

Supplementary Materials

Effect of Water and Formic acid on OH+CH₄ Reaction :An Ab Initio/DFT study

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Table S1: Redundant internal coordinates of reactants, complexes, products and transition states obtained using M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd) taken from gaussian checkpoint file.

(a) CH₄ + OH==> CH₃ + H₂O

CH₄

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1

C,0,-0.337477789,-0.523978723,0.
H,0,0.0246335578,-1.5482237771,-0.0000008724
H,0,0.0246528899,-0.0118632827,0.8870184359
H,0,0.0246514653,-0.0118622754,-0.8870184359
H,0,-1.4238490691,-0.5239655568,0.0000008724

OH

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

O,0,0.810535131,0.88541678,0.
H,0,1.781409489,0.88541678,0.

RC₁

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

C,0,-0.0716501175,-0.1373135994,0.1048992586
H,0,0.5407457641,0.5051417438,0.7329206314
H,0,-0.8958317822,-0.5345528544,0.6908068576
H,0,-0.4662033757,0.4395912865,-0.7279848883
H,0,0.5266768832,-0.9648556735,-0.2703759148
O,0,1.7404026462,1.7890540302,-1.2304861072
H,0,2.015270442,0.8697317268,-1.3785266373

TS

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

H,0,-1.7166476928,0.973299368,-0.0306501525
C,0,-1.3130425097,-0.0333870269,-0.0009414347
H,0,-0.13537831,0.1170911133,-0.0089439299
H,0,-1.5690075288,-0.6060915651,-0.885357394
H,0,-1.5638478656,-0.5507791483,0.9183512088
O,0,1.2155332824,0.0844365949,-0.0114930261
H,0,1.3265036245,-0.8775163358,0.0181407284

Post-RC

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

H,0,1.637983879,1.0522484011,-0.07432975
C,0,1.6175631533,-0.0230500733,-0.0167815204
H,0,-0.7258543326,0.0572501213,0.1326126645
H,0,1.7255455433,-0.5083935423,0.9386813072
H,0,1.6673342409,-0.6054328218,-0.9214328674
O,0,-1.6868024427,0.0724441391,0.1807524576
H,0,-1.9674607612,-0.7421292841,-0.2395091415

CH₃

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

C,0,-0.0219175165,0.9324605817,0.0000494797
H,0,0.4855755461,1.1121142883,0.9320053078
H,0,0.4855264844,1.1120957527,-0.9320080402
H,0,-1.0366245116,0.5739610957,-0.0000467472

H₂O

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1

O,0,-1.4346366202,0.2446432413,0.01863449
H,0,-0.4767523973,0.2816161171,0.01863449
H,0,-1.7195327818,1.1599264517,0.01863449

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(b) CH₄ + OH + (HCOOH) ==> CH₃ + H₂O + HCOOH

HCOOH-1

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1

C,0,-1.4446753947,-0.4817068094,0.
H,0,-2.536423369,-0.5621299045,0.
O,0,-0.894144081,-1.6990326503,0.
O,0,-0.8343335076,0.5413536227,0.
H,0,0.0665675323,-1.5883758085,0.

HCOOH-2

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1

C,0,-1.4531097868,-0.4963886076,0.
H,0,-2.5475832312,-0.6147511195,0.
O,0,-0.7832273307,-1.6601967899,0.
O,0,-0.9039507257,0.5534327929,0.
H,0,-1.3967814657,-2.4005186959,0.

OH---HCOOH-1

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

O,0,1.1617552669,0.1249418511,0.1787037385
O,0,-1.0479956695,1.8587363147,-0.2397184094
H,0,-0.2842454132,2.4282721811,0.0000694125
C,0,1.9493365655,1.146814571,0.4614422996
H,0,2.9640450272,0.8091518273,0.6909625909

