

## Supplementary material

### Study on depolymerization kinetics of formic acid dimers in binary mixture

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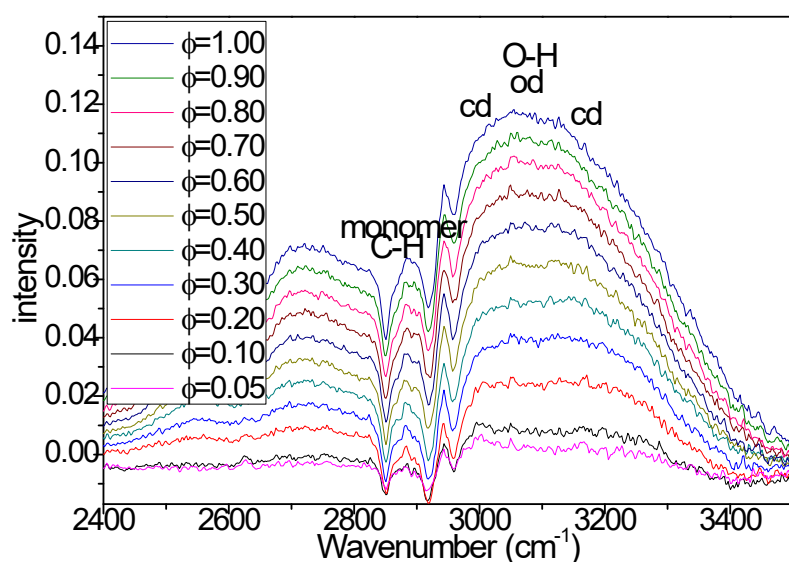


Fig S1 High resolution infrared spectroscopy of  $\nu_{\text{O-H}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{O-H}}$  ( $2400\text{-}3500\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) in FA/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  binary system at different volume fraction

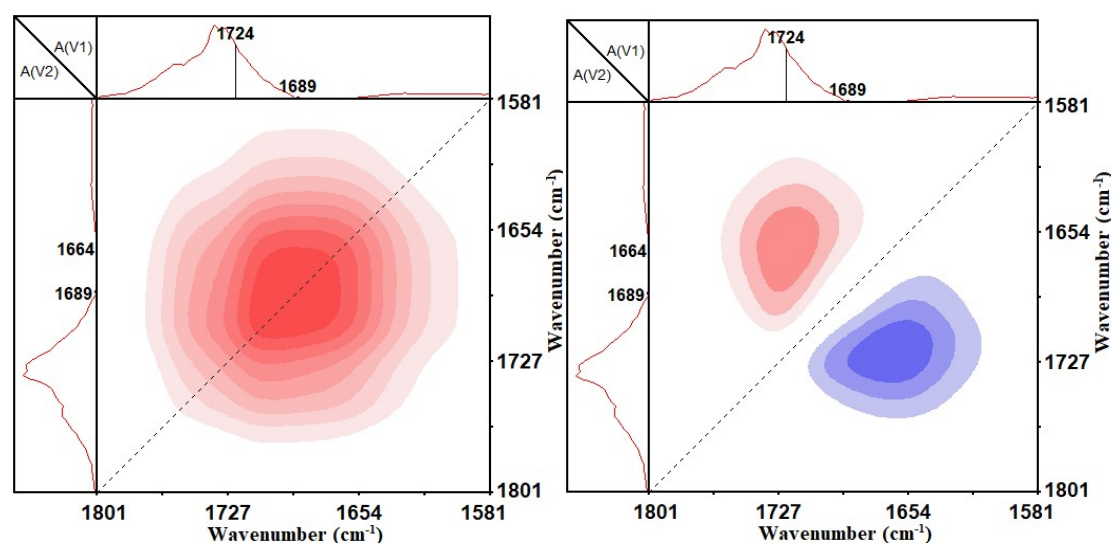


Fig S2 2-D IR of FA/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  binary system at different volume fraction

