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From a localized  $\text{H}_3\text{O}$  radical to a delocalized  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+ \cdots e^-$   
solvent-separated pair by sequential hydration

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The file `W3-H3O-MEP-01.avi` contains animation of the process of hydrogen abstraction from the  $\text{H}_3\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$  cluster. The geometries follow a minimum energy path as calculated with the Nudged Elastic Band method. Contours of the RI-MP2 spin density are displayed at values 0.001 and 0.003  $e \cdot \text{Bohr}^{-3}$ . Energies along this minimum energy path are shown in the top panel of Fig. 7.

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