

Supporting Information for  
**The donor-acceptor complexes between ammonia and sulfur trioxide.**  
**FTIR and computational study.**

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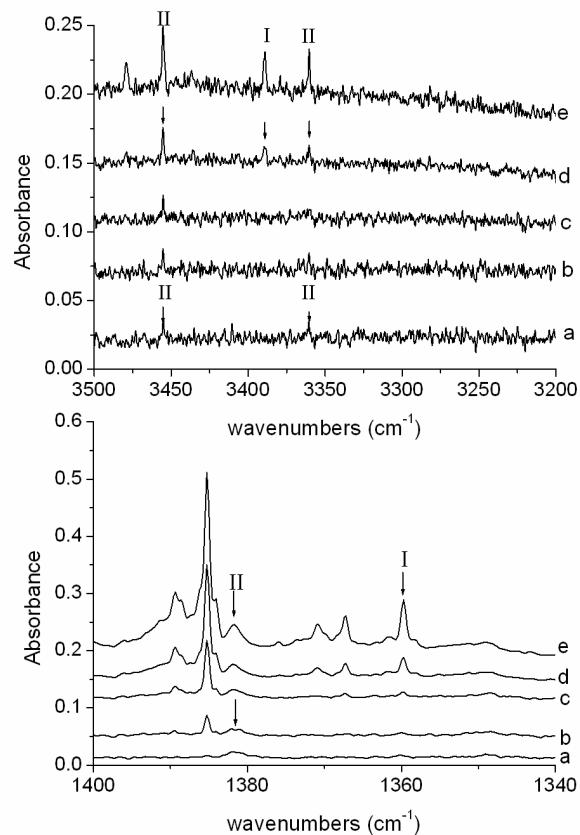


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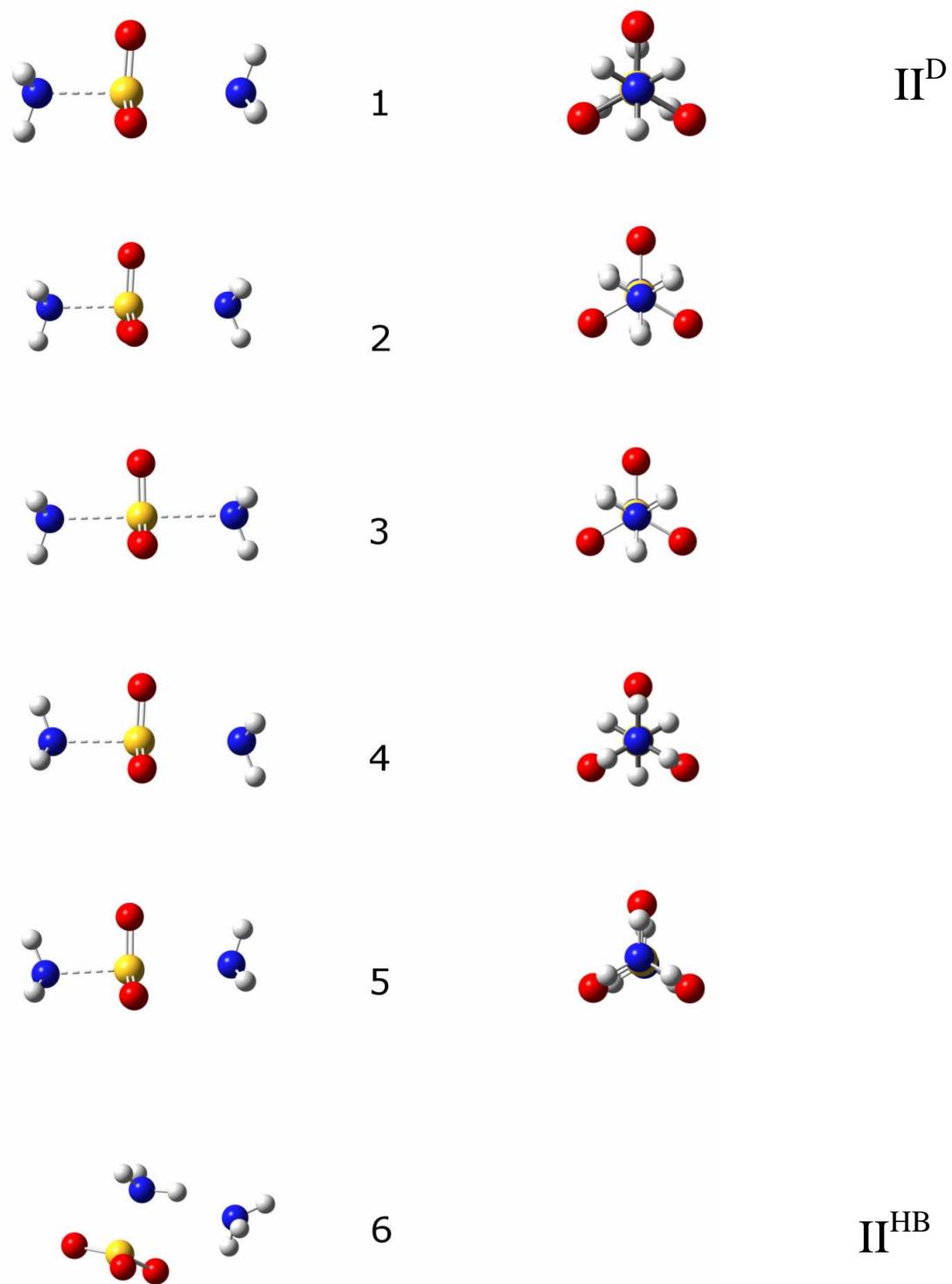


