

**Aqueous solvation of  $\text{Hg}(\text{OH})_2$ . Energetic and dynamical density functional theory studies of the  $\text{Hg}(\text{OH})_2 - (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$  ( $n=1-24$ ) structures.**

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## Supplementary material

**Table S1.** Calculated NPA charges of Hg, O, H and O (directly linked to Hg) atoms in gaseous and solvated  $\text{Hg}(\text{OH})_2$  systems.

| Water Molecules | Hg   | O(H)  | O(H)  | O1 (H <sub>2</sub> O) | O2 (H <sub>2</sub> O) | O3 (H <sub>2</sub> O) |
|-----------------|------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 0               | 0.98 | -0.98 | -0.98 | --                    | --                    | --                    |
| 1               | 1.12 | -1.07 | -1.03 | -1.00                 | --                    | --                    |
| 2               | 1.14 | -1.09 | -1.03 | -1.03                 | --                    | --                    |
| 3               | 1.16 | -1.07 | -1.07 | -1.06                 | --                    | --                    |
| 4               | 1.16 | -1.08 | -1.07 | -1.03                 | -1.04                 | --                    |
| 5               | 1.19 | -1.08 | -1.07 | -1.03                 | -1.02                 | --                    |
| 6               | 1.18 | -1.08 | -1.09 | -1.05                 | -1.01                 | --                    |
| 7               | 0.98 | -1.04 | -1.04 | -1.00                 | -1.01                 |                       |
| 8               | 0.98 | -1.08 | -1.04 | -1.02                 | -1.01                 | -1.01                 |
| 12              | 1.20 | -1.12 | -1.12 | -1.07                 | -1.04                 | -1.03                 |
| 15              | 1.17 | -1.15 | -1.13 | -1.08                 | -1.03                 | -1.02                 |
| 16              | 1.00 | -1.14 | -1.13 | -1.05                 | -1.03                 | -1.04                 |
| 24              | 1.03 | -1.13 | -1.10 | -1.04                 | -1.05                 | -1.06                 |

**Table S2.** Optimized atomic coordinates (at 0 K) of the final solvated cluster  $\text{Hg}(\text{OH})_2\text{-(H}_2\text{O)}_{24}$

| Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                         | X         | Y         | Z         |
| O                       | -1.770470 | -1.492280 | -3.276406 |
| O                       | -1.073834 | -1.911928 | -0.696651 |
| Hg                      | 0.334829  | -0.458191 | -0.397339 |
| O                       | -0.466515 | 0.264520  | 2.192626  |
| O                       | -3.562183 | -1.491148 | -0.059395 |
| O                       | 1.725536  | 1.084790  | -0.151591 |

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|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| O | -1.423220 | -1.783482 | 3.487476  |
| O | -4.415446 | -0.714302 | -2.451491 |
| O | 2.347330  | 1.768773  | -2.630974 |
| O | -2.025867 | 2.285769  | 1.480315  |
| O | -0.656208 | 4.544854  | 1.865661  |
| O | -4.338565 | 0.741265  | 1.331691  |
| O | 4.242603  | -0.155293 | -2.312338 |
| O | 2.134395  | 0.894202  | 2.629353  |
| O | 3.931980  | 2.867650  | 2.082801  |
| O | -0.351710 | 0.823102  | -2.732556 |
| O | 2.767355  | -1.697550 | 1.778461  |
| O | 2.595568  | -2.021272 | -0.923599 |
| O | -0.164698 | -4.288667 | 0.300477  |
| O | 0.684489  | -3.407438 | 2.566225  |
| O | 1.675839  | 3.790660  | 0.503699  |
| O | -4.150494 | -1.681461 | 2.651525  |
| O | 2.016339  | -4.673917 | -1.341042 |
| O | 4.420585  | 0.492320  | 0.353444  |
| O | -0.616489 | 4.945452  | -0.918983 |
| O | -1.830917 | 2.529261  | -1.246477 |
| O | -4.445584 | 1.933399  | -1.448808 |
| H | -2.698475 | -1.219053 | -3.184578 |
| H | -1.276225 | -0.657303 | -3.351799 |
| H | -0.892497 | 1.518099  | -2.288273 |

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| H | 0.478002  | 1.235796  | -3.014997 |
| H | -1.535171 | 3.468418  | -1.272804 |
| H | -2.800356 | 2.460793  | -1.431676 |
| H | -4.719621 | 1.728808  | -0.542509 |
| H | -4.515468 | 1.083030  | -1.920465 |
| H | -0.879499 | 5.166021  | -0.011421 |
| H | 0.306942  | 4.680461  | -0.782657 |
| H | -4.255852 | -1.136999 | -1.574494 |
| H | -5.178816 | -1.151438 | -2.835627 |
| H | -1.259335 | -1.894185 | -1.672801 |
| H | -1.238779 | 3.743371  | 1.865867  |
| H | -0.765166 | 4.972724  | 2.717279  |
| H | 0.323097  | 0.536085  | 2.691757  |
| H | -0.869760 | -0.494948 | 2.704746  |
| H | -1.916901 | 2.307127  | 0.501287  |
| H | -1.448135 | 1.544408  | 1.795164  |
| H | 2.072399  | 1.640507  | -1.680604 |
| H | 2.582559  | 2.696365  | -2.721330 |
| H | 1.547360  | 2.843950  | 0.303755  |
| H | 0.975307  | 4.020484  | 1.144792  |
| H | 0.372910  | -3.802577 | 1.686025  |
| H | 0.884028  | -4.152081 | 3.138951  |
| H | 0.552365  | -4.559899 | -0.309197 |
| H | -0.564850 | -3.498296 | -0.124398 |
| H | 1.883117  | 1.082600  | 1.706511  |

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| H | 2.806212  | 1.591456  | 2.790398  |
| H | 3.209893  | -1.463076 | -1.430904 |
| H | 2.781613  | -1.895107 | 0.034655  |
| H | -3.942696 | 0.102338  | 0.704886  |
| H | -3.615919 | 1.370578  | 1.531378  |
| H | 4.753853  | -0.410018 | -3.083698 |
| H | 3.623004  | 0.556355  | -2.597532 |
| H | -0.830671 | -2.495130 | 3.181354  |
| H | -2.333902 | -1.972650 | 3.208821  |
| H | 2.113561  | -2.332099 | 2.141278  |
| H | 2.584300  | -0.848885 | 2.229078  |
| H | 4.696829  | 0.247461  | -0.547768 |
| H | 4.489094  | -0.304281 | 0.892047  |
| H | -4.872548 | -1.956214 | 3.220807  |
| H | -4.311272 | -0.735621 | 2.436014  |
| H | 2.288243  | -3.734627 | -1.310994 |
| H | 2.749208  | -5.158262 | -0.954977 |
| H | 3.305591  | 3.389523  | 1.550305  |
| H | 4.361943  | 2.281950  | 1.444617  |
| H | -3.840393 | -1.980640 | 0.729662  |
| H | 2.623815  | 0.732097  | 0.016809  |
| H | -2.587785 | -1.670365 | -0.203155 |