

Oxidation of the hexagonal Mo₂C(101) Surface by H₂O dissociative adsorption

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	N	$n\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow n\text{OH} + n\text{H}$	E_a	E_r	N	$n\text{OH} \rightarrow n\text{O} + n\text{H}$	E_a	E_r
1H ₂ O (1/8ML)	1	H ₂ O → OH + H	0.22	-0.96	2	OH → O + H	0.74	-0.16
			[0.39]	[-0.90]			[0.90]	[-0.09]
O+H ₂ O	3	O+H ₂ O → O + OH + H	0.54	-0.57	5	2OH(I) → OH + O + H	0.79	0.02
			[0.71]	[-0.52]			[0.95]	[0.08]
	4	O+H ₂ O → 2OH	0.15	-0.51	6	OH + O → 2O + H	0.78	-0.19
			[0.26]	[-0.52]			[0.95]	[-0.12]
2H ₂ O (1/4ML)	7	2H ₂ O → H ₂ O--OH + H	-0.11	-0.94	9	2OH(II) → OH + O + H	0.78	-0.14
			[0.05]	[-0.82]			[0.94]	[-0.08]
	8	H ₂ O--OH → 2OH + H	0.59	-0.91	10	OH + O → 2O + H	0.78	-0.19
			[0.74]	[-0.89]			[0.95]	[-0.12]
3H ₂ O (3/8ML)	11	3H ₂ O → 2H ₂ O + OH + H	-0.07	-1.07	14	3OH → 2OH + O + H	0.83	0.06
			[0.09]	[-1.02]			[0.98]	[0.13]
	12	2H ₂ O + OH → H ₂ O + 2OH	0.45	-0.30	15	2OH + O → OH + 2O	0.81	0.13
			[0.64]	[-0.21]			[0.97]	[0.20]
	13	H ₂ O + 2OH → 3OH + H	0.58	-0.17	16	OH + 2O → 3O + H	0.99	0.25
			[0.74]	[-0.09]			[1.15]	[0.32]
4H ₂ O (1/2ML)	17	4H ₂ O → 3H ₂ O + OH + H	0.00	-0.86	21	4OH → 3OH + O + H	0.81	0.06
			[0.15]	[-0.75]			[0.96]	[0.13]
	18	3H ₂ O + OH → 2H ₂ O + 2OH	0.03	-0.77	22	3OH + O → 2OH + 2O + H	0.87	0.17
			[0.19]	[-0.65]			[1.03]	[0.24]
	19	2H ₂ O + 2OH → H ₂ O + 3OH	0.45	-0.29	23	2OH + 2O → OH + 3O + H	1.05	0.42
			[0.58]	[-0.24]			[1.20]	[0.49]
	20	H ₂ O + 3OH → 4OH + H	0.35	-0.41	24	OH + 3O → 4O + H	1.08	0.46
			[0.51]	[-0.33]			[1.23]	[0.53]

N: the numbering of elementary reaction in this work.

Table S2. Stepwise adsorption energies (in eV) of OH and O at different coverage on the Mo₂C(101) surface on the basis of H₂O dissociation and gaseous H₂ formation (the values without ZPE correction are given in square brackets for comparison)

θ	$\Delta E_{\text{ads}}(\text{OH})$	$\Delta E_{\text{ads}}(\text{O})$
1/8 ML	-1.10 [-1.05]	-0.69 [-0.47]
1/4 ML	-1.06 [-1.01]	-0.60 [-0.37]
3/8 ML	-0.92 [-0.86]	-0.26 [-0.04]
1/2 ML	-0.79 [-0.74]	-0.21 [0.01]
5/8 ML	-0.07 [0.00]	-0.04 [0.15]
3/4 ML	-0.05 [0.02]	0.09 [0.30]
7/8 ML	0.04 [0.08]	0.47 [0.70]
1 ML	0.43 [0.56]	0.24 [0.44]

