

# Supplementary Material for: Effect of surface Pt doping on the reactivity of the Au(111) surface towards methanol dehydrogenation: a first-principles Density Functional Theory investigation

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The Tables in this section collect, for each adsorbate, the adsorption energies for the four high-symmetry adsorption sites considered in this study for both