O,0,1.6181154057,2.3025044491,0.4716861663
H,0,0.2644770473,0.4585028658,-0.0214127185

OH---HCOOH-2

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

O,0,1.1793650718,0.1402906507,0.2319681998
H,0,1.6328904259,-0.7067053976,0.2818220975
O,0,-1.2026580441,2.071465149,-0.1872761081
H,0,-0.294510862,2.3498545083,0.0363771205
C,0,2.0105392977,1.1524667035,0.4845706492
H,0,3.0454611172,0.8555724817,0.7011546424
O,0,1.6430026535,2.2848451245,0.4722450086
H,0,-1.2838319403,0.4443714859,-0.031276744
H,0,-2.4812335201,0.1444157908,-1.0996767646
N,0,-2.0325573431,-0.2022275385,-0.2608616072
H,0,-2.7177333793,-0.1432299156,0.4822090913

PRC_{FA-1}

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

C,0,2.1147924898,-1.1312752165,0.4789440791
H,0,2.7270803315,-1.8882838527,0.961722122
H,0,2.7427061954,-0.2871950165,0.2009626637
H,0,1.6577615592,-1.5530493249,-0.4128853895
H,0,1.3400944252,-0.8044798998,1.1695410737
O,0,1.1030125391,1.3740118221,-0.6079541022
H,0,0.6091034226,1.3273760776,0.2392420266
O,0,-0.9779950942,-0.4978359341,-1.0246431308
H,0,-0.1910949471,0.0707856312,-1.1501597086
C,0,-1.4551098672,-0.308374656,0.1916271501
H,0,-2.3380911391,-0.9290852546,0.3701345268
O,0,-0.9968139151,0.4410566242,1.0129806891

PRC_{FA-2}

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

C,0,1.4432056513,1.3285733255,-2.1169538233
H,0,1.8015557103,0.970394673,-3.0788348483
H,0,1.7970993403,2.3420693603,-1.9475290958
H,0,0.3555962478,1.3273588186,-2.106873334
H,0,1.8166962131,0.6847926926,-1.3241876471
O,0,0.3377925416,2.8135403039,0.1768491282
H,0,0.2152985749,1.8669645346,0.3845680009
O,0,-1.6477060071,-0.0570493604,-0.8436483771
C,0,-0.8131607436,-0.6630622137,0.0013552966
H,0,-0.905409454,-1.756969149,0.0323531471
O,0,-0.033668851,-0.0551935616,0.6651703252
H,0,-2.2019363746,-0.6966403891,-1.3015763753

TS1_{FA1}

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

C,0,1.1450680881,-0.9042889436,0.230780792
H,0,2.19846656,-0.8843384777,0.4897565299
H,0,0.9271573863,0.131872409,-0.2809039191
H,0,0.9115123993,-1.6571825177,-0.514993685
H,0,0.5015419507,-0.9722610705,1.1012285774
O,0,0.318131222,1.3053997405,-0.7117885421
H,0,-0.2018961708,1.4427923729,0.1040203976
O,0,-1.9146830953,-0.1845079577,-1.2918319398
H,0,-1.0816892709,0.340699979,-1.3164033068
C,0,-2.431395113,-0.0962539163,-0.0808806972
H,0,-3.361437723,-0.6685712218,-0.0052463296
O,0,-1.9614386035,0.5229630739,0.8364194728

TS2_{FA2}

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

C,0,-2.2673651778,-0.8421338,0.3213972464
H,0,-2.1689927717,-1.1645571381,-0.7094140695
H,0,-1.6117332227,0.1567411201,0.4372560001
H,0,-3.2825635633,-0.5526501999,0.5713820701
H,0,-1.8456981531,-1.5561737374,1.0200500362
O,0,-0.7875840084,1.178802288,0.3124007284
H,0,-0.3704959584,0.8795941755,-0.5140134565
O,0,0.7431744921,-1.8646223252,-0.685920601
C,0,0.9453835554,-1.2084100793,-1.8311137825
H,0,1.6134490743,-1.7204303923,-2.5375777592
O,0,0.4357530076,-0.1578206151,-2.0577966873
H,0,1.2422897259,-2.6869342962,-0.6691137254

