

## Supporting Information (SI)

### **DFT Study on the Methanol Decomposition over Pt/CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) catalysts: effect of size and position of Pt**

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## 1. The calculation of the surface energy.

Surface energy (SE) is defined as the amount of energy required to cleave an infinite crystal into two parts, i.e. the energy required to form a new surface. It is calculated as shown in Eq 1:

$$E_{surf} = \frac{1}{2A}(E_{slab} - E_{bulk}) \quad (1)$$

where  $E_{slab}$  is the total energy of the slab,  $E_{bulk}$  is the energy in the bulk. In general, it is known that the smaller the surface energy is, the easier is to form a surface, i.e., the surface with smaller surface energy is easier to be exposed.

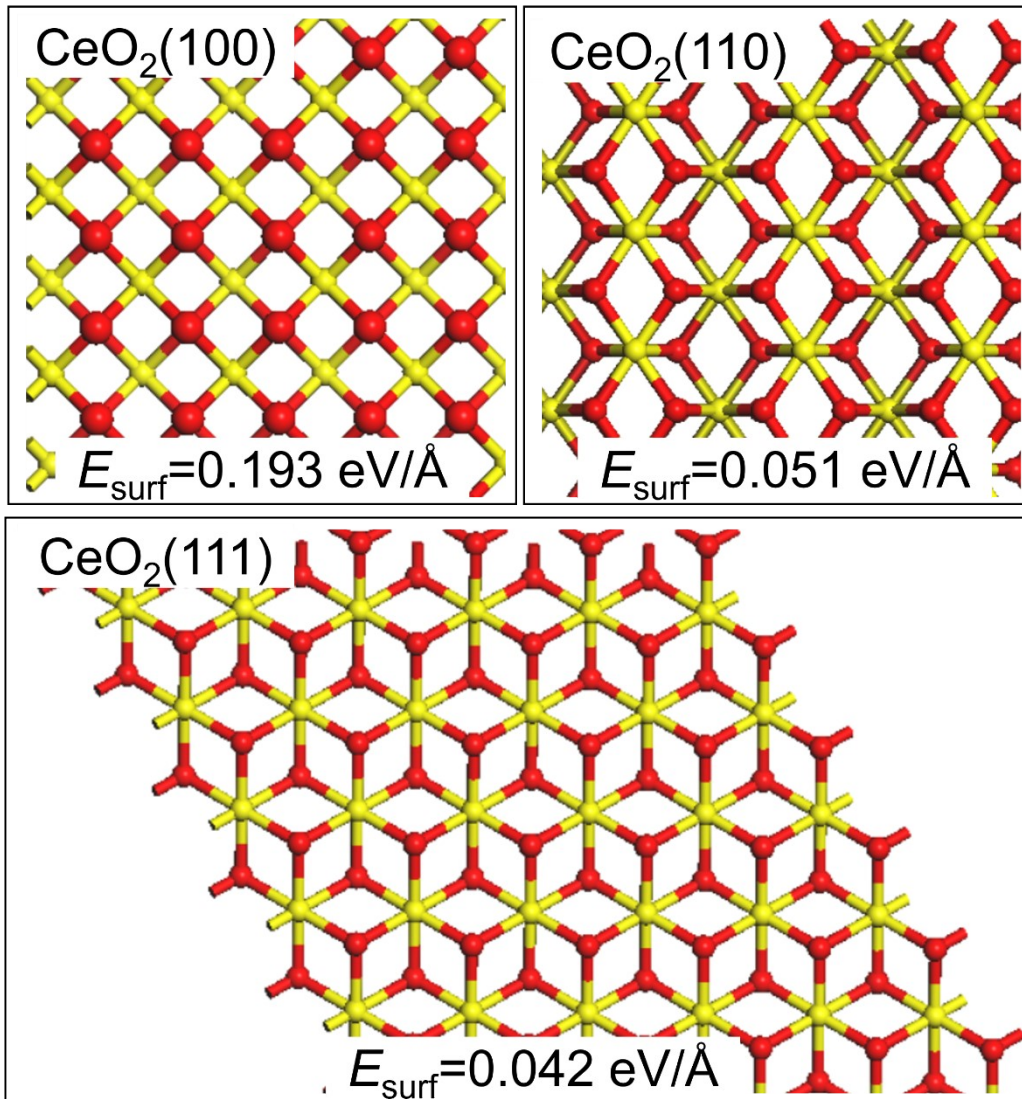


Figure S1. The top view of the optimized structures of CeO<sub>2</sub>(100), CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) and CeO<sub>2</sub>(111) surfaces. O: red; Ce: yellow.

## 2. Energy test for $k$ -point.

Table S1. Binding energy ( $BE$ ) of the Pt atom on CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) surface (in eV) when  $k$ -point are  $3 \times 3 \times 1$  and  $5 \times 5 \times 1$ , respectively

| $k$ -point            | $E_{\text{slab}}/\text{eV}$ | $E_{\text{Pt}}/\text{eV}$ | $E_{\text{total}}/\text{eV}$ | $BE/\text{eV}$ |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| $3 \times 3 \times 1$ | -408.747                    | -0.570                    | -412.013                     | -2.696         |
| $5 \times 5 \times 1$ | -408.747                    | -0.570                    | -412.012                     | -2.695         |

As shown in Table S1, binding energies ( $BE$ ) of the Pt atom with the support CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) are calculated. When the  $k$ -point is set to  $3 \times 3 \times 1$ , the binding energy is -2.696 eV, and when the  $k$ -point is increased to  $5 \times 5 \times 1$ , the binding energy has only a small change (0.001 eV). Therefore, in order to save computing resources, the  $k$ -point of  $3 \times 3 \times 1$  is used to complete all calculations.

## 3. Energy test for cut-off energy (ENCUT).

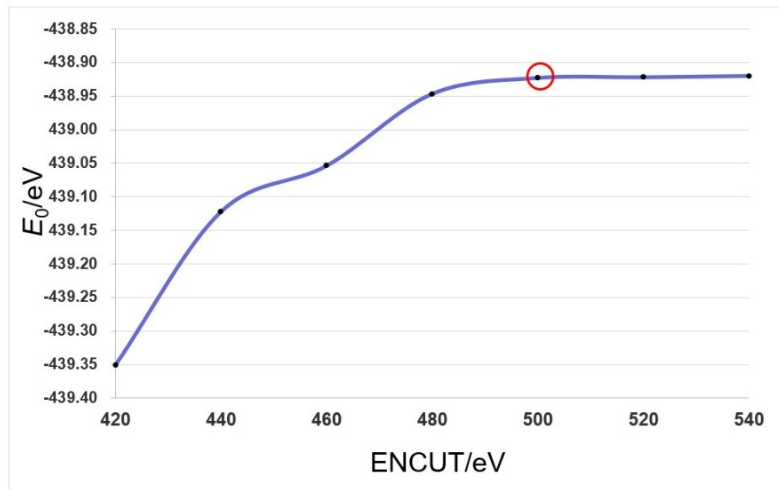


Figure S2. Take the energy  $E_0$  of CH<sub>3</sub>OH adsorbed on CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) surface as an

example for ENCUT test.

