Supporting information of Insights into the Roles of Water on the Aqueous Phase Reforming of Glycerol

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1 VASP INCAR settings

1.1 Geometry Optimization

The following INCAR parameters are intended for geometry optimization runs in VASP, for a system consists of Pt, C, O, and H atoms.

NWRITE = 1LWAVE = .FALSE. ! write WAVECAR?LCHARG = .FALSE. ! write CHGCAR?LVTOT = .FALSE. ! write LOCPOT?Electronic relaxation IALGO = 48 ! 8: CG, 48: DIIS algorithm for electrons ENCUT = 400ALGO = FastISMEAR = 0 ! 0: Gaussian, electron smearing SIGMA = 0.100PREC = accurateLREAL = Auto $ROPT = 2e-4 \ 2e-4 \ 2e-4 \ 2e-4$ ISTART = 0ADDGRID = TNELM = 1000NELMIN = 6EDIFF = 1e-6ISPIN = 1 ! polarization?Ionic relaxation NSW = 150 ! # of steps in optimization (default 0!)ISIF = 2 ! 0: relax ions, 1,2:relax ions, calc stresses, 3:relax ion+cell IBRION = 1 ! 1: quasi-NR, 2:CG algorithm for ions NFREE = 10 ! number of DIIS vectors to save POTIM = 0.35 ! reduce trial step in optimization EDIFFG = -0.03Dispersion LVDW = .TRUE. $VDW_C6 = 42.440 \ 1.750 \ 0.700 \ 0.140$ $VDW_R0 = 1.750 \ 1.452 \ 1.342 \ 1.001$

DOS

 $\rm RWIGS = 1.300~0.770~0.730~0.320$! Wigner-Seitz radii

1.2 Nudged Elastic Band Simulations

The following INCAR parameters are intended for Climbing Image Nudged Elastic Band (CI-NEB) method in VASP, for a system consists of Pt, C, O, and H atoms.

NWRITE = 1

LWAVE = .FALSE. ! write WAVECAR?

LCHARG = .FALSE. ! write CHGCAR?

LVTOT = .FALSE. ! write LOCPOT?Electronic relaxation ENCUT = 400ALGO = FastISMEAR = 0 ! 0: Gaussian, electron smearing SIGMA = 0.100PREC = medLREAL = AutoLCLIMB = .TRUE.IMAGES = 5ISTART = 0NELM = 40EDIFF = 1e-6ISPIN = 1 ! polarization?Ionic relaxation NSW = 500 ! # of steps in optimization (default 0!)ISIF = 2 ! 0: relax ions, 1,2:relax ions, calc stresses, 3:relax ion+cell IBRION = 1 ! 1: quasi-NR, 2:CG algorithm for ions NFREE = 40 ! number of DIIS vectors to save POTIM = 0.5 ! reduce trial step in optimization EDIFFG = -0.5Dispersion LVDW = .TRUE. $VDW_C6 = 42.440 \ 1.750 \ 0.700 \ 0.140$ $VDW_R0 = 1.750 \ 1.452 \ 1.342 \ 1.001$ DOS $RWIGS = 1.300 \ 0.770 \ 0.730 \ 0.320$! Wigner-Seitz radii

1.3 Dimer Simulations

The following INCAR parameters are intended for dimer simulations in search for saddle points in VASP, for a system consists of Pt, C,

O, and H atoms. NWRITE = 1 LWAVE = .FALSE. ! write WAVECAR? LCHARG = .FALSE. ! write CHGCAR?

LVTOT = .FALSE. ! write LOCPOT?

LSCAAWARE = .FALSE.

Electronic relaxation

IALGO = 48 ! 8: CG, 48: DIIS algorithm for electrons

ENCUT = 400

ALGO = Fast

ISMEAR = 0 ! 0: Gaussian, electron smearing

SIGMA = 0.100

PREC = normal

LREAL = Auto

ISTART = 0NELM = 40EDIFF = 1e-7ISPIN = 1 ! polarization?Ionic relaxation NSW = 500 ! # of steps in optimization (default 0!)ISIF = 2 ! 0: relax ions, 1,2:relax ions, calc stresses, 3:relax ion+cell IBRION = 3 ! 1: quasi-NR, 2:CG algorithm for ions NFREE = 4 ! number of DIIS vectors to save EDIFFG = -0.03Dimer setup ICHAIN = 2IOPT = 2POTIM = 0.0 ! reduce trial step in optimization DRotMax = 1 ! max rotation step each dimer iteration Dispersion LVDW = .TRUE. $VDW_C6 = 42.440 \ 1.750 \ 0.700 \ 0.140$ $VDW_R0 = 1.750 \ 1.452 \ 1.342 \ 1.001$ DOS $RWIGS = 1.300 \ 0.770 \ 0.730 \ 0.320$! Wigner-Seitz radii

1.4 Vibrational Mode Simulations

The following INCAR parameters are intended for vibrational mode simulations in calculating vibrational frequencies in VASP, for a system that is previously converged from dimer calculations.

NWRITE = 1 LWAVE = .FALSE. ! write WAVECAR? LCHARG = .FALSE. ! write CHGCAR? LVTOT = .FALSE. ! write LOCPOT? Electronic relaxation IALGO = 48 ! 8: CG, 48: DIIS algorithm for electrons ENCUT = 400 ALGO = Fast ISMEAR = 0 ! 0: Gaussian, electron smearing

SIGMA = 0.100

PREC = normal

LREAL = Auto

ISTART = 0

NELM = 40

EDIFF = 1e-6

ISPIN = 1 polarization?

Ionic relaxation

NSW = 1 ! # of steps in optimization (default 0!)

ISIF = 2 ! 0: relax ions, 1,2:relax ions, calc stresses, 3:relax ion+cell

IBRION = 5 ! 1: quasi-NR, 2:CG algorithm for ions NFREE = 2 ! number of DIIS vectors to save POTIM = 0.015 ! reduce trial step in optimization EDIFFG = -0.03Dispersion LVDW = .TRUE. VDW_C6 = 42.440 1.750 0.700 0.140 VDW_R0 = 1.750 1.452 1.342 1.001 DOS RWIGS = 1.300 0.770 0.730 0.320 ! Wigner-Seitz radii

1.5 Influence of Dipole Correction on Energy Calculations

The effect of dipole correction on energy calculations were investigated within two non-water mediated aqueous phase reactions, CHOH-COH-COH* + * \rightarrow COH-COH-COH* + H* and COH-COH-CO* + * \rightarrow CO-COH-CO* + H*. Each adsorbate has 10 snapshots of different water configurations from MD. (See Main text Section 2.5). Table 1 lists the reaction energies, $E_{\rm rxn}^{\rm aq}$, and the activation energies, $E_{\rm act}^{\rm aq}$ from single point calculations on those system snapshots. To compare the energies calculated without dipole correction, the dipole correction were applied in the z-direction to the cells with an artificially added vacuum gap to facilitate electronic structure convergence. We find that dipole corrections have up to a 0.1 eV influence on the calculated energetics.

Table 1: Reaction energies, $E_{\rm rxn}^{\rm aq}$ and the activation energies under different settings. Letters in parenthese: a, without dipole correction; b, with dipole correction and added vacuum gap

Type	Reaction	$E_{\rm rxn}^{\rm aq}({\rm a})$	$E_{\rm act}^{\rm aq}({\rm a})$	$E_{\rm rxn}^{\rm aq}({\rm b})$	$E_{\rm act}^{\rm aq}({\rm b})$
CH	$CHOH-COH-COH^* + * \rightarrow COH-COH-COH^* + H^*$	-0.35	0.45	-0.34	0.55
ОН	$COH-COH-CO^* + * \rightarrow CO-COH-CO^* + H^*$	0.26	0.66	0.37	0.74

1.6 Influence of the D2 Dispersion Method on Reactions Energies

We selected 7 reactions in the methanol dehydrogenation network in the vacuum phase, and calculated the reaction energies with and without D2 dispersion correction¹ are listed in Table 2. The results indicate that this dispersion method has limited influence on the reaction energies.

Table 2: Reaction energies of methanol dehydrogenation in the vacuum phase, with and without D2 dispersion correction. Energy in eV unit.

Reaction	$\Delta E_{\rm rxn} \le D2$	$\Delta E_{\rm rxn}$ w/o D2
$\mathrm{CH}_{3}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + {}^{*} \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}_{3}\mathrm{O}^{*} + \mathrm{H}^{*}$	-0.85	-0.80
$\mathrm{CH}_{3}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + {}^{*} \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + \mathrm{H}^{*}$	-1.97	-1.89
$CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH^* + H^*$	0.19	0.16
$\mathrm{CHOH}^* + {}^* \to \mathrm{COH}^* + \mathrm{H}^*$	-1.09	-1.06
$\mathrm{CHOH}^* + {}^* \to \mathrm{CHO}^* + \mathrm{H}^*$	-0.11	-0.05
$\mathrm{CHO}^* + {}^* \rightarrow \mathrm{CO}^* + \mathrm{H}^*$	-0.85	-0.84
$\rm COH^* + {}^* \rightarrow \rm CO^* + \rm H^*$	0.14	0.17

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2 Determination of the Size of Simulation Supercell

The volume of surface species was estimated by summing the total van der Waals volumes of each atom in the surface species using the van der Waals radii reported in². We use the NPT ensemble to determine the size of our simulation supercell, with our desired pressure at 50 bar and temperature at 500K. We use a gradual temperature heating routine to equilibrate the system with liquid water, inspired by the work of Christopher O'Brien.³ In our study a fixed amount of water, N=2880, are slowly heated to the target 500K temperature as the pressure is maintained around 50 bar. As reported in³, the key step is to slowly increase the temperature in NPT runs. We equilibrated the water structure starting at 100K and going to 500 K at intervals of 100 K. At temperature point along the way, we used a 0.5 fs timestep and ran the system for 60 ps to ensure water equilibration. We find that this 2880 water system has an average volume of 100389.58 Å³ when equilibrated at 500K and 50 bar. For our DFT calculations, we ultimately use a system comprising 36 water molecules. Scaling down, this system should have a volume of 1254.87 Å³ to give the same bulk density.

Next we evaluate the water bulk density for our aqueous catalytic system, to make sure it stays in the liquid phase. Here we consider that the supercell consists of two regions: a water-inaccessible region and water-accessible region. The water-inaccessible region includes the region enclosed by the van der Waals volumes of the surface adsorbate and the metal surface (using van der Waals radii reported in Ref.²). The water accessible region is where water can move freely without entering the volume occupied by the surface species and the Pt surface. We use this water-accessible region to determine the water density. In our supercells, the water-accessible volume is 1251.93 Å³, which corresponds to a bulk water density of 859 kg/m³, which is close to both the density of saturated liquid water as calculated with the TIP4P/2005 force field at 500 K of 0.850 g/cm³⁴, and the experimental densities of saturated water at 500K of 0.844 g/cm³⁵, and 837 kg/m³⁶.

