 1.326795 1.049892 0.115154

O -1.297510 1.131388 0.115325

C -1.740987 0.012607 -0.036562

C -3.535412 0.076290 -0.193969

C -4.194425 -0.131311 1.127999

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O -1.369274 -1.138109 -0.117871
O -3.905180 0.258224 -1.282924
H 3.847647 1.751209 -0.863321
H 5.216647 0.994663 0.011079
H 3.851800 1.748647 0.894076
H 0.257161 -1.201579 -0.101677
H 0.311424 1.101494 0.122209
H -5.275848 -0.084722 0.993820
H -3.881147 -1.104800 1.513948
H -3.843957 0.644886 1.813054
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[(PA)2]+, II

E = -684.661311C -4.155457 1.035438 0.456416 C -3.433160 -0.159482 -0.084859 O -3.888279 -1.120734 -0.611336 C -1.840123 -0.086580 0.011564 O -1.282802 0.825447 -0.560736 O -1.343102 -1.055484 0.694407 H -3.907997 1.147795 1.516700 H -5.227447 0.910264 0.316849 H -3.780918 1.917893 -0.071193 H -0.333427 -1.018051 0.704691 H 0.333458 1.018130 -0.704603 O 1.343125 1.055533 -0.694360 C 1.840129 0.086599 -0.011544 O 1.282783 -0.825409 0.560771 C 3.433158 0.159448 0.084843 O 3.888333 1.120771 0.611147 C 4.155404 -1.035542 -0.456341 H 5.227403 -0.910372 -0.316845 H 3.780879 -1.917935 0.071383

H 3.907887 -1.148014 -1.516600

(PA)H+, I

E = -342.781668

- C -1.253418 -1.446755 0.000000
- C 0.000000 -0.717341 0.000000
- O 1.105762 -1.315109 0.000000
- C 0.135659 0.821489 0.000000
- O -1.028653 1.423081 0.000000
- O 1.244854 1.275610 0.000000
- H -1.842821 -1.113676 0.867136
- H -1.107246 -2.524916 0.000000
- H -1.842821 -1.113676 -0.867136
- H -0.929236 2.394133 0.000000
- H 1.852978 -0.654877 0.000000

(PA)H+, II

E=-342.780609

- C -1.122173 -1.620896 0.000000
- C 0.119283 -0.814831 0.000000
- O 1.264182 -1.174077 0.000000
- C 0.000000 0.746512 0.000000
- O -1.136692 1.312954 0.000000
- O 1.073003 1.419241 0.000000
- H -1.726500 -1.370228 0.879038
- H -0.868695 -2.679127 0.000000
- H -1.726500 -1.370228 -0.879038
- H 1.845545 0.795928 0.000000
- H -1.110451 2.293998 0.000000

(PA)H+, III

E=-342.782785

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C -1.412542 -1.255440 0.000231
C -0.760981 -0.088318 0.000083
C 0.693087 -0.018858 0.000070
O 1.300933 1.111369 0.000258
O -1.264798 1.172161 -0.000288
O 1.395078 -1.092100 -0.000311
H -0.863783 -2.186432 0.000290
H -2.494848 -1.296471 0.000300
H 0.665262 1.859094 0.000475
H -2.231026 1.193126 -0.000457
H 2.357314 -0.925051 -0.000177
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[CH3C(OH)2]+

E=-229.431942

C 1.413334 -0.107764 -0.004633 C -0.057371 -0.006884 -0.011443 O -0.708546 1.100879 0.002932 O -0.742517 -1.082213 -0.002697 H 1.870052 0.758942 -0.484054 H 1.735017 -0.138808 1.045256 H 1.727442 -1.035674 -0.481932 H -0.148153 1.897611 -0.008752 H -1.711631 -0.943507 0.024054