Post-PRC_{FA-1}

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

C,0,1.9909191959,-1.3504694931,0.6228580972
H,0,3.066688296,-1.2878578936,0.6218877983
H,0,1.9200551224,1.042398512,-0.4877079479
H,0,1.4867324193,-1.8498364341,-0.1879379896
H,0,1.4371572908,-1.0733161377,1.5041568965
O,0,1.0705629504,1.4789183555,-0.5997531355
H,0,0.6437965273,1.4118723763,0.2679213942
O,0,-0.8839341734,-0.3155281657,-1.1091752917
H,0,-0.1275434117,0.3194500538,-1.1492495821
C,0,-1.3546274097,-0.3293253974,0.1215039047

H,0,-2.1968069344,-1.0225329234,0.2170392763
O,0,-0.9314138729,0.3219461473,1.0407305797

Post-PRC_{FA-2}

C,0,-1.8283023568,1.2425333841,0.7330823144
H,0,-1.1102043415,1.9415524338,0.3357167023
H,0,-1.367204111,-0.2688808918,-1.0705284701
H,0,-1.5898961092,0.7018587863,1.6344209642
H,0,-2.8504580413,1.2755611491,0.3911734181
O,0,-0.6400295025,-0.5422341898,-1.641324359
H,0,-0.8594120825,-1.4136226333,-1.9757742741
O,0,1.4015132171,0.7575019949,-0.3265141504
C,0,1.2982770885,0.1744997767,0.8651848172
H,0,0.6841430639,-0.7404695851,0.8508754212
O,0,1.8141518817,0.5972720372,1.8512487829
H,0,0.8440952937,0.276564738,-0.9622361666

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HO---H₂O

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

O,0,-0.0867222707,0.0638158913,-0.0625109564
H,0,-0.0855411999,0.0669486052,0.8968432747
H,0,0.8353560523,0.0855566692,-0.3264631354
O,0,-1.9094150871,1.8252379147,-1.4087937283
H,0,-1.3084124014,1.1943728933,-0.9653882769

PRCw-1

C,0,2.2484316441,-0.5220585519,-0.0061850482
H,0,2.3765059964,0.1421786807,-0.8595746331
H,0,3.0500875493,-1.2547356163,-0.0155222189
H,0,2.3043343056,0.0444851729,0.9216746985
H,0,1.2902947498,-1.0327039644,-0.0713708845
O,0,-0.3517449646,1.3712543188,0.2122806271
H,0,-0.5935975177,2.1189631172,-0.3377601546
H,0,0.5848807633,1.218133304,0.0581279986
O,0,-1.391270053,-1.250911728,-0.1447115122
H,0,-1.1581754732,-0.3145827331,0.0211291273

PRCw-2

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

C,0,-3.419129772,-0.3546597595,0.2043304016
H,0,-2.9836336668,-0.8714642927,1.0577786461
H,0,-3.4338723369,0.7205211588,0.3768062118
H,0,-2.8532881171,-0.5778363263,-0.6988276717
H,0,-4.4411485696,-0.6954218709,0.0653718696
O,0,-0.319480255,0.5269187315,0.8620309038
H,0,-1.2326529918,0.3724367267,0.5577154238
O,0,-1.1859344226,-1.6279235966,2.5732806783
H,0,-0.5606980052,-0.9794652143,2.2319710341
H,0,-0.7229185732,-2.1053990166,3.2627997824

TSaw

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 2

C,0,-0.108437038,-0.6352602796,0.1441548721
H,0,-0.4480360387,-1.6652162887,0.1012610916
H,0,0.1866284946,-0.4558715031,1.2587385702
H,0,0.7984797798,-0.4638136722,-0.4255432309
H,0,-0.8974679715,0.065160511,-0.1081583062

O,0,0.6161947303,0.0667958023,2.5053101237
H,0,0.1255417568,0.9018860923,2.4525817142
O,0,2.8966677846,0.5194812835,0.76354131
H,0,2.2919343007,0.353937333,1.4978917452
H,0,3.7773214514,0.4654885314,1.13637446

