

Supporting Information:

**DFT insights into Electrocatalytic CO₂ Reduction
to Methanol on α -Fe₂O₃(0001) Surface**

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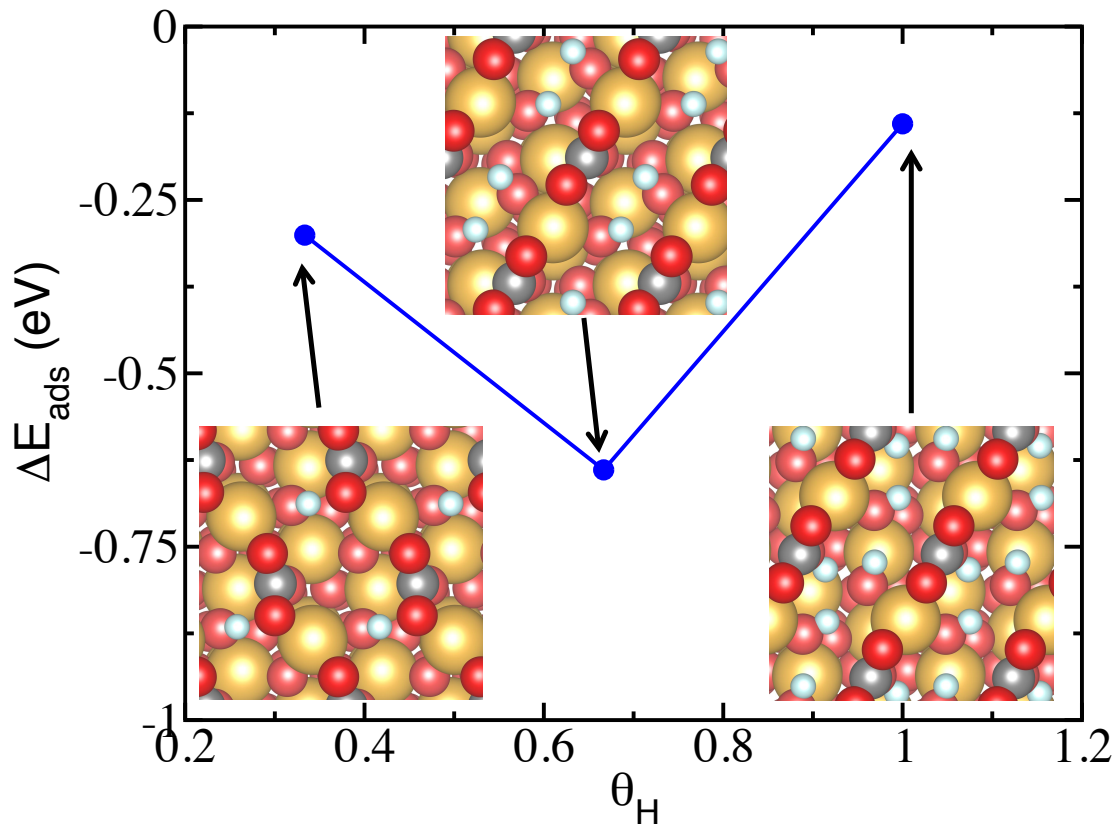
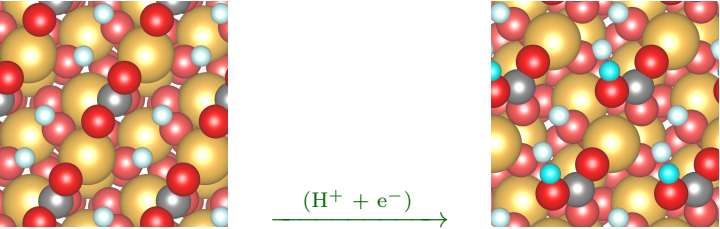
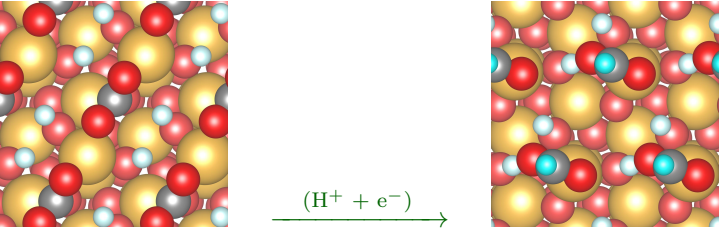
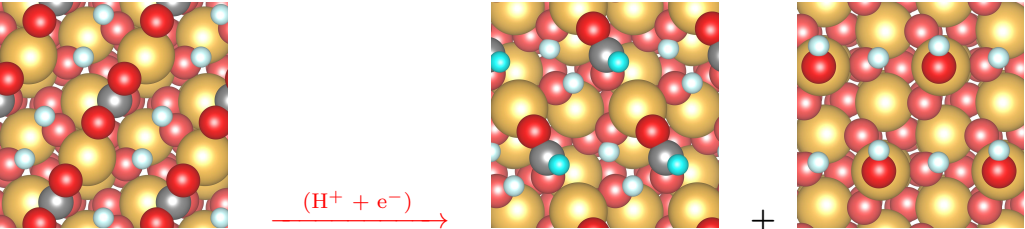
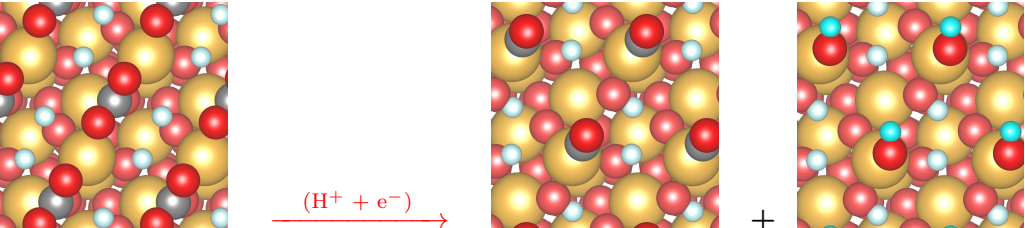


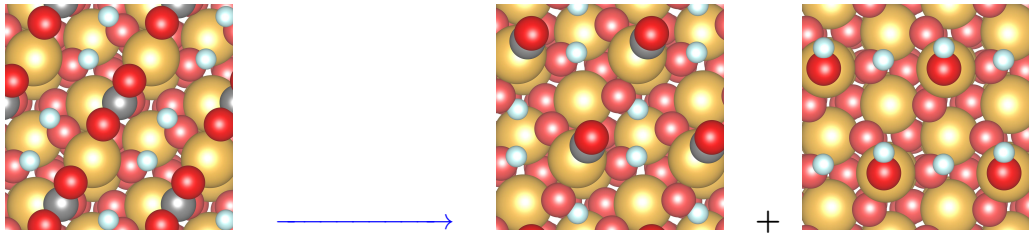
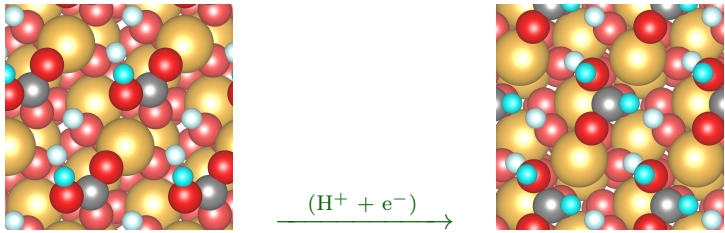
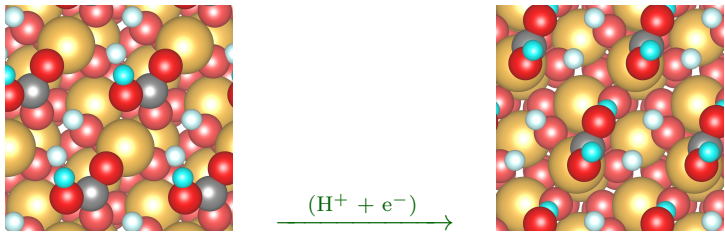
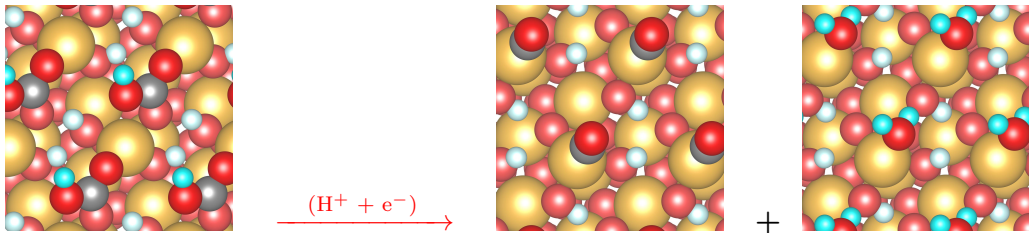
Figure S1: Adsorption energy of CO_2 for various surface H coverages. Top view of the geometries are also given. Fe, O, C and H atoms are respectively represented by orange, red, grey and cyan colour balls. For clear visualisation the surface atoms are represented with reduced brightness.