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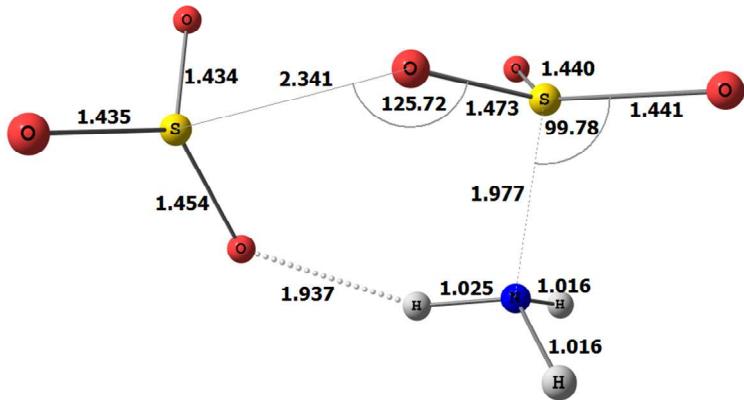


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structure	Rel. energy	Symmetry	Minimum on PES	NegEV
1, $\text{II}^{\text{D}}$	0	$\text{C}_{3v}$	yes	0
2	+0.01	$\text{C}_{3v}$	no	1
3	+0.18	$\text{D}_{3h}$	no	1
4	+0.31	$\text{C}_{3v}$	no	1
5	+0.32	$\text{C}_{3v}$	no	2
6, $\text{II}^{\text{HB}}$	-9.92	$\text{C}_1$	yes	0

Table S2. DFT/B3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ calculated harmonic wavenumbers ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and intensities ( $\text{kmmol}^{-1}$ ) of the  $\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdot\text{SO}_3$  (I) and  $\text{H}_3\text{N}\cdot\text{SO}_3\cdot\text{NH}_3$  (II<sup>D</sup>) complexes.