Post-PRCw

C,0,1.6297069173,-1.2888643458,0.0001583833
H,0,2.1695310693,-1.2693935131,-0.9327342875
H,0,0.9111338027,0.9054884768,-0.1010501211
H,0,0.5704110967,-1.4943233815,0.0060334282
H,0,2.1835685237,-1.2936843687,0.9247829629
O,0,0.232727829,1.5924198271,-0.0877854395
H,0,0.3691264427,2.0665195875,0.735208413
O,0,-1.6529328714,-0.5381404259,0.0990028102
H,0,-1.1974710941,0.3077159661,-0.0137310518
H,0,-2.4932627159,-0.4450028226,-0.3510140978

Table S2 (a): Rotational (GHZ) -vibrational (cm^{-1}) parameters obtained from vibrational analysis.

Rot-GHZ	OH	H2O	OH--H2O	HCOOH-1	HCOOH-2	OH--HCOOH-1	OH--HCOOH-2
	3767.4	1633.0	121.1	650.2	516.6	168.1	44.8
		3888.9	149.0	676.1	678.4	187.4	55.0
		3992.1	198.0	1071.6	1050.9	207.6	163.7
			400.8	1165.6	1143.8	439.1	406.2
			620.8	1323.3	1295.5	641.4	486.8
			1619.2	1409.0	1436.9	701.8	517.8
			3659.5	1874.2	1927.2	767.0	690.2
			3880.7	3119.5	3058.9	1081.0	1057.9
			3980.9	3808.9	3896.5	1230.8	1157.4
						1384.8	1291.2
						1432.9	1438.7
						1831.9	1900.5
						3128.4	3072.6
						3561.0	3689.6
						3621.5	3887.0
K-rotor		833.2896	357.7404	78.21913	88.12876	12.04534	11.98386
2D1-rotor		434.6283	6.90608	12.23954	11.83197	5.14977	4.34726
2D2-rotor		285.6425	6.81752	10.43146	1.91211	3.60746	3.19004
2D-rotor	565.5135	352.3469	6.861657	11.10967	2.089529	3.96012204	2.709395569

Table S2 (b): Rotational (GHZ) -vibrational (cm^{-1}) parameters obtained from vibrational analysis.

PRCFA1	PRCFA2	TS1FA-1	TS2FA-2	Post-PRCFA1	PostPRCF A2	RC	TSw	Post-PRCw
47.2	34.6	-827.2	-1204.5	45.3	45.4	67.7	-732.1	99.3
64.7	54.3	42.0	25.8	66.7	75.6	88.9	69.1	100.3
96.7	55.9	61.7	49.7	123.5	98.8	105.6	102.1	146.9
116.8	78.6	80.2	52.1	141.5	134.5	116.3	159.9	166.3
146.6	95.4	177.6	74.3	174.9	172.6	141.1	175.7	196.4
175.5	125.2	204.9	97.1	191.5	181.4	155.0	213.2	220.1
198.1	159.4	210.6	157.0	218.0	205.8	185.3	284.2	244.8
206.6	166.3	327.6	307.8	227.5	213.8	208.2	319.7	268.9
212.6	175.6	339.5	360.1	258.0	231.1	212.5	399.9	281.2
509.6	475.0	590.1	467.0	291.7	287.9	399.3	570.2	325.8
627.1	479.8	709.6	532.9	405.6	329.6	461.0	822.4	495.9
703.6	516.7	887.9	686.5	563.4	385.0	1338.6	1074.8	623.9
836.6	688.9	914.0	783.9	633.4	660.6	1351.2	1252.3	663.9
1083.2	1061.7	1056.5	974.1	721.2	694.9	1355.1	1340.6	1410.3
1235.0	1163.1	1098.3	1063.9	962.7	840.8	1572.6	1458.8	1432.6
1337.0	1296.7	1243.7	1158.9	1086.5	1075.1	1577.5	1472.9	1623.0