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3 Pairwise Lennard Jones Parameters

Atom	Specification	Force Field	M(g/mol)	σ_i (Å)	$\epsilon_i \; (\text{Kcal/mol})$
\mathbf{Pt}	Pt metal atoms	INTERFACE ⁷	195.084	2.896	6.38
С	Alcohol R \mathbf{C} H2OH	OPLS-AA ⁸	12.011	3.5	0.066
С	Alcohol $R2CHOH$	OPLS-AA	12.011	3.5	0.066
\mathbf{C}	Alcohol $R3COH$	OPLS-AA	12.011	3.5	0.066
Ο	Alcohol - \mathbf{O} H	OPLS-AA	15.999	3.12	0.17
Η	Alcohol - \mathbf{O} H	OPLS-AA	1.008	0	0
С	Diol & Triol - C H2OH	OPLS-AA	12.011	3.5	0.066
С	Diol & Triol - CHROH	OPLS-AA	12.011	3.5	0.066
С	Diol & Triol $\textbf{-CR2OH}$	OPLS-AA	12.011	3.5	0.066
Ο	Diol - \mathbf{O} H	OPLS-AA	15.999	3.07	0.17
Ο	Triol - $\mathbf{O}H$	OPLS-AA	15.999	3.07	0.17
Η	Diol - OH	OPLS-AA	1.008	0	0
Н	Triol -O \mathbf{H}	OPLS-AA	1.008	0	0
Η	Diol & Triol H-COH	OPLS-AA	1.008	2.5	0.03
С	Ethyl Ether $\textbf{-CH2OR}$	OPLS-AA	12.011	3.5	0.066
С	Isopropyl Ether $>\!\!\mathbf{C}\mathrm{HOR}$	OPLS-AA	12.011	3.5	0.066
С	t-Butyl Ether ${\bf COR}$	OPLS-AA	12.011	3.5	0.066
Ο	Ether ROR	OPLS-AA	15.999	3.07	0.17
Η	Alkyl Ether $\operatorname{\textbf{H-COR}}$	OPLS-AA	1.008	2.5	0.03
С	Ketone $C=O$	OPLS-AA	12.011	3.5	0.066
Ο	Ketone $C=O$	OPLS-AA	15.999	3.07	0.17
Ο	Water H-O-H	$\mathrm{TIP4P}/2005^{9}$	15.999	3.1589	0.1852
Η	Water \mathbf{H} -O-H	$\mathrm{TIP4P}/2005$	1.008	0	0

Table 3: Lennard Jones potential coefficients. Atom identification is in **bold** in the second column for clarity.

Table 4: Pairwise Lennard Jones ϵ coefficients with Lorentz-Berthelot mixing rules, in unit of Kcal/mol. Duplicates entries are marked with hyphens.

Atom	Pt	C	O (Adsorbate)	Water O	Hydroxyl H (Adsorbate)	Alkyl H	Water H
Pt	6.38	0.64891	1.04144	1.087	0	0.43749	0
С	-	0.066	0.1059	0.1002	0	0.0445	0
O(Adsorbate)	-	-	0.17	0.1608	0	0.0714	0
Water O	-	-	-	0.1852	0	0.0675	0

Hydroxyl H(Adsorbate)	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
Alkyl H	-	-	-	-	-	0.03	0
Water H	-	-	-	_	_	-	0

Atom	Pt C Alcoho		Alcoholic O	c O Triol and Diol V		Hydroxyl H	Water H	Alkyl H
				/Ether/ Carbonyl O		(Adsorbate)		
Pt	2.8960	3.1980	3.0080	2.9830	3.0275	1.4480	1.4480	2.6980
Alcoholic/Triol/Diol C	-	3.5000	3.3100	3.2850	3.3295	1.7500	1.7500	3.0000
Alcoholic O	-	-	3.1200	3.0950	3.1395	1.5600	1.5600	2.8100
Triol and Diol/Ether/Carbonyl O	-	-	-	3.0700	3.1145	1.5350	1.5350	2.7850
Water O	-	-	-	-	3.1589	1.5795	1.5795	2.8295
Hydroxyl H	-	-	-	-	-	0.0000	0.0000	1.2500
Water H	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0000	1.2500
Alkyl H	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	2.5000

Table 5: Pairwise Lennard Jones σ coefficients with Lorentz-Berthelot mixing rules, in unit of Å. Duplicates entries are marked with hyphens.

4 Transition State Scaling

4.1 Building vacuum TSS with E_{bind} from LSR

In this section, we derive linear equations that can be used to estimate the energies of catalytic species based on the TSS relationships that we derived in this work along with linear scaling relationships (LSRs) that we derived in our prior work¹⁰. We begin with the final state species. The binding energy of this species is calculated as

$$E_{\text{bind}}(\text{FS}) = E(\text{FS}^*) - E(*) - E_{\text{gas}}(\text{FS})$$
(1)

where $E_{\text{gas}}(\text{FS})$ is the electronic energy of the non-adsorbed final state molecule, which is commonly calculated by placing the species in an isolated supercell. Combining this equation with the definition of E(FS), i.e., the energy of FS* relative to the energy of IS (g) plus the energy of the clean Pt(111) surface:

$$E(FS) = E_{bind}(FS) - E(*) - E_{gas}(IS)$$
⁽²⁾

and

$$E(FS) = E_{bind}(FS) + E_{gas}(FS) - E_{gas}(IS)$$
(3)

While, E(IS) by definition is equal to $E_{bind}(IS)$, E(TS) which is often hard to obtain, can be accessed through an existing TSS,

$$E(TS) = aE(FS) + b \tag{4}$$

(5)

where a and b are linear fitting parameters.

The reaction energy now can be expressed in terms of E(FS) and E(IS), also in terms of $E_{bind}(FS)$ and $E_{bind}(IS)$

$$\Delta E_{\rm rxn} = E(\rm FS) - E(\rm IS) = E_{\rm bind}(\rm FS) - E_{\rm bind}(\rm IS) + E_{\rm gas}(\rm FS) - E_{\rm gas}(\rm IS)$$

Then the activation energy can be calculated by,

$$E_{\text{act}} = E(\text{TS}) - E(\text{IS}) = aE(\text{FS}) + b - E_{\text{bind}}(\text{IS})$$
(6)

$$= a(E_{\text{bind}}(\text{FS}) + E_{\text{gas}}(\text{FS}) - E_{\text{gas}}(\text{IS})) + b - E_{\text{bind}}(\text{IS})$$
(7)

where the binding energy of vacuum FS (product) and IS (reactant) species can are discussed in our previous work¹⁰.

4.2 Comparison of TSS of Dehydrogenation Reactions with Literature Values

The TSS relationship that we established in this work for estimating the energies of transition states in the dehydrogenation pathway under vacuum is given in Figure 1, along with four other TSS relationships from the literature. The numbers after the authors' names indicate the year of publication. Murzin et al.¹¹ used 9 reactions pertaining to C-H dehydrogenation and 9 different reactions pertaining to O-H dehydrogenation. After combining those results, they developed a TSS relationship in the form $E_{\rm TS} = 0.83 E_{\rm FS} + 0.74$. Sautet et al.¹² studied 7 C-H type dehydrogenation reactions and 8 O-H type dehydrogenation reactions. Their TSS fit for the C-H type dehydrogenation was $E_{\rm TS} = 0.60 E_{\rm FS} + 0.75$. Vlachos et al.¹³ studied 10 C-H type dehydrogenation reactions and 10 O-H type dehydrogenation reactions and arrived at the TSS fit of $E_{\rm TS} = 0.91 E_{\rm FS} + 0.88$. Greeley et al.¹⁴ studied 10 C-H type dehydrogenation reactions and 8 O-H type dehydrogenation reactions and 8 O-H type dehydrogenation reactions and 10 O-H type dehydrogenation reactions and 8 O-H type dehydrogenation reactions and 2 O-H type dehydrogenation reactions and arrived at the TSS fit of $E_{\rm TS} = 0.91 E_{\rm FS} + 0.88$. Greeley et al.¹⁴ studied 10 C-H type dehydrogenation reactions and 8 O-H type dehydrogenation reactions and 8 O-H type adehydrogenation reactions and 8 O-H type dehydrogenation reactions and 8 O-H type dehydrogenation reactions and 2 O-H type dehydrogenation reactions and arrived at the TSS fit of $E_{\rm TS} = 1.05 E_{\rm FS} + 1.04$. Our TSS fit, determined from 5 C-H type and 2 O-H dehydrogenation reactions is $E_{\rm TS} = 1.10 E_{\rm FS} + 1.18$. The slope of this relationship is closest to Greeley's result. Our results also agree with Greeley's in that although C-H and O-H dehydrogenation reactions involve different bond types, they share a generic TSS relation.



Figure 1: Comparison of TSS for vacuum dehydrogenation reactions in this work with literature.

4.3 Aqueous Phase TSS Relation

We define the aqueous final state energy E_{FS}^{aq} as,

$$E_{\rm FS}^{\rm aq} = E({\rm FS}^* + {\rm H}_2{\rm O}) - E(^* + {\rm H}_2{\rm O}) - E_{\rm gas}({\rm IS})$$
(8)

where the $E(FS^*+H_2O)$ refers to the electronic energy of the product (commonly referred as final state species in TSS relations) under a specific H₂O configuration, $E(^*+H_2O)$ refers to the electronic energy of the corresponding Pt+H₂O system with the catalytic species removed, and $E_{gas}(IS)$ is the energy of the reactant species in gas phase.

Analogously, the transition state energy in the aqueous phase is written

$$E_{\rm TS}^{\rm aq} = E({\rm TS}^* + {\rm H}_2{\rm O}) - E(^* + {\rm H}_2{\rm O}) - E_{\rm gas}({\rm IS})$$
(9)

We have previously defined the interaction energy for a surface species under water, $E_{int}^{10,15}$. For example, E_{int} for an arbitrary final state species FS^{*} in the vacuum phase is,

$$E_{\rm int}(FS^*) = E(FS^* + H_2O) - E(* + H_2O) + E(*) - E(FS^*)$$
(10)

The electronic energy of the adsorbed final state species in the aqueous phase can then be written as the augmented vacuum electronic

energy,

$$E_{\rm FS}^{\rm aq} = E_{\rm FS}^{\rm vac} + E_{\rm int}({\rm FS}^*) \tag{11}$$

For the transition state and initial state species in the aqueous phase,

$$E_{\rm TS}^{\rm aq} = E_{\rm TS}^{\rm vac} + E_{\rm int}({\rm TS}^*)$$

$$E_{\rm IS}^{\rm aq} = E_{\rm IS}^{\rm vac} + E_{\rm int}({\rm IS}^*)$$
(12)

We calculate electronic energies of species under liquid water by averaging over 10 frames that have been sampled from the MD trajectory^{10,15}. Once several values for E_{FS}^{aq} and E_{TS}^{aq} are determined, an aqueous phase transition state scaling (TSS) relationship can be established through regression $^{13,16-22}$.

