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## **Electronic Supporting Information**

## Microsolvation of $H_2O^+$ , $H_3O^+$ , and $CH_3OH_2^+$ by He in a cryogenic ion trap: Structure of solvation shells

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**Table S1.** NBO charge distribution on the He atoms in  $X^+He_n$  clusters evaluated at the CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ level (in *e*).

n	$H_2O^+$	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	CH₃OH₂ <sup>+</sup>
0 <sup>a</sup>	0.54504	0.58759	0.56127
1 (H)	0.00913	0.00524	0.00278
1 (p)	0.00120		
2 (2H)	0.00866	0.00494	0.00273
	0.00866	0.00494	0.00273
2 (2p)	0.00120		
	0.00120		
3	0.00843	0.00478	
	0.00843	0.00478	
	0.00098	0.00478	
4	0.00821	0.00460	
	0.00821	0.00452	
	0.00097	0.00472	
	0.00097	0.00037	
5	0.00795	0.00439	
	0.00795	0.00437	
	0.00104	0.00443	
	0.00104	0.00037	
	0.00027	0.00037	
6		0.00432	
		0.00432	
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<sup>a</sup> Partial charge on the equivalent OH protons.

**Table S2.** Scaled vibrational OH stretch and bend frequencies of  $H_2O^+He_n$  calculated at the CCSD/aug-ccpVTZ level (in cm<sup>-1</sup>).<sup>a</sup>

п	v <sub>1</sub>	v <sub>3</sub>	v <sub>2</sub>
0	3210.7 (115)	3261.0 (447)	1408.5 (166)
	3212.86	3259.04	1408.4
1 (H)	3184.8 (308)	3253.0 (412)	1412.1 (152)
	3198.0 <sup>b</sup>	3253.9 <sup>b</sup>	
1 (p)	3214.9 (112)	3265.3 (437)	1411.2 (162)
2 (2H)	3189.7 (177)	3220.3 (701)	1415.4 (139)
2 (2p)	3219.2 (108)	3269.5 (426)	1413.7 (158)
3	3194.8 (172)	3225.3 (682)	1418.3 (137)
4	3200.0 (167)	3230.2 (663)	1420.8 (134)
5	3204.5 (162)	3233.5 (644)	1417.7 (146)

<sup>a</sup> IR intensities in km/mol are listed in parentheses. Scaling factor of 0.9442 and 0.9492 for  $v_{1/3}$  and  $v_2$ . Experimental values are listed in italics. <sup>b</sup> B tunnelling component of K<sub>a</sub> = 0-0 subband.

**Table S3.** Scaled vibrational OH stretch frequencies of  $H_3O^+He_n$  calculated at the CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level (in cm<sup>-1</sup>).<sup>a</sup>

n	v <sub>1</sub>	v <sub>3</sub> (1)	v <sub>3</sub> (2)
0	3438.7 (32)	3529.1 (459)	3529.1 (459)
	3440	3528	3528
1	3433.7 (75)	3512.2 (548)	3535.1 (451)
2	3433.0 (63)	3504.2 (644)	3530.7 (484)
3	3434.3 (43)	3511.4 (630)	3511.5 (630)
4	3437.1 (42)	3513.9 (615)	3514.6 (624)
5	3439.7 (41)	3516.4 (607)	3517.6 (610)
6	3436.2 (40)	3512.6 (601)	3512.6 (601)

<sup>a</sup> IR intensities in km/mol are listed in parentheses. Scaling factor of 0.9505. Experimental values (averaged tunnelling components) are listed in italics. The  $v_3$  mode has two components, which are degenerate for *n*=3 and 6.

**Table S4.** Scaled vibrational OH stretch frequencies of  $CH_3OH_2^+He_n$  calculated at the CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level (in cm<sup>-1</sup>).<sup>a</sup>

n	V <sub>OH</sub> <sup>s</sup>	VOH
0	3510.0 (198)	3584.9 (320)
1	3508.3 (236)	3581.2 (370)
	3504	3571
2	3508.4 (252)	3577.1 (439)

<sup>a</sup> IR intensities in km/mol are listed in parentheses. Scaling factor of 0.9505. Experimental values are listed in italics.