

**Supplementary information for**  
**Effect of Microsolvation on the Mode Specificity**  
**of  $\text{OH}^\bullet(\text{H}_2\text{O}) + \text{HCl}$  Reaction**

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Table S1: Energy barrier (in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) for bare as well as microsolvated reaction obtained using various DFT functionals along with results obtained at CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ//QCISD/ aug-cc-pVDZ level of theory.

Methods	Bare	Microsolvated
CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ//QCISD/aug-cc-pVDZ	2.2	-0.5
B3LYP/6-31+g*	-2.0	-4.4
M06-2X/6-31+g*	1.3	-3.0
M05-2X/6-31+g*	1.5	-2.6
PBE1PBE/6-31+g*	-1.7	-5.0
<b>LC-whPBE/6-31+g*</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>

Table S2: Cartesian coordinates, absolute energy and harmonic vibrational frequencies for all the stationary points at LC-whPBE/6-31+g\* level of theory

Species	Coordinates (Å)				Frequencies (cm <sup>-1</sup> )			Energy (Hartree)
OH	O	0	0	0.108719	3747.7864			-75.6879114
	H	0	0	-0.869755				
HCl	Cl	0	0	0.07101	3083.6709			-460.6560718
	H	0	0	-1.207169				
Bare RC	O	-2.091406	-0.106648	-0.000001	160.0815	245.2088	379.1286	-536.35009
	H	-0.151779	-0.129636	0				
	H	-2.372106	0.832362	-0.000012				
	Cl	1.132655	0.008851	0.000001				
Bare TS	Cl	0.909988	0.011069	-0.008845	1383.4559i	320.5479	544.686	-536.3385048
	H	-0.41204	-0.306399	0.317687				
	H	-1.776408	0.870644	0.086315				
	O	-1.660169	-0.094052	-0.031704				
Bare PC	O	1.561522	0	-0.115485	192.5914	392.2566	405.6577	-536.382731
	H	1.766856	-0.773853	0.426935				
	H	1.766851	0.773854	0.426934				
	Cl	-0.942699	0	0.004118				
OH-H2O	O	-1.604387	0.000017	0.013823	144.7924	187.8479	221.3322	-152.0793036
	H	-0.61945	-0.000376	-0.048433				
	O	1.246088	-0.000027	-0.064341				
	H	1.742578	0.775349	0.2262				
	H	1.743265	-0.774896	0.226377				
Microsolvated RC	O	-0.985511	1.644424	0.000014	31.0425	70.1115	171.7024	-612.7458657
	H	0.666259	0.729701	0.000003				
	H	-1.529119	0.814567	0.000033				
	Cl	1.557546	-0.219003	0.000008				
	O	-1.783712	-0.984042	-0.000137				
	H	-0.953701	-1.482589	-0.000039				
	H	-2.50793	-1.621686	0.000825				
Microsolvated TS	O	-0.354293	1.513105	-0.021539	1398.9688i	50.715	98.5967	-612.7348752
	H	0.630111	0.757009	0.301242				
	H	-1.131332	0.886557	-0.027394				
	Cl	1.415044	-0.394565	0.000562				
	O	-2.084863	-0.603482	-0.066864				
	H	-1.464673	-1.314006	-0.286477				
	H	-2.576619	-0.898931	0.710301				
Microsolvated PC	Cl	-1.337955	-0.447433	-0.003826	75.2645	161.3802	229.5037	
	H	1.377441	-1.267085	0.062502				
	H	2.664911	-0.737793	-0.619987				
	O	2.045226	-0.566436	0.100616				
	H	0.974476	0.871746	-0.009914				
	O	0.170922	1.429287	-0.114764				
	H	-0.000778	1.836678	0.745637				

Table S3: The values of  $N_{total}$  and  $N_r$  for each initial condition of bare and microsolvated channels

BARE			Microsolvated		
GS					
$E_{trans}$ (kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$N_{total}$	$N_r$	$E_{trans}$ (kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$N_{total}$	$N_r$
1	500	14	1	500	94
4	500	14	4	500	74
8	500	22	8	500	66
12	500	38	12	500	54
HCl-1					
1	500	137	1	500	196
4	500	90	4	500	157
8	500	57	8	500	124
12	500	52	12	500	113
HCl-2					
1	500	172	1	500	208
4	500	105	4	500	170
8	500	76	8	500	142
12	500	77	12	500	135
OH-1					
1	500	13	1	500	105
4	500	12	4	500	66
8	500	25	8	500	68
12	500	41	12	500	65