Table S1: Distinct reaction steps and their reaction energies (ΔE) at $U = 0$ V.

Index	Reaction step	ΔE (eV)
1	 $\text{*CO}_2 \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*COOH}$	-0.76
2	 $\text{*CO}_2 \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HCOO}$	0.18
3	 $\text{*CO}_2 \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CHO} + \text{*O}$	-0.18
4	 $\text{*CO}_2 \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CO} + \text{*OH}$	1.20

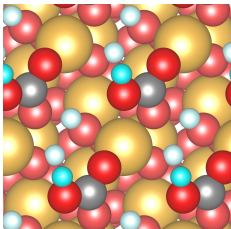
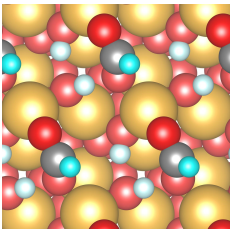
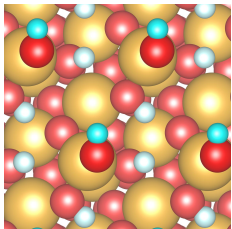
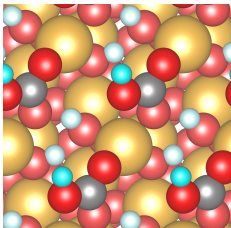
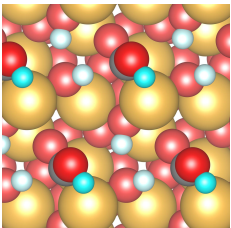
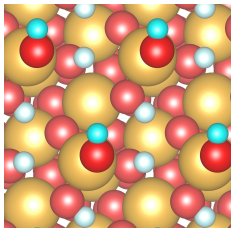
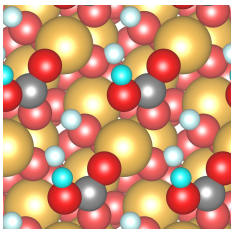
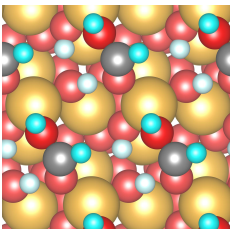
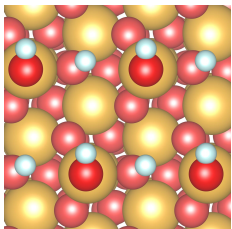
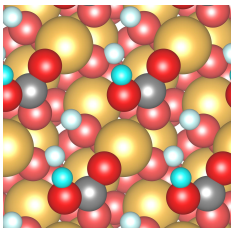
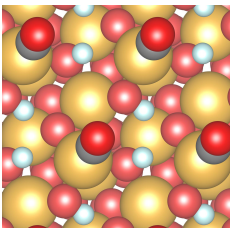
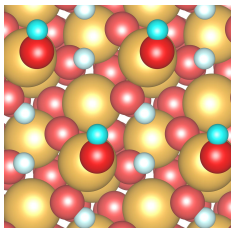
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5	 $\text{*CO}_2 \longrightarrow \text{*CO} + \text{*O}$	1.73
6	 $\text{*COOH} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HCOOH}$	0.95
7	 $\text{*COOH} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*COHOH}$	1.22
8	 $\text{*COOH} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CO} + \text{*H}_2\text{O}$	1.05

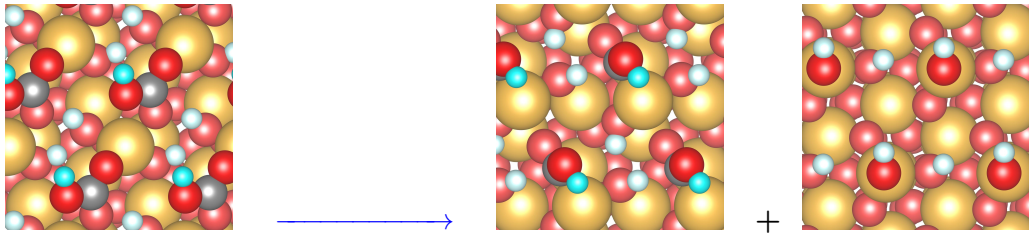
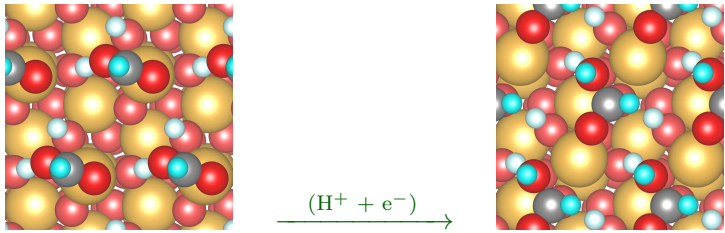
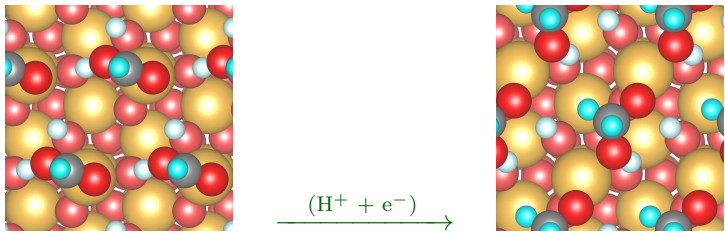
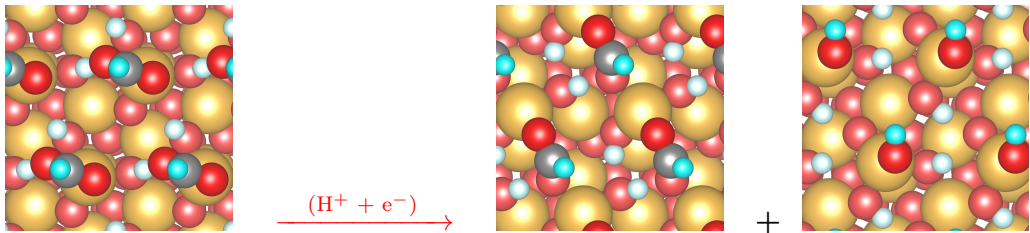
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9	 *COOH	$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$	 *CHO +  *OH	0.04
10	 *COOH	$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$	 *COH +  *OH	1.52
11	 *COOH	$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$	 *HCOH +  *O	2.36
12	 *COOH	\longrightarrow	 *CO +  *OH	1.96

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Index	Reaction step	ΔE (eV)
13	 $\text{*COOH} \longrightarrow \text{*COH} + \text{*O}$	2.06
14	 $\text{*HCOO} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HCOOH}$	0.01
15	 $\text{*HCOO} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*OCH}_2\text{O}$	1.01
16	 $\text{*HCOO} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CHO} + \text{*OH}$	-0.90

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17	 <p>$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$</p> <p>*HCOO *CH₂O + *O</p>	0.45
18	 <p>\longrightarrow</p> <p>*HCOO *CHO + *O</p>	-0.36
19	 <p>$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$</p> <p>*HCOOH *OCH₂OH</p>	-0.13
20	 <p>$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$</p> <p>*HCOOH *HCOHOH</p>	1.05