In order to make reasonable use of computing resources, we tested the cutoff energy (ENCUT) required for the calculation. If the ENCUT value is too small, the system will be difficult to converge, and if it is too large, it will take longer to waste computing resources. As shown in Figure S2, for the system we want to study, when the ENCUT value is 500 eV, it can not only ensure the convergence of the system, but also save computing resources.

#### 4. Energy test for supercell size

Table S2. Adsorption energy of methanol molecules on Pt/CeO<sub>2</sub>(110)(2×1) and Pt/CeO<sub>2</sub>(110)(2×2) (Unit: eV)

| CeO <sub>2</sub> supercell | Adsorption energy of methanol molecules(eV) |                                         |                                                         |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
|                            | Pt <sub>1</sub> /CeO <sub>2</sub> (110)     | Pt <sub>7</sub> /CeO <sub>2</sub> (110) | Pt <sub>1</sub> /Ce <sub>1-x</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (110) |
| 2×1                        | -1.173                                      | -0.996                                  | -0.737                                                  |
| 2×2                        | -1.194                                      | -0.987                                  | -0.721                                                  |

As shown in Table S2, a very small difference(about 0.02eV) in adsorption energy on supercell CeO<sub>2</sub>(110)(2×1) and supercell CeO<sub>2</sub>(110)(2×2). Therefore, in order to save computing resources, CeO<sub>2</sub>(110)(2×1) is used to complete all calculations.

#### 5. Screening of the Pt sites.

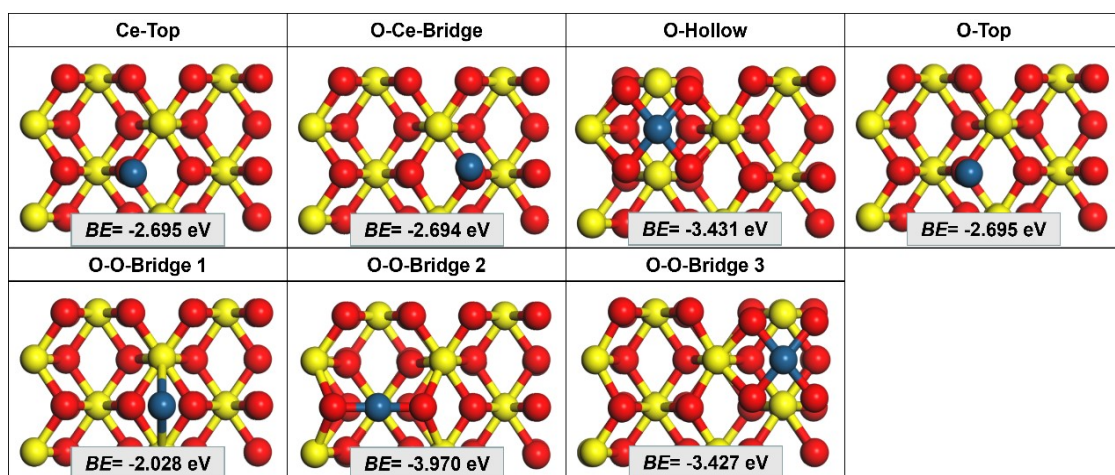


Figure S3. Pt single-atom binding site screening of  $\text{Pt}_1/\text{CeO}_2(110)$ . O: red; Ce: yellow; Pt: blue.

As shown in Figure S3, a total of 7 Pt single-atom binding sites were screened, and the figure shows the optimized model of the initial structure of each site, excluding O-O-bridge 1, which has the lowest binding energy, and OO-bridge 2, which has severe deformation. Both Ce-top and O-Ce-bridge tend to bind to the oxygen site, and O-O-bridge 3 tends to bind to the O-hol site. The final comparison between the O-top and O-hol sites, and the optimal adsorption energy of  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  on the O-Hol and O-Top models are  $-0.250 \text{ eV}$  and  $-1.173 \text{ eV}$ , respectively. Therefore, the O-Top site is the best binding site.

## 6. Size screening of $\text{Pt}_n$ clusters on $\text{CeO}_2(110)$ .

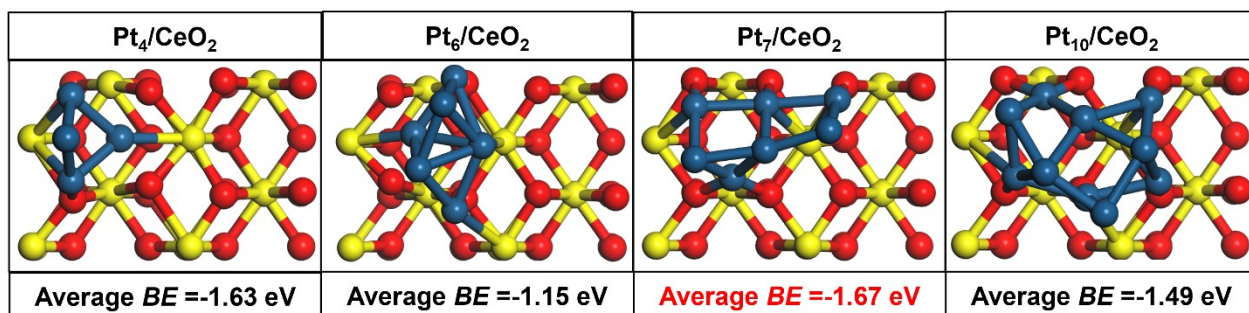


Figure S4. Comparison of average binding energies ( $BE$ ) of  $\text{Pt}_4$ ,  $\text{Pt}_6$ ,  $\text{Pt}_7$  and  $\text{Pt}_{10}$

clusters loaded on CeO<sub>2</sub>(110). O: red; Ce: yellow; Pt: blue.

Average  $BE$  indicates the average binding energies ( $BE$ ) of the Pt atoms bonded

to CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) (Average  $BE = \frac{BE}{N_{Pt}}$ ). As shown in Figure S4, the Pt<sub>7</sub> cluster has the largest Average  $BE$  (-1.67 eV), which indicates that the Pt<sub>7</sub> cluster is the most stable on the CeO<sub>2</sub>(110), therefore the Pt<sub>7</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) model is finally chosen.