1345.3	1335.4	1248.2	1198.3	1255.7	1197.1	1623.6	1523.0	1635.1
1349.6	1343.1	1336.0	1278.2	1406.9	1381.5	3023.7	1638.8	3116.2
1388.5	1354.3	1402.7	1296.9	1411.3	1413.8	3133.3	3075.2	3289.0
1434.5	1434.4	1439.0	1388.0	1425.3	1432.3	3143.4	3189.1	3304.5
1563.6	1564.4	1454.1	1437.8	1466.5	1440.5	3152.1	3207.2	3752.2
1572.1	1568.7	1474.7	1464.7	1639.9	1607.4	3732.7	3790.3	3802.3
1829.5	1896.4	1509.8	1479.8	1827.1	1905.0	3843.1	3807.6	3953.1
3036.7	3051.1	1832.5	1904.8	3115.7	3023.8	3981.1	3970.6	3970.6
3144.7	3052.1	3080.5	3071.7	3132.2	3128.6			
3149.3	3162.2	3120.4	3076.3	3304.6	3299.3			
3150.7	3164.4	3200.7	3189.2	3321.9	3316.7			
3155.5	3169.0	3207.4	3202.3	3342.0	3648.8			
3546.4	3678.1	3421.4	3740.0	3765.3	3830.3			
3610.9	3879.9	3681.0	3880.5	3911.0	3972.2			
4.62653	4.36956	5.3932	5.2462 1	4.11026	4.43162	6.9791	9.0750 4	6.9791
2.53881	2.28341	2.47946	2.3011 7	2.79933	2.35947	4.4815 4	5.0069 9	4.48154
10.58346	2.2828	2.36872	1.8595 2	2.31368	1.70761	2.7771 4	3.3388 4	2.77714
11.3814182 8	2.4074043 01	2.32567 39	2.1472 32	2.2984951 7	2.1863586	3.5278 7	4.0887 09	3.52786 96

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Species	E_o	ZPE	E_t	H_t	G	S
OH	-75.6398532	0.008583	0.010943	0.011887	-0.008336	42.564
CH4	-40.4381924	0.044959	0.047827	0.048771	0.027653	44.447
TS	-116.0682119	0.051652	0.056138	0.057082	0.026207	64.982
H₂O	-76.337435	0.021649	0.024485	0.025429	0.004017	45.065
OH--H₂O	-151.9868574	0.033329	0.038526	0.039471	0.007279	67.754
HCOOH-1	-189.5061299	0.034397	0.037552	0.038496	0.010339	59.262
HCOOH-2	-189.4994147	0.034183	0.037419	0.038363	0.010119	59.446
OH-- HCOOH-1	-265.1539342	0.046440	0.051684	0.052628	0.017865	73.165
OH-- HCOOH-2	-265.147875	0.045242	0.051299	0.052243	0.014376	79.698
PRC_{FA1}	-305.6004388	0.093118	0.102579	0.103523	0.057780	96.274
PRC_{FA2}	-305.5887088	0.091766	0.102079	0.103023	0.054113	102.940
TS1_{FA-1}	-305.5910306	0.089651	0.097879	0.098823	0.055645	90.875
TS2_{FA-2}	-305.5755387	0.087480	0.096590	0.097535	0.050954	98.037
Post-PRC_{FA1}	-305.6244939	0.092121	0.101926	0.102870	0.057066	96.404
PostPRC_{FA2}	-305.6150261	0.091651	0.101850	0.102795	0.055977	98.537
PRCw-1	-192.4249461	0.079665	0.089049	0.089993	0.045903	92.797
PRCw-2	-192.42767	0.080489	0.089492	0.090436	0.047255	90.882
TSw	-192.4150057	0.077269	0.084859	0.085803	0.046160	83.437
Post-PRCw	-192.4496651	0.080015	0.088987	0.089931	0.047852	88.564
CH₃	-39.7612982	0.029672	0.032784	0.033728	0.009860	50.235
Post-RC	-116.101624	0.054062	0.060613	0.061558	0.026044	74.744

Table S4: Calculated unimolecular rate constant (k_2 in s^{-1})