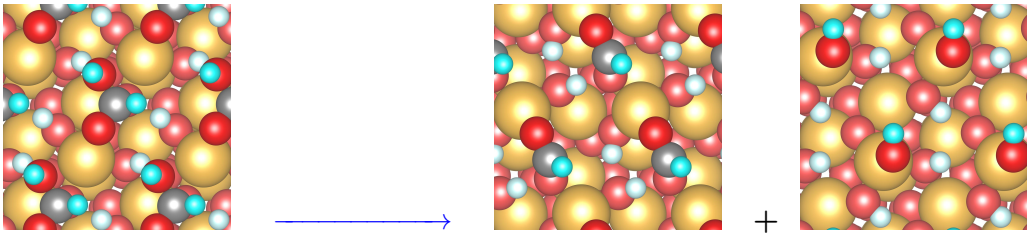
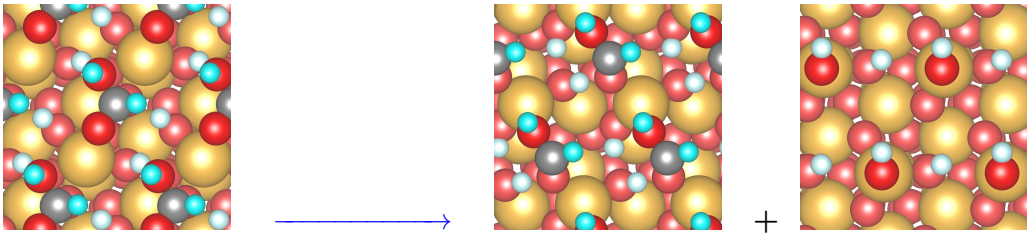
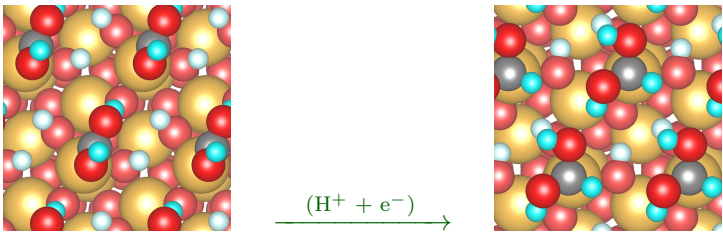
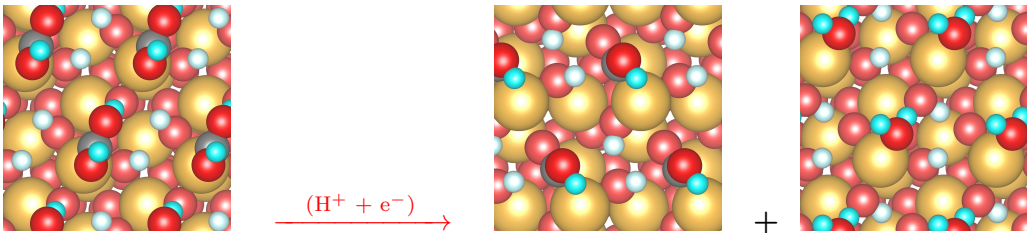
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21	 *HCOOH	$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$	 +  *CHO *H ₂ O	-1.82
22	 *HCOOH	$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$	 +  *CH ₂ O *OH	-0.09
23	 *HCOOH	$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$	 +  *HCOH *OH	0.87
24	 *HCOOH	$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$	 +  *CH ₂ OH *O	-0.16

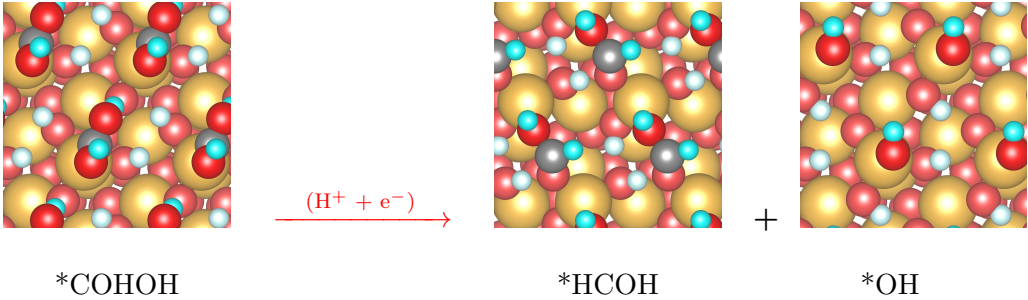
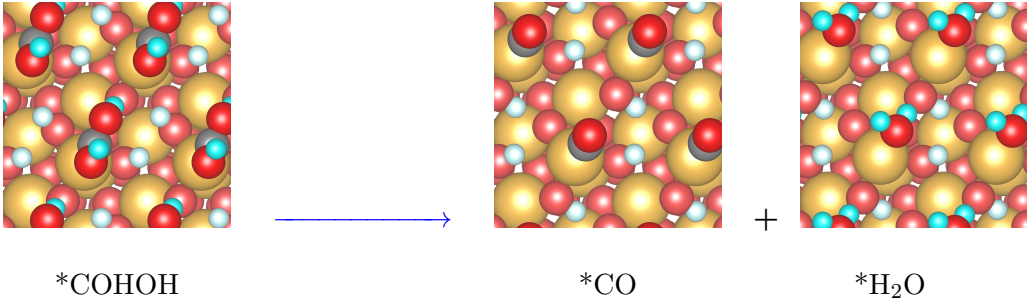
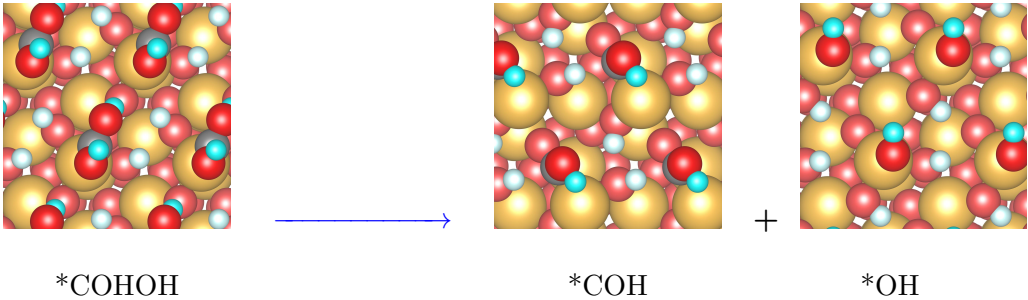
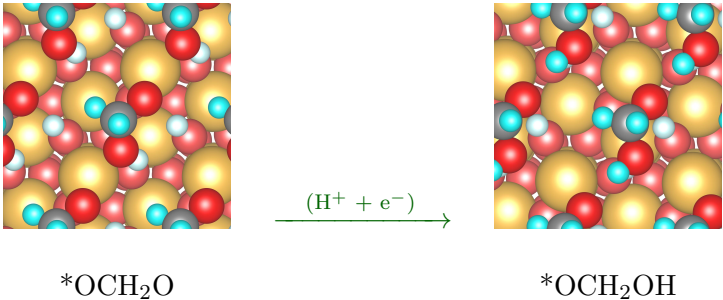
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25	 <p><chem>*HCOOH</chem> \longrightarrow <chem>*CHO</chem> + <chem>*OH</chem></p>	-0.91
26	 <p><chem>*HCOOH</chem> \longrightarrow <chem>*HCOH</chem> + <chem>*O</chem></p>	1.41
27	 <p><chem>*COHOH</chem> $\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$ <chem>*HCOHOH</chem></p>	0.78
28	 <p><chem>*COHOH</chem> $\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$ <chem>*COH</chem> + <chem>*H_2O</chem></p>	-0.61