## 7. Screening of methanol molecular adsorption sites.

As shown in Figure S5, five possible adsorption configurations are calculated (O-Top, Ce-Top, O-O-Bri, O-Ce-Bri, Pt-Top, and Pt-Pt-Bri sites). The interfacial adsorption sites of methanol on Pt<sub>1</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) and Pt<sub>7</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) are also screened, and the adsorption energy of methanol molecules at the interfacial sites is very small, and a methanol molecule runs to the surface site of the Pt atom after structural optimization (O-Top site on Pt<sub>1</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub>(110)). This indicates that the interface of CeO<sub>2</sub> with the Pt atom/cluster has no significant effect on the elementary steps.

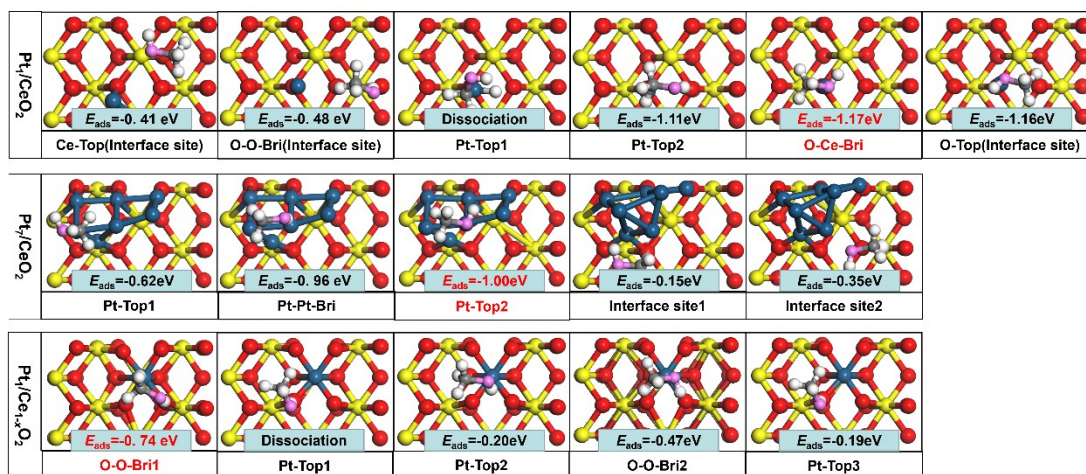


Figure S5. Screening of methanol molecular adsorption sites on Pt<sub>1</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub>(110),

Pt<sub>7</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub>(110), and Pt<sub>1</sub>/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(110). H: white; C: black; O of the CH<sub>3</sub>OH molecule:

pink; O of the CeO<sub>2</sub>: red; Ce: yellow; Pt: blue.

## 8. Methanol adsorption.

Table S3. The change of bond lengths before and after methanol adsorption, as well as the adsorption energy and adsorption mode on the surface of different catalysts.

|                                                   | Adsorption energy (eV) | binding configuration      | C-H bond Length (Å) | O-H bond Length (Å) | C-O bond Length (Å) |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Gas phase                                         | --                     | --                         | 1.103               | 0.971               | 1.432               |
| Pt <sub>1</sub> /CeO <sub>2</sub>                 | 1.17                   | top-bound through oxygen   | 1.098               | 0.976               | 1.457               |
| Pt <sub>7</sub> /CeO <sub>2</sub>                 | 1.00                   | top-bound through oxygen   | 1.100               | 0.982               | 1.439               |
| Pt <sub>1</sub> /Ce <sub>1-x</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 0.74                   | top-bound through hydrogen | 1.134               | 1.053               | 1.368               |

## 7. Microkinetic modeling analysis of MD reaction

On the basis of DFT calculated results, a microkinetic modeling of MD reaction over Pt<sub>1</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub>(110), Pt<sub>7</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) and Pt<sub>1</sub>/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(110) surfaces are carried out. Based on the reactions (1)-(11) rate equations as below, the equilibrium coverages ( $\theta$ ) of all species are solved by Fortran program, as listed in the Table S7-S9.

$$(1) \quad \frac{d\theta_{CH_3OH^*}}{dt} = k_1 p_{CH_3OH} / p^{\ominus} \theta^* - k_{-1} \theta_{CO^*} - k_2 \theta_{CH_3OH^*} + k_{-2} \theta_{CH_3O^*} \theta_{H^*} - k_6 \theta_{CH_3OH^*} + k_{-6} \theta_{CH_2OH^*} \theta_{H^*} = r_1 - r_2 - r_6$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{d\theta_{CH_3O^*}}{dt} = k_2 \theta_{CH_3OH^*} - k_{-2} \theta_{CH_3O^*} \theta_{H^*} - k_3 \theta_{CH_3O^*} + k_{-3} \theta_{CH_2O^*} \theta_{H^*} = r_2 - r_3$$