MD/DFT Method: Full versus Simplified Methods $\mathbf{5}$

The following steps comprise a multiscale molecular dynamics/density functional theory (MD/DFT) method. It is based off prior work from our group 10,15 ,

- (1) Structures of catalytic intermediates involved in the reactions listed in section 3.1 in the main text are generated and optimized under vacuum using DFT. Transition states for the reactions are found using a combination of the NEB^{23,24} and dimer²⁵ methods, and their identities are confirmed through their vibrational frequencies.
- $36 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$ molecules are added to the simulation cells. MD is run, allowing the H₂O molecules to move. MD simulations are carried (2)out for 5 ns, the first 2 ns are intended for system equilibration, and the final 3 ns are used for configurational sampling.
- 10 different configurations of H_2O molecules are extracted from the production run of the MD trajectory at constant time intervals (3)of 300,000 fs.
- (4)The configurations are inspected for hydrogen bonding between the surface species and the H_2O molecules. Hydrogen bonds are determined based on geometric criteria: $^{26-29}$ The distance between the donor and acceptor oxygen pair, $d_{O-D} \leq 3.5$ Å; the angle between the donor, acceptor, and the participating proton, $\angle DAH$, $\leq 30^{\circ}$; and the angle between the acceptor, participating proton, and donor, $\angle AHD \ge 120^{\circ}$. The H₂O molecules that hydrogen bond with the catalytic species are identified by a Python code available on GitHub³⁰.
- Partial relaxations are performed on the configurations using DFT. In these partial relaxations, the geometries of the adsorbates (5)and the H_2O molecules that are hydrogen bonded to them are relaxed, while the positions of all other atoms are held fixed. For transition states, we find that the quasi-Newton-Raphson optimizer is able to locate the transition state structures, avoiding the need to employ NEB or dimer in this step.
- Interaction energies are calculated for the different species according to equation 10. (6)
- Reaction energies and activation energies are calculated based on equation equations 2 and 6 in the main text and are reported as (7)averages.

This is the full method. In this full method, geometry optimizations in DFT are carried out twice: once for the surface species in vacuum and again after they are solvated in liquid water. The need to carry out a second round of DFT calculations can push the computational tractability of this approach, since there are multiple catalytic species in the APR reaction network. Further, it is observed that the geometries of the catalytic species and water molecules do not change dramatically during the second round of geometry optimizations. Based on this observation, in this paper, a simplified method was applied, where the second round of geometry optimization was omitted, meaning that steps 4 and 5 are eliminated, and instead DFT single point calculations were performed on the configurations that were sampled from the MD trajectories. Table 6 compares reaction and activation energies calculated by these two methods. With the exception of the activation energies of the third reaction, all differences are < 0.1 eV.

Number	Reaction	$\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{rxn}}^{\mathrm{aq}}(\mathrm{MD}/\mathrm{DFT})^{a}$	$E_{rxn}^{aq}(MD/DFT)(fixed)$	$\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{act}}^{\mathrm{aq}}(\mathrm{MD}/\mathrm{DFT})^{a}$	$E_{act}^{aq}(MD/DFT)(fixed)$
1	$CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH \rightarrow CH_2OH-COH-CH_2OH$	-0.52 ± 0.12	-0.44 ± 0.10	$0.32{\pm}0.14$	$0.32{\pm}0.10$
2	$\rm CH_2OH\text{-}COH\text{-}CH_2OH \rightarrow \rm CHOH\text{-}COH\text{-}CH_2OH$	-0.42 ± 0.15	-0.39 ± 0.14	$0.44{\pm}0.14$	$0.48 {\pm} 0.11$
3	$CHOH-COH-CH_2OH \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CHOH$	-0.17 ± 0.13	-0.10 ± 0.10	1.29 ± 0.29	$1.11{\pm}0.10$
4	$\mathrm{CHOH}\text{-}\mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{CHOH} \to \mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{CHOH}$	-0.20 ± 0.14	-0.11±0.11	$0.47{\pm}0.18$	0.48±0.14
5	$\mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{COH}$	-0.29 ± 0.16	-0.38 ± 0.12	$0.55 {\pm} 0.20$	$0.45 {\pm} 0.14$
6	$\rm COH\text{-}COH\text{-}COH\text{-}COH\text{-}COH$	$0.30{\pm}0.17$	$0.24{\pm}0.10$	$0.42{\pm}0.19$	$0.38 {\pm} 0.12$
7	$\rm CO-COH\text{-}COH\text{-}CO + \rm CO-COH\text{-}CO$	0.33 ± 0.14	$0.26 {\pm} 0.09$	$0.69 {\pm} 0.15$	0.66 ± -0.08

Table 6: Activation energies of reactions by MD/DFT procedures with reoptimized and fixed adsorbates. Energies in eV.

Note: superscript a denotes that the surface geometries have been optimized twice.

6 DFT Calculated Surface Geometries and Partial Charges

This section presents the cartesian coordinates and snapshots of the vacuum structures of all catalytic intermediates and transition states (dissociating atoms/groups are within parentheses) that were explicitly calculated with DFT for this work. In the coordinate lists, the coordinates of Pt atoms are omitted for simplicity. The partial charges on the atoms are included in the fourth columns of the coordinate lists. These were calculated using the DDEC packages^{31–36}.

6.1 Pt Structure

The Cartesian coordinates for atoms of the Pt(111) surface are presented. For simplicity, Pt coordinates for all the surface species below are neglected. Note that the topmost layer (last 16 atoms) of the Pt(111) is allowed to optimize during non-single-point DFT simulations, the coordinates of them may vary among adsorbates, though the changes are often small.

Pt 1.42807 4.86095 0.00000

Pt 9.84241 4.86077 0.00000

Pt 8.44063 7.28856 0.00000

Pt 2.82987 7.28856 0.00000

Pt 0.02476 7.28856 0.00000

Pt 0.02530 2.43093 0.00000

Pt 4.23352 4.85904 0.00000

Pt 9.84351 0.00000 0.00000

Pt 5.63437 7.28633 0.00000

Pt 2.83226 2.43163 0.00000

Pt 1.42735 0.00000 0.00000

Pt 8.43883 2.42952 0.00000

Pt 7.03597 4.85904 0.00000

Pt 7.03790 0.00000 0.00000

Pt 4.23257 0.00000 0.00000

Pt 5.63500 2.43110 0.00000

Pt 9.84814 3.25324 2.25195

Pt 1.43175 3.25591 2.25158

Pt 8.44413 5.68280 2.25214

Pt 2.83510 5.68697 2.25077

Pt 7.04141 8.11706 2.25171

Pt 8.44378 0.82528 2.25306

Pt 0.02786 0.82498 2.25321 Pt 2.83263 0.83014 2.25307 Pt 4.23522 8.12048 2.25248 Pt 5.63801 0.83076 2.25249 Pt 9.84674 8.11305 2.25253 Pt 1.43075 8.11450 2.25283 Pt 5.63916 5.68945 2.25153 Pt 0.02965 5.68344 2.25239 Pt 7.04332 3.25564 2.25239 Pt 4.23688 3.26012 2.25258 Pt 7.04456 6.51616 4.50228 Pt 8.44804 4.08541 4.50644 Pt 2.83553 4.08655 4.50482 Pt 4.23731 6.51699 4.50357 Pt 5.64279 4.08937 4.50316 Pt 9.84710 1.65501 4.50634 Pt 7.04193 1.65726 4.50665 Pt 4.23794 1.65949 4.50572 Pt 1.43193 1.65772 4.50661 Pt 0.03002 4.08419 4.50663 Pt 9.84987 6.51233 4.50392 Pt 5.63949 8.94561 4.50501 Pt 8.44582 8.94351 4.50557 Pt 1.43387 6.51306 4.50507 Pt 0.02952 8.94268 4.50638 Pt 2.83329 8.94659 4.50583

$6.2 \quad CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH$

C 7.111599 4.716601 7.531633 -0.019722
C 5.744697 4.043197 7.418093 0.177871
C 5.634541 2.670712 8.073425 0.002560
O 8.163540 3.973100 6.853611 -0.327407
O 4.693530 4.857883 7.846094 -0.444273
O 6.764658 1.846406 7.734654 -0.424801

H 7.400246 4.805376 8.593669 0.113339

H 7.968744 3.015481 7.080143 0.335645

H 4.483396 5.496331 7.125705 0.320758

H 4.688245 2.200076 7.757481 0.085433

H 7.072976 5.719312 7.076902 0.087648

H 5.631298 2.783530 9.170135 0.107440

H 6.562468 1.378402 6.881984 0.287667

H 5.603448 3.791440 6.293991 0.004322





(a) Front view of CH₂OH-CHOH-CH₂OH (b) Side view of CH₂OH-CHOH-CH₂OH (c) Top view of CH₂OH-CHOH-CH₂OH



CH₂OH-C(H)OH-CH₂OH 6.3

C 7.001072 4.722510 7.275243 -0.023787 C 5.652337 4.035772 7.013421 0.205186 C 5.576832 2.691908 7.787041 -0.004183 O 8.154529 4.014295 6.772142 -0.315330 O 4.582555 4.798933 7.427566 -0.412126 O 6.740084 1.891721 7.601665 -0.406717 H 7.109467 4.790536 8.374875 0.114408 H 7.985677 3.059338 7.026363 0.340132 H 4.498600 5.595281 6.840645 0.320967 H 4.655491 2.147870 7.521977 0.094433 H 7.021595 5.738272 6.843978 0.089994 H 5.540375 2.964403 8.855515 0.118622 H 6.645772 1.395740 6.735870 0.276290 H 5.250167 3.186810 5.875577 0.034036



(a) Front view of CH₂OH-C(H)OH-CH₂OH (b) Side view of CH₂OH-C(H)OH-CH₂OH (c) Top view of CH₂OH-C(H)OH-CH₂OH

6.4 CH₂OH-COH-CH₂OH

C 5.739805 4.205683 6.895794 0.163312

C 5.579154 2.842023 7.607463 -0.000543

O 8.229407 4.086063 6.769312 -0.303673

O 4.682623 4.979135 7.383282 -0.417342

O 6.770830 2.041739 7.599725 -0.413173

H 7.175379 4.836250 8.381381 0.115086

H 8.008736 3.140815 7.041885 0.332940

H 4.616588 5.806843 6.844594 0.317807

H 4.719350 2.290114 7.192816 0.084260

H 7.178139 5.867465 6.901547 0.093469 H 5.371376 3.068843 8.666601 0.112386 H 6.754369 1.459597 6.790244 0.287005



(a) Front view of CH₂OH-COH-CH₂OH

6.5 HC(H)OH-COH-CH₂OH

C 6.943767 4.404855 7.343054 -0.004274
C 5.586717 3.895336 6.759493 0.107085
C 5.282899 2.524329 7.269537 0.209771
O 8.161699 3.858184 6.796897 -0.321874
O 4.576047 4.716893 7.307082 -0.438141
O 6.160725 1.563804 7.349591 -0.281713
H 6.953451 4.227928 8.432767 0.108542
H 8.181718 2.882683 6.914194 0.343543
H 4.472668 5.509927 6.721664 0.310291
H 3.983042 1.822499 6.186744 -0.019307
H 6.989470 5.483503 7.138702 0.104420
H 4.449699 2.454544 7.985225 0.127137
H 6.688322 1.482503 6.393800 0.205963





(b) Side view of CH₂OH-COH-CH₂OH



(c) Top view of CH₂OH-COH-CH₂OH





(a) Front view of HC(H)OH-COH-CH₂OH (b) Side view of HC(H)OH-COH-CH₂OH (c) Top view of HC(H)OH-COH-CH₂OH