<b>NH<sub>3</sub>-SO<sub>3</sub>, I</b>			<b>NH<sub>3</sub>-SO<sub>3</sub>-NH<sub>3</sub>, II<sup>D</sup></b>		
<b>v [cm<sup>-1</sup>]</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>assign.</b>	<b>v [cm<sup>-1</sup>]</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>assign.</b>
3587.2	56	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_3$	3603.1	37	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{s})}$ *
3587.0	56	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_3$	3603.1	37	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{s})}$
3455.4	27	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_3$	3599.5	9	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{w})}$
1636.3	29	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_3$	3599.5	9	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{w})}$
1635.9	29	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_3$	3474.2	1	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{w})}$
1337.0	262	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_3$	3468.6	13	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{s})}$
1336.8	262	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_3$	1659.4	19	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{w})}$
1203.7	160	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_3$ (umbrella)	1659.4	19	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{w})}$
1037.1	16	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_3 + \delta_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_3$	1642.2	26	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{s})}$
722.5	15	$\gamma\text{OSNH}$	1642.2	26	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{s})}$
721.7	15	$\gamma\text{OSNH}$	1342.7	241	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_3$
534.1	193	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{SO}_3$	1342.7	241	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_3$
498.4	14	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{SO}_3 + \gamma\text{OSNH}$	1132.5	161	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{s})}$ (umbrella)
498.3	14	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_3 + \gamma\text{OSNH}$	1031.9	52	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{w})}$ (umbrella) + $\nu_{\text{s}}\text{SO}_3$
280.4	43	$\nu\text{NS}$	1021.6	119	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{SO}_3 + \delta_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{w})}$
235.5	5	$\tau\text{OSNH}$	618.7	20	$\gamma\text{OSNH}_{(\text{s})}$
234.9	5	$\tau\text{OSNH}$	618.7	20	$\gamma\text{OSNH}_{(\text{s})}$
100.7	0	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_3$	487.5	9	$\gamma\text{OSNH}_{(\text{s})}$
			487.5	9	$\gamma\text{OSNH}_{(\text{s})}$
			475.6	284	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{SO}_3$
			264.2	10	$\gamma\text{OSNH}_{(\text{w})}$
			264.2	10	$\gamma\text{OSNH}_{(\text{w})}$
			196.3	0	$\gamma\text{OSNH}_{(\text{s},\text{w})}$
			196.3	0	$\gamma\text{OSNH}_{(\text{s},\text{w})}$
			191.6	82	$\nu\text{NS}_{(\text{s})}$
			81.0	0	$\gamma\text{NSN}$
			79.1	45	$\gamma\text{NSN}$
			71.1	23	$\tau\text{OSNH}_{(\text{s},\text{w})}$
			71.1	23	$\nu\text{NS}_{(\text{w})}$
			18.9	0	$\tau\text{OSNH}_{(\text{s},\text{w})}$

\* s, w – the wavenumber corresponds to strongly or weakly bonded ammonia molecule, respectively.

Table S3. DFT/B3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ calculated harmonic wavenumbers ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and intensities ( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) of the  $(\text{NH}_3)_2\cdot\text{SO}_3$  ( $\text{II}^{\text{HB}}$ ) and  $\text{NH}_3(\text{SO}_3)_2$  complexes.

$(\text{NH}_3)_2\cdot\text{SO}_3$ <sup>*</sup>			$\text{NH}_3\cdot(\text{SO}_3)_2$ <sup>**</sup>		
v [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]	I	assign.	v [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]	I	assign.
3585.8	14	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{a})}$	3568.8	69	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_3$
3578.8	49	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{d})}$	3506.4	143	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_3$
3559.1	33	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{a})}$	3340.3	177	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_3$
3497.0	66	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{d})}$	1641.1	28	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_3$
3452.2	13	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{d})}$	1621.8	14	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_3$
2965.8	999	$\nu\text{NH}\dots\text{N}$	1389.7	250	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_{3(\text{h})}$
1682.6	4	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{a},\text{d})}$	1367.8	161	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_{3(\text{b})}$
1672.9	20	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{a})}$	1327.8	118	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_{3(\text{h})} + \delta_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{umbrella})}$
1653.4	24	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{a})}$	1285.4	301	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_3$ (umbrella)
1617.3	5	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{d})}$	1261.2	435	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_{3(\text{h})}$
1339.1	236	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{d})}$ (umbrella)	1042.1	19	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{SO}_{3(\text{h})}$
1318.1	191	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{d})}$ (umbrella)	1013.9	58	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_{3(\text{b})}$
1305.8	245	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_3 + \delta_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{d})}$ (umbrella)	867.3	22	$\gamma\text{NH}_3$
1136.6	187	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{NH}_{3(\text{a})}$ (umbrella)	830.6	8	$\gamma\text{NH}_3$
1032.2	35	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{SO}_3$	569.0	175	$\delta\text{SO}_{3(\text{b})}$
929.7	27	$\gamma\text{NH}_{3(\text{d})}$	523.0	35	$\delta\text{SO}_{3(\text{h},\text{b})}$
836.2	7	$\gamma\text{NH}_{3(\text{d})}$	512.1	10	$\delta\text{SO}_{3(\text{h})}$
566.8	194	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{SO}_3$	508.7	3	$\tau\text{OSON}$
513.6	16	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{SO}_3 + \gamma\text{NH}_{3(\text{d})}$	501.4	9	$\tau\text{OSON}$
504.4	12	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{SO}_3 + \gamma\text{NH}_{3(\text{d})}$	462.9	222	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{SO}_{3(\text{h})}$
455.3	28	$\gamma\text{NH}_{3(\text{a})}$	358.1	17	$\nu\text{NS}$
410.7	23	$\gamma\text{NH}_{3(\text{a})}$	297.4	2	$\tau\text{OSON}$
359.5	28	$\nu\text{NS}$	277.3	11	$\tau\text{OSON}$
310.3	81	$\gamma\text{NH}\dots\text{N}$	208.2	6	$\tau\text{OSON}$
279.9	20	$\tau\text{NHNH}$	187.2	0	$\tau\text{OSON}$
256.4	14	$\tau\text{NHNH}$	172.1	3	$\tau\text{OSON}$
202.5	18	$\nu\text{NH}\dots\text{N}$	159.1	34	$\tau\text{OSON}$
115.6	3	$\tau\text{NHNH}$	103.8	19	$\nu\text{NH}\dots\text{O}$
92.6	13	$\tau\text{NHNH}$	59.1	7	$\tau\text{SNHO}$
29.9	0	$\tau\text{NHNH}$	31.7	5	$\tau\text{OSON}$

