

Supporting Information

**Synergy between Lewis acid sites and hydroxyl groups for the isomerization of glucose
to fructose over Sn-containing zeolites: a theoretical perspective**

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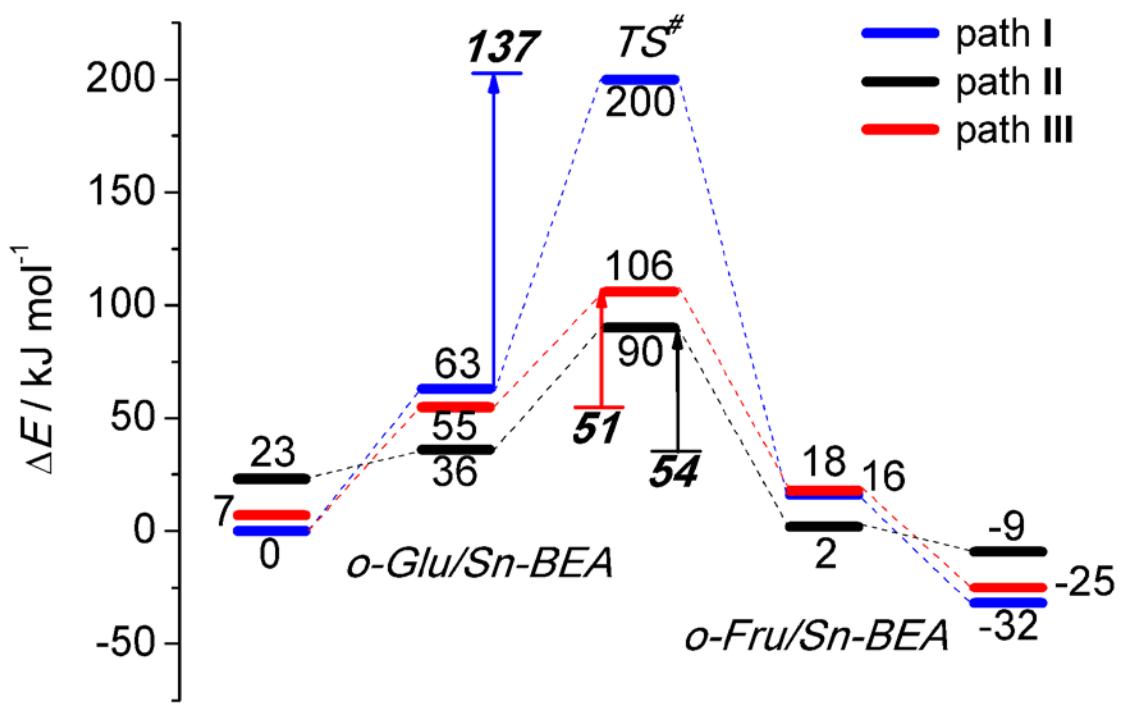


Figure S1. DFT computed reaction energy diagram of *o*-Glu isomerization to *o*-Fru over SnOH site of Sn-BEA without *vdW* correction.