6.6 CHOH-COH-CH₂OH

C 6.851239 4.180892 7.345939 -0.015926

C 5.532823 3.753306 6.663480 0.146104

C 5.089282 2.292359 6.810374 0.075184

O 8.101982 3.711178 6.788080 -0.316188

O 4.508037 4.533610 7.236894 -0.424563

O 6.035319 1.417916 7.353243 -0.388873

H 6.818059 3.856376 8.399639 0.117490

H 8.122875 2.729468 6.841141 0.334243
H 4.573522 5.450695 6.881269 0.330107
H 6.912068 5.276800 7.287775 0.099805
H 4.182338 2.244128 7.433116 0.122050
H 6.639578 1.104022 6.621879 0.273867



(a) Front view of CHOH-COH-CH₂OH

(b) Side view of CHOH-COH-CH₂OH



(c) Top view of CHOH-COH-CH₂OH

6.7 CHOH-COH-C(H)₂OH

C 7.625911 4.470948 7.131846 0.120214 C 6.362185 3.869360 6.606785 0.158814 C 5.963090 2.385778 6.716331 0.076082 O 8.750620 3.746008 7.295627 -0.314800 O 5.242178 4.619139 6.991256 -0.387455 O 6.826878 1.501861 7.326147 -0.359239 H 7.474147 5.166266 7.969655 0.134643 H 8.864389 3.105130 6.531708 0.275176 H 5.299270 5.531122 6.590875 0.309724 H 7.926060 5.550675 6.176958 -0.014591 H 4.989516 2.335108 7.227147 0.119863 H 7.611043 1.353427 6.732561 0.295470







(a) Front view of CHOH-COH-C(H)₂OH (b) Side view of CHOH-COH-C(H)₂OH (c) Top view of CHOH-COH-C(H)₂OH

6.8 CHOH-COH-CHOH

C 3.892355 2.041146 6.564017 0.058872

C 3.694978 3.563094 6.540917 0.145964

C 4.967355 4.282018 6.291715 0.137513

O 4.942310 1.569411 7.351084 -0.372029

O 2.898875 3.985831 7.588201 -0.386583

O 5.433910 5.047162 7.258461 -0.277673

H 5.795640 1.837436 6.939211 0.323672
H 2.759511 4.952585 7.505322 0.369682
H 6.191807 5.576272 6.891719 0.353642
H 2.966717 1.573357 6.929648 0.110797
H 4.048292 6.922129 6.065634 -0.021995



(a) Front view of CHOH-COH-CHOH

1.37 2.15 A 2.15 A

(b) Side view of CHOH-COH-CHOH



(c) Top view of CHOH-COH-CHOH

6.9 C(H)OH-COH-CHOH

C 3.903935 2.285673 6.592792 0.072569
C 3.626856 3.797378 6.456973 0.141838
C 4.902430 4.586933 6.256737 0.105812
O 4.970283 1.888660 7.380657 -0.356704
O 2.764369 4.232437 7.455757 -0.389469
O 5.671166 4.792820 7.355274 -0.317313
H 5.798591 2.287830 7.032800 0.330664
H 2.459092 5.136325 7.222422 0.355818
H 6.528536 5.172068 7.046611 0.356288
H 2.997417 1.798223 6.979842 0.112163
H 4.369144 5.926065 6.079419 0.026887



(a) Front view of C(H)OH-COH-CHOH



(b) Side view of C(H)OH-COH-CHOH



(c) Top view of C(H)OH-COH-CHOH

6.10 COH-COH-CHOH

C 5.318817 1.967221 6.563483 0.019602

C $4.953463 \ 3.425700 \ 6.680538 \ 0.207687$

C 5.996147 4.383815 6.313371 0.137750

O 4.341787 1.218151 7.240364 -0.428927

O 4.100122 3.750546 7.683705 -0.368580

O 6.207942 5.352202 7.201148 -0.284047

H 4.266943 0.329997 6.817134 0.336890

H 3.614827 2.917863 7.900695 0.385041 H 6.819517 6.018425 6.796042 0.340528 H 6.336187 1.771353 6.950213 0.101682



(a) Front view of COH-COH-CHOH

6.11 COH-COH-C(H)OH

C 6.074222 1.814200 6.531571 0.051655 C 6.167278 3.068289 7.208064 0.203834 C 6.716520 4.200678 6.533146 0.115833 O 5.681669 0.807145 7.373581 -0.384324 O 5.861496 3.166743 8.513570 -0.346417 O 6.991535 5.242330 7.306630 -0.277655 H 5.486615 0.006531 6.827086 0.340820 H 5.492888 2.300065 8.798699 0.383445 H 7.339294 5.976375 6.725530 0.319232 H 7.305138 1.647758 6.071909 0.043778



(a) Front view of COH-COH-C(H)OH



(b) Side view of COH-COH-CHOH



(c) Top view of COH-COH-CHOH



(b) Side view of COH-COH-C(H)OH



(c) Top view of COH-COH-C(H)OH

6.12 COH-COH-COH

C 5.105440 2.841352 7.268349 0.131145

C 5.703729 3.896114 6.548531 0.088890

O 3.895755 0.869962 7.402160 -0.283837

O 5.178870 2.799633 8.630260 -0.372184

O 6.337241 4.788962 7.322905 -0.338254

H 6.753808 5.480704 6.733884 0.330714

H 3.462637 0.175567 6.839778 0.328793

H 5.712796 3.565135 8.928035 0.375779



(a) Front view of COH-COH-COH

6.13 COH-COH-CO(H)

C 4.419582 1.802004 6.594733 0.109468
C 5.090886 2.860001 7.244244 0.134306
C 5.671245 3.968921 6.534813 0.115798
O 3.893522 0.879710 7.401429 -0.292566
O 5.173528 2.841663 8.599148 -0.353323
O 6.225425 4.905190 7.201490 -0.266279
H 6.723219 5.822450 6.221972 0.126382
H 3.460461 0.180727 6.846922 0.330396
H 5.664220 3.649197 8.868549 0.371644



(b) Side view of COH-COH-COH



(c) Top view of COH-COH-COH



(a) Front view of COH-COH-CO(H)



C 4.324193 1.757203 6.573869 0.093589
C 4.784970 2.900458 7.254083 0.151680
C 5.421938 4.056491 6.617582 0.150256
O 3.897606 0.761402 7.352603 -0.287444
O 4.680806 2.943936 8.598874 -0.335491



(b) Side view of COH-COH-CO(H)



(c) Top view of COH-COH-CO(H)

O 5.805088 4.993333 7.321011 -0.312701

H 5.060881 3.812266 8.874552 0.371878

H 3.577517 0.020321 6.773078 0.322835



(a) Front view of COH-COH-CO

6.15 CO(H)-COH-CO

C 4.569438 1.623434 6.532507 0.138574 C $4.567654 \ 2.916211 \ 7.178024 \ 0.188342$ C 5.161724 4.124226 6.579416 0.128725 O 4.737853 0.552133 7.184712 -0.202464 O 4.234010 2.986093 8.467871 -0.313290 O 5.351661 5.098862 7.314414 -0.314333 H 4.421680 3.919505 8.747179 0.381312 H 5.142705 9.346517 6.206724 0.127683



(a) Front view of CO(H)-COH-CO

6.16 CO-COH-CO

C 3.718329 2.112399 6.502695 0.202635 C 3.584654 3.655679 6.552389 0.118599C 5.006639 4.232981 6.526960 0.236091 O 3.460057 1.377431 7.422864 -0.228963 O 2.840447 4.176684 7.579774 -0.366780 O 5.585494 4.719653 7.463267 -0.215230



(b) Side view of COH-COH-CO



(c) Top view of COH-COH-CO



(b) Side view of CO(H)-COH-CO



(c) Top view of CO(H)-COH-CO



(a) Front view of CO-COH-CO



(b) Side view of CO-COH-CO



(c) Top view of CO-COH-CO

$6.17 \quad \text{CO-CHOH-CH}_2\text{OH}$

C 5.585629 3.824365 6.682182 0.194695 C 4.218705 3.835667 7.435678 0.108582 C 3.719406 2.392795 7.656009 0.015093 O 6.570188 3.566107 7.353626 -0.296409 O 3.154151 4.552103 6.800932 -0.348277 O 4.332272 1.382980 6.826574 -0.349046 H 3.454704 5.478858 6.584333 0.313758 H 2.652328 2.360084 7.389457 0.117733 H 3.857334 2.098609 8.706602 0.103419 H 5.294872 1.316595 7.011398 0.357563 H 4.421153 4.314671 8.408234 0.097600



(a) Front view of CO-CHOH-CH₂OH

6.18 (CO)-CHOH-CH₂OH

C 5.561852 3.807135 6.681133 0.196403
C 4.190630 3.827825 7.427910 0.107073
C 3.686069 2.385837 7.645276 0.017692
O 6.534539 3.520860 7.359194 -0.299814
O 3.130857 4.547924 6.787697 -0.343050
O 4.311356 1.374991 6.826655 -0.344468
H 3.431881 5.476788 6.579431 0.312909
H 2.622290 2.352154 7.364359 0.116811
H 3.810072 2.093993 8.698350 0.102399
H 5.271656 1.314671 7.022393 0.353924
H 4.388276 4.307305 8.400527 0.096841

(b) Side view of CO-CHOH-CH₂OH

(c) Top view of CO-CHOH-CH₂OH

(a) Front view of (CO)-CHOH-CH₂OH (b) Side view of (CO)-CHOH-CH₂OH

 $H-CH_2OH$ (c) Top view of (CO)-CHOH-CH₂OH

$6.19 \quad CHOH-CH_2OH$

C 2.884770 4.025267 6.670783 0.062547
C 3.039552 2.646009 7.300122 0.027039
O 1.719408 4.554999 7.218918 -0.375643
O 4.164631 1.880973 6.807731 -0.329524
H 1.611563 5.474796 6.876709 0.328913
H 2.145916 2.034946 7.097061 0.102416
H 3.161232 2.762879 8.390944 0.109537
H 4.992063 2.390880 6.957873 0.353953
H 3.766456 4.666990 6.862728 0.067549

(a) Front view of $CHOH-CH_2OH$

6.20 CO-CHOH-CHOH

C 5.523577 4.234818 6.773776 0.049961
C 5.552684 5.719915 7.257815 0.141601
C 5.579031 6.775765 6.111088 0.108603
O 4.355600 3.645251 7.273592 -0.393879
O 4.500137 6.029922 8.136235 -0.428742
O 5.621614 8.013294 6.494211 -0.189462
H 4.312400 2.717486 6.947665 0.343811
H 3.698154 5.569994 7.813092 0.359003
H 6.494660 5.878611 7.811861 0.101583
H 6.423800 3.683220 7.096455 0.082579