$$(3) \quad \frac{d\theta_{CH_2O^*}}{dt} = k_3 \theta_{CH_3O^*} - k_{-3} \theta_{CH_2O^*} \theta_{H^*} - k_4 \theta_{CH_2O^*} + k_{-4} \theta_{CHO} \theta_{H^*} + k_7 \theta_{CH_2OH^*} - k_{-7} \theta_{CH_2O^*} \theta_{H^*} = r_3 - r_4 + r_7$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(4) \quad \frac{d\theta_{CHO*}}{dt} &= k_4\theta_{CH_2O*} - k_{-4}\theta_{CHO}\theta_{H*} - k_5\theta_{CHO*} + k_{10}\theta_{CHOH*} - k_{-10}\theta_{CHO*}\theta_{H*} = r_4 - r_5 + r_{10} \\
(5) \quad \frac{d\theta_{CO*}}{dt} &= k_5\theta_{CHO*} + k_{11}\theta_{COH*} = r_5 + r_{11} \\
(6) \quad \frac{d\theta_{CH_2OH*}}{dt} &= k_6\theta_{CH_3OH*} - k_{-6}\theta_{CH_2OH*}\theta_{H*} - k_7\theta_{CH_2OH*} + k_{-7}\theta_{CH_2O*}\theta_{H*} - k_8\theta_{CH_2OH*} + k_{-8}\theta_{CHOH*}\theta_{H*} \\
&= r_6 - r_7 - r_8 \\
(7) \quad \frac{d\theta_{CHOH*}}{dt} &= k_8\theta_{CH_2OH*} - k_{-8}\theta_{CHOH*}\theta_{H*} - k_9\theta_{CHOH*} + k_{-9}\theta_{COH*}\theta_{H*} - k_{10}\theta_{CHOH*} + k_{-10}\theta_{CHO*}\theta_{H*} \\
&= r_8 - r_9 - r_{10} \\
(8) \quad \frac{d\theta_{COH*}}{dt} &= k_9\theta_{CHOH*} - k_{-9}\theta_{COH*}\theta_{H*} - k_{11}\theta_{COH*} = r_9 - r_{11} \\
(9) \quad \frac{d\theta_{H_2*}}{dt} &= k_{12}\theta_{H*}\theta_{H*} = r_{12} \\
(10) \quad \frac{d\theta_{H*}}{dt} &= k_2\theta_{CH_3OH*} - k_{-2}\theta_{CH_3O*}\theta_{H*} + k_3\theta_{CH_3O*} - k_{-3}\theta_{CH_2O*}\theta_{H*} + k_4\theta_{CH_2O*} - k_{-4}\theta_{CHO*}\theta_{H*} \\
&\quad + k_5\theta_{CHO*} + k_6\theta_{CH_3OH*} - k_{-6}\theta_{CH_2OH*}\theta_{H*} + k_7\theta_{CH_2OH*} - k_{-7}\theta_{CH_2O*}\theta_{H*} + k_8\theta_{CH_2OH*} - k_{-8}\theta_{CHOH*}\theta_{H*} \\
&\quad + k_9\theta_{CHOH*} - k_{-9}\theta_{COH*}\theta_{H*} + k_{10}\theta_{CHOH*} - k_{-10}\theta_{CHO*}\theta_{H*} + k_{11}\theta_{COH*} - 2k_{12}\theta_{H*}\theta_{H*} \\
&= r_2 + r_3 + r_4 + r_5 + r_6 + r_7 + r_8 + r_9 + r_{10} + r_{11} - 2r_{12} \\
(11) \quad \frac{d\theta_*}{dt} &= -k_1 p_{CH_3OH} / p^{\theta_*} = -r_1 + r_{12}
\end{aligned}$$

Table S4. Reaction rate constant ( $k_+/k_-$ ) of the elementary reaction step on Pt<sub>1</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) surface under different temperatures.

|          | 373K                   | 423K                   | 473K                   | 523K                   | 573K                  |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| $k_1$    | $2.49 \times 10^8$     | $2.34 \times 10^8$     | $2.21 \times 10^8$     | $2.10 \times 10^8$     | $2.01 \times 10^8$    |
| $k_{-1}$ | $3.33 \times 10^{-3}$  | $2.40 \times 10^{-1}$  | $6.94 \times 10^0$     | $1.05 \times 10^2$     | $9.76 \times 10^2$    |
| $k_2$    | $5.27 \times 10^{10}$  | $1.53 \times 10^{11}$  | $3.57 \times 10^{11}$  | $7.12 \times 10^{11}$  | $1.27 \times 10^{12}$ |
| $k_{-2}$ | $3.69 \times 10^{-4}$  | $6.13 \times 10^{-2}$  | $3.45 \times 10^0$     | $9.01 \times 10^1$     | $1.33 \times 10^3$    |
| $k_3$    | $2.36 \times 10^2$     | $3.27 \times 10^2$     | $2.61 \times 10^3$     | $8.13 \times 10^5$     | $1.89 \times 10^5$    |
| $k_{-3}$ | $9.12 \times 10^6$     | $4.13 \times 10^7$     | $1.36 \times 10^8$     | $3.56 \times 10^8$     | $7.89 \times 10^8$    |
| $k_4$    | $1.87 \times 10^0$     | $8.61 \times 10^1$     | $1.77 \times 10^3$     | $2.04 \times 10^4$     | $1.54 \times 10^5$    |
| $k_{-4}$ | $4.95 \times 10^{-22}$ | $8.02 \times 10^{-18}$ | $1.66 \times 10^{-14}$ | $8.00 \times 10^{-12}$ | $1.31 \times 10^{-9}$ |

|           |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| $k_5$     | $2.28 \times 10^6$     | $4.08 \times 10^7$     | $4.43 \times 10^7$     | $8.58 \times 10^8$     | $1.32 \times 10^9$     |
| $k_{-5}$  | $2.09 \times 10^{-21}$ | $8.86 \times 10^{-18}$ | $1.24 \times 10^{-13}$ | $1.26 \times 10^{-11}$ | $4.97 \times 10^{-8}$  |
| $k_6$     | $2.12 \times 10^5$     | $3.18 \times 10^6$     | $2.68 \times 10^7$     | $1.50 \times 10^8$     | $6.26 \times 10^8$     |
| $k_{-6}$  | $1.04 \times 10^{11}$  | $2.49 \times 10^{11}$  | $4.87 \times 10^{11}$  | $8.33 \times 10^{11}$  | $1.29 \times 10^{12}$  |
| $k_7$     | $2.49 \times 10^3$     | $7.80 \times 10^2$     | $7.64 \times 10^3$     | $1.09 \times 10^6$     | $2.25 \times 10^5$     |
| $k_{-7}$  | $1.17 \times 10^2$     | $2.14 \times 10^3$     | $2.11 \times 10^4$     | $1.35 \times 10^5$     | $6.23 \times 10^5$     |
| $k_8$     | $3.23 \times 10^{13}$  | $4.65 \times 10^{13}$  | $6.21 \times 10^{13}$  | $7.85 \times 10^{13}$  | $9.53 \times 10^{13}$  |
| $k_{-8}$  | $3.91 \times 10^{12}$  | $7.24 \times 10^{12}$  | $1.17 \times 10^{13}$  | $1.72 \times 10^{13}$  | $2.37 \times 10^{13}$  |
| $k_9$     | $4.56 \times 10^{-12}$ | $2.74 \times 10^{-9}$  | $4.28 \times 10^{-7}$  | $2.56 \times 10^{-5}$  | $7.52 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| $k_{-9}$  | $2.10 \times 10^3$     | $1.96 \times 10^4$     | $1.15 \times 10^5$     | $4.77 \times 10^5$     | $1.55 \times 10^6$     |
| $k_{10}$  | $3.51 \times 10^3$     | $4.22 \times 10^4$     | $3.01 \times 10^5$     | $1.48 \times 10^6$     | $5.58 \times 10^6$     |
| $k_{-10}$ | $9.21 \times 10^{-3}$  | $4.48 \times 10^{-1}$  | $9.61 \times 10^0$     | $1.15 \times 10^2$     | $6.81 \times 10^3$     |
| $k_{11}$  | $2.86 \times 10^{-3}$  | $1.82 \times 10^{-1}$  | $4.78 \times 10^0$     | $6.74 \times 10^1$     | $5.98 \times 10^2$     |
| $k_{-11}$ | $6.00 \times 10^{-24}$ | $2.70 \times 10^{-19}$ | $1.26 \times 10^{-15}$ | $1.16 \times 10^{-12}$ | $3.26 \times 10^{-10}$ |

