

## Supplementary Material to:

*Ab-initio* Molecular Dynamics study of the  $S_N2$  reaction  
 $Cl^- + ClCH_2CN$

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| ClCH <sub>3</sub> +Cl <sup>-</sup> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Exp.                               | BLYP   |        |        | MP2    |        |        | B3LYP  |        |        |
|                                    | I      | M      | T      | I      | M      | T      | I      | M      | T      |
|                                    |        | 72.8   | 172.8  |        | 62.7   | 201.4  |        | 72.4   | 188.4  |
|                                    |        | 72.8   | 175.5  |        | 62.7   | 201.4  |        | 72.4   | 188.4  |
|                                    |        | 102.3  | 189.1  |        | 103.8  | 229.3  |        | 100.9  | 203.9  |
| 732.8                              | 666.1  | 471.9  | -274.1 | 785.5  | 708.5  | -557.9 | 709.4  | 573.6  | -345.5 |
| 1017.26                            | 997.1  | 922.6  | 841.4  | 1065.8 | 1029.6 | 980.8  | 1030.2 | 976.7  | 900.1  |
| 1017.26                            | 997.1  | 922.6  | 843.1  | 1065.8 | 1029.6 | 980.8  | 1030.2 | 976.7  | 900.1  |
| 1354.95                            | 1345.2 | 1246.1 | 965.6  | 1442.1 | 1385.1 | 1078.4 | 1388.4 | 1314.9 | 1030.1 |
| 1452.12                            | 1440.5 | 1416.7 | 1368.1 | 1493.7 | 1470.4 | 1415.5 | 1478.5 | 1457.7 | 1400.5 |
| 1452.12                            | 1440.5 | 1416.7 | 1368.1 | 1493.7 | 1470.4 | 1415.5 | 1478.5 | 1457.7 | 1400.5 |
| 2967.8                             | 2998.7 | 3050.9 | 3115.2 | 3116.1 | 3159.7 | 3228.9 | 3071.1 | 3119.6 | 3190.1 |
| 3039.25                            | 3092.7 | 3170.0 | 3305.8 | 3223.3 | 3279.6 | 3439.2 | 3168.9 | 3236.1 | 3388.7 |
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Table 1: Vibrational frequencies at the stationary points for the reaction  $Cl^- + ClCH_3$ . The calculations are performed with the 6-311+G(d,p) basis set. I, M and T label the isolated molecule, the ion-dipole complex and the transition state respectively. We have not included the frequency computed using PW since they were determined by a finite differences algorithm and are affected by a large uncertainty.

$ClCH_2CN+Cl^-$

| Exp. | BLYP   |        |        | MP2    |        |        | B3LYP  |        |        |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|      | I      | M      | T      | I      | M      | T      | I      | M      | T      |
|      |        | 50.0   | 129.5  |        | 56.4   | 154.9  |        | 53.5   | 143.8  |
|      |        | 89.8   | 144.0  |        | 84.3   | 167.0  |        | 90.2   | 153.0  |
|      |        | 157.4  | 174.2  |        | 158.1  | 194.9  |        | 158.5  | 196.9  |
| 198  | 181.0  | 201.2  | 181.7  | 186.3  | 205.8  | 236.3  | 188.9  | 208.8  | 201.9  |
| 352  | 339.0  | 378.0  | 376.6  | 322.5  | 360.0  | 368.2  | 354.6  | 393.5  | 391.4  |
| 492  | 461.0  | 455.7  | 448.9  | 482.1  | 493.4  | 399.9  | 486.3  | 492.0  | 469.4  |
| 746  | 677.0  | 632.2  | -239.7 | 787.0  | 762.1  | -569.8 | 727.7  | 692.9  | -331.2 |
| 907  | 889.0  | 880.3  | 800.9  | 943.8  | 946.7  | 944.7  | 919.3  | 916.2  | 876.5  |
| 930  | 920.0  | 923.0  | 885.9  | 965.1  | 962.5  | 1001.0 | 953.4  | 952.1  | 953.9  |
| 1184 | 1164.0 | 1168.3 | 975.7  | 1240.1 | 1255.8 | 1002.6 | 1207.7 | 1217.7 | 1000.8 |
| 1270 | 1255.0 | 1279.6 | 999.5  | 1355.3 | 1404.7 | 1020.0 | 1303.1 | 1337.9 | 1024.3 |
| 1421 | 1422.0 | 1403.1 | 1383.6 | 1479.0 | 1478.0 | 1419.7 | 1461.6 | 1448.9 | 1417.4 |
| 2256 | 2257.0 | 2220.7 | 2223.2 | 2197.2 | 2188.0 | 2175.7 | 2361.5 | 2332.8 | 2335.4 |
| 2963 | 3012.0 | 2588.6 | 3180.4 | 3137.1 | 2837.8 | 3294.6 | 3090.3 | 2736.3 | 3262.1 |
| 3010 | 3063.0 | 3046.8 | 3299.7 | 3200.4 | 3169.3 | 3436.3 | 3143.6 | 3125.7 | 3389.5 |

Table 2: Vibrational frequencies at the stationary points for the reaction  $Cl^- + ClCH_2CN$ . The calculations are performed with the 6-311+G(d,p) basis set. I, M and T label the isolated molecule, the ion-dipole complex and the transition state respectively. We have not included the frequency computed using PW since they were determined by a finite differences algorithm and are affected by a large uncertainty.