[(PA)3]+, I

E = -1027.187740

C -4.929284 -1.583750 -0.882176

C -4.160792 -1.249971 0.348738

C -2.519259 -0.322037 -0.121888

O -2.818999 0.837094 -0.197272

O -4.310126 -1.405219 1.491806

O -1.676846 -1.168678 -0.206046

O 0.855194 -2.024792 -0.186359 C 2.029779 -1.554937 -0.029772 C 3.183026 -2.608962 -0.028640 C 4.557524 -2.068331 0.197243 O 2.337132 -0.343460 0.116177 O 2.875218 -3.749559 -0.209010 H -5.139426 -0.655479 -1.418144 H -5.851775 -2.096845 -0.604763 H -4.304234 -2.214731 -1.518361 H -1.728107 2.204969 -0.175786 H 0.080621 -1.402636 -0.181313 H 5.270381 -2.889528 0.173879 H 4.800418 -1.326636 -0.569289 H 4.602876 -1.548929 1.159166 O -0.992240 2.870728 -0.137190 C 0.156192 2.273270 -0.035058 O 0.283440 1.052496 0.008989 H 1.546762 0.357126 0.087519 C 1.399889 3.209087 0.027672 O 2.462864 2.653364 0.090829 C 1.169183 4.682954 0.004072 H 0.522983 4.970476 0.838955 H 2.123042 5.203000 0.060875 H 0.633810 4.959485 -0.909288

[(PA)3]+, II

- E=-1027.182137
- C 5.509749 -0.590259 0.111707 C 4.207877 -1.320328 -0.003914 O 4.069156 -2.509531 -0.069238
- C 2.940075 -0.418488 -0.039039
- O 3.025236 0.802253 0.031520

O 1.818200 -1.083228 -0.147358 O -0.262683 0.659787 -0.194318 C -0.062125 1.858651 -0.098063 C -1.273081 2.829141 -0.098361 O -2.390664 2.347292 -0.219276 O 1.075801 2.460006 0.009972 C -1.041976 4.281842 0.045562 O -3.057870 0.005240 -0.525778 C -2.802031 -0.799778 0.399472 C -3.365081 -2.397509 -0.097567 C -2.217122 -3.312791 -0.362858 O -2.304390 -0.833078 1.474919 O -4.525429 -2.514314 -0.117665 H 5.623929 0.101497 -0.727715 H 6.326613 -1.308405 0.129878 H 5.514003 0.021451 1.018266 H 1.049924 -0.457965 -0.165093 H 1.866328 1.793699 0.015050 H -1.983412 4.826039 0.027298 H -0.495054 4.465610 0.976656 H -0.373953 4.616957 -0.755183 H -2.666508 1.023254 -0.367176 H -2.599086 -4.267253 -0.724888 H -1.547723 -2.846323 -1.089542 H -1.671631 -3.426873 0.578592

E=-1027.208215 C 0.369561 -1.833260 0.169986 O 0.328589 -0.785200 0.904123 O -0.670199 -2.435247 -0.161905 C 1.747530 -2.352121 -0.331968

[(PA)3]+, III

O 2.691042 -1.659820 -0.059395 C 1.753911 -3.627338 -1.096915 H 2.772941 -3.872640 -1.387833 H 1.111716 -3.532183 -1.977950 H 1.323405 -4.427119 -0.485847 H -1.632688 -1.973963 0.114308 O -2.880683 -1.560772 0.448567 C -3.310226 -0.419967 0.316221 C -2.380083 0.688215 -0.210115 O -1.522632 0.228003 -1.109076 O -2.445011 1.805937 0.223065 C -4.678068 -0.024581 0.710570 H -5.205823 0.345500 -0.176767 H -4.615653 0.826119 1.395767 H -5.212993 -0.861674 1.153334 H -0.826156 0.909681 -1.283093 H 1.217226 -0.362561 1.054747 O 2.410189 0.849883 1.516015 C 3.404125 1.109594 0.957584 O 4.381801 1.376479 0.415339 C 0.946588 2.889512 -0.749411 O 0.705218 1.768021 -1.059586 C 0.060653 4.084728 -0.662147 H -0.990909 3.783378 -0.637414 H 0.322546 4.677639 0.214961 H 0.265911 4.700856 -1.544209

[(PA)H2]+

E=-343.378215

C -1.658078 -1.018254 0.000037

C -0.676050 0.086490 0.000073

C 0.731162 -0.077222 0.000123

O 1.578083 0.914578 0.000064
O -1.044468 1.360605 -0.000265
O 1.222336 -1.281375 -0.000131
H -2.299158 -0.944586 0.886271
H -2.300021 -0.943592 -0.885469
H -1.165207 -1.987752 -0.000669
H 1.145356 1.787100 0.000245
H -2.007485 1.478319 0.000842
H 2.196700 -1.286027 0.000039