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| $k_{-1}$  | $3.07 \times 10^{-2}$  | $1.14 \times 10^0$     | $1.95 \times 10^1$     | $1.93 \times 10^2$     | $1.27 \times 10^3$    |
| $k_2$     | $4.61 \times 10^4$     | $2.22 \times 10^5$     | $7.82 \times 10^5$     | $2.19 \times 10^6$     | $5.17 \times 10^6$    |
| $k_{-2}$  | $2.63 \times 10^4$     | $1.55 \times 10^5$     | $1.04 \times 10^6$     | $5.59 \times 10^7$     | $5.91 \times 10^7$    |
| $k_3$     | $4.14 \times 10^{10}$  | $4.28 \times 10^{10}$  | $7.26 \times 10^{10}$  | $2.19 \times 10^{11}$  | $6.70 \times 10^{11}$ |
| $k_{-3}$  | $2.93 \times 10^8$     | $1.27 \times 10^9$     | $4.02 \times 10^9$     | $1.02 \times 10^{10}$  | $2.21 \times 10^{10}$ |
| $k_4$     | $6.30 \times 10^{11}$  | $1.11 \times 10^{12}$  | $1.76 \times 10^{12}$  | $2.57 \times 10^{12}$  | $3.52 \times 10^{12}$ |
| $k_{-4}$  | $3.03 \times 10^3$     | $4.80 \times 10^4$     | $1.58 \times 10^5$     | $1.01 \times 10^6$     | $3.05 \times 10^6$    |
| $k_5$     | $6.94 \times 10^9$     | $2.05 \times 10^{10}$  | $4.83 \times 10^{10}$  | $9.69 \times 10^{10}$  | $1.72 \times 10^{11}$ |
| $k_{-5}$  | $1.02 \times 10^7$     | $5.23 \times 10^7$     | $1.89 \times 10^8$     | $5.36 \times 10^8$     | $1.26 \times 10^9$    |
| $k_6$     | $5.59 \times 10^2$     | $4.99 \times 10^3$     | $2.85 \times 10^4$     | $1.17 \times 10^5$     | $3.81 \times 10^5$    |
| $k_{-6}$  | $7.15 \times 10^3$     | $7.65 \times 10^4$     | $4.94 \times 10^5$     | $2.22 \times 10^6$     | $7.67 \times 10^6$    |
| $k_7$     | $8.46 \times 10^8$     | $2.59 \times 10^9$     | $6.30 \times 10^9$     | $1.30 \times 10^{10}$  | $2.38 \times 10^{10}$ |
| $k_{-7}$  | $3.50 \times 10^{-2}$  | $2.80 \times 10^0$     | $8.88 \times 10^1$     | $1.45 \times 10^3$     | $1.46 \times 10^4$    |
| $k_8$     | $5.64 \times 10^{-2}$  | $4.14 \times 10^0$     | $1.23 \times 10^2$     | $1.93 \times 10^3$     | $1.88 \times 10^4$    |
| $k_{-8}$  | $7.02 \times 10^2$     | $8.78 \times 10^3$     | $8.22 \times 10^4$     | $4.02 \times 10^5$     | $9.92 \times 10^5$    |
| $k_9$     | $2.48 \times 10^0$     | $1.28 \times 10^2$     | $2.86 \times 10^3$     | $3.56 \times 10^4$     | $2.86 \times 10^5$    |
| $k_{-9}$  | $9.01 \times 10^{-17}$ | $3.56 \times 10^{-13}$ | $2.44 \times 10^{-10}$ | $4.80 \times 10^{-17}$ | $3.75 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| $k_{10}$  | $3.73 \times 10^2$     | $2.65 \times 10^3$     | $9.82 \times 10^3$     | $8.64 \times 10^4$     | $3.50 \times 10^5$    |
| $k_{-10}$ | $2.26 \times 10^{-14}$ | $3.49 \times 10^{-11}$ | $1.14 \times 10^{-8}$  | $1.24 \times 10^{-6}$  | $5.97 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $k_{11}$  | $1.28 \times 10^2$     | $3.34 \times 10^2$     | $6.51 \times 10^3$     | $5.78 \times 10^4$     | $2.97 \times 10^5$    |
| $k_{-11}$ | $2.19 \times 10^{-9}$  | $7.19 \times 10^{-7}$  | $6.95 \times 10^{-5}$  | $2.81 \times 10^{-3}$  | $5.97 \times 10^{-2}$ |

Table S6. Reaction rate constant ( $k_+/k_-$ ) of the elementary reaction step on Pt<sub>1</sub>/Ce<sub>1</sub>.

$x\text{O}_2(110)$  under different temperatures.

|          | 373K                   | 423K                   | 473K                   | 523K                  | 573K                  |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| $k_1$    | $2.49 \times 10^8$     | $2.34 \times 10^8$     | $2.21 \times 10^8$     | $2.10 \times 10^8$    | $2.01 \times 10^8$    |
| $k_{-1}$ | $2.68 \times 10^4$     | $4.22 \times 10^5$     | $3.66 \times 10^6$     | $2.07 \times 10^7$    | $8.52 \times 10^7$    |
| $k_2$    | $1.32 \times 10^{15}$  | $9.33 \times 10^{14}$  | $7.14 \times 10^{14}$  | $5.79 \times 10^{14}$ | $4.89 \times 10^{14}$ |
| $k_{-2}$ | $3.54 \times 10^1$     | $1.11 \times 10^3$     | $1.70 \times 10^4$     | $1.55 \times 10^5$    | $9.72 \times 10^5$    |
| $k_3$    | $7.62 \times 10^8$     | $1.74 \times 10^9$     | $3.37 \times 10^9$     | $5.84 \times 10^9$    | $9.27 \times 10^9$    |
| $k_{-3}$ | $1.26 \times 10^{-5}$  | $8.91 \times 10^{-4}$  | $2.59 \times 10^{-2}$  | $4.00 \times 10^{-1}$ | $3.87 \times 10^0$    |
| $k_4$    | $2.00 \times 10^{14}$  | $1.30 \times 10^{14}$  | $9.37 \times 10^{13}$  | $7.25 \times 10^{13}$ | $5.92 \times 10^{13}$ |
| $k_{-4}$ | $1.23 \times 10^{-14}$ | $1.66 \times 10^{-11}$ | $4.89 \times 10^{-9}$  | $4.90 \times 10^{-7}$ | $2.21 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $k_5$    | $1.19 \times 10^7$     | $6.24 \times 10^7$     | $2.32 \times 10^8$     | $6.72 \times 10^8$    | $1.63 \times 10^9$    |
| $k_{-5}$ | $1.43 \times 10^{-7}$  | $3.77 \times 10^{-5}$  | $3.08 \times 10^{-3}$  | $1.09 \times 10^{-1}$ | $2.09 \times 10^0$    |
| $k_6$    | $5.93 \times 10^7$     | $2.60 \times 10^8$     | $8.43 \times 10^8$     | $2.20 \times 10^9$    | $4.86 \times 10^9$    |
| $k_{-6}$ | $7.57 \times 10^{-17}$ | $3.22 \times 10^{-13}$ | $2.35 \times 10^{-10}$ | $4.89 \times 10^{-8}$ | $4.03 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| $k_7$    | $2.06 \times 10^{12}$  | $2.39 \times 10^{12}$  | $2.70 \times 10^{12}$  | $3.01 \times 10^{12}$ | $3.32 \times 10^{12}$ |
| $k_{-7}$ | $5.71 \times 10^5$     | $2.97 \times 10^6$     | $1.10 \times 10^7$     | $3.19 \times 10^7$    | $7.77 \times 10^7$    |