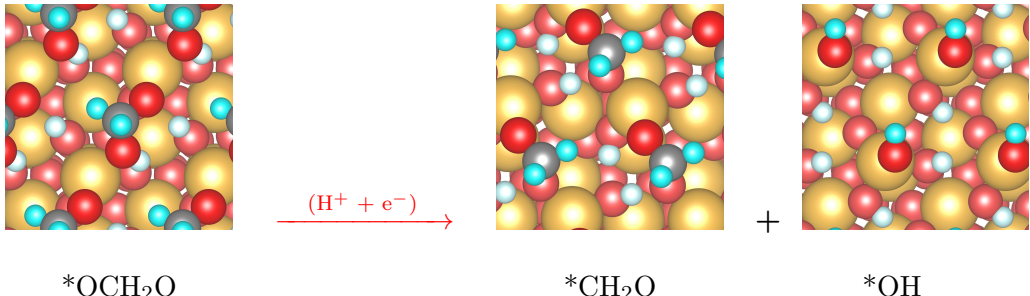
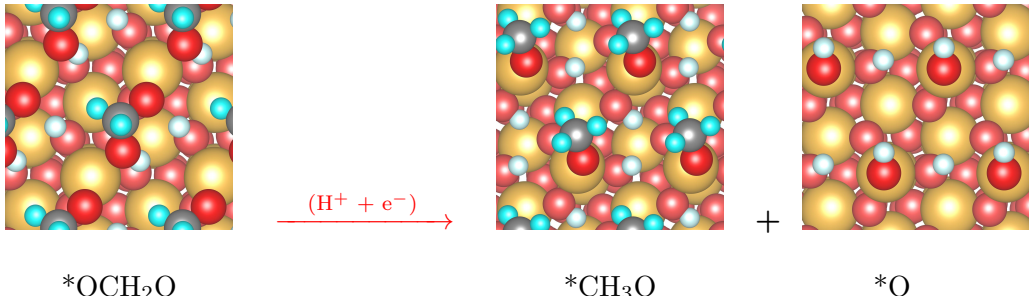
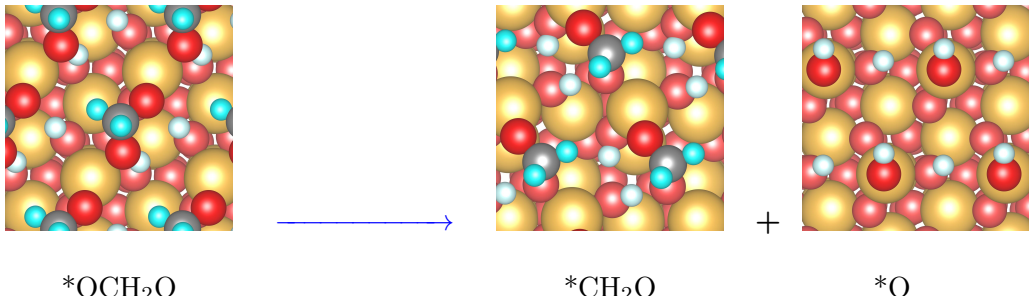
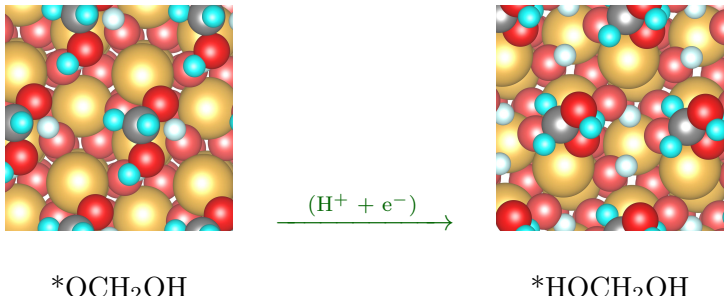
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29	 $\text{*COHOH} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HCOH} + \text{*OH}$	0.60
30	 $\text{*COHOH} \longrightarrow \text{*CO} + \text{*H}_2\text{O}$	-0.17
31	 $\text{*COHOH} \longrightarrow \text{*COH} + \text{*OH}$	0.30
32	 $\text{*OCH}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*OCH}_2\text{OH}$	-1.14

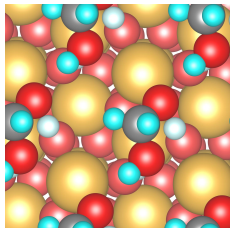
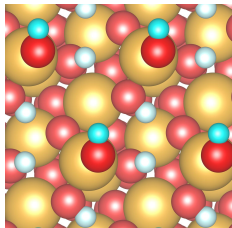
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34	 <p>$\text{*OCH}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_3\text{O} + \text{*O}$</p>	-0.72
35	 <p>$\text{*OCH}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{*CH}_2\text{O} + \text{*O}$</p>	-0.56
36	 <p>$\text{*OCH}_2\text{OH} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HOCH}_2\text{OH}$</p>	-0.59

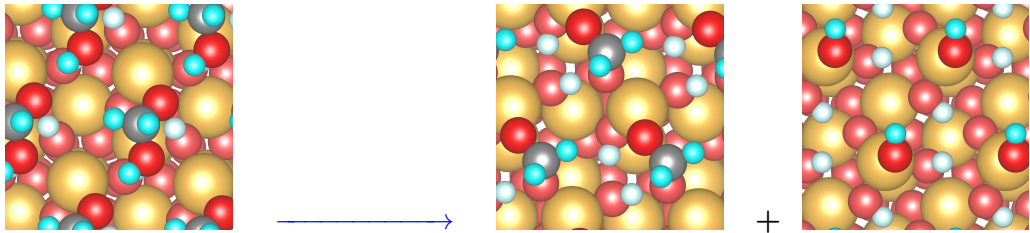
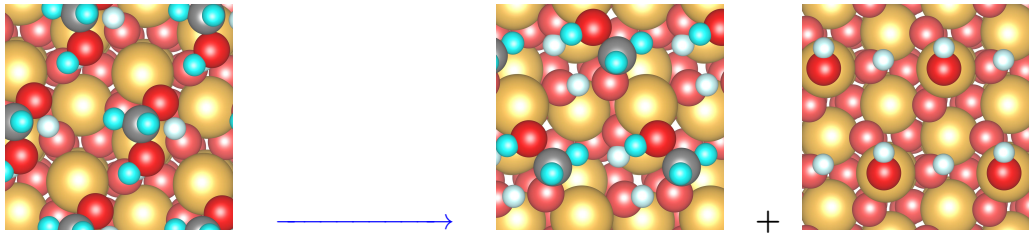
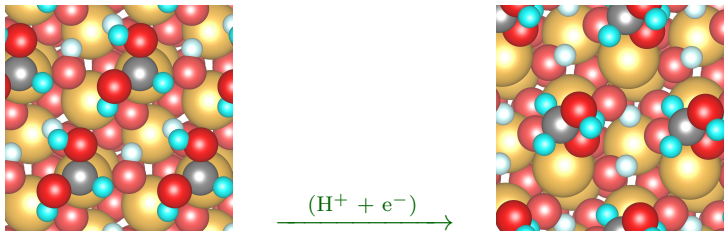
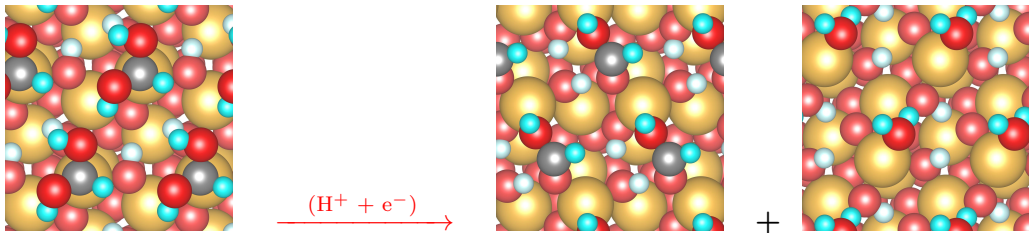
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38	 *OCH ₂ OH	$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$	 +  *CH ₃ O + *OH	-0.12
39	 *OCH ₂ OH	$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$	 +  *CH ₂ OH + *OH	-0.56
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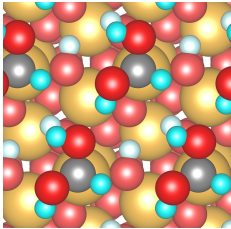
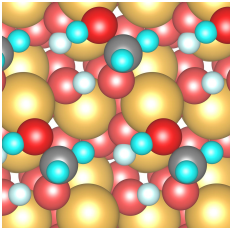
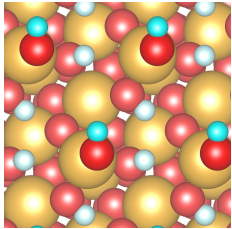
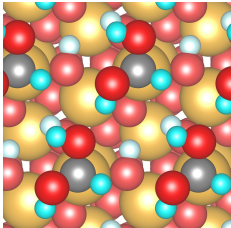
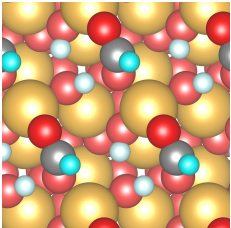
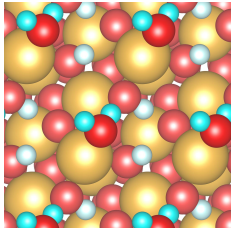
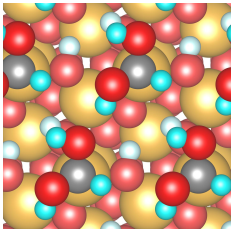
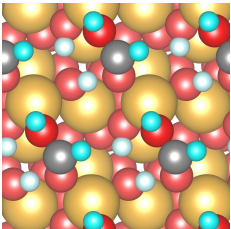
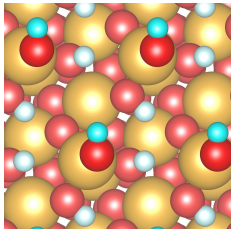
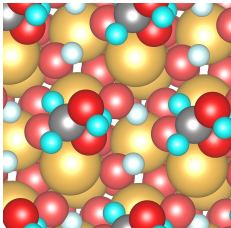
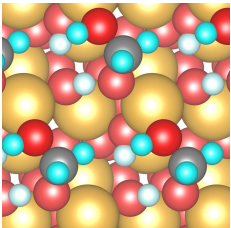
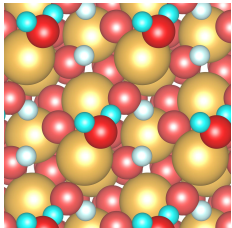
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41	 $*OCH_2OH \longrightarrow *CH_2O + *OH$	0.04
42	 $*OCH_2OH \longrightarrow *CH_2OH + *O$	-0.03
43	 $*HCOHOH \xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH$	-1.78
44	 $*HCOHOH \xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH + *H_2O$	-1.09

