

Supplementary Information

Title: Structural transitions in ion coordination driven by changes in competition for ligand binding

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Supplementary Figures

Figure S1: Optimized structures of gas-phase Na^+ -water coordination complexes. The Na^+ -O distances depicted next to the dashed lines connecting the atom centers are in Ångstrom units. Note a natural increase in ion-ligand distance occurs with increase in coordination number. The 6-31G(d) basis set was used to describe Na^+ ions, while the O and H atoms were described using the 6-31++G(d,p) basis set.

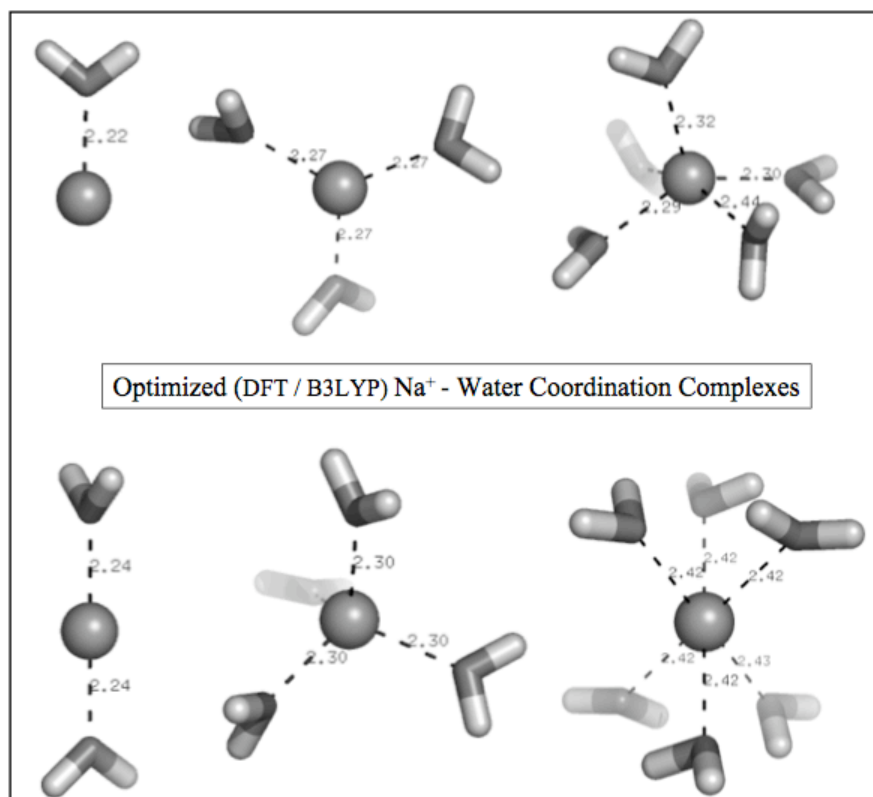
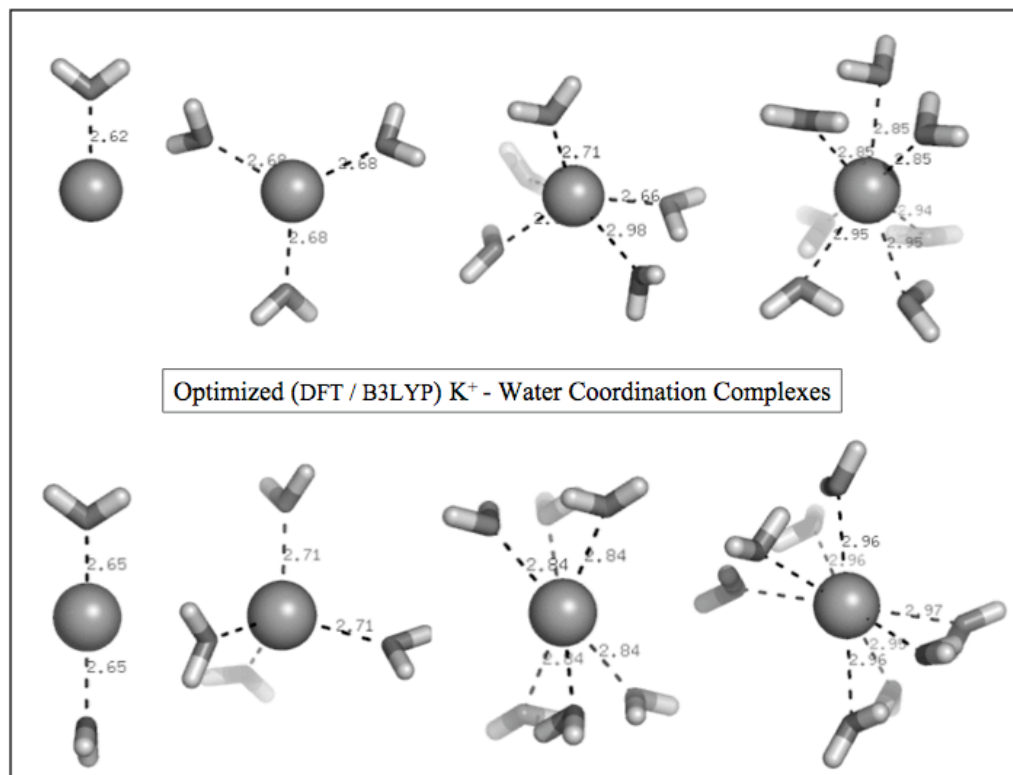


Figure S2: Optimized structures of gas-phase K^+ -water coordination complexes. The K^+ -O distances depicted next to the dashed lines connecting the atom centers are in Ångstrom units. Note as in Na^+ clusters, there is a natural increase in ion-ligand distance with increase in coordination number. The 6-311+G(2d) basis set was used to describe K^+ ions, while the O and H atoms were described using the 6-31++G(d,p) basis set.



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