(b) Side view of CHOH-CH₂OH

(c) Top view of CHOH-CH₂OH

(a) Front view of CO-CHOH-CHOH

(b) Side view of CO-CHOH-CHOH

(c) Top view of CO-CHOH-CHOH

6.21 (CO)-CHOH-CHOH

C 4.161051 1.499295 6.649902 0.020610

C 4.467002 2.750692 7.379390 0.178967

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C 4.150032 4.385049 6.156785 0.088897 O 2.960433 1.002313 7.168379 -0.404357 O 3.721594 3.032293 8.455020 -0.328630 O 4.087767 5.346605 6.897812 -0.191521 H 2.693879 0.203671 6.635356 0.320336 H 2.887878 2.505447 8.383499 0.384247 H 5.518011 3.021856 7.495860 0.105149 H 5.007582 0.787524 6.772687 0.095465

(a) Front view of (CO)-CHOH-CHOH

6.22 CHOH-CHOH

C 4.543977 2.037696 6.594703 0.064674
C 5.254117 3.373368 6.719445 0.106972
O 3.342304 2.065121 7.299718 -0.407448
O 4.593552 4.346323 7.426942 -0.362297
H 2.806493 1.287752 7.033025 0.353636
H 3.625678 4.182194 7.346303 0.362558
H 6.292739 3.294827 7.072770 0.104875
H 5.206967 1.197083 6.866561 0.088421

(a) Front view of CHOH-CHOH

(b) Side view of (CO)-CHOH-CHOH

(c) Top view of (CO)-CHOH-CHOH

(b) Side view of CHOH-CHOH

(c) Top view of CHOH-CHOH

6.23 CO-COH-CH₂OH

C 4.996776 4.249434 6.482570 0.210294

C 3.441093 4.006015 6.587077 0.142129

C 3.163902 2.684017 7.315213 0.007100

O 5.680423 4.536515 7.432531 -0.234290

O 2.804753 4.969534 7.358347 -0.392862

O 3.996990 1.614114 6.790138 -0.298813

H 2.099248 2.425166 7.195595 0.093449

H 3.427752 2.808525 8.378355 0.124571 H 3.497075 0.767437 6.837328 0.345172 H 2.874009 5.832382 6.888955 0.328945

(a) Front view of CO-COH-CH₂OH

6.24 (CO)-COH-CH₂OH

C 5.231675 4.218763 6.483458 0.185679 C $3.198710 \ 4.085791 \ 6.546525 \ 0.144083$ C 3.054801 2.817815 7.368999 -0.006880 O 5.725767 4.382843 7.541899 -0.170066 O 2.783703 5.125062 7.296672 -0.337032 O 3.898481 1.752082 6.869608 -0.323971 H 1.993333 2.513134 7.305146 0.098548 H 3.342506 3.032371 8.411381 0.124682 H 3.405601 0.906220 6.945546 0.347057 H 2.663886 5.917901 6.709438 0.322948

(a) Front view of (CO)-COH-CH₂OH

(b) Side view of (CO)-COH-CH₂OH

(c) Top view of (CO)-COH-CH₂OH

(b) Side view of CO-COH-CH₂OH

(c) Top view of CO-COH-CH₂OH

6.25 COH-CH₂OH

C 2.820283 4.066821 6.496249 0.218162

C 2.928521 2.848864 7.397244 -0.016791

O 2.673098 5.142797 7.233887 -0.284056

O 3.822078 1.825551 6.928337 -0.333895

H 1.895341 2.455195 7.452262 0.119265

H 3.266428 3.165382 8.395403 0.128419

H 3.341788 0.967862 6.899911 0.338830

H 2.511876 5.931371 6.621576 0.315782

(a) Front view of COH-CH₂OH

6.26 CHOH-COH-CO

C 4.943008 4.698818 6.470142 0.201360
C 4.948394 6.231709 6.511824 0.131247
C 6.411409 6.662346 6.586532 0.074120
O 4.603408 3.969641 7.372429 -0.246949
O 4.185351 6.837719 7.485631 -0.394140
O 6.671577 7.826116 7.261527 -0.341674
H 7.075787 5.880779 6.986178 0.114817
H 3.262196 6.522231 7.397930 0.376026
H 5.966657 8.487868 7.064760 0.349925

(b) Side view of COH-CH₂OH

(c) Top view of COH-CH₂OH

(a) Front view of CHOH-COH-CO

6.27 CHOH-COH-(CO)

C 4.943008 4.698818 6.470142 0.201360 C 4.948394 6.231709 6.511824 0.131247 C 6.411409 6.662346 6.586532 0.074120 O 4.603408 3.969641 7.372429 -0.246949 O 4.185351 6.837719 7.485631 -0.394140

(b) Side view of CHOH-COH-CO

(c) Top view of CHOH-COH-CO

O 6.671577 7.826116 7.261527 -0.341674

H 7.075787 5.880779 6.986178 0.114817

H 3.262196 6.522231 7.397930 0.376026

H 5.966657 8.487868 7.064760 0.349925

(a) Front view of CHOH-COH-(CO)

(b) Side view of CHOH-COH-(CO)

(c) Top view of CHOH-COH-(CO)

6.28 CHOH-COH

C 4.823304 6.892441 6.313605 0.195571 C 6.297730 6.699158 6.549592 0.038256 O 4.085339 7.172769 7.362866 -0.270993 O 6.911569 7.655991 7.339544 -0.346373 H 6.508055 5.703842 6.974073 0.128555 H 3.145084 7.290193 7.066293 0.364942 H 6.726772 8.540336 6.944961 0.323606

(a) Front view of CHOH-COH-(CO)

6.29 COH-CHOH-CO

C 2.854810 4.067444 6.540271 0.247278
C 4.149365 4.657837 7.202999 0.085842
C 5.391171 4.114363 6.525946 0.174994
O 2.010942 3.572425 7.252973 -0.265391
O 4.062661 6.082196 7.016623 -0.377241
O 6.274851 3.631472 7.372913 -0.290531
H 7.063040 3.304429 6.852721 0.347144

(b) Side view of CHOH-COH-(CO)

(c) Top view of CHOH-COH-(CO)

H 4.136237 4.407324 8.277621 0.111914

H 4.919781 6.487887 7.265522 0.362295

(a) Front view of CHOH-CHOH-CO

6.30 COH-CHOH-(CO)

C 2.854810 4.067444 6.540271 0.247278 C 4.149365 4.657837 7.202999 0.085842 C 5.391171 4.114363 6.525946 0.174994 O 2.010942 3.572425 7.252973 -0.265391 O 4.062661 6.082196 7.016623 -0.377241 O 6.274851 3.631472 7.372913 -0.290531 H 7.063040 3.304429 6.852721 0.347144 H 4.136237 4.407324 8.277621 0.111914 H 4.919781 6.487887 7.265522 0.362295

(b) Side view of CHOH-CHOH-CO

(c) Top view of CHOH-CHOH-CO

(a) Front view of CHOH-CHOH-(CO)

(b) Side view of CHOH-CHOH-(CO)

(c) Top view of CHOH-CHOH-(CO)

6.31 COH-CHOH

C 5.391485 5.071468 7.578416 0.157974
C 5.578044 4.062468 6.613526 0.071800
O 5.192640 6.354031 7.403922 -0.257777
O 5.725352 2.873209 7.235017 -0.308268
H 5.961597 2.170698 6.559679 0.302161
U 5 414020 4 55952 0.001411 0.104004

H 5.414926 4.770353 8.631611 0.124204

H 5.105184 6.586050 6.406551 0.254648

(a) Front view of CHOH-CHOH

6.32 COH-COH-(CO)

C 4.717218 2.137161 6.448299 0.151402 C 5.142143 3.509101 6.523810 0.080285C 3.235728 4.139853 6.452225 0.183490 O 4.629896 1.382309 7.531268 -0.279895 O 5.736001 3.968144 7.647136 -0.339901 O 2.798402 4.492211 7.489084 -0.176162 H 4.328277 0.485389 7.257644 0.370086 H 6.122472 4.846532 7.451785 0.373273

(a) Front view of COH-COH-(CO)

(b) Side view of CHOH-CHOH

(b) Side view of COH-COH-(CO)

(c) Top view of CHOH-CHOH

(c) Top view of COH-COH-(CO)

6.33 COH-COH

C 5.489735 1.752257 6.202067 0.113393 C 6.111510 3.035500 6.258769 0.140180 O 5.458956 0.969048 7.290263 -0.307570 O 6.724633 3.466953 7.360410 -0.299807 H 5.064764 0.104188 7.030951 0.354007 H 7.158132 4.325419 7.148578 0.364265

(a) Front view of COH-COH

(b) Side view of COH-COH

(c) Top view of COH-COH

6.34 COH-CHOH-CH₂OH

C 5.642452 4.159182 6.626116 0.201899 C 4.667756 3.488430 7.582854 0.107038 C 4.915671 1.963635 7.631496 0.049885 O 6.547578 4.837309 7.285112 -0.274346 O 3.303300 3.681393 7.206470 -0.418783 O 6.266628 1.612482 7.781941 -0.425973 H 7.188406 5.262359 6.630675 0.320422 H 4.474666 1.532570 6.687609 0.044396 H 4.347050 1.554552 8.479815 0.101721 H 6.680165 1.564193 6.882116 0.282083 H 4.852520 3.911351 8.586419 0.092761 H 3.070836 4.622190 7.334440 0.357801

(a) Front view of COH-CHOH-CH₂OH

6.35 C(OH)-CHOH-CH₂OH

C 7.086161 4.031885 6.013603 -0.031526
C 7.006122 3.644036 7.455873 0.158715
C 7.210848 2.109202 7.682438 0.018479
O 7.067242 6.154896 6.496471 -0.447383
O 5.774096 4.040165 8.037760 -0.436239
O 8.549260 1.686320 7.624496 -0.418806
H 8.011013 6.290434 6.740367 0.333125
H 6.544503 1.546545 6.991707 0.042202
H 6.854426 1.944121 8.714026 0.111022
H 8.775631 1.461861 6.688759 0.264725
H 7.815477 4.151446 8.008829 0.105161

(b) Side view of COH-CHOH-CH₂OH

(c) Top view of COH-CHOH-CH₂OH

H 5.071811 3.961633 7.354574 0.320414

(a) Front view of C(OH)-CHOH-CH₂OH (b) Side view of C(OH)-CHOH-CH₂OH (c) Top view of C(OH)-CHOH-CH₂OH

6.36 C-CHOH-CH₂OH

C 7.074850 3.146655 5.779472 -0.153585
C 7.034387 3.033644 7.292133 0.181775
C 7.040952 1.556156 7.770442 0.010714
O 5.897032 3.704619 7.818962 -0.422900
O 8.287239 0.904559 7.621772 -0.425692
H 7.305844 7.434194 6.750958 0.341040
H 6.224325 1.020379 7.242664 0.039704
H 8.385995 0.619761 6.683513 0.260733
H 7.923647 3.543260 7.697731 0.109643
H 5.102141 3.380229 7.344063 0.321368

(a) Front view of C-CHOH-CH₂OH

6.37 CHOH-C(OH)-CHOH

C 6.522993 6.318131 6.472786 0.076964 C 5.273821 5.619109 6.073361 0.022121 C 4.969352 4.316382 6.569303 0.092172 O 6.320365 7.518012 7.173302 -0.401282 O 3.656401 7.039338 6.517695 -0.466638 O 3.634396 3.974966 6.776843 -0.280656 H 7.253263 5.656845 6.971350 0.092382 H 7.083434 8.104100 6.976152 0.348514 H 4.316506 7.726144 6.779829 0.336829 H 5.663480 3.855434 7.281581 0.113109 H 3.576463 2.994490 6.876043 0.352494