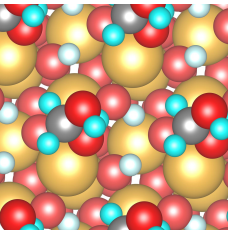
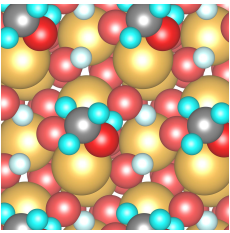
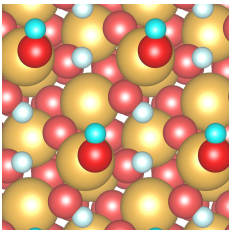
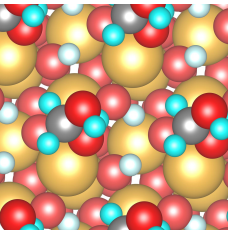
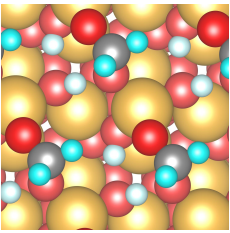
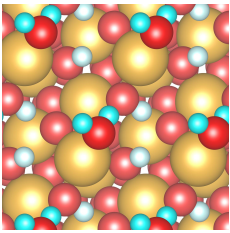
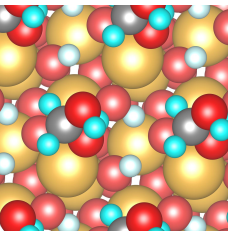
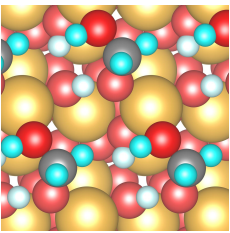
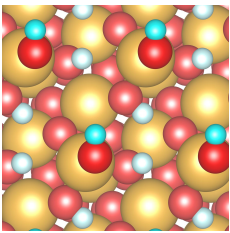
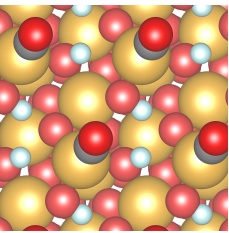
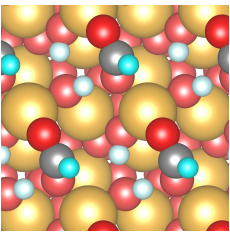
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45	 $*HCOHOH$	$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$	 +  $*CH_2OH$ $*OH$	-1.09
46	 $*HCOHOH$	\longrightarrow	 +  $*CHO$ $*H_2O$	-2.86
47	 $*HCOHOH$	\longrightarrow	 +  $*HCOH$ $*OH$	-0.18
48	 $*HOCH_2OH$	$\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$	 +  $*CH_2OH$ $*H_2O$	-0.88

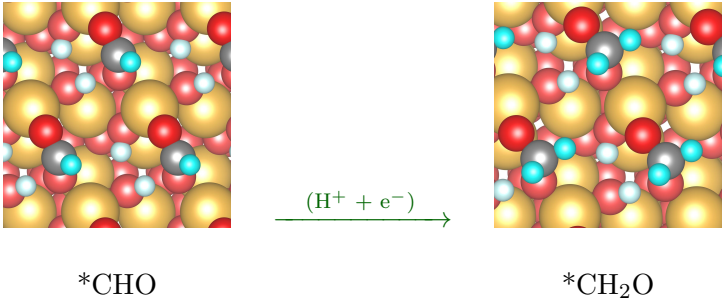
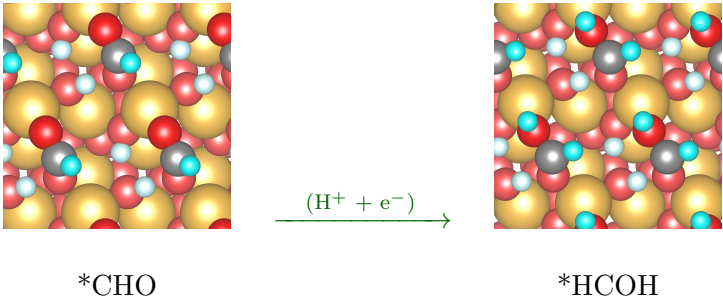
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Index	Reaction step	ΔE (eV)
49	 $\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$  +  $*HOCH_2OH$ $*CH_3OH$ $*OH$	-0.40
50	 \longrightarrow  +  $*HOCH_2OH$ $*CH_2O$ $*H_2O$	-0.28
51	 \longrightarrow  +  $*HOCH_2OH$ $*CH_2OH$ $*OH$	0.03
52	 $\xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)}$  $*CO$ $*CHO$	-1.91

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Index	Reaction step	ΔE (eV)
53	 <p>The reaction shows a CO molecule (red and grey spheres) adsorbed on a gold surface (yellow spheres). It reacts with a proton and an electron ($H^+ + e^-$) to form a COH species (red, grey, and cyan spheres) also adsorbed on the surface.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$*CO \xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)} *COH$</p>	-0.44
54	 <p>The reaction shows a CHO species (red, grey, and cyan spheres) adsorbed on a gold surface. It reacts with a proton and an electron ($H^+ + e^-$) to form a CH₂O species (red, grey, and cyan spheres) adsorbed on the surface.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$*CHO \xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$</p>	0.81
55	 <p>The reaction shows a CHO species (red, grey, and cyan spheres) adsorbed on a gold surface. It reacts with a proton and an electron ($H^+ + e^-$) to form an HCOH species (red, grey, and cyan spheres) adsorbed on the surface.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$*CHO \xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH$</p>	1.78
56	 <p>The reaction shows a COH species (red, grey, and cyan spheres) adsorbed on a gold surface. It reacts with a proton and an electron ($H^+ + e^-$) to form an HCOH species (red, grey, and cyan spheres) adsorbed on the surface.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$*COH \xrightarrow{(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH$</p>	0.30

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Index	Reaction step	ΔE (eV)
57	 <p>Reaction of $*CH_2O$ to $*CH_2OH$ via $(H^+ + e^-)$</p>	-0.60
58	 <p>Reaction of $*CH_2O$ to $*CH_3O$ via $(H^+ + e^-)$</p>	-0.17
59	 <p>Reaction of $*HCOH$ to $*CH_2OH$ via $(H^+ + e^-)$</p>	-1.57
60	 <p>Reaction of $*CH_2OH$ to $*CH_3OH$ via $(H^+ + e^-)$</p>	-0.43