Table S7. Equilibrium coverages ( $\theta$ ) of all species on  $\text{Pt}_1/\text{CeO}_2(110)$  surface under different temperatures.

|                                   | 373K                   | 423K                   | 473K                   | 523K                   | 573K                   |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| $\theta_{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}^*}$ | $0.45 \times 10^{-2}$  | $0.15 \times 10^{-2}$  | $0.61 \times 10^{-3}$  | $0.29 \times 10^{-3}$  | $0.16 \times 10^{-3}$  |
| $\theta_{\text{CH}_3\text{O}^*}$  | $0.50 \times 10^0$     | $0.52 \times 10^0$     | $0.61 \times 10^0$     | $0.79 \times 10^0$     | $0.89 \times 10^0$     |
| $\theta_{\text{CH}_2\text{O}^*}$  | $0.12 \times 10^{-6}$  | $0.19 \times 10^{-6}$  | $0.21 \times 10^{-5}$  | $0.11 \times 10^{-2}$  | $0.33 \times 10^{-3}$  |
| $\theta_{\text{CHO}^*}$           | $0.47 \times 10^{-11}$ | $0.23 \times 10^{-9}$  | $0.57 \times 10^{-8}$  | $0.45 \times 10^{-7}$  | $0.19 \times 10^{-6}$  |
| $\theta_{\text{CO}^*}$            | $0.89 \times 10^{-14}$ | $0.91 \times 10^{-11}$ | $0.33 \times 10^{-9}$  | $0.80 \times 10^{-7}$  | $0.78 \times 10^{-6}$  |
| $\theta_{\text{CH}_2\text{OH}^*}$ | $0.50 \times 10^{-7}$  | $0.22 \times 10^{-6}$  | $0.57 \times 10^{-6}$  | $0.82 \times 10^{-6}$  | $0.10 \times 10^{-5}$  |
| $\theta_{\text{CHOH}^*}$          | $0.83 \times 10^{-6}$  | $0.29 \times 10^{-5}$  | $0.80 \times 10^{-5}$  | $0.18 \times 10^{-4}$  | $0.38 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| $\theta_{\text{COH}^*}$           | $0.61 \times 10^{-26}$ | $0.15 \times 10^{-22}$ | $0.86 \times 10^{-20}$ | $0.11 \times 10^{-17}$ | $0.12 \times 10^{-15}$ |
| $\theta_{\text{H}^*}$             | $0.49 \times 10^0$     | $0.48 \times 10^0$     | $0.38 \times 10^0$     | $0.21 \times 10^0$     | $0.11 \times 10^0$     |
| $\theta_*$                        | $0.32 \times 10^{-2}$  | $0.39 \times 10^{-2}$  | $0.21 \times 10^{-2}$  | $0.18 \times 10^{-2}$  | $0.40 \times 10^{-3}$  |

Table S8. Equilibrium coverages ( $\theta$ ) of all species on  $\text{Pt}_7/\text{CeO}_2(110)$  surface under different temperatures.

|                                   | 373K                  | 423K                  | 473K                  | 523K                  | 573K                  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| $\theta_{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}^*}$ | $0.99 \times 10^0$    | $0.98 \times 10^0$    | $0.96 \times 10^0$    | $0.94 \times 10^0$    | $0.89 \times 10^0$    |
| $\theta_{\text{CH}_3\text{O}^*}$  | $0.11 \times 10^{-5}$ | $0.51 \times 10^{-5}$ | $0.10 \times 10^{-4}$ | $0.94 \times 10^{-5}$ | $0.68 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\theta_{\text{CH}_2\text{O}^*}$  | $0.74 \times 10^{-7}$ | $0.20 \times 10^{-6}$ | $0.44 \times 10^{-6}$ | $0.84 \times 10^{-6}$ | $0.14 \times 10^{-5}$ |

|                                   |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| $\theta_{\text{CHO}^*}$           | $0.67 \times 10^{-5}$  | $0.11 \times 10^{-4}$  | $0.16 \times 10^{-4}$  | $0.22 \times 10^{-4}$  | $0.29 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| $\theta_{\text{CO}^*}$            | $0.12 \times 10^{-2}$  | $0.57 \times 10^{-2}$  | $0.19 \times 10^{-1}$  | $0.48 \times 10^{-1}$  | $0.95 \times 10^{-1}$  |
| $\theta_{\text{CH}_2\text{OH}^*}$ | $0.66 \times 10^{-6}$  | $0.19 \times 10^{-5}$  | $0.44 \times 10^{-5}$  | $0.84 \times 10^{-5}$  | $0.14 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| $\theta_{\text{CHOH}^*}$          | $0.91 \times 10^{-15}$ | $0.20 \times 10^{-12}$ | $0.13 \times 10^{-10}$ | $0.36 \times 10^{-9}$  | $0.51 \times 10^{-8}$  |
| $\theta_{\text{COH}^*}$           | $0.28 \times 10^{-22}$ | $0.32 \times 10^{-18}$ | $0.50 \times 10^{-15}$ | $0.14 \times 10^{-12}$ | $0.14 \times 10^{-10}$ |
| $\theta_{\text{H}^*}$             | $0.44 \times 10^{-2}$  | $0.12 \times 10^{-1}$  | $0.16 \times 10^{-1}$  | $0.17 \times 10^{-1}$  | $0.19 \times 10^{-1}$  |
| $\theta_*$                        | $0.15 \times 10^{-5}$  | $0.13 \times 10^{-6}$  | $0.74 \times 10^{-5}$  | $0.43 \times 10^{-5}$  | $0.63 \times 10^{-5}$  |