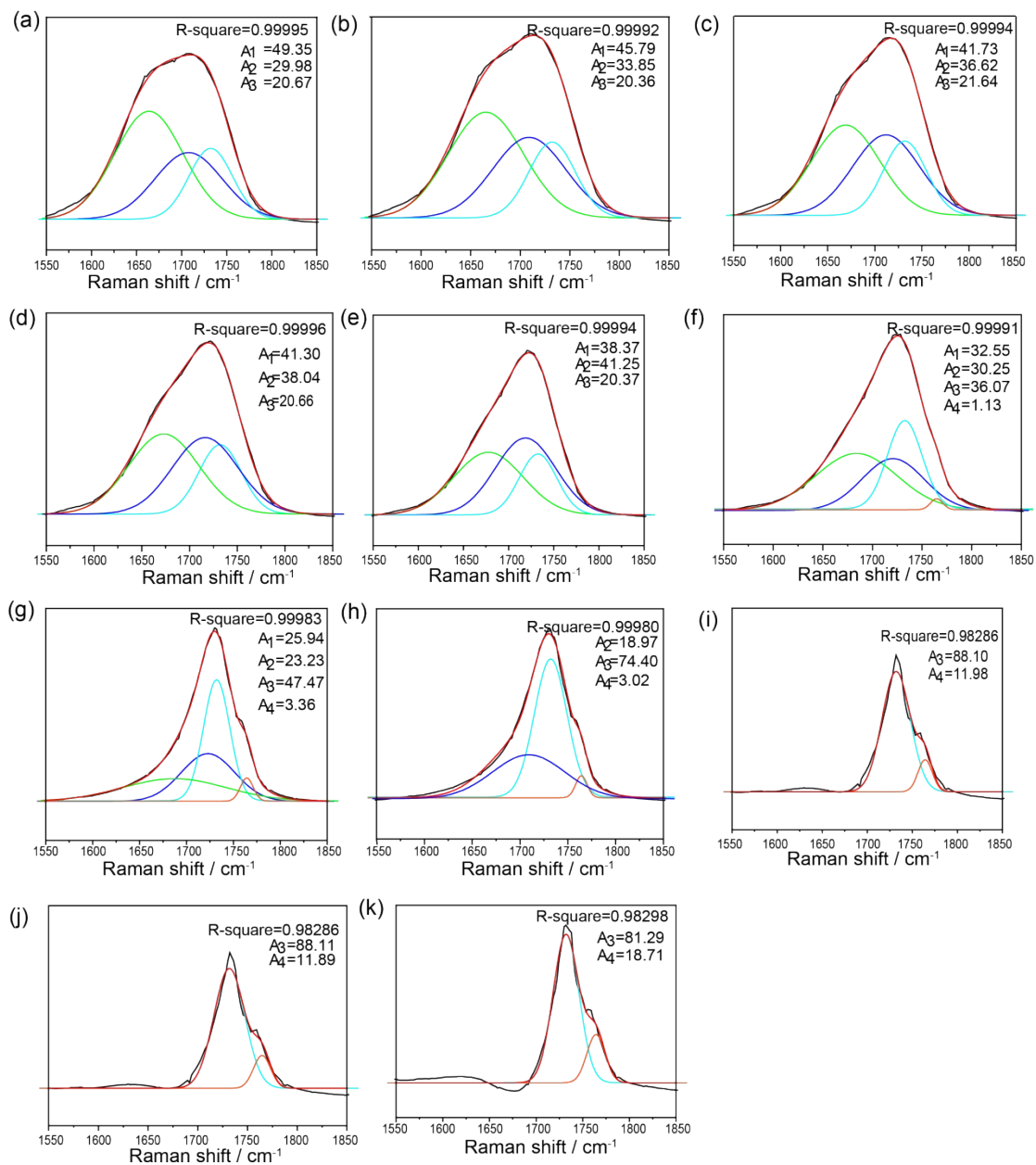


Fig S3 Band fitting for infrared spectroscopy of  $\nu_{C=O}$  (1540-1830cm<sup>-1</sup>) in FA/CH<sub>3</sub>CN binary mixture at different volume fraction

Table S1 The comparison of DFT (B3LYP-D3/6-311G (d,p)) calculated vibrational frequencies, depolarization ratio of FA-CH<sub>3</sub>CN, solvate FA monomer and FA dimer.