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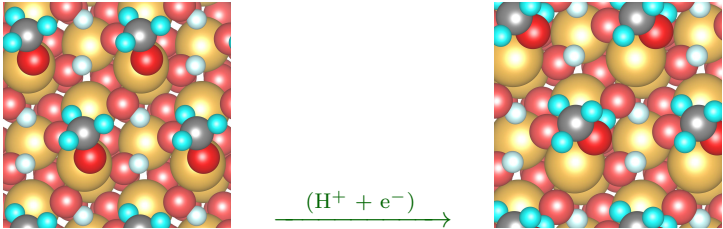
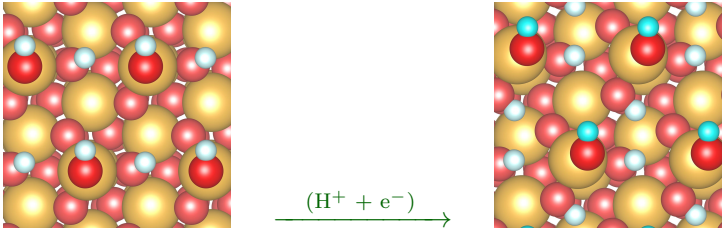
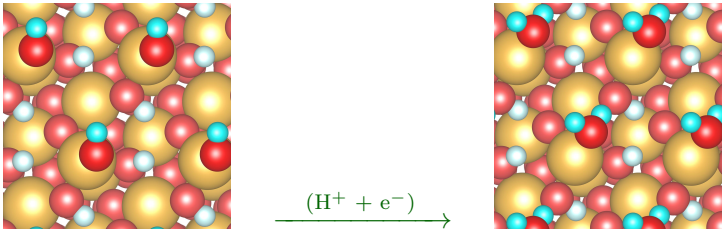
Index	Reaction step	ΔE (eV)
61	 $\text{*CH}_3\text{O} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_3\text{OH}$	-0.87
62	 $\text{*O} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*OH}$	-0.54
63	 $\text{*OH} \xrightarrow{(\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*H}_2\text{O}$	-0.91

Table S2: All the possible reaction paths for the formation of CH₂O through electrocatalytic reduction of CO₂ on hematite surface and minimum potential (U_{min}) required to make all the reaction steps downhill process. The potential determining step is given bold font.

Index	Reaction path	Path name	U_{min} (V)
1	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CH_2O$	$O_1C_2O_1A^1$	-0.95
2	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{-*H_2O} *CH_2O$	$O_1C_2O_1A^3$	-0.95
3	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CH_2O$	$O_1C_1O_1C_1A^1$	-1.05
4	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$O_1C_1O_1A^1_{C_1}$	-1.05
5	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{-*H_2O} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$O_1C_1O_1A^3_{C_1}$	-0.95
6	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CH_2O$	$O_2C_2A^1$	-1.22
7	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$O_2C_1A^1_{C_1}$	-1.22
8	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$O_2A^1_{C_2}$	-1.22
9	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{-*H_2O} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$O_2A^3_{C_2}$	-1.05
10	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CH_2O$	$C_1O_1C_1O_1A^1$	-0.18
11	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{-*H_2O} *CH_2O$	$C_1O_1C_1O_1A^3$	-0.18
12	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CH_2O$	$C_1O_2C_1A^1$	-1.05
13	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$C_1O_2A^1_{C_1}$	-1.05
14	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{-*H_2O} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$C_1O_2A^3_{C_1}$	-0.81
15	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CH_2O$	$C_2O_2A^1$	-1.01

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Index	Reaction path	Path name	U_{min} (V)
16	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $- *H_2O$	$C_2O_2A^3$	-1.01
17	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+ *OH} *CH_2O$ $- *OH$	$O_1C_2B^1$	-0.95
18	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $- *OH$	$O_1C_2B^3$	-0.95
19	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{- *OH} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$O_1C_1B_{C_1}^1$	-0.95
20	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $- *OH$	$O_1C_1B_{C_1}^3$	-0.81
21	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{- *OH} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$O_1B_{C_2}^1$	-1.96
22	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{- *OH} *CH_2O$	$C_1O_1C_1B^1$	-0.18
23	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $- *OH$	$C_1O_1C_1B^3$	-0.18
24	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{- *OH} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$C_1O_1B_{C_1}^1$	-0.81
25	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{- *OH} *CH_2O$	$C_2O_1B^1$	-1.01
26	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $- *OH$	$C_2O_1B^3$	-1.01
27	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $- *OH$	$C_1O_1B_{C_1}^3$	-0.81
28	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $- *OH$	$O_1B_{C_2}^3$	-1.20
29	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{- *O} *CH_2O$	C_2C^1	-1.01
30	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $- *O$	C_2C^3	-0.45
31	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{- *O} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$C_1C_{C_1}^1$	-0.81
32	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $- *O$	$C_1C_{C_1}^3$	-0.81
33	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{- *O} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$C_{C_2}^1$	-1.73

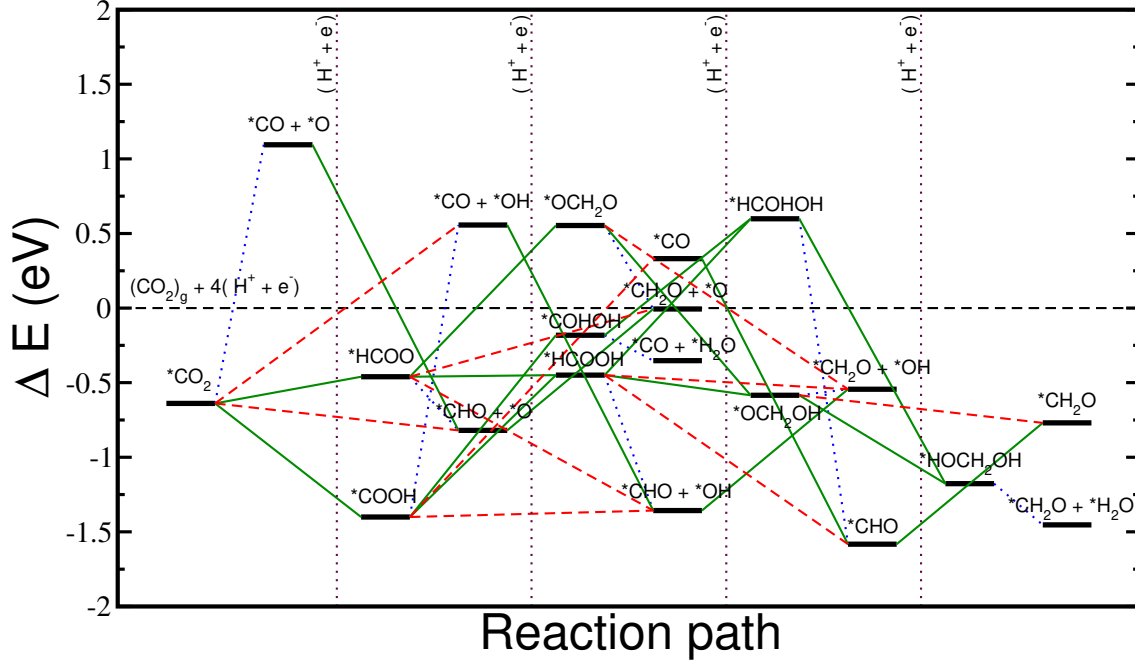


Figure S2: The free energy diagram of electrocatalytic reduction of CO_2 to CH_2O on hematite surface at 0 V (RHE). The reaction step types (1), (2) and (3) presented in Section-2 of main article are respectively represented by blue dotted lines, green solid lines and red dashed lines. The vertical lines represents the proton-electron transfer step.

Table S3: All the possible reaction paths for the formation of CH_3OH through electrocatalytic reduction of CO_2 on hematite surface and minimum potential (U_{\min}) required to make all the reaction steps downhill process. The potential determining step is given bold font.