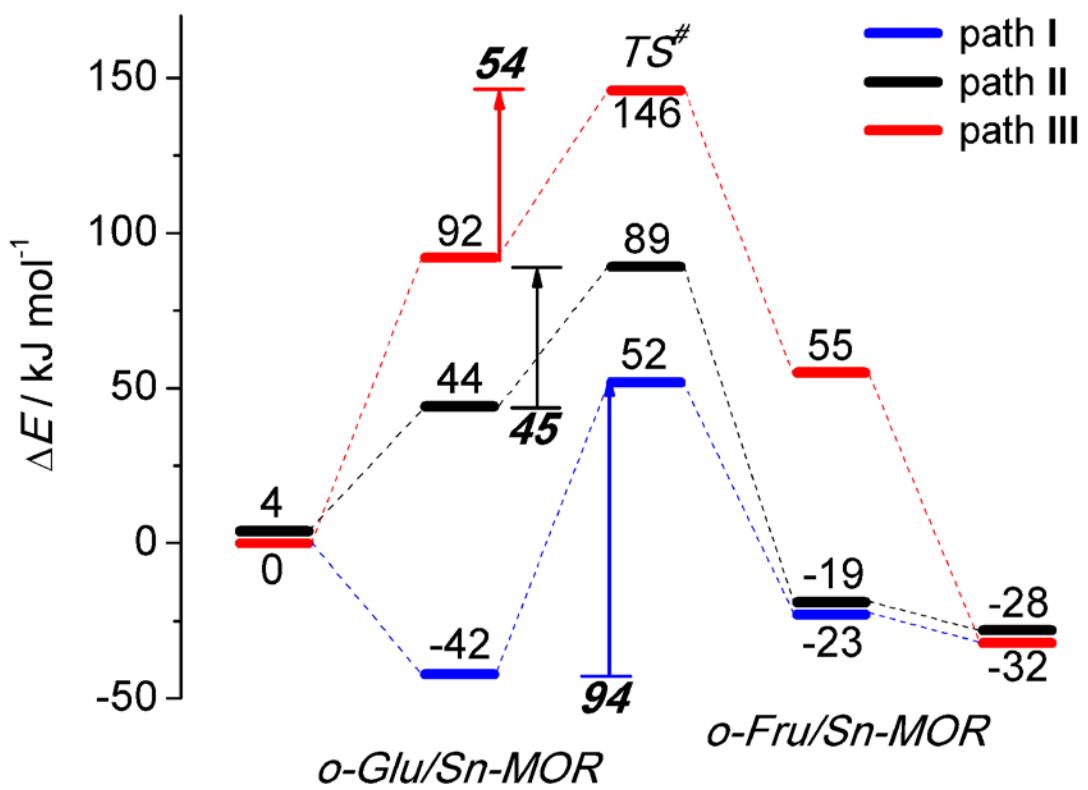


Figure S2. DFT computed reaction energy diagram of o-Glu isomerization to o-Fru over SnOH site of Sn-MOR without *vdW* correction.