T (K)	$k_{2(w)}$ ($\rightarrow\text{PRC}_w$) $\rightarrow\text{TS}_w$	$k_{2(FA-1)}$ (PRC_{FA-1}) $\rightarrow\text{TS}_{2FA-1}$	$k_{2(FA-2)}$ (PRC_{FA-2}) $\rightarrow\text{TS}_{2FA-2}$
200	8.03×10^5	5.58×10^8	5.66×10^6
225	2.55×10^6	1.09×10^9	2.60×10^7
250	5.33×10^6	1.91×10^9	8.72×10^7
275	1.22×10^7	3.10×10^9	2.34×10^8
300	2.45×10^7	4.68×10^9	5.32×10^8
325	4.45×10^7	6.69×10^9	1.06×10^9
350	7.47×10^7	9.13×10^9	1.92×10^9
375	1.17×10^8	1.20×10^{10}	3.22×10^9
400	1.74×10^8	1.53×10^{10}	5.04×10^9

Table S5: Calculated equilibrium constants (K_{eq} in $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1}$) for the formation of two-body complexes.

T(K)	$K_{eq(3)}$ (OH+ H ₂ O $\rightarrow\text{RC}_{2w}$)	$K_{eq(1)}$ (OH+ FA-1 $\rightarrow\text{RC}_{4FA1}$)	$K_{eq(2)}$ (OH+ FA-2 $\rightarrow\text{RC}_{4FA2}$)
200	1.38×10^{-19}	7.00×10^{-22}	9.06×10^{-21}
225	4.23×10^{-20}	3.12×10^{-22}	3.03×10^{-21}
250	1.66×10^{-20}	1.67×10^{-22}	1.28×10^{-21}
275	7.80×10^{-21}	1.01×10^{-22}	6.41×10^{-22}
300	4.19×10^{-21} 5.7×10^{-21}	6.74×10^{-23}	3.64×10^{-22}
325	2.50×10^{-21}	4.85×10^{-23}	2.28×10^{-22}
350	1.62×10^{-21}	3.69×10^{-23}	1.54×10^{-22}
375	1.12×10^{-21}	2.95×10^{-23}	1.11×10^{-22}
400	8.19×10^{-22}	2.44×10^{-23}	8.40×10^{-23}

Table S6: Calculated equilibrium constants (K_{eq} in $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1}$) for the formation of three-body complex

T (K)	$K_{eq(A)}$ (CH ₄ + RC _{2w} $\rightarrow\text{PRC}_w$)	$K_{eq(E)}$ (CH ₄ + RC _{4FA1} $\rightarrow\text{PRC}_{FA1}$)	$K_{eq(F)}$ (CH ₄ + RC _{4FA2} $\rightarrow\text{PRC}_{FA2}$)
200	3.75×10^{-20}	1.82×10^{-18}	3.16×10^{-20}
225	1.18×10^{-20}	2.61×10^{-19}	1.00×10^{-20}
250	4.82×10^{-21}	5.64×10^{-20}	4.13×10^{-21}
275	2.37×10^{-21}	1.64×10^{-20}	2.04×10^{-21}
300	1.34×10^{-21}	5.93×10^{-21}	1.16×10^{-21}
325	8.37×10^{-22}	2.54×10^{-21}	7.33×10^{-22}
350	5.69×10^{-22}	1.24×10^{-21}	5.01×10^{-22}
375	4.13×10^{-22}	6.77×10^{-22}	3.66×10^{-22}
400	3.16×10^{-22}	4.01×10^{-22}	2.81×10^{-22}