(b) Side view of C-CHOH-CH₂OH

(c) Top view of C-CHOH-CH₂OH

(a) Front view of CHOH-C(OH)-CHOH

(b) Side view of CHOH-C(OH)-CHOH

(c) Top view of CHOH-C(OH)-CHOH

6.38 CHOH-C-CHOH

C 6.422038 6.413407 6.495866 0.088270 C 5.165674 5.698030 6.155937 -0.061438 C 4.857771 4.441618 6.770710 0.118222 O 6.174627 7.656883 7.101782 -0.379939 O 2.927376 8.972138 6.544528 -0.539136 H 7.178633 5.822412 7.039219 0.086024 H 7.004237 8.179755 7.047511 0.350025 H 5.520761 4.027113 7.540104 0.107325 H 3.479312 3.103769 7.090100 0.371001

(a) Front view of CHOH-C(OH)-CHOH

(b) Side view of CHOH-C(OH)-CHOH

(c) Top view of CHOH-C(OH)-CHOH

6.39 C(OH)-COH-CHOH

C 5.965862 1.715153 6.776411 0.012170 C 5.211960 2.955909 6.797913 0.321119 C 5.518370 3.966142 5.806457 -0.117303 O 5.389879 0.739604 7.580893 -0.425408 O 4.121857 3.051214 7.554368 -0.346741 O 5.553952 6.019008 6.528695 -0.466730 H 5.549913 9.582987 7.166862 0.366345 H 4.016032 2.186976 8.018322 0.392828 H 6.510167 6.020009 6.756004 0.329774 H 7.059332 1.792966 6.829255 0.108307

(a) Front view of C(OH)-COH-CHOH (b) Side

(b) Side view of C(OH)-COH-CHOH

(c) Top view of C(OH)-COH-CHOH

6.40 C-COH-CHOH

C 5.950781 1.105606 6.781455 0.052683

C 5.162364 2.327383 6.732766 0.313334

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C 5.455937 3.321241 5.718711 -0.207153 O 5.318077 0.071476 7.385154 -0.409671 O 3.980181 2.348140 7.361711 -0.363251 H 5.580389 8.840370 7.046337 0.367568 H 3.855068 1.454495 7.766794 0.387095 H 7.045530 1.150795 6.827428 0.108653

(a) Front view of C-COH-CHOH

6.41 COH-CO-CH₂OH

C 4.915394 3.826426 8.023315 -0.005918
C 4.258848 4.560705 6.861578 0.262930
C 4.930060 5.618508 6.112621 0.032227
O 5.010323 2.437285 7.778471 -0.403436
O 3.057830 4.193429 6.583324 -0.248113
O 5.966646 6.305829 6.770649 -0.323498
H 5.531152 2.302582 6.951215 0.283225
H 6.545476 5.668527 7.248655 0.353824
H 5.905515 4.263934 8.265092 0.059002
H 4.272201 3.948485 8.910268 0.128918

(a) Front view of COH-CO-CH₂OH

(b) Side view of C-COH-CHOH

(c) Top view of C-COH-CHOH

(b) Side view of COH-CO-CH₂OH

(c) Top view of COH-CO- CH_2OH

6.42 C(OH)-CO- CH_2OH

C 4.958976 4.111545 8.151950 -0.023961

C 4.259588 5.210893 7.350075 0.404340

C 4.766874 5.430298 5.939056 -0.088154

O 4.505180 2.828807 7.747079 -0.409396

O 3.314845 5.861441 7.768646 -0.318473

O 6.434737 6.389890 6.537043 -0.418808

H 4.918199 2.605009 6.878262 0.275326

H 7.016260 5.651238 6.831658 0.330276 H 6.059264 4.206383 8.045790 0.067910 H 4.677185 4.238016 9.204843 0.123111

(a) Front view of C(OH)-CO- CH_2OH

(b) Side view of C(OH)-CO-CH₂OH

(c) Top view of C(OH)-CO- CH_2OH

6.43 C-CO-CH₂OH

C 6.928782 3.646758 7.880395 -0.033197
C 7.256556 4.985647 7.212078 0.430030
C 7.017091 5.038582 5.736640 -0.249199
O 5.541913 3.354399 7.783817 -0.402544
O 7.712551 5.964491 7.794268 -0.340530
H 5.375327 2.885347 6.935620 0.284431
H 7.547996 2.866066 7.395206 0.082652
H 7.186919 3.724192 8.946644 0.118829

(a) Front view of C-CO- CH_2OH

6.44 C(OH)-COH-COH

C 4.495739 1.928990 6.610141 0.144758 C 5.165247 3.053945 7.281406 0.188696

(b) Side view of C-CO- CH_2OH

(c) Top view of C-CO- CH_2OH

C 5.675845 3.992633 6.417963 -0.076024

O 4.015909 1.034800 7.462217 -0.276578

O 5.209032 3.052818 8.644025 -0.382918

O 6.770920 5.914481 6.649152 -0.485200

H 7.660819 5.554785 6.873881 0.327337

H 3.591039 0.306877 6.941334 0.347725

H 5.651597 3.867076 8.944014 0.386050

(a) Front view of C(OH)-COH-COH

(b) Side view of C(OH)-COH-COH

(c) Top view of C(OH)-COH-COH

6.45 C-COH-COH

C 4.322117 1.641996 6.610917 0.146757
C 5.008749 2.716096 7.269263 0.214823
C 5.473262 3.618021 6.355828 -0.136166
O 3.769003 0.718875 7.367691 -0.260283
O 5.118041 2.771674 8.625695 -0.384999
H 3.338466 0.040913 6.760341 0.314934
H 5.628156 3.569120 8.871105 0.385760

(a) Front view of C-COH-COH

(b) Side view of C-COH-COH

(c) Top view of C-COH-COH

7 Parameters and Reaction Energetics of Microkinetic Modeling

7.1 Adsorption Parameters

Desorption rate constants were calculated as $^{37-39}$,

$$k = \frac{k_{\rm B}T^3}{h^3} \frac{A(2\pi m k_{\rm B})}{\sigma \theta} \exp\left(\frac{-E_{\rm des}}{k_{\rm B}T}\right)$$
(13)

where h is the Plank's constant, σ is the symmetry number, θ is the rotational temperature of the species, and E_{des} is the desorption energy. Note that this equation only applies to saturated chemical species, which are CH₂OH-CHOH-CH₂OH, CO, CO₂, H₂, H₂O,

CH₂OH-CH₂OH, and CH₃OH. Detailed symmetry numbers and rotational temperature of those species can be obtained form either NIST webbook⁴⁰ or from calculations done in Gaussian 09⁴¹. Table 7 lists the σ and θ used for those adsorbing/desorbing species.

Chemical species	σ	$\theta/{ m K}$
CH ₂ OH-CHOH-CH ₂ OH	1	0.192
CO	1	2.770
CO_2	2	0.534
H_2	2	87.150
H ₂ O	2	39.370
CH ₂ OH-CH ₂ OH	1	0.636
CH ₃ OH	1	5.930

Table 7: Adsorption paremeters for species studied in MKM.

7.2 Reaction Energetics of Microkinetic Modeling in Vacuum and Aqueous Phases

The table below include the reactions and their energies used in the microkinetic modeling in addition to the reactions explicitly calculated and estimated from transition state scaling relations in this work.

Table 8: Reaction energies and activation energies of reactions included in the microkinetic model, in addition to those tabulated in Table 1 in the main manuscript text. Energy unit in eV. Idenitifier: a, adsorption and desorption reactions; d, direct reactions; w, water gas shift reactions; c, methanation reactions; e, reactions related to C2 species and their derivatives; m: water mediated reactions. For each identifier (d, w, c, e, m), the source of the energetics is provided in the first entry. For reactions where aqueous phase data is not available, the vacuum energies are used in both microkinetic models.

Identifier	Reaction	$E_{\rm rxn}^{\rm vac}$	$E_{\rm rxn}^{\rm aq}$	$E_{\rm act}^{\rm vac}$	$E_{\rm act}^{\rm aq}$
a[This work]	$CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH + * \rightarrow CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH*$	-0.65	-1.06	N/A	N/A
a	$\mathrm{CO}_2 + * \rightarrow \mathrm{CO}_2 *$	-0.17	-0.17	N/A	N/A
a	$H_2O + * \rightarrow H_2O^*$	-0.41	-0.41	N/A	N/A
a	CH3-CH3 + $* \rightarrow$ CH3-CH3*	-0.55	-0.55	N/A	N/A
a^{42}	$CH_2OH-CH_2OH + * \rightarrow CH_2OH-CH_2OH*$	-0.46	-0.46	N/A	N/A
a^{42}	$CH_3OH + * \rightarrow CH_3OH^*$	-0.27	-0.27	N/A	N/A
a^{42}	$\mathrm{H}_{2} + 2^{*} \rightarrow 2\mathrm{H}^{*}$	-0.96	-0.96	N/A	N/A
a^{42}	$\rm CO + * \rightarrow \rm CO*$	-1.79	-1.79	N/A	N/A
d[This work]	$CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CH_2OH-COH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	-0.45	-0.44	0.36	0.30
d	$CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	-0.46	-0.27	0.60	0.83
d	$CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CH2O-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	-0.30	0.43	0.66	1.28
d	$CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CH_2OH-CHO-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	-0.29	0.40	1.24	0.65
d	$CHOH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow COH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	-0.17	-0.34	0.39	0.57
d	$CHOH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHOH-CHOH^* + H^*$	-0.15	-0.18	0.47	0.55
d	$CHOH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHO-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	0.02	-0.22	0.69	0.52
d	$CH_2O-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHO-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	-0.35	-0.21	0.66	0.51
d	$\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}\text{-}\mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + {}^{*} \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}\text{-}\mathrm{CO}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + \mathrm{H}^{*}$	0.55	0.31	1.24	0.70
d	$\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}\text{-}\mathrm{CHO}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + {}^{*} \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}\text{-}\mathrm{CO}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + \mathrm{H}^{*}$	-0.37	-0.25	0.73	0.60
d	$\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}\text{-}\mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + {}^{*} \rightarrow \mathrm{CHOH}\text{-}\mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + \mathrm{H}^{*}$	-0.35	-0.39	0.60	0.48
d	$CHOH-COH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CHOH^* + H^*$	-0.08	-0.10	1.01	1.09
d	CHOH-CHOH-CHOH* + * \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CHOH* + H*	-0.34	-0.29	0.77	0.57
d	$CHOH-COH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow COH-COH-CHOH^* + H^*$	-0.19	-0.11	0.38	0.35
d	$COH-COH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow COH-COH-COH^* + H^*$	-0.33	-0.38	0.47	0.45
d	$COH-COH-COH^* + * \rightarrow COH-COH-CO^* + H^*$	0.20	0.24	0.40	0.38
d	$COH-COH-CO^* + * \rightarrow CO-COH-CO^* + H^*$	0.26	0.26	0.67	0.66