LA+

E=-343.326019 C 1.659451 0.959133 -0.171626 C 0.830760 -0.133555 0.407112 C -0.998724 0.233830 0.017087 O -1.691798 -0.839505 -0.110248 O 0.995538 -1.390208 -0.022530 O -1.248591 1.376757 -0.013006 H 1.665688 0.929789 -1.264699 H 2.685521 0.816236 0.189132 H 1.302350 1.931850 0.162847 H -1.154218 -1.653571 -0.048279 H 1.469255 -1.434494 -0.872249 H 0.641301 -0.122608 1.484083

[(PA)H3] +

E = -343.991483

C 1.378817 -1.182085 0.431096 C 0.694097 -0.112074 -0.426079

O 1.183433 1.200049 -0.227826

C -0.759639 0.006078 -0.067215

O -1.530400 -0.993157 -0.254446

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O -1.214121 1.085763 0.425909
H 1.317262 -0.926075 1.490280
H 2.426857 -1.238385 0.132814
H 0.921575 -2.157010 0.260062
H -0.465827 1.737382 0.475084
H 2.132446 1.201854 -0.054203
H 0.736575 -0.396845 -1.485534
H -2.459828 -0.833678 0.005595
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[(PA)H4] +

E = -344.530601

C -1.672775 1.125253 0.097490 C -0.979207 -0.082433 -0.411133 C 1.023842 0.057959 0.381844 O 1.600128 -1.020715 -0.107960 O -1.344008 -1.298059 -0.010160 O 1.484872 1.208978 -0.038084 H -1.878327 1.051471 1.169561 H -2.631920 1.227994 -0.427441 H -1.085235 2.021593 -0.101471 H 1.240475 -1.838578 0.271024 H -1.944665 -1.268784 0.752404 H -0.574546 -0.099058 -1.419189 H 2.081623 1.113016 -0.802097 H 0.633492 0.066037 1.397643

[PA.(H2O)2]+, I

E = -495.110580

C -2.660251 -1.471237 0.119120

C -1.195720 -1.234928 0.079300

O -0.292128 -1.997471 -0.068127

C -0.853891 2.035417 -0.055331

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O -2.004532 2.025038 -0.120156
O 0.309485 2.041240 0.009069
O 2.861314 0.792090 0.075579
H -3.021074 -1.181720 1.110976
H -2.892649 -2.519767 -0.087916
H -3.144887 -0.805097 -0.598907
H 2.120948 1.422854 0.064152
H 2.544790 -0.514105 0.012725
H 3.534951 1.103001 0.694597
O 2.267787 -1.571663 -0.050087
H 2.711415 -2.053767 -0.764086
H 1.270273 -1.740789 -0.060301
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[PA.(H2O)2]+, II

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E = -495.091511
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- C 2.818789 0.119609 -1.081608 C 2.121596 -0.011716 0.228468
- O 2.449251 -0.120553 1.338956 C 0.268971 0.019795 -0.013620 O -0.082922 1.167481 -0.016427
- O -0.104054 -1.130110 -0.102462 O -2.719346 -1.235477 -0.175242
- H 2.497226 -0.700046 -1.728540
- H 3.896764 0.092555 -0.915427
- H 2.511030 1.063276 -1.538303
- H -1.724714 -1.391328 -0.159199
- H -2.893942 -0.147663 -0.044079
- H -3.171979 -1.796282 0.473825
- O -2.899798 1.171741 0.128070
- H -2.000007 1.550329 0.084880
- H -3.515560 1.738384 -0.355753

<sup>1</sup> NIST Mass Spec Data Center, S.E. Stein, director, "Mass Spectra" in NIST Chemistry WebBook, NIST Standard Reference Database Number 69, ed. P. J. Linstrom and W. G. Mallard, National Institute of standards and Technology, Gaithersburg MD, 20899 (http://webbook.nist.gov), June 2005.