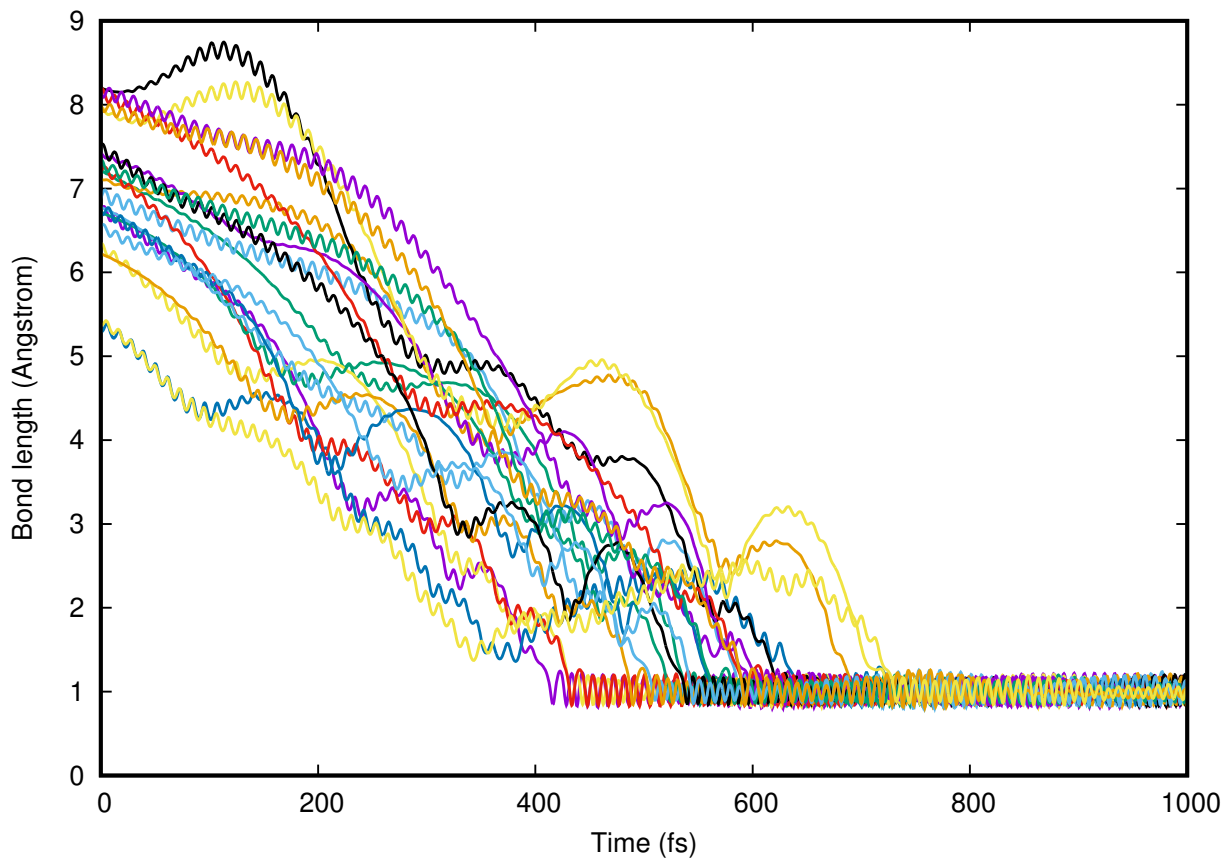


Figure S1: The O-H bond distance with time for trajectories that are passing through a hydrogen bonded pre-reactive complex for the ground state of the  $\text{OH}^\bullet(\text{H}_2\text{O}) + \text{HCl}$  reaction at  $E_{trans} = 1 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ .

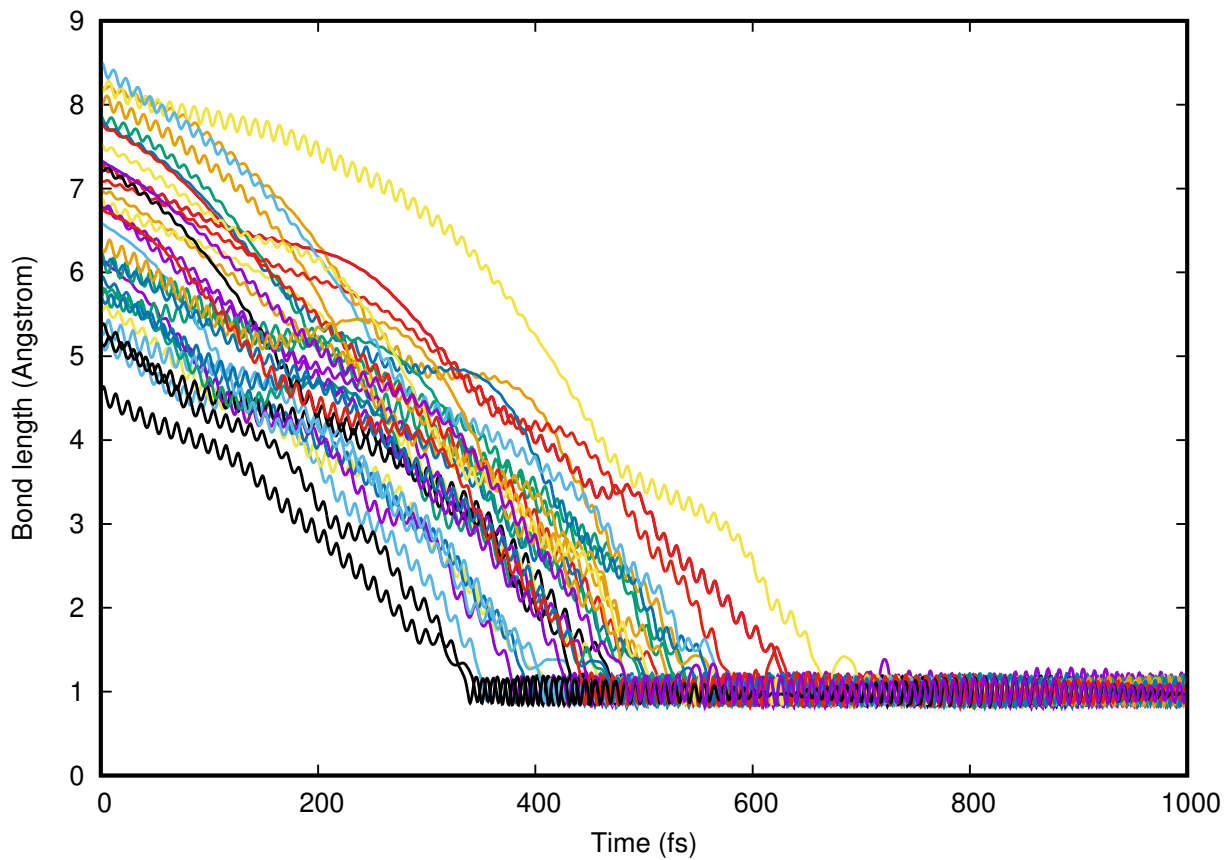


Figure S2: The O-H bond distance with time for trajectories that are passing through a direct hydrogen abstraction path for the ground state of the  $\text{OH}^\bullet(\text{H}_2\text{O}) + \text{HCl}$  reaction at  $E_{\text{trans}} = 1 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ .

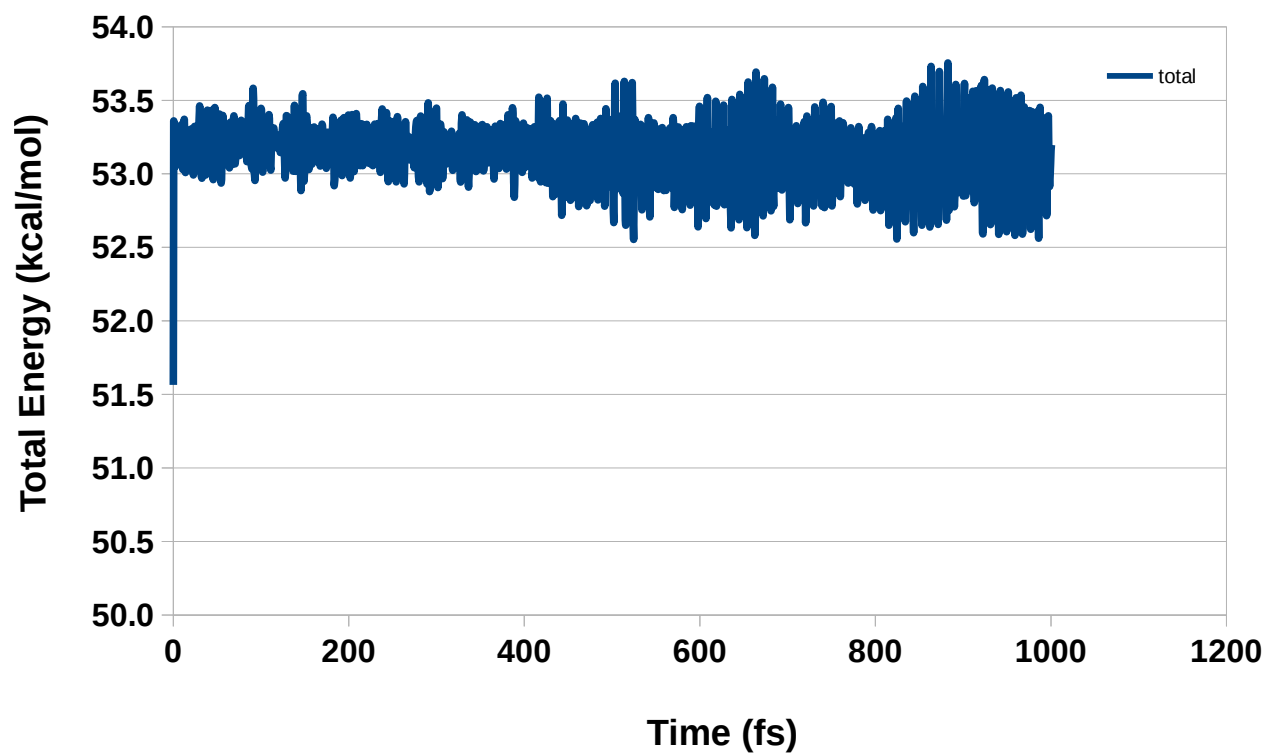


Figure S3: Evolution of total energy for a representative trajectory of  $\text{OH}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O}) + \text{HCl}$  reaction.