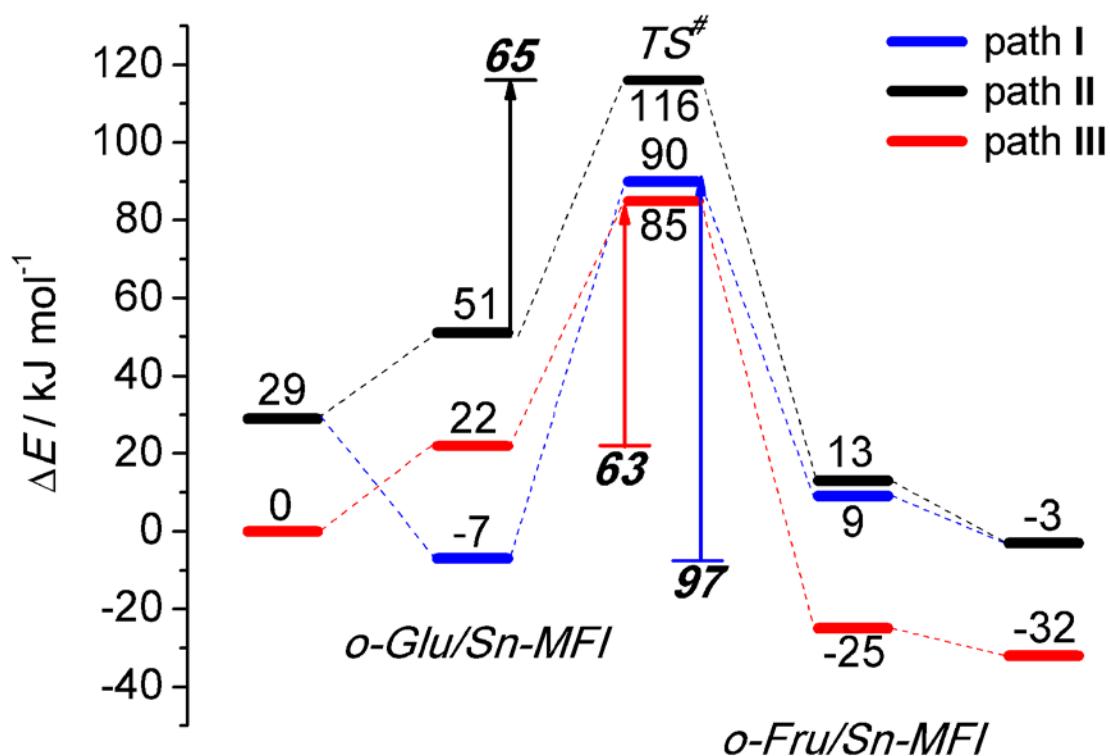


Figure S3. DFT computed reaction energy diagram of *o-Glu* isomerization to *o-Fru* over SnOH site of Sn-MFI without *vdW* correction.