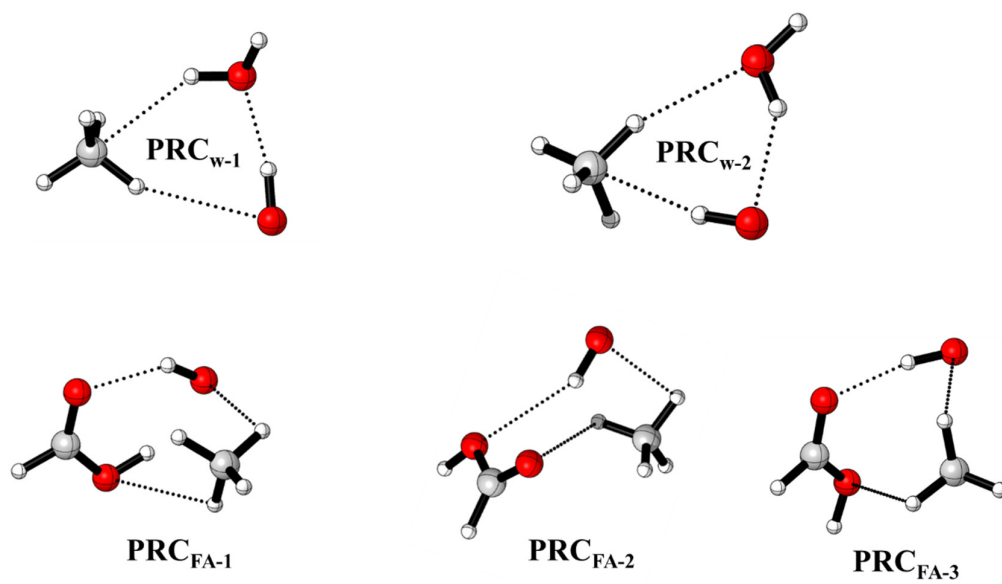


Figure S1. Three body complexes for the effect of FA/H₂O on OH+CH₄ reaction.

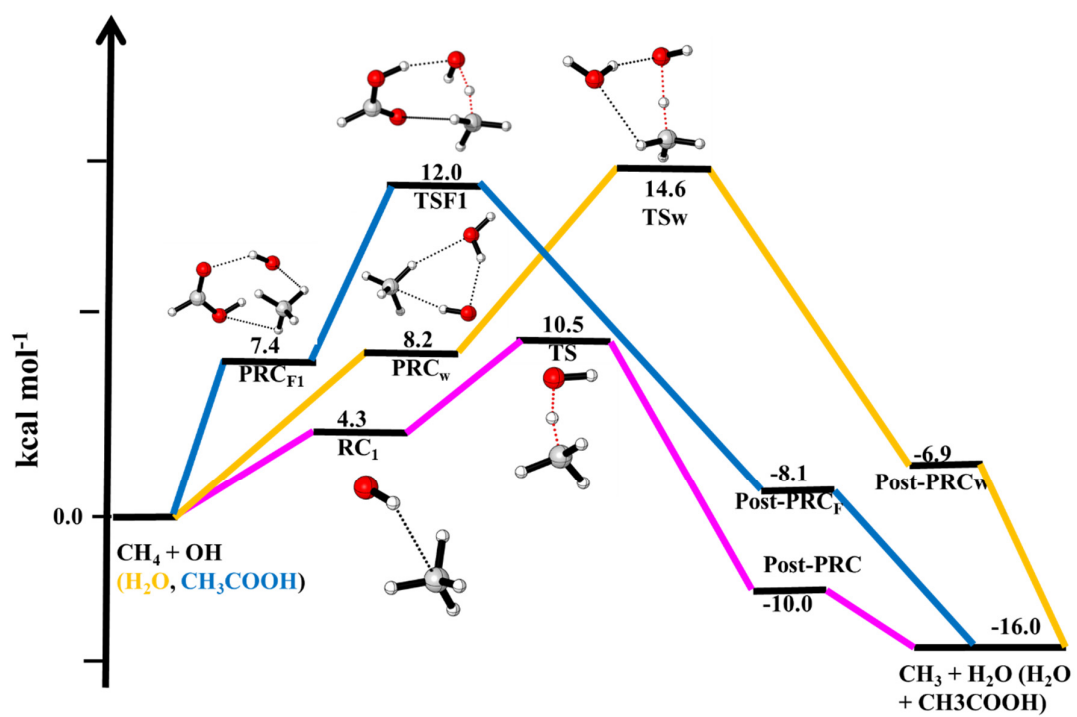


Figure S2. Free energy profiles for the $\text{CH}_4 + \text{OH}$ (—), $\text{CH}_4 + \text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (—) and $\text{CH}_4 + \text{OH} + \text{HCOOH}$ (—) reactions.