Computed/cm <sup>-1</sup>							
mod es	FA <sub>dimer</sub>		FA <sub>(PCM)</sub>		FA-CH <sub>3</sub> CN <sub>(PCM)</sub>		Descriptio n
	Freq.	ρ	Freq.	ρ	Freq.	ρ	
v <sub>1</sub>	3207/3086	0.47/0.31	3724	0.29	3388	0.32	ν <sub>O-H</sub>
v <sub>2</sub>	3065/3058	0.29/0.49	3062	0.27	3133/3133 /3057/2984	0.75/0.75/ 0.01/0.24	ν <sub>C-H</sub>
v <sub>3</sub>					2379	0.29	ν <sub>N=C</sub>
<b>v<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>1789/1714</b>	<b>0.73/0.11</b>	<b>1794</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>1809</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>ν<sub>C=O</sub></b>
v <sub>5</sub>	1494/1457	0.39/0.58	1311	0.71	1391	0.68	β <sub>H-O-C</sub>
v <sub>6</sub>					1454/1454/1403	0.75/0.75/0.64	β <sub>H-C-H</sub>
v <sub>7</sub>	1407/1406	0.74/0.75	1417	0.59	1430	0.56	β <sub>H-C-O</sub>
v <sub>8</sub>	1269/1267	0.20/0.21	1129	0.18	1184	0.39	ν <sub>O-C</sub>
v <sub>9</sub>	1107/1082	0.26/0.75	1067	0.75			τ <sub>H-C-O-H</sub>
v <sub>10</sub>					1066	0.75	τ <sub>H-C-O-N</sub>
v <sub>11</sub>					1059	0.74	γ <sub>C-H-C-H</sub>
v <sub>12</sub>					1058	0.74	τ <sub>H-C-C≡N</sub>
v <sub>13</sub>	1003/983	0.73/0.75	684	0.75			τ <sub>H-O-C-O</sub>
v <sub>14</sub>					939	0.14	ν <sub>C-C</sub>
v <sub>15</sub>					833	0.75	τ <sub>C-O-H-N</sub>
v <sub>16</sub>	725/694	0.67/0.66	630	0.58	699	0.53	β <sub>O-C-O</sub>
v <sub>17</sub>					404/402/ 99/43/ 29/15	0.75/0.75/ 0.75/0.75/ 0.75/0.75	τ <sub>H-N≡C-C</sub>
v <sub>18</sub>	287	0.75					β <sub>O-H-O</sub>
v <sub>19</sub>	277/77	0.75/0.75					τ <sub>O-C-O-H</sub>
v <sub>20</sub>	216	0.12					ν <sub>O-H</sub>
v <sub>21</sub>	187	0.74					τ <sub>C-O-H-O</sub>
v <sub>22</sub>					184	0.71	ν <sub>N-H</sub>
v <sub>23</sub>	178	0.7					β <sub>C-O-H</sub>
v <sub>24</sub>					134	0.75	τ <sub>O-C-O-N</sub>
ZPE (kJ/m ol)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN		FA <sub>dimer</sub>		FA <sub>(PCM)</sub>	FA-CH <sub>3</sub> CN <sub>(PCM)</sub>	
	HF=-348567.44		HF=- 996658.86		HF=-498307.99	HF=-846893.58	
Remarks	ν,β,τ,γ refer the stretching vibration,bending vibration, twisting vibration and out-of-plane bending vibration respectively.ρ:depolarization ratio						

Table S2 The comparison of DFT (B3LYP-D3/6-311G (d,p)) calculated vibrational frequencies, depolarization ratio and ZPE energy of cd and od.

Computed/cm <sup>-1</sup>					
modes	FA <sub>cd</sub>		FA <sub>od</sub>		Description
	Freq.	ρ	Freq.	ρ	
<b>v<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>3207/3086</b>	<b>0.47/0.31</b>	<b>3729/3372</b>	<b>0.29/0.31</b>	<b>v<sub>O-H</sub></b>
v <sub>2</sub>	3065/3058	0.29/0.49	3113/3030	0.21/0.29	v <sub>C-H</sub>
<b>v<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>1789/1714</b>	<b>0.73/0.11</b>	<b>1807/1761</b>	<b>0.54/0.17</b>	<b>v<sub>O=C</sub></b>
v <sub>4</sub>	1494/1457	0.39/0.58	1449/1408	0.52/0.75	β <sub>H-O-C</sub>
v <sub>5</sub>	1407/1406	0.74/0.75	1386/1336	0.76/0.49	β <sub>H-C-O</sub>
v <sub>6</sub>	1269/1267	0.2/0.21	1218/1165	0.22/0.26	v <sub>O-C</sub>
	1107/1082	0.26/0.75	1107/1074	0.75/0.75	τ <sub>H-C-O-H</sub>
v <sub>7</sub>	1003/983	0.73/0.75	992/723	0.75/0.75	τ <sub>H-O-C=O</sub>
v <sub>8</sub>	725/694	0.67/0.66	688/653	0.62/0.61	β <sub>O-C-O</sub>
v <sub>9</sub>	287	0.75	156	0.44	β <sub>O-H-O</sub>
v <sub>10</sub>	277/77	0.75/0.75	215/67	0.75/0.75	τ <sub>O-C-O-H</sub>
v <sub>11</sub>	216	0.12	199	0.67	v <sub>O-H</sub>
v <sub>12</sub>	187	0.74	117	0.75	τ <sub>C-O-H-O</sub>
v <sub>13</sub>	178	0.7	126	0.66	β <sub>C-O-H</sub>
ZPE energy (kJ/mol)	FA <sub>cd</sub> HF=-996658.86		FA <sub>od</sub> HF=-996628.05		
Remarks	v,β,τ,γ refer the stretching vibration,bending vibration, twisting vibration and out-of-plane bending vibration respectively.ρ:depolarization ratio				