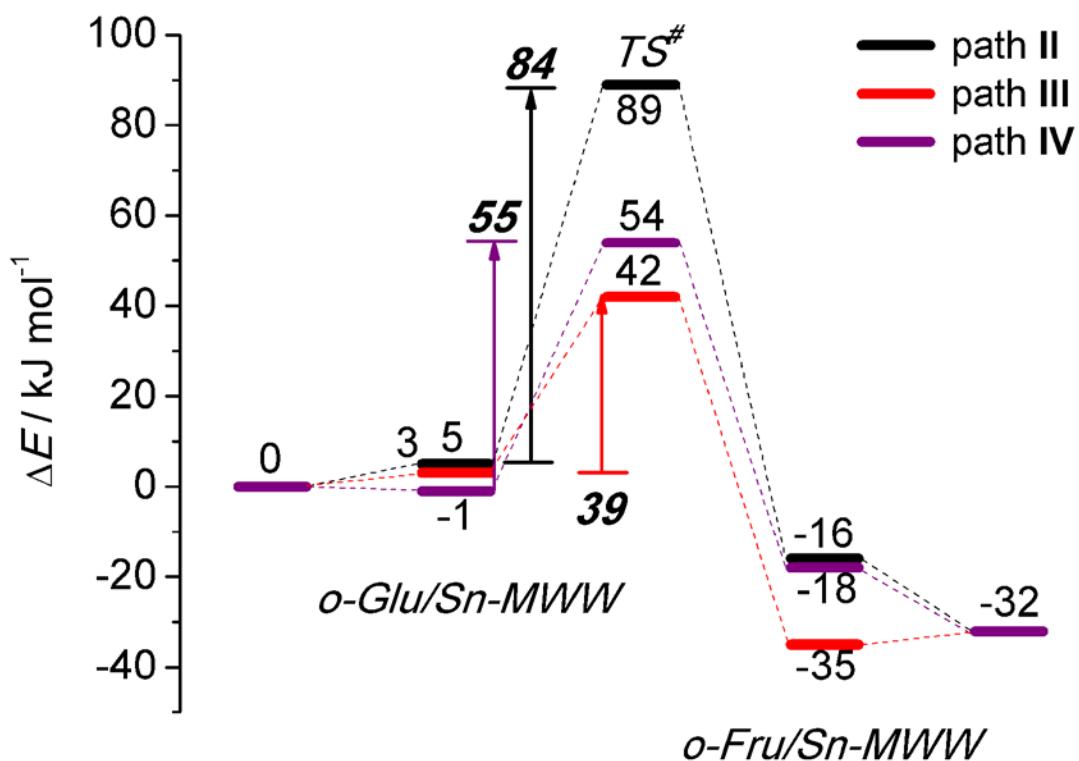


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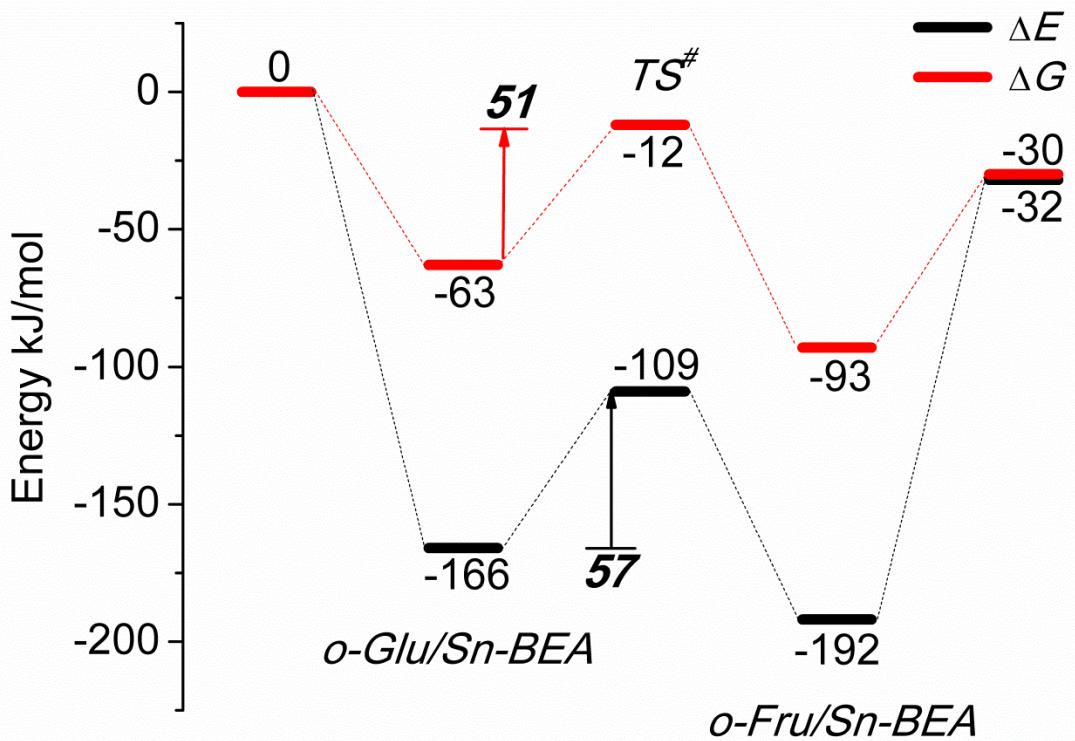


Figure S5. Reaction free energy ($T = 373\text{K}$) and DFT-D2 energy of *o*-*Glu* isomerization to *o*-*Fru* over SnOH site of Sn-BEA (path **II**).