Table S9. Equilibrium coverages ( $\theta$ ) of all species on  $\text{Pt}_1/\text{Ce}_{1-x}\text{O}_2(110)$  surface under different temperatures.

|                                   | 373K                   | 423K                   | 473K                  | 523K                  | 573K                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| $\theta_{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}^*}$ | $0.19 \times 10^{-6}$  | $0.25 \times 10^{-6}$  | $0.31 \times 10^{-6}$ | $0.36 \times 10^{-6}$ | $0.41 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| $\theta_{\text{CH}_3\text{O}^*}$  | $0.22 \times 10^0$     | $0.12 \times 10^0$     | $0.65 \times 10^{-1}$ | $0.36 \times 10^{-1}$ | $0.22 \times 10^{-1}$ |
| $\theta_{\text{CH}_2\text{O}^*}$  | $0.83 \times 10^{-6}$  | $0.16 \times 10^{-5}$  | $0.23 \times 10^{-5}$ | $0.29 \times 10^{-5}$ | $0.34 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\theta_{\text{CHO}^*}$           | $0.14 \times 10^0$     | $0.18 \times 10^0$     | $0.19 \times 10^0$    | $0.16 \times 10^0$    | $0.10 \times 10^0$    |
| $\theta_{\text{CO}^*}$            | $0.87 \times 10^{-3}$  | $0.58 \times 10^{-2}$  | $0.23 \times 10^{-1}$ | $0.61 \times 10^{-1}$ | $0.11 \times 10^0$    |
| $\theta_{\text{CH}_2\text{OH}^*}$ | $0.56 \times 10^{-11}$ | $0.29 \times 10^{-10}$ | $0.10 \times 10^{-9}$ | $0.29 \times 10^{-9}$ | $0.66 \times 10^{-9}$ |
| $\theta_{\text{H}^*}$             | $0.64 \times 10^0$     | $0.69 \times 10^0$     | $0.72 \times 10^0$    | $0.75 \times 10^0$    | $0.77 \times 10^0$    |
| $\theta_*$                        | $0.30 \times 10^{-3}$  | $0.56 \times 10^{-3}$  | $0.73 \times 10^{-3}$ | $0.79 \times 10^{-3}$ | $0.26 \times 10^{-3}$ |

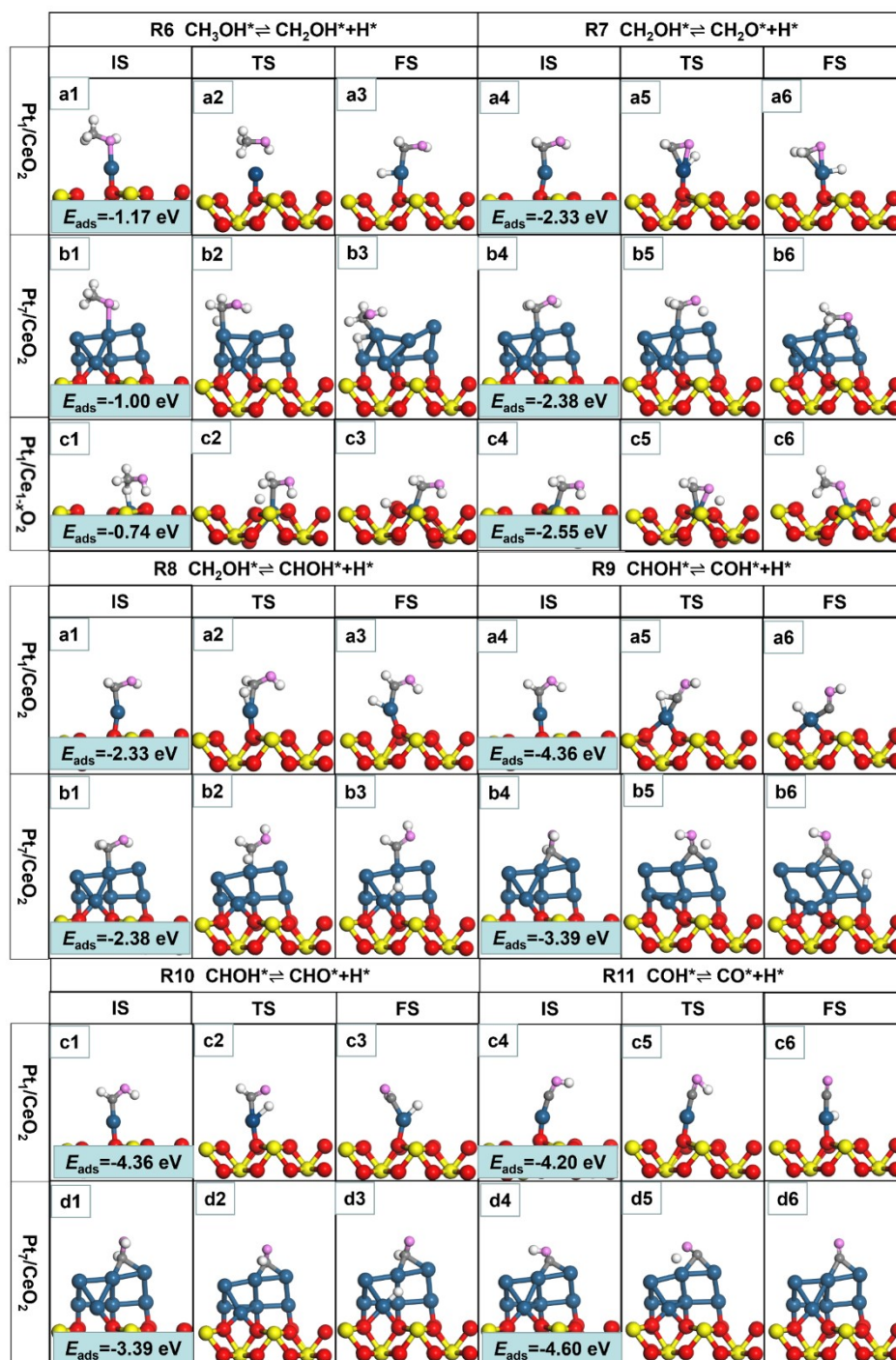


Figure S5. Side view of the initial states (IS), the corresponding transition states (TS) and final states (FS) of R6-R11 on the  $\text{Pt}_1/\text{CeO}_2(110)$ ,  $\text{Pt}_7/\text{CeO}_2(110)$  and  $\text{Pt}_1/\text{Ce}_{1-x}\text{O}_2(110)$  surfaces, along with the adsorption energies ( $E_{\text{ads}}$ ). H: white; C: black; O of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  molecule: pink; O of the  $\text{CeO}_2$ : red; Ce: yellow; Pt: blue.