Index	Reaction path	Path name	U_{\min} (V)
1	$\text{*CO}_2 \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*COOH} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HCOOH} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*OCH}_2\text{OH}$ $\xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HOCH}_2\text{OH} \xrightarrow[-\text{*H}_2\text{O}]{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_2\text{OH} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_3\text{OH}$	$\text{O}_1\text{C}_2\text{O}_2\text{A}_{\text{C}_1}^3$	-0.95
2	$\text{*CO}_2 \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*COOH} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HCOOH} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*OCH}_2\text{OH}$ $\xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HOCH}_2\text{OH} \xrightarrow[-\text{*H}_2\text{O}]{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_2\text{OH}$ $\xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_3\text{OH}$	$\text{O}_1\text{C}_2\text{O}_1\text{A}_{\text{O}_1\text{C}_1}^1$	-0.95
3	$\text{*CO}_2 \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*COOH} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HCOOH} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*OCH}_2\text{OH}$ $\xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HOCH}_2\text{OH} \xrightarrow[-\text{*H}_2\text{O}]{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_3\text{O}$ $\xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_3\text{OH}$	$\text{O}_1\text{C}_2\text{O}_1\text{A}_{\text{C}_1\text{O}_1}^1$	-0.95
4	$\text{*CO}_2 \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*COOH} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HCOOH} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*OCH}_2\text{OH}$ $\xrightarrow[-\text{*H}_2\text{O}]{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_2\text{OH} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_3\text{OH}$	$\text{O}_1\text{C}_2\text{O}_1\text{A}_{\text{O}_1\text{C}_1}^3$	-0.95
5	$\text{*CO}_2 \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*COOH} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*HCOOH} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*OCH}_2\text{OH}$ $\xrightarrow[-\text{*H}_2\text{O}]{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_3\text{O} \xrightarrow{+ (\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-)} \text{*CH}_3\text{OH}$	$\text{O}_1\text{C}_2\text{O}_1\text{A}_{\text{C}_1\text{O}_1}^3$	-0.95

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Index	Reaction path	Path name	U_{min} (V)
6	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1C_1O_1A_{C_1}^3$	-1.05
7	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1C_1A_{O_1C_1}^1$	-1.05
8	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1C_1A_{C_1O_1}^1$	-1.05
9	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_2A_{C_2}^3$	-1.05
10	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1A_{C_1O_1C_1}^1$	-1.05
11	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1A_{C_2O_1}^1$	-1.05
12	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} * \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1A_{O_1C_2}^1$	-1.78
13	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1A_{C_1O_1C_1}^3$	-0.95
14	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1A_{C_2O_1}^3$	-0.95
15	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1A_{O_1C_2}^3$	-1.78
16	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2C_2A_{O_1C_1}^3$	-1.22
17	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2C_2A_{O_1C_1}^1$	-1.22
18	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2C_2A_{C_1O_1}^1$	-1.22

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Index	Reaction path	Path name	U_{min} (V)
19	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $\xrightarrow{-*H_2O}$	$O_2C_1O_1A_{C_2}^3$	-1.22
20	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{-*H_2O} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2C_1A_{C_1O_1C_1}^1$	-1.22
21	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{-*H_2O} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2C_1A_{C_2O_1}^1$	-1.22
22	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{-*H_2O} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2C_1A_{O_1C_2}^1$	-1.78
23	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $\xrightarrow{-*H_2O}$	$O_3A_{C_3}^3$	-1.22
24	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{-*H_2O} *CO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2A_{C_2O_1C_1}^1$	-1.22
25	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{-*H_2O} *CO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2A_{C_3O_1}^1$	-1.22
26	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{-*H_2O} *CO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2A_{C_1O_1C_2}^1$	-1.78
27	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{-*H_2O} *CO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2A_{O_1C_3}^1$	-1.22
28	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $\xrightarrow{-*H_2O}$	$O_2A_{C_2O_1C_1}^3$	-1.05
29	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $\xrightarrow{-*H_2O}$	$O_2A_{C_3O_1}^3$	-1.05
30	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $\xrightarrow{-*H_2O}$	$O_2A_{C_1O_1C_2}^3$	-1.78
31	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $\xrightarrow{-*H_2O}$	$O_2A_{O_1C_3}^3$	-1.05

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Index	Reaction path	Path name	U_{min} (V)
32	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *H_2O} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_1C_1O_2A_{C_1}^3$	-0.18
33	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_1C_1O_1A_{O_1C_1}^1$	-0.18
34	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_1C_1O_1A_{C_1O_1}^1$	-0.18
35	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *H_2O} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_1C_1O_1A_{O_1C_1}^3$	-0.18
36	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *H_2O} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_1C_1O_1A_{C_1O_1}^3$	-0.18
37	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *H_2O} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_2C_1O_1A_{C_1}^3$	-1.05
38	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_2C_1A_{O_1C_1}^1$	-1.05
39	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_2C_1A_{C_1O_1}^1$	-1.05
40	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *H_2O} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_3A_{C_2}^3$	-1.05
41	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_2A_{C_1O_1C_1}^1$	-1.05
42	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_2A_{C_2O_1}^1$	-1.05
43	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[-*H_2O]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_2A_{O_1C_2}^1$	-1.78
44	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *H_2O} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_2A_{C_1O_1C_1}^3$	-0.81

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45	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-) - *H_2O} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_2A_{C_2O_1}^3$	-0.81
46	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-) - *H_2O} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1O_2A_{O_1C_2}^3$	-1.78
47	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-) - *H_2O} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_2O_3A_{C_1}^3$	-1.01
48	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow{- *H_2O} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_2O_2A_{O_1C_1}^1$	-1.01
49	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow{- *H_2O} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_2O_2A_{C_1O_1}^1$	-1.01
50	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-) - *H_2O} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_2O_2A_{O_1C_1}^3$	-1.01
51	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-) - *H_2O} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_2O_2A_{C_1O_1}^3$	-1.01
52	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-) - *OH} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_2O_1C_1B^3$	-0.95
53	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow{- *OH} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_2O_1B_{C_1}^1$	-0.95
54	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-) - *OH} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_2O_1B_{C_1}^3$	-0.95
55	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-) - *OH} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_3B_{O_1}^3$	-0.95
56	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{- *OH} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_2B_{O_1C_1}^1$	-0.95
57	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{- *OH} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_2B_{C_1O_1}^1$	-0.95
58	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-) - *OH} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1C_2B^3$	-1.05
59	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow{- *OH} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1C_1B_{C_1}^1$	-1.05
60	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$		

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61	$\xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1C_1B_{C_1}^3$ $O_1C_1O_1B_{C_2}^1$	-1.05 -1.05
62	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_2B_{O_1C_1}^3$	-0.95
63	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_2B_{C_1O_1}^3$	-0.95
64	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1O_1B_{C_2}^3$	-0.95
65	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1B_{C_1O_1C_1}^1$	-0.95
66	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1B_{C_2O_1}^1$	-0.95
67	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1B_{O_1C_2}^1$	-1.78
68	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2C_3B^3$	-1.22
69	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2C_2B_{C_1}^1$	-1.22
70	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2C_2B_{C_1}^3$	-1.22
71	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2C_1B_{C_2}^1$	-1.22
72	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2C_1B_{C_2}^3$	-1.22
73	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COHOH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COH$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_2B_{C_3}^1$	-1.22
74	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1B_{C_1O_1C_1}^3$	-0.81
75	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1B_{C_2O_1}^3$	-0.81
76	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow[+ *OH]{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH$ $\xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+ (H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1C_1B_{O_1C_2}^3$	-1.78

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77	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*COOH \xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*COH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$O_2 B_{C_3}^3$	-1.52
78	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*COOH \xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{} ^*CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$O_1 B_{C_2 O_1 C_1}^1$	-1.96
79	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*COOH \xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{} ^*CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$O_1 B_{C_3 O_1}^1$	-1.96
80	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*COOH \xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{} ^*CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CHO$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$O_1 B_{C_1 O_1 C_2}^1$	-1.96
81	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*COOH \xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{} ^*CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*COH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$O_1 B_{O_1 C_3}^1$	-1.96
82	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_1 C_1 O_1 C_1 B^3$	-0.18
83	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{} ^*CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_1 C_1 O_1 B_{C_1}^1$	-0.18
84	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_1 C_1 O_1 B_{C_1}^3$	-0.18
85	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_1 C_2 B_{O_1}^3$	-0.18
86	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{} ^*CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_1 C_1 B_{O_1 C_1}^1$	-0.18
87	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{} ^*CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_1 C_1 B_{C_1 O_1}^1$	-0.18
88	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_2 C_2 B^3$	-1.05
89	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{} ^*CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_2 C_1 B_{C_1}^1$	-1.05
90	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_2 C_1 B_{C_1}^3$	-1.05
91	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOHOH$ $\xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{} ^*HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_2 B_{C_2}^1$	-1.05
92	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOOH \xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2O$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_1 C_1 B_{O_1 C_1}^3$	-0.18
93	$^*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*HCOOH \xrightarrow[- ^*OH]{+(H^+ + e^-)} ^*CH_2O$		