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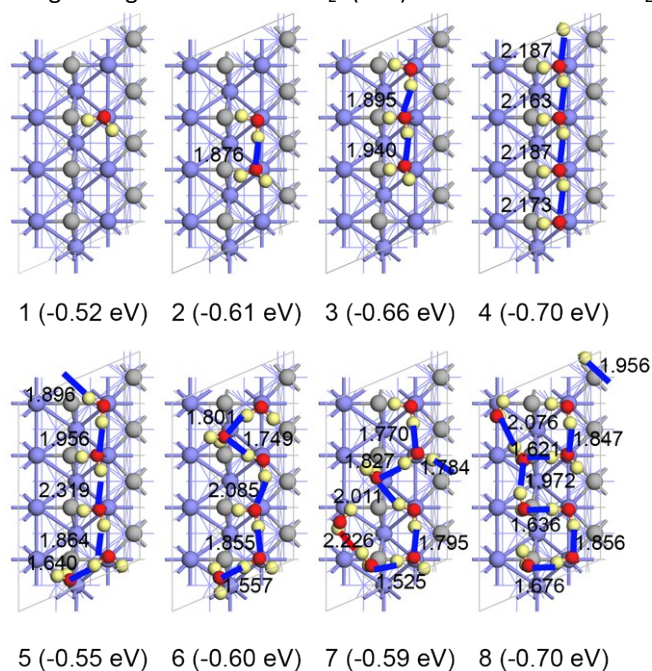


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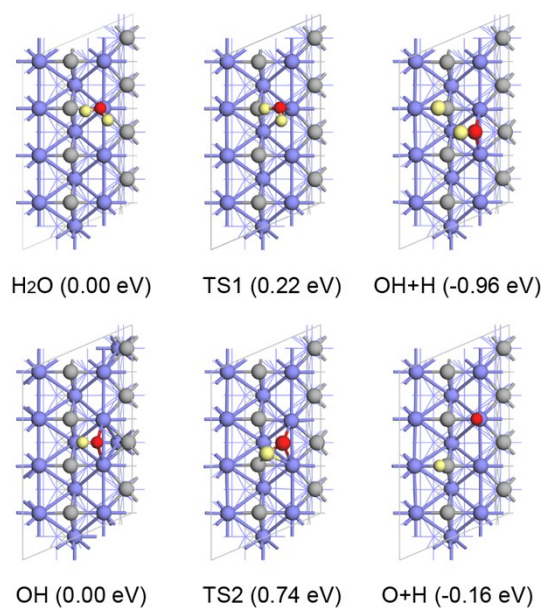


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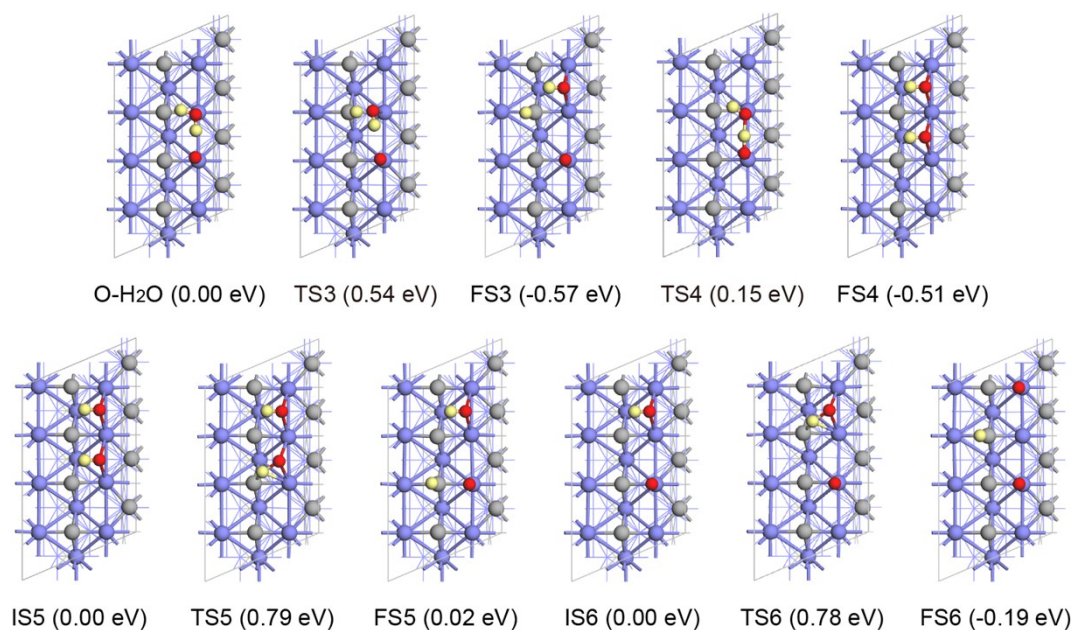