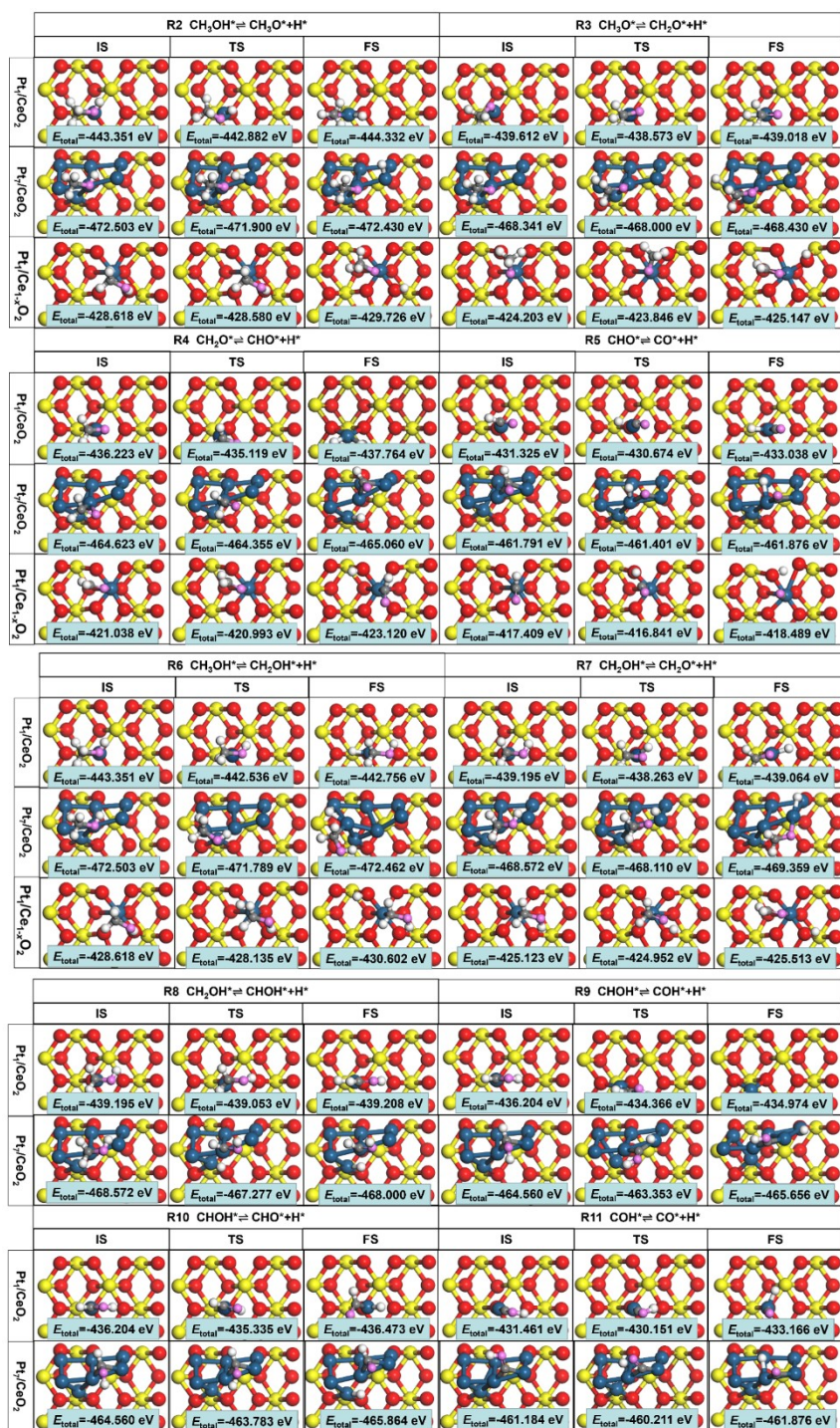
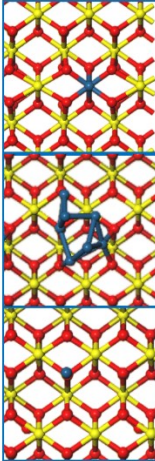
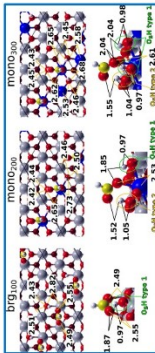
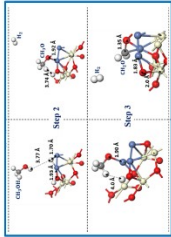


Figure S6. Top view of the initial states (IS), the corresponding transition states (TS) and final states (FS) of R2-R11 on the  $\text{Pt}_1/\text{CeO}_2(110)$ ,  $\text{Pt}_7/\text{CeO}_2(110)$ . H: white; C: black; O of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  molecule: pink; O of the  $\text{CeO}_2$ : red; Ce: yellow; Pt: blue.

Table S10. Comparison of previous work on the mechanism of MD reaction over CeO<sub>2</sub>-supported catalysts.

| Catalyst                                                                                                                                                        | Structural model                                                                     | Research method  | Mechanism                                                     | RDS en         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Pt <sub>1</sub> /Ce <sub>1-x</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (110),<br>Pt <sub>7</sub> /CeO <sub>2</sub> (110),<br>Pt <sub>1</sub> /Ce <sub>1-x</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (110) |   | DFT calculations | CH <sub>3</sub> OH→CH <sub>3</sub> O→CH <sub>2</sub> O→CHO→CO | 1.<br>0.<br>0. |
| Pt <sub>1</sub> /CeO <sub>2</sub>                                                                                                                               | Pt-CeO <sub>2</sub> interaction is still unclear                                     | DRIFTS           | CH <sub>3</sub> OH→CH <sub>3</sub> O→CO                       |                |
| CeO <sub>2</sub> (111)                                                                                                                                          |  | TPSR-IR and DFT  | CH <sub>3</sub> OH→formate                                    |                |
| Cu/CeO <sub>2</sub>                                                                                                                                             | Cu clusters loaded on CeO <sub>2</sub>                                               | TPD-DRIFTS       | CH <sub>3</sub> OH→CH <sub>3</sub> O→formate→CO               |                |
| Ni <sub>3</sub> /CeO <sub>2</sub> (111)<br>Ni <sub>3</sub> /CeO <sub>2</sub> (111)                                                                              |  | DFT calculations | CH <sub>3</sub> OH→CH <sub>3</sub> O→CH <sub>2</sub> O→CO     | 3.<br>1.       |