d	$CHO-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CO-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	-0.23	-0.19	0.36	0.46
d	$CO-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CO-CHOH-CHOH^* + H^*$	-0.40	-0.20	0.20	0.48
d	$CH_2O-COH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CH_2O-CO-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	0.55	0.20	0.69	0.60
d	$CHOH-CHOH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CHOH^* + H^*$	-0.28	-0.18	0.72	0.57
d	$CH_2OH-CHO-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CH_2OH-CO-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	0.47	0.25	0.73	0.59
d	$CO-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CH_2OH^* + CO^*$	-0.94	0.52	1.08	0.90
d	$CO-CHOH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHOH^* + CO^*$	-1.17	-1.03	0.56	0.60
d	$CO-COH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow COH-CH_2OH^* + CO^*$	-0.61	-0.34	0.30	0.43
d	$CO-COH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow COH-CHOH^* + CO^*$	-0.61	-0.55	0.46	0.72
d	$CO-CHOH-COH^* + * \rightarrow COH-CHOH^* + CO^*$	-0.34	0.15	0.37	0.70
d	$CO-COH-COH^* + * \rightarrow COH-COH^* + CO^*$	-0.96	-0.81	0.14	0.01
d	$COH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow C-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + OH^*$	0.30	0.37	0.96	1.12
d	$CHOH-COH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-C-CHOH^* + OH^*$	0.68	0.49	1.55	1.65
d	$COH-COH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow C-COH-CHOH^* + OH^*$	0.40	0.20	1.05	0.94
d	$COH-CO-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow C-CO-CH_2OH^* + OH^*$	0.72	0.81	0.93	0.99
d	$COH-COH-COH^* + * \rightarrow C-COH-COH^* + OH^*$	2.53	2.07	2.92	2.43
d	$CO-COH-CO^* + * \rightarrow CO-CO-CO^* + H^*$	0.24	0.09	0.50	0.46
d	$C-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow C^* + CHOH-CH_2OH^*$	-1.23	1.04	-1.02	1.18
d	$C-COH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow C^* + CHOH-COH^*$	-0.99	0.92	-1.15	0.96
d	$C-COH-COH^* + * \rightarrow C^* + COH-COH^*$	-1.12	0.90	-1.35	0.95
d	$CH_2OH-CO-CH_2OH + * \rightarrow CH_2OH^* + CO-CH_2OH^*$	-1.21	1.46	-1.48	1.65
w^{43}	$2\mathrm{OH}^* \to \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}^* + \mathrm{O}^*$	-0.60	-0.60	0.00	0.00
w	$\rm CO^* + OH^* \rightarrow COOH^* + *$	-0.20	-0.20	0.51	0.51
w	$COOH^* + * \to CO_2^* + OH^*$	-0.44	-0.44	0.00	0.00
w	$\rm COOH^* + OH^* \rightarrow \rm CO_2^* + H_2O^*$	0.40	0.40	0.97	0.97
c^{44}	$C^* + H^* \rightarrow CH^* + *$	-0.58	-0.58	1.25	1.25
с	$\mathrm{CH}^* + \mathrm{H}^* \to \mathrm{CH}_2^* + {}^*$	0.32	0.32	0.88	0.88
с	$\mathrm{CH}_2^* + \mathrm{H}^* \to \mathrm{CH}_3^* + {}^*$	-0.30	-0.30	0.65	0.65
с	$\mathrm{CH}_3{}^* + \mathrm{H}^* \to \mathrm{CH}_4{}^* + {}^*$	-0.17	-0.17	0.83	0.83
e^{45}	$CH^* + C^* \rightarrow CH - C^* + *$	N/A	N/A	0.90	2.04
е	$\mathrm{CHC}^* + \mathrm{H}^* \to \mathrm{CH}_2 \mathrm{-C}^* + \mathrm{*}$	N/A	N/A	1.10	2.22
е	$CH2-C^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_3-C^* + *$	N/A	N/A	0.99	1.33
е	$CH3^* + C^* \rightarrow CH_3 - C^* + *$	N/A	N/A	1.04	1.95
е	$2CH^* \rightarrow CH-CH^* + *$	N/A	N/A	1.78	2.22
е	$\mathrm{CH}_2^* + \mathrm{CH}^* \to \mathrm{CH}_2 - \mathrm{CH}^* + *$	N/A	N/A	1.70	1.74
е	$2\mathrm{CH}_2^* \to \mathrm{CH}_2\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_2^* + *$	N/A	N/A	1.59	2.22
е	$CH_3-C^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_3-CH^* + *$	N/A	N/A	1.13	0.28
е	$CH_2-C^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_2-CH^* + *$	N/A	N/A	0.90	0.70
е	$CH_2-C^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_2-CH_2^* + *$	N/A	N/A	0.80	0.82
е	$CH_2-CH_2^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_3-CH_2^* + *$	N/A	N/A	1.27	0.63
е	$CH_3-CH_2^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_3-CH_3^* + *$	N/A	N/A	0.88	0.89
e ⁴²	$CH_2OH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	-0.40	-0.38	0.83	0.72
е	$CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHOH^* + H^*$	-0.45	-0.42	0.36	0.33
е	$CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHO-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	0.22	0.24	0.72	0.70
е	$CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CH_2O^* + H^*$	0.34	0.38	0.91	0.94

е	$CHOH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow 2CHOH^*$	-0.09	0.02	0.98	1.00
е	$CHOH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-COH^* + H^*$	-0.41	-0.33	0.58	0.61
е	$CHOH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHO^* + H^*$	0.17	0.26	0.64	0.67
е	$\mathrm{CHO}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + {}^{*} \rightarrow \mathrm{CHO}^{*} + \mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*}$	-0.71	-0.67	1.18	1.17
е	$CHO-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CO-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	-0.89	-0.85	0.20	0.30
е	$CHO-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHO^* + H^*$	-0.50	-0.42	0.44	0.43
е	$\rm CO-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CO^* + CH_2OH^*$	-0.91	-0.85	0.61	0.67
е	$CHOH-CH_2O^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHO^* + H^*$	-0.09	-0.12	0.58	0.48
е	$CHOH-COH^* + * \rightarrow COH-COH^* + H^*$	-0.32	-0.30	0.69	0.64
е	$CHOH-COH^* + * \rightarrow COH-CHO^* + H^*$	-0.15	-0.14	0.39	0.39
е	$CHOH-COH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CO^* + H^*$	-0.12	-0.15	0.41	0.41
е	$CHOH-COH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH^* + COH^*$	-0.24	-0.26	1.03	0.99
е	$CHOH-CHO^* + * \rightarrow COH-CHO^* + H^*$	-0.43	-0.38	0.31	0.33
е	$CHOH-CHO^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CO^* + H^*$	-0.70	-0.69	0.20	0.18
е	$CHOH-CHO^* + * \rightarrow CHO-CHO^* + H^*$	0.19	0.21	0.76	0.70
е	$CHOH-CHO^* + * \rightarrow CHOH^* + CHO^*$	0.57	-0.54	0.85	0.87
е	$COH-COH^* + * \rightarrow COHCO^* + H^*$	-0.33	-0.29	0.47	0.47
е	$COH-CO^* + * \rightarrow COCO^* + H^*$	-0.11	-0.06	0.43	0.43
е	$CO-CO^* + * \rightarrow 2CO^*$	-1.47	-1.70	0.03	0.05
е	$COH-COH^* + * \rightarrow 2COH^*$	-0.45	-0.65	1.01	0.98
е	$COH-CHO^* + * \rightarrow CHOCO^* + H^*$	-0.17	-0.17	0.42	0.42
е	$COH-CHO^* + * \rightarrow COHCO^* + H^*$	-0.78	-0.79	0.26	0.29
е	$COH-CHO^* + * \rightarrow COH^* + CHO^*$	-0.69	-0.77	0.83	0.76
е	$CHOH-CO^* + * \rightarrow COHCO^* + H^*$	-0.50	-0.48	0.47	0.46
е	$CHOH-CO^* + * \rightarrow CHOCO^* + H^*$	0.10	0.14	0.59	0.60
е	$CHOH-CO^* + * \rightarrow CHOH^* + CO^*$	-0.92	-0.90	0.37	0.44
е	$CHO-CHO^* + * \rightarrow CHOCO^* + H^*$	-0.80	-0.76	0.08	0.10
е	$CHO-CO^* + * \rightarrow CHO^* + CO^*$	-1.34	-1.34	0.36	0.37
е	$CHO-CHO^* + * \rightarrow 2CHO^*$	-1.08	-1.07	0.75	0.75
е	$\mathrm{CHO}^* + {}^* \rightarrow \mathrm{CO}^* + \mathrm{H}^*$	-1.04	-1.03	0.20	0.23
е	$\rm COH^* + * \rightarrow \rm CO^* + H^*$	-0.84	-0.74	0.53	0.61
е	$CHOH^* + * \rightarrow CHO^* + H^*$	-0.32	-0.22	0.33	0.28
е	$\mathrm{CHOH}^* + {}^* \to \mathrm{COH}^* + \mathrm{H}^*$	-0.54	-0.61	0.34	0.31
е	$CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH^* + H^*$	-0.37	-0.29	0.39	0.40
е	$CH_3OH^* + * \rightarrow CH_2OH^* + H^*$	-0.38	-0.30	0.48	0.46
m[This work]	$2H_2O + H^* \to H_5O_2^*$	N/A	-0.40	N/A	0.00
m	$H_2O + H^* \rightarrow H_3O^*$	N/A	-0.30	N/A	0.00
m	$CH_2OH-COH-CH_2OH^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CH_2OH^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	0.25	N/A	1.37
m	$CHOH-COH-CH_2OH^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CHOH^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	0.87	N/A	1.61
m	$CHOH-COH-CHOH^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow CHOH-COH-COH^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	-0.79	N/A	1.10
m	$CHOH-COH-COH^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow COH-COH-COH^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	0.07	N/A	0.84
m	$CH_2OH-COH-CH_2OH^* + 2H_2O^* \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CH_2OH^* + H_5O_2^* + *$	N/A	0.25	N/A	1.14
m	$CHOH-COH-CH_2OH^* + 2H_2O^* \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CHOH^* + H_5O_2^* + *$	N/A	0.16	N/A	1.69
m	$CHOH-COH-CHOH^* + 2H_2O^* \rightarrow CHOH-COH-COH^* + H_5O_2^* + *$	N/A	-1.26	N/A	1.16
m	$CHOH-COH-COH^* + 2H_2O^* \rightarrow COH-COH-COH^* + H_5O_2 + *$	N/A	-0.20	N/A	0.55

m	$COH-COH^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow COH-COH-COH^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
m	$\rm COH-CO^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow \rm CO-CO^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
m	$\rm CHOH\text{-}\rm COH^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow \rm COH\text{-}\rm CHO^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
m	$\rm CHOH\text{-}\rm COH^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow \rm CHOH\text{-}\rm CO^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
m	$\rm CHOH\text{-}CHO^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow \rm CHOH\text{-}CO^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
m	$\rm CHOH\text{-}CHO^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow \rm CHO\text{-}CHO^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
m	$\rm COH\text{-}CHO^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow \rm CHO\text{-}CO^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
m	$\rm CHOH\text{-}CO^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow \rm CHO\text{-}CO^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
m	$\rm CHO\text{-}\rm CHO^* + \rm H_2O^* \rightarrow \rm CHO\text{-}\rm CO^* + \rm H_3O^*$	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
m	$\rm COH^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow \rm CO^* + H_3O^*$	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00

8 Dominant Reactions and Their Rates from Microkinetic Modeling

The following table lists the dominant reactions of mkm results of reactions under vacuum, at T = 500 K, and initial mole fraction of glycerol = 0.1 in a balance of inerts. The cut-off for a reaction being dominant was set to be 1E-12 mol/s.