\* (a),(d) – due to ammonia molecule that is a proton acceptor or proton donor in N-H..N bond

\*\* (b) – due to  $\text{SO}_3$  molecule of the  $\text{H}_3\text{NSO}_3$  adduct that forms (S)O..H-N bond·

(h) – due to  $\text{SO}_3$  molecule that forms (S)O·H-N bond·

Table S4. Relative energies (MP2) [kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>] of structures referring to (NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> formula with respect to the minimum (1, II<sup>D</sup>). Information about the point symmetry group of the complex as well as the number of negative eigenvalues of the Hessian matrix (NegEV) are also provided.

structure	Rel. energy	Symmetry	Minimum on PES	NegEV
1, II <sup>D</sup>	0	C <sub>3v</sub>	yes	0
2	+0.004	C <sub>3v</sub>	*	*
3	+0.41	D <sub>3h</sub>	no	1
5	+0.59	D <sub>3h</sub>	no	2
6, II <sup>HB</sup>	-11.46	C <sub>1</sub>	yes	0

\*the lowest vibration frequency +13 cm<sup>-1</sup> indicates that the PES is almost flat with respect to the rotation of loosely bonded NH<sub>3</sub> around the S-N axis. The value, although positive, is within the range of numerical error expected for the frequency calculations therefore the unambiguous categorization of the stationary point is not possible.

Table S5. DFT/B3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ calculated harmonic wavenumbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>) and intensities (km mol<sup>-1</sup>) of the H<sub>3</sub>NSO<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub> (structure 2) – transition structure.

NH <sub>3</sub> -SO <sub>3</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub> , structure 2		
v [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	I	assign.
3603.6	36	v <sub>as</sub> NH <sub>3</sub>
3603.6	36	v <sub>as</sub> NH <sub>3</sub>
3599.1	9	v <sub>as</sub> NH <sub>3</sub>
3599.1	9	v <sub>as</sub> NH <sub>3</sub>
3474.0	1	v <sub>s</sub> NH <sub>3</sub>
3469.1	12	v <sub>s</sub> NH <sub>3</sub>
1657.7	19	δ <sub>as</sub> NH <sub>3</sub>
1657.7	19	δ <sub>as</sub> NH <sub>3</sub>
1642.6	25	δ <sub>as</sub> NH <sub>3</sub>
1642.6	25	δ <sub>as</sub> NH <sub>3</sub>
1342.9	240	v <sub>as</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>
1342.9	240	v <sub>as</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>
1128.6	159	δ <sub>s</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> (umbrella)
1036.4	112	δ <sub>s</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> (umbrella)
1024.2	52	v <sub>as</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> + δ <sub>s</sub> NH <sub>3</sub>
612.2	21	γOSNH
612.2	21	γOSNH
486.7	9	γOSNH
486.7	9	γOSNH
472.4	287	δ <sub>s</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>
281.5	11	γOSNH
281.5	11	γOSNH
199.1	0	γOSNH
199.1	0	γOSNH
186.7	79	vNS <sub>(s)</sub>
79.1	0	γ NSN
74.7	22	γ NSN
74.7	22	τOSNH
73.9	54	vNS <sub>(w)</sub>
i13.8	0	τOSNH