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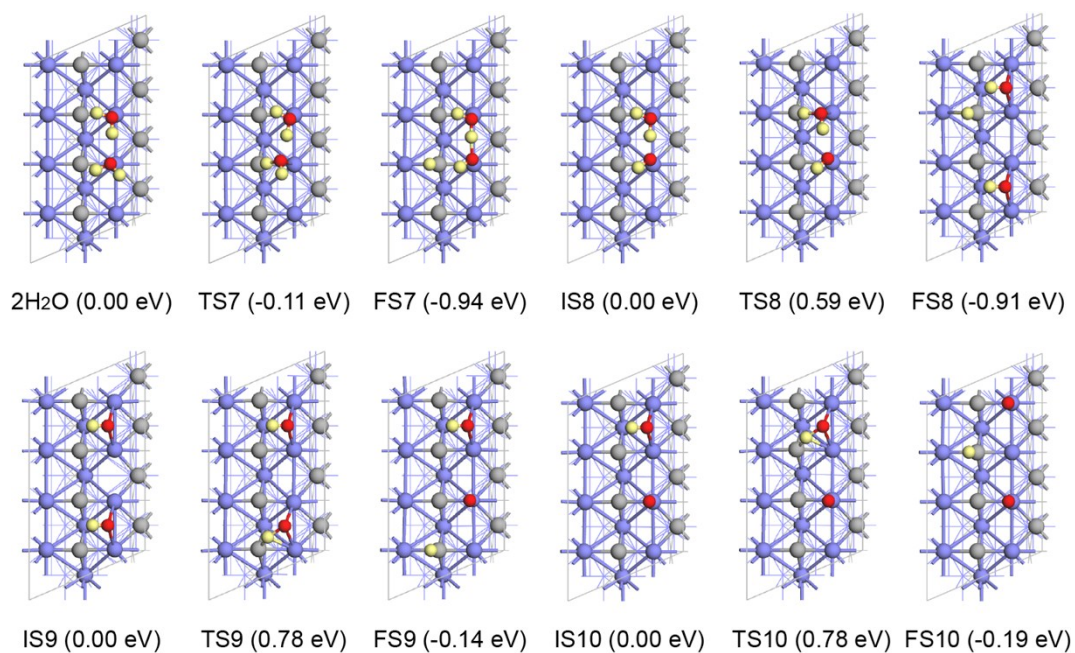


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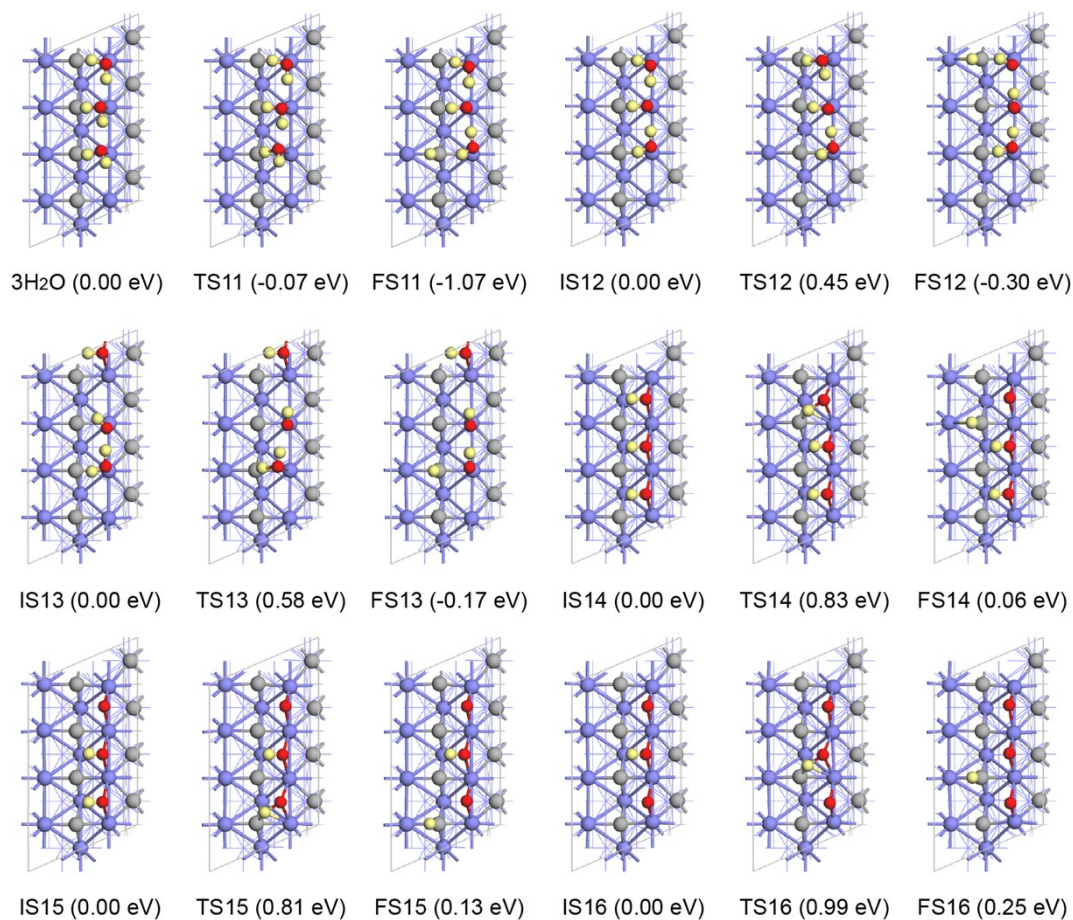