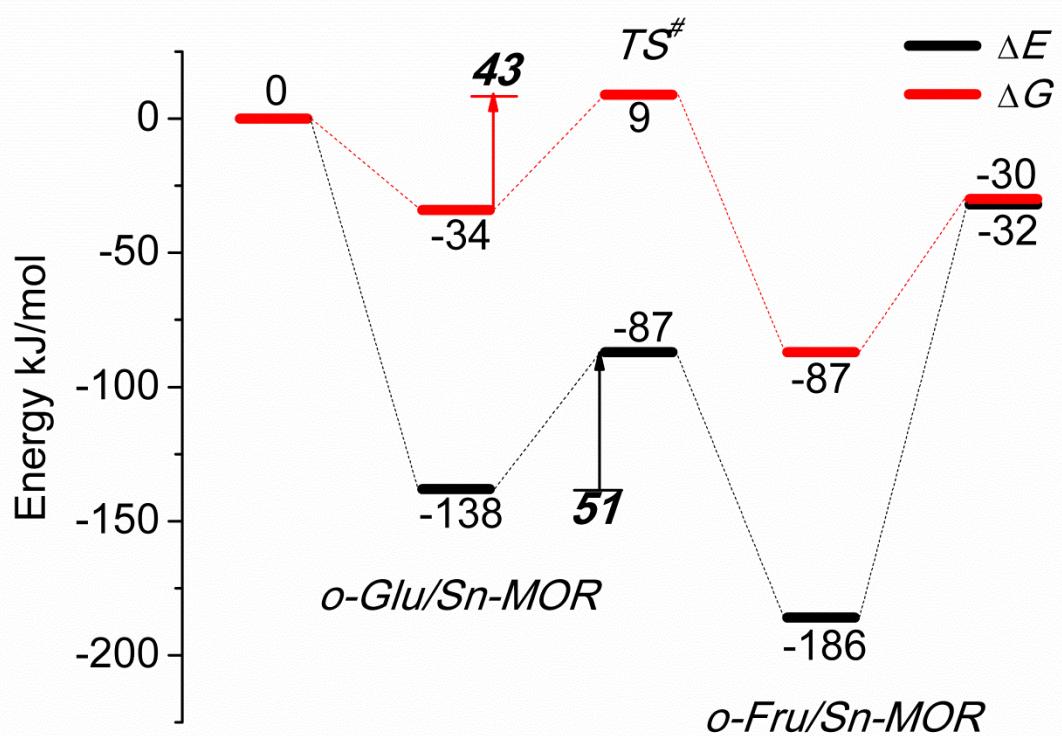


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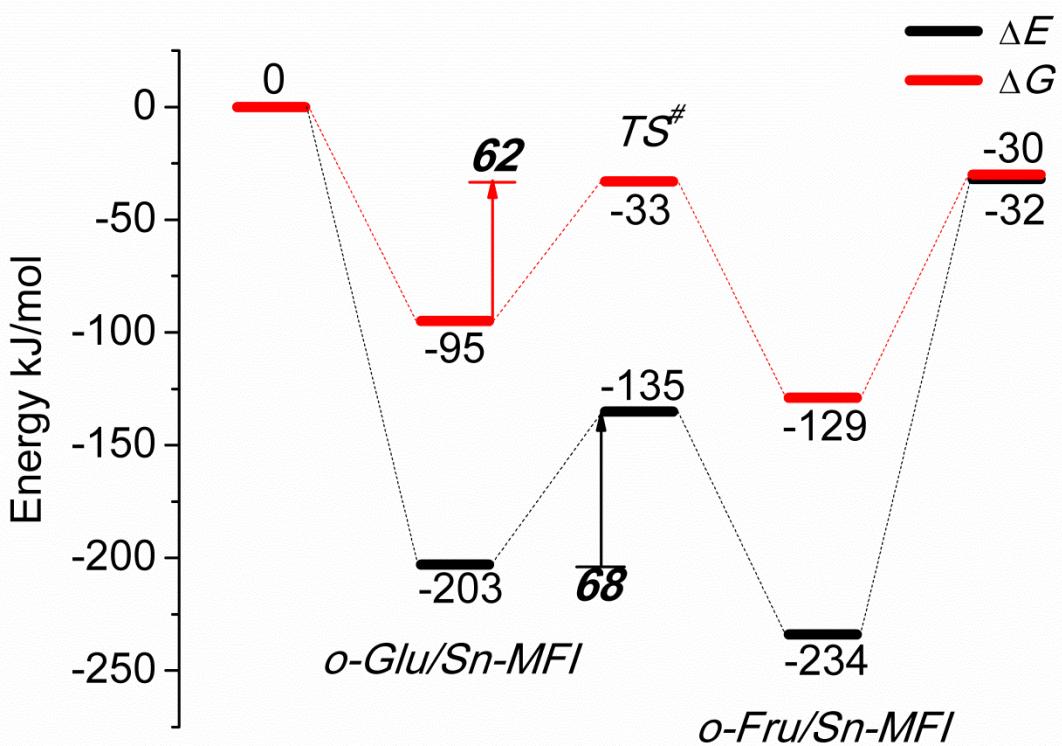


