

## **Formation of Atmospheric Molecular Clusters from Organic Waste Products and Sulfuric Acid Molecules: a DFT Study (Supporting Information)**

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Here are reported the energetic data of cluster formation calculated at the  $\omega$ B97X-D/aug-pcseg-1 (Table S1) and  $\omega$ B97X-D/def2-SVPD (Table S2) levels of theory. Discussion about these results are to be found in the section 3.3 of the main paper.

In addition, geometries of the clusters optimized at the  $\omega$ B97X-D/6-31++G(d,p),  $\omega$ B97X-D/aug-pcseg-1 and  $\omega$ B97X-D/def2-SVPD levels of theory can be found in separate text files, formatted in the standard XYZ format.

**Table S1:** Energetic data of cluster formation calculated at the  $\omega$ B97X-D/aug-pcseg-1 level of theory. All values are given in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

| Configurations   | $\Delta E$ | $\Delta H$ | $\Delta G$ | $\Delta E^*$ | $\Delta G^*$ | $\Delta E^\ddagger$ | $\Delta G^\ddagger$ |
|--|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>                     | -15.1      | -16.2      | -3.7       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>                   | -32.5      | -34.7      | -8.9       | -15.1        | -2.7         | -17.4               | -5.2                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>                     | -15.9      | -17.0      | -4.2       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>                   | -33.3      | -35.4      | -9.6       | -15.9        | -3.4         | -17.4               | -5.4                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (1)   | -16.3      | -17.2      | -4.1       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (2)   | -13.5      | -14.5      | -2.6       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (3)   | -12.1      | -13.1      | -1.3       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (1) | -40.6      | -42.8      | -14.9      | -23.2        | -8.7         | -24.4               | -10.8               |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (2) | -38.5      | -40.7      | -13.7      | -21.1        | -7.5         | -22.2               | -9.5                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (1)   | -19.9      | -20.9      | -8.4       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (2)   | -16.4      | -17.3      | -4.2       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (1) | -41.1      | -43.2      | -15.0      | -23.6        | -8.8         | -21.2               | -6.6                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (2) | -36.4      | -38.6      | -12.9      | -19.0        | -6.7         | -16.5               | -4.5                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (3) | -39.3      | -41.5      | -14.0      | -21.9        | -7.8         | -19.5               | -5.7                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (4) | -38.5      | -40.6      | -12.6      | -21.1        | -6.4         | -18.6               | -4.3                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (5) | -37.0      | -39.3      | -11.7      | -19.6        | -5.5         | -17.2               | -3.4                |
| 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>   | -17.4      | -18.5      | -6.2       |              |              |                     |                     |
| 3 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>   | -34.4      | -36.5      | -11.5      | -17.0        | -5.4         |                     |                     |

**Table S2:** Energetic data of cluster formation calculated at the  $\omega$ B97X-D/def2-SVPD level of theory. All values are given in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

| Configurations   | $\Delta E$ | $\Delta H$ | $\Delta G$ | $\Delta E^*$ | $\Delta G^*$ | $\Delta E^\ddagger$ | $\Delta G^\ddagger$ |
|--|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>                     | -15.0      | -16.0      | -3.7       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>                   | -32.9      | -34.9      | -9.7       | -14.6        | -2.5         | -17.9               | -6.0                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>                     | -15.7      | -16.8      | -4.1       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>                   | -33.4      | -35.4      | -9.8       | -15.1        | -2.7         | -17.6               | -5.7                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (1)   | -16.9      | -17.7      | -5.1       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (2)   | -14.3      | -15.2      | -3.5       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (3)   | -12.8      | -13.8      | -1.8       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (1) | -42.4      | -44.5      | -16.7      | -24.0        | -9.6         | -25.4               | -11.6               |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (2) | -39.8      | -42.0      | -15.1      | -21.5        | -7.9         | -22.9               | -10.0               |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (1)   | -20.7      | -21.8      | -9.1       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (2)   | -16.8      | -17.6      | -5.0       |              |              |                     |                     |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (1) | -42.8      | -44.9      | -17.1      | -24.5        | -10.0        | -22.1               | -8.0                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (2) | -38.7      | -41.0      | -15.1      | -20.4        | -8.0         | -18.0               | -6.0                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (3) | -40.1      | -42.4      | -14.7      | -21.8        | -7.5         | -19.4               | -5.6                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (4) | -39.0      | -41.1      | -13.3      | -20.7        | -6.2         | -18.3               | -4.3                |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (5) | -38.3      | -40.5      | -13.1      | -20.0        | -5.9         | -17.6               | -4.0                |
| 2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>   | -18.3      | -19.4      | -7.1       |              |              |                     |                     |
| 3 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>   | -36.3      | -38.5      | -13.5      | -18.0        | -6.4         |                     |                     |