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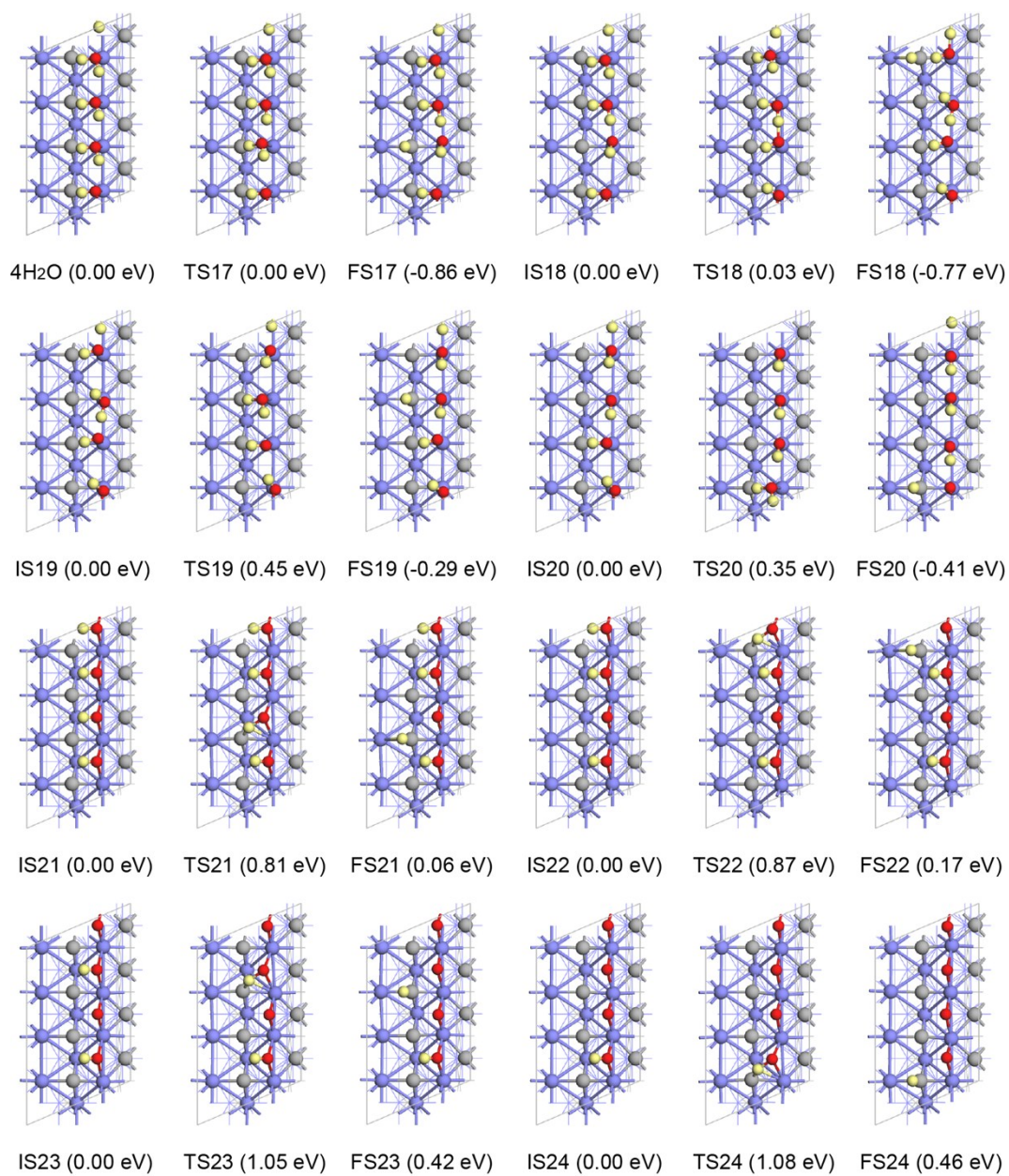


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