Table 9∙	Dominant	reaction	steps a	and	corresponding	rates a	t steady	state	under	vacuum
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Reaction	Rate (mol site ^{-1} s ^{-1})
$CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH + * \rightarrow CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH^*$	7.40E-05
$CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CH_2OH-COH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	7.40E-05
$CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	1.86E-09
$CHOH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHO-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	5.52 E-06
$CHOH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHOH-CHOH^* + H^*$	8.47E-06
CHOH-CHOH-CHOH* + * \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CHOH*+ H*	8.47E-06
$CHO-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CO-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	5.52 E-06
$\text{CO-CHOH-CH}_2\text{OH}^* + * \rightarrow \text{CO-CHOH-CHOH}^* + \text{H}^*$	5.52 E-06
$CO-CHOH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow CO^* + CHOH-CHOH^*$	5.52E-06
$CHOH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow 2CHOH^* + *$	2.71E-07
$CHOH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-COH^* + H^*$	1.73E-07
$CHOH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHO^* + H^*$	5.07E-06
$CH_2OH-COH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	7.40E-05
$CHOH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CHOH^* + H^*$	5.99 E- 05
$CHOH-COH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CHOH^* + H^*$	6.84E-05
CHOH-CHOH-CHOH* + * \rightarrow CHOH-COH-CHOH*+ H*	6.84E-05
$CHOH-COH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow COH-COH-CHOH^* + H^*$	6.84E-05
$CHOH-COH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow C-COH-CHOH^* + OH^*$	1.04E-10
$OH^* + CO^* \rightarrow COOH^* + *$	8.46E-11
$OH^* + H^* \rightarrow H_2O^* + *$	5.71E-12
$C-COH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow COH-CHOH^* + C^*$	1.04E-10
$COH-COH-CHOH^* + * \rightarrow COH-COH-COH^* + H^*$	6.84E-05
$COH-COH-COH^* + * \rightarrow CO-COH-COH^* + H^*$	6.84E-05
$CO-COH-COH^* + * \rightarrow COH-COH^* + CO^*$	6.84E-05
$COHCOH^* + * \rightarrow COH-CO^* + H^*$	6.92E-05
$\rm COHCO^* + * \rightarrow \rm CO-\rm CO^* + \rm H^*$	6.92E-05
$COCO^* + * \rightarrow 2CO^*$	6.92E-05

$\rm CO^* + CH_2OH^* \rightarrow CO\text{-}CH_2OH^* + *$	3.83E-10
$\rm CO-CH_2OH^* + H^* \rightarrow CHO-CH_2OH^* + *$	3.71E-11
$CHOH-COH^* + * \rightarrow COH-CHO^* + H^*$	1.97 E-07
$\mathrm{CHOH}^* + \mathrm{H}^* \to \mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{OH}^* + *$	3.46E-10
$\mathrm{CHOH}^* + {}^* \to \mathrm{CHO}^* \!\! + \mathrm{H}^*$	2.72E-06
$\mathrm{CHOH}^* + {}^* \to \mathrm{COH}^* \!\!+ \mathrm{H}^*$	2.19E-06
$\mathrm{CHOH}\text{-}\mathrm{CHO}^* + \ ^* \rightarrow \mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{CHO}^* + \ \mathrm{H}^*$	3.07E-07
$\mathrm{CHOH}\text{-}\mathrm{CHO}^* + \ ^* \rightarrow \mathrm{CHOH}\text{-}\mathrm{CO}^* + \ \mathrm{H}^*$	4.77E-06
$\mathrm{CHOH}\text{-}\mathrm{CHO}^* + \ ^* \rightarrow \mathrm{CHO}\text{-}\mathrm{CHO}^* + \ \mathrm{H}^*$	6.73E-12
$CHOH-CO^* + * \rightarrow COH-CO^* + H^*$	3.58E-07
$CHOH-CO^* + * \rightarrow CHO-CO^* + H^*$	1.72E-08
$CHOH-CO^* + * \rightarrow CHOH^* + CO^*$	4.37E-06
$\mathrm{CHO}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + {}^{*} \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + \mathrm{CHO}^{*}$	3.70E-11
$COH-CHO^* + * \rightarrow CHO-CO^* + H^*$	1.97E-08
$\rm COH\text{-}CHO^* + * \rightarrow \rm COH\text{-}CO^* + H^*$	4.84E-07
$\rm COH\text{-}CHO^* + * \rightarrow \rm COH^* + \rm CHO^*$	1.11E-12
$\rm COH-CO^* + * \rightarrow \rm CO^* + \rm COH^*$	6.92E-05
$\rm COH-CO^* + * \rightarrow \rm CO^* + \rm COH^*$	3.98E-05
$\mathrm{CHO}^* + {}^* \to \mathrm{CO}^* + \mathrm{H}^*$	2.76E-06
$\rm COH^* + {}^* \rightarrow \rm CO^* + \rm H^*$	2.19E-06
$C^* + H^* \rightarrow CH^* + {}^*$	3.70E-11
$\mathrm{CH}^* + \mathrm{H}^* \to \mathrm{CH}_2^* + {}^*$	3.70E-11
$\mathrm{CH}_2^* + \mathrm{H}^* \to \mathrm{CH}_3^* + {}^*$	3.70E-11
$\mathrm{CH}_3^* + \mathrm{H}^* \to \mathrm{CH}_4 + 2^*$	3.70E-11
$CO^* \rightarrow CO + *$	2.22E-04
$2H^* \rightarrow H_2 + 2^*$	2.96E-04

The following table lists the dominant reactions of mkm results of reactions in the aqueous phase, at T = 500 K, initial mole fraction of glycerol = 0.1 in a balance of H₂O. The cut-off for a reaction being dominant was set to be 1E-12 mol/s.

Table 10: Dominant reaction steps and corresponding rates at steady state in the aqueous phase.

Reaction	Rate (mol site ^{-1} s ^{-1})
$\rm CH_2OH\text{-}CHOH\text{-}CH_2OH + * \rightarrow \rm CH_2OH\text{-}CHOH\text{-}CH_2OH*$	1.47E-07
$\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}\text{-}\mathrm{CHOH}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*}+^{*}\rightarrow\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}\text{-}\mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*}+\mathrm{H}^{*}$	1.47E-07
$\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}\text{-}\mathrm{CHOH}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*}+^{*}\rightarrow\mathrm{CHOH}\text{-}\mathrm{COH}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*}+\mathrm{H}^{*}$	8.55E-11
$CHOH-CHOH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow COH-CHOH-CH_2OH^*$	7.05E-12

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1.47E-07
3.27E-08
1.15E-07
7.81E-12
3.27E-08
1.19E-12
4.40E-08
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$COH-COH-COH^* + 2H_2O^* \rightarrow COH-COH-CO^* + H_5O_2^* + *$	1.03E-07
$COH-COH-CO^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow CO-COH-CO^* + H_3O^*$	1.00E-08
$COH-COH-CO^* + * \rightarrow COH-COH^* + CO^*$	1.45E-07
$CO-COH-CO^* + * \rightarrow CO-CO-CO^* + H^*$	2.09E-09
$CO-CO-CO^* + * \rightarrow CO-CO^* + CO^*$	2.09E-09
$\rm COH\text{-}COH^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow \rm COH\text{-}CO^* + H_3O^*$	1.47E-07
$COH-CO^* + * \rightarrow CO-CO^* + H^*$	1.45E-07
$CO-CO^* + * \rightarrow CO^* + CO^*$	1.47E-07
$2\mathrm{H}^* \to \mathrm{H}_2 + 2^*$	2.39E-07
$\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}^{*} + {}^{*} \rightarrow \mathrm{OH}^{*} + \mathrm{H}^{*}$	1.34E-07
$\mathrm{H}_{3}\mathrm{O}^{*} + {}^{*} \rightarrow \mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}^{*} + \mathrm{H}^{*}$	7.22E-05
$\rm CO^* \rightarrow \rm CO$ + *	1.34E-12
$\rm CO^* + OH^* \rightarrow \rm COOH^* + *$	1.25E-07
$\rm CO^* + H_3O^* \rightarrow \rm COH^* + H_2O^*$	6.77E-05
$COH^* + H^* \rightarrow CHOH^* + *$	2.06E-07
$\mathrm{CHOH}^* + \mathrm{H}^* \to \mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{OH}^* + {}^*$	1.12E-07
$\rm COOH^* \to \rm CO_2^* + H^*$	1.25E-07
$\mathrm{CO}_2^* \to \mathrm{CO}_2 + ^*$	1.25E-07
$\rm CO^* + CH_2OH^* \rightarrow CO-CH_2OH^* + *$	2.11E-09
$\text{CO-CH}_2\text{OH}^* + \text{H}^* \rightarrow \text{CHO-CH}_2\text{OH}^* + *$	2.11E-09
$\rm CHO\text{-}\rm CH_2OH^* + H^* \rightarrow \rm CHOH\text{-}\rm CH_2OH^*$	1.19E-05
$CHO-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHO^* + H^*$	4.89E-09
$CHOH-CH_2OH^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_2OH-CH_2OH^* + *$	1.19E-05
$CHOH-CHO^* + * \rightarrow CHO-CHO^* + H^*$	8.44E-09
$CHOH-CHO^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CO^* + H^*$	8.44E-09
$CH_2OH-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CH_2O-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	1.19E-05
$\rm CHO\text{-}\rm CHO^* + \rm H_2O^* \rightarrow \rm CHO\text{-}\rm CO^* + \rm H_3O^*$	8.32E-09
$\rm CHOH-CO^* + H_2O^* \rightarrow CHO-CO^* + H_3O^*$	8.61E-09
$CH_2O-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHO-CH_2OH^* + H^*$	1.19E-05
$CH_2O-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CH_2O^* + H^*$	1.47E-08
$\mathrm{CHO}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + \mathrm{H}^{*} \rightarrow \mathrm{CHOH}\text{-}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{OH}^{*} + {}^{*}$	1.19E-05
$CHO-CH_2OH^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHO^* + H^*$	4.89E-09
$CHOH-CH_2O^* + * \rightarrow CHOH-CHO^* + H^*$	1.20E-08
$CHOH-CH_2O^* + H^* \rightarrow CHOH-CH_2OH^* + *$	2.70E-09
$CHOH-CH_2OH^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_2OH-CH_2OH^* + *$	1.48E-07
$\rm CH_2OH\text{-}\rm CH_2OH^* \rightarrow \rm CH_2OH\text{-}\rm CH_2OH + *$	1.58E-07

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