Table S3 The comparison of DFT (B3LYP-D3/6-311G (d,p)) calculated vibrational frequencies, depolarization ratio and ZPE of FA<sub>dimer</sub>, FA<sub>dimer</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>OH<sub>dimer</sub>, FA-CH<sub>3</sub>OH<sub>(PCM)</sub> and FA<sub>(PCM)</sub>

mode	Computed/cm <sup>-1</sup>								Descrip tion		
	FA <sub>dimer</sub>		FA <sub>dimer</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> OH <sub>dimer</sub>		FA-CH <sub>3</sub> OH <sub>(PCM)</sub>		FA <sub>(PCM)</sub>				
	Freq.	ρ	Freq.	ρ	Freq.	ρ	Freq.	ρ			
v <sub>1</sub>	3207/	0.47/	3509/	0.32/	3829/	0.26/	3724	0.29	ν <sub>O-H</sub>		
	3086	0.31	3464	0.25	3127	0.29					
v <sub>2</sub>	3065/	0.29/	3117/3113/	0.65/0.67/	3148/	0.59/	3062	0.27	ν <sub>C-H</sub>		
			3088/3078/	0.74/0.74/	3088/	0.74/					
			3043/3041/	0.68/0.20/	3027/	0.12/					
v <sub>3</sub>			3022/3019/	0.04/0.04	3019	0.73			ν <sub>O-H</sub>		
			2907/2850	0.48/0.28							
v <sub>4</sub>	<b>1789</b>	<b>0.73/</b>	<b>1771/1743</b>	<b>0.54/0.1</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>1795</b>	<b>0.34</b>	ν <sub>C=O</sub>		
	<b>/1714</b>	<b>0.11</b>									
v <sub>5</sub>	1494/	0.39/					1311	0.71	β <sub>H-O-C</sub>		
	1457	0.58									
v <sub>6</sub>			1530/1526/	0.68/0.74/	1502/	0.72/			β <sub>H-C-H</sub>		
			1511/1499/	0.60/0.66/						1493	0.73
			1493/1488/	0.75/0.75/							
v <sub>7</sub>			1482	0.72	1483	0.56			τ <sub>H-C-H-O</sub>		
			1477	0.74							
v <sub>8</sub>	1407/	0.74/	1415/1409/	0.70/0.68/	1407	0.66	1417	0.59	β <sub>H-C-O</sub>		
	1406	0.75	1183/1178/	0.75/0.74/							
v <sub>9</sub>			1152/1124	0.73/0.63	1468	0.75			β <sub>C-O-H</sub>		
			1464/1441	0.75/0.66							
v <sub>10</sub>	1269	0.20/	1281/1277/	0.57/0.30/	1216/	0.48/	1129	0.18	ν <sub>O-C</sub>		
	/1267	0.21	1056/1047	0.34/0.22	1017	0.32					
v <sub>11</sub>			1219/151	0.73/0.68					τ <sub>C-O-H-O</sub>		
v <sub>12</sub>	1107	0.26/			1175/	0.75/	1067	0.75	τ <sub>H-C-O-H</sub>		
	/1082	0.75			1084/	0.51/					
v <sub>13</sub>					1078	0.46					
v <sub>14</sub>			1106	0.56					τ <sub>O-H-O-O</sub> ν <sub>O-C</sub> +τ <sub>H-C-O-O</sub>		
v <sub>15</sub>	1003/	0.73/	1064	0.45			684	0.75	τ <sub>H-O-C-O</sub>		
	983	0.75									
v <sub>16</sub>				0.22/0.73/	1365/	0.73/					
v <sub>17</sub>			765/118/28	0.75	390	0.74			β <sub>H-O-H</sub>		
			710/705	0.67/0.59	701	0.49					
v <sub>18</sub>	725/	0.67/					630	0.58	β <sub>O-C-O</sub>		
	694	0.66									
v <sub>19</sub>	287	0.75	226/97	0.74/0.69					β <sub>O-H-O</sub>		
v <sub>20</sub>	277/77	0.75/	1032/67	0.29/0.73	958/209	0.69/			τ <sub>O-C-O-H</sub>		

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v <sub>21</sub>	216	0.12	369/335/17 8	0.69/0.65/ 0.75	256/168 /118	0.68/ 0.75	v <sub>O-H</sub>
v <sub>22</sub>	187	0.74	827/47	0.74/0.75			τ <sub>C-O-H-O</sub>
v <sub>23</sub>			255	0.75			τ <sub>H-C-O-O</sub>
v <sub>24</sub>			246	0.75			τ <sub>H-C-O-H</sub>
v <sub>25</sub>	178	0.7	125/112/76	0.73/0.70/ 0.74			β <sub>C-O-H</sub>
v <sub>26</sub>			137/92	0.75/0.70	107/27	0.75/ 0.75	τ <sub>H-C-H-O</sub>
v <sub>27</sub>			32	0.75			τ <sub>O-H-O-C</sub>
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