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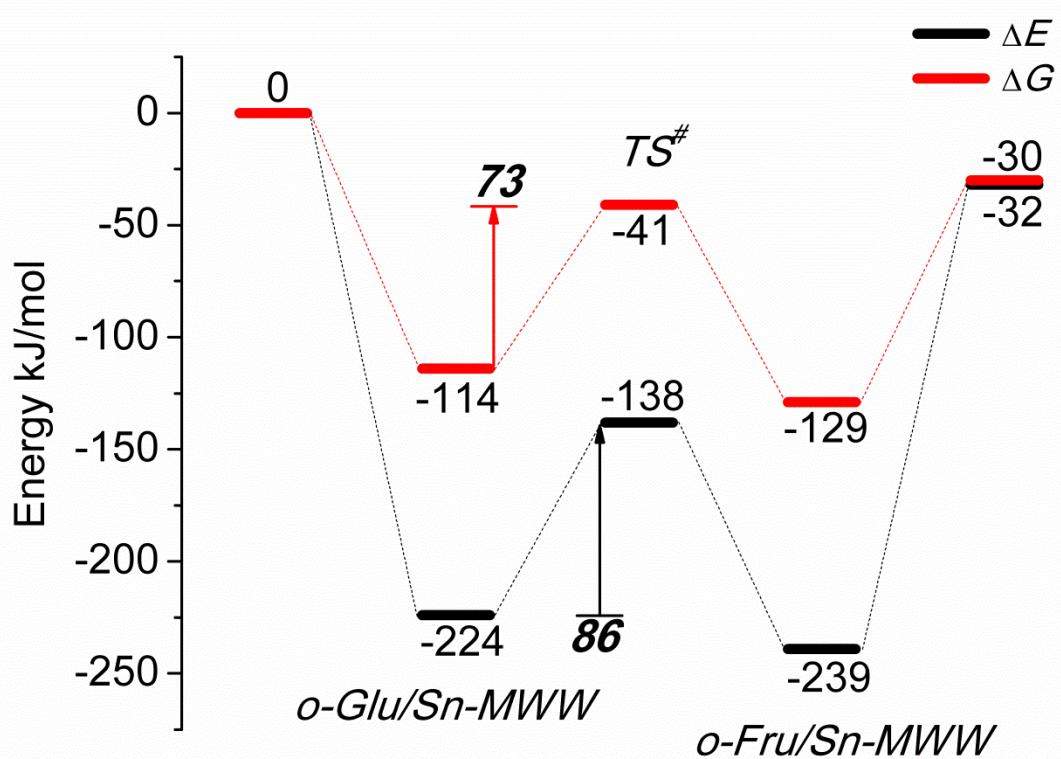


Figure S8. Reaction free energy ($T = 373\text{K}$) and DFT-D2 energy of *o*-Glu isomerization to *o*-Fru over SnOH site of Sn-MWW (path II).

Table S1. Optimized unit cell lattice parameters of selected zeolites in their all-silica forms.

Zeolite	Lattice parameters
MOR	$a = b = 13.65 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 15.02 \text{ \AA}$, $\gamma = 97^\circ$
BEA	$a = b = 12.66 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 26.40 \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$
MFI	$a = 20.12 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 19.77 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 13.16 \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$
MWW	$a = b = 14.11 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 24.88 \text{ \AA}$, $\gamma = 120^\circ$

Table S2. Bader Charge analysis of selected atoms in reaction path I.

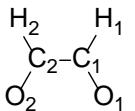
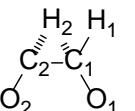
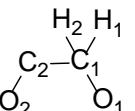
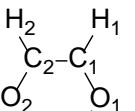
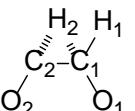
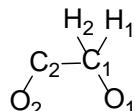
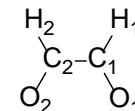
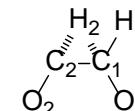
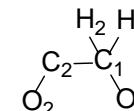
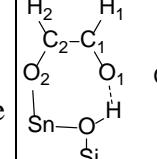
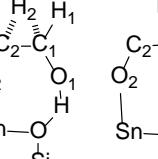
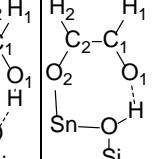
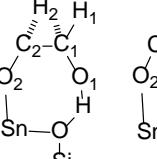
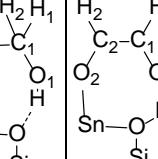
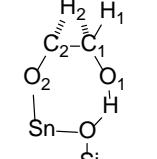
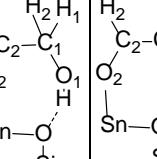
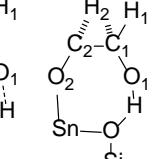
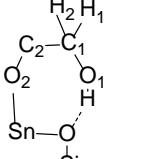
Bader Charge/e	<i>Beta</i>			<i>MFI</i>			<i>MOR</i>		
									