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Index	Reaction path	Path name	U_{min} (V)
94	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *OH} *HCOH$	$C_1O_1C_1B_{C_1O_1}^3$	-0.18
95	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{- *OH} *CHO$	$C_1O_2B_{C_2}^3$	-0.87
96	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{- *OH} *CHO$	$C_1O_1B_{C_1O_1C_1}^1$	-0.81
97	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{- *OH} *CHO$	$C_1O_1B_{C_2O_1}^1$	-0.81
98	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$	$C_1O_1B_{O_1C_2}^1$	-1.78
99	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *OH} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$	$C_2O_2C_1B^3$	-1.01
100	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HOCH_2OH \xrightarrow{- *OH} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$	$C_2O_2B_{C_1}^1$	-1.01
101	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$	$C_2O_2B_{C_1}^3$	-1.01
102	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$	$C_2O_1C_1B_{O_1}^3$	-1.01
103	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$	$C_2O_1B_{O_1C_1}^1$	-1.01
104	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *OH} *CH_2O$	$C_2O_1B_{C_1O_1}^1$	-1.01
105	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *OH} *CH_2O$	$C_2O_1B_{O_1C_1}^3$	-1.01
106	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *OH} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$C_2O_1B_{C_1O_1}^3$	-1.01
107	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *OH} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$C_1O_1B_{C_1O_1C_1}^3$	-0.81
108	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *OH} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$C_1O_1B_{C_2O_1}^3$	-0.81
109	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *OH} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH$	$C_1O_1B_{O_1C_2}^3$	-1.78
110	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow[+ (H^+ + e^-)]{- *OH} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$O_1B_{C_2O_1C_1}^3$	-1.20

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Index	Reaction path	Path name	U_{min} (V)
110	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CO \xrightarrow{-(OH)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1 B_{C_3 O_1}^3$	-1.20
111	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CO \xrightarrow{-(OH)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1 B_{C_1 O_1 C_2}^3$	-1.78
112	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CO \xrightarrow{-(OH)} *COH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1 B_{O_1 C_3}^3$	-1.20
113	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1 C_3 C^3$	-0.95
114	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{-(O)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1 C_2 C_{C_1}^1$	-0.95
115	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{-(O)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1 C_2 C_{C_1}^3$	-0.95
116	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{-(O)} *HCOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1 C_1 C_{C_2}^1$	-1.41
117	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{-(O)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1 C_1 C_{C_2}^3$	-2.36
118	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COOH \xrightarrow{-(O)} *COH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$O_1 C_{C_3}^1$	-2.06
119	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{-(O)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_1 C_2 C^3$	-0.18
120	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{-(O)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_1 C_1 C_{C_1}^1$	-0.18
121	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{-(O)} *CH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_1 C_1 C_{C_1}^3$	-0.18
122	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOOH \xrightarrow{-(O)} *HCOH$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1 O_1 C_{C_2}^1$	-1.41
123	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{-(O)} *CH_3OH$	$C_2 O_1 C_1 C^3$	-1.01
124	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2OH$ $\xrightarrow{-(O)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_2 O_1 C_{C_1}^1$	-1.01
125	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{-(O)} *CH_3O$ $\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_3 C_{O_1}^3$	-1.01
126	$*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow{-(O)} *CH_2O$		

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127	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *OCH_2O \xrightarrow[-*O]{} *CH_2O$	$C_2 C_{O_1}^1 C_1$	-1.01
128	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow[-*O]{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$	$C_2 C_{C_1 O_1}^1$	-1.01
129	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow[-*O]{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O$	$C_2 C_{O_1}^3 C_1$	-0.45
130	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow[-*O]{} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$C_2 C_{C_1 O_1}^3$	-0.45
131	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow[-*O]{} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$C_1 C_{C_1 O_1 C_1}^1$	-0.81
132	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOO \xrightarrow[-*O]{} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH$	$C_1 C_{C_2 O_1}^1$	-0.81
133	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow[-*O]{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$	$C_1 C_{O_1 C_2}^1$	-1.78
134	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow[-*O]{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O$	$C_1 C_{C_1 O_1 C_1}^3$	-0.81
135	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow[-*O]{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH$	$C_1 C_{C_2 O_1}^3$	-0.81
136	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow[-*O]{} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$C_1 C_{O_1 C_2}^3$	-1.78
137	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow[-*O]{} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2O$	$C_1 C_{C_2 O_1 C_1}^1$	-1.73
138	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3O \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow[-*O]{} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CHO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH$	$C_1 C_{C_3 O_1}^1$	-1.73
139	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$ $*CO_2 \xrightarrow[-*O]{} *CO \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *COH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *HCOH$	$C_1 C_{C_1 O_1 C_2}^1$	-1.78
	$\xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_2OH \xrightarrow{+(H^+ + e^-)} *CH_3OH$	$C_1 C_{O_1 C_3}^1$	-1.73

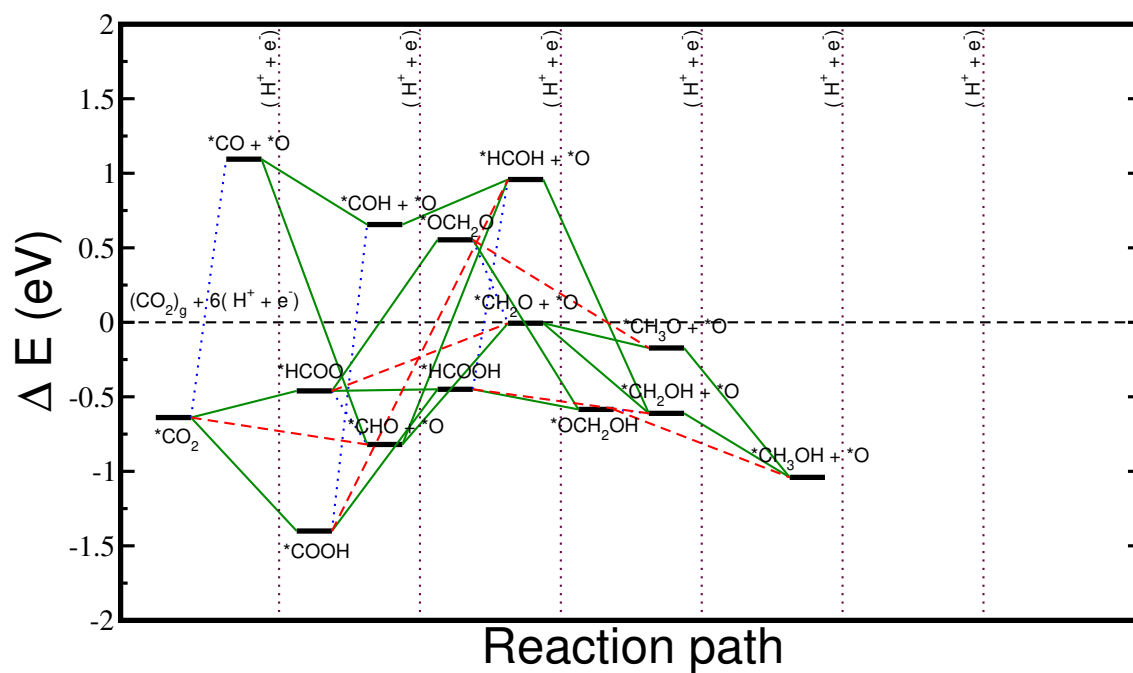


Figure S5: Mechanism type C: The free energy diagram of electrocatalytic reduction of CO₂ to CH₃OH on hematite surface at 0 V (RHE). The vertical lines represents the proton-electron transfer step. The colour code is same as Figure-S2.