<i>a-Glu</i>	<i>TS</i>	<i>a-Fru</i>	<i>a-Glu</i>	<i>TS</i>	<i>a-Fru</i>	<i>a-Glu</i>	<i>TS</i>	<i>a-Fru</i>	
C2	0,48	0,70	0,95	0,46	0,64	0,86	0,39	0,46	0,79
C1	0,96	0,64	0,42	0,86	0,57	0,28	0,82	0,72	0,37
O2	-1,10	-1,15	-1,10	-1,04	-1,09	-1,09	-1,08	-1,09	-1,10
O1	-1,05	-1,14	-1,11	-1,05	-1,08	-0,98	-1,06	-1,06	-1,05
H2	0,03	0,09	0,07	0,11	0,12	0,15	0,15	0,10	0,13
H1	0,05	0,14	0,12	0,17	0,21	0,14	0,19	0,19	0,16
Sn	2,36	2,35	2,35	2,31	2,32	2,31	2,29	2,29	2,29

Table S3. Bader Charge analysis of selected atoms in reaction path **II**.

Bader charge/e	<i>Beta</i>			<i>MFI</i>			<i>MOR</i>			<i>MWW</i>		
	<i>a-Glu</i>	<i>TS</i>	<i>a-Fru</i>									
C2	0,49	0,65	0,91	0,43	0,64	0,99	0,42	0,67	0,91	0,43	0,63	0,88
C1	0,88	0,64	0,50	0,83	0,61	0,26	0,88	0,74	0,45	0,78	0,71	0,38
O2	-1,16	-1,15	-1,08	-1,05	-1,13	-1,15	-1,09	-1,15	-1,11	-1,07	-1,14	-1,11
O1	-1,07	-1,18	-1,12	-1,05	-1,16	-1,16	-1,08	-1,16	-1,22	-1,04	-1,15	-1,26
H2	0,11	0,09	0,08	0,09	0,10	0,12	0,12	0,10	0,06	0,12	0,11	0,11
H1	0,06	0,18	0,04	0,15	0,20	0,22	0,07	0,05	0,10	0,17	0,13	0,15
Sn	2,37	2,36	2,30	2,36	2,38	2,33	2,32	2,32	2,32	2,38	2,37	2,36
O _{H2O}	-1,34	-1,28	-1,29	-1,36	-1,26	-1,26	-1,35	-1,38	-1,21	-1,38	-1,32	-1,45
H _{H2O}	0,69	0,70	0,63	0,71	0,72	0,67	0,69	0,68	0,72	0,69	0,66	0,78

Table S4. Bader Charge analysis of selected atoms in reaction path **III**.

Bader charge/e	<i>Beta</i>			<i>MFI</i>			<i>MOR</i>			<i>MWW</i>		
												
	<i>a-Glu</i>	<i>TS</i>	<i>a-Fru</i>	<i>a-Glu</i>	<i>TS</i>	<i>a-Fru</i>	<i>a-Glu</i>	<i>TS</i>	<i>a-fru</i>	<i>a-Glu</i>	<i>TS</i>	<i>a-fru</i>
C2	0,50	0,75	0,92	0,51	0,74	0,85	0,50	0,69	0,86	0,58	0,71	0,89
C1	0,80	0,56	0,47	0,88	0,54	0,40	0,89	0,62	0,36	0,74	0,57	0,44
O2	-1,15	-1,16	-1,12	-1,11	-1,14	-1,15	-1,12	-1,15	-1,10	-1,08	-1,13	-1,13
O1	-1,08	-1,22	-1,18	-1,09	-1,47	-1,15	-1,08	-1,12	-1,23	-1,13	-1,24	-1,18
H2	0,10	0,09	0,08	0,07	0,10	0,17	0,10	0,12	0,11	0,11	0,13	0,14
H1	0,14	0,21	0,06	0,09	0,19	0,09	0,06	0,15	0,14	0,18	0,23	0,10
Sn	2,40	2,39	2,37	2,35	2,40	2,39	2,35	2,35	2,35	2,33	2,35	2,35
SiOH	-1,42	-1,38	-1,37	-1,44	-1,39	-1,38	-1,48	-1,40	-1,38	-1,36	-1,35	-1,35
SiOH	0,69	0,74	0,71	0,70	1,00	0,64	0,72	0,66	0,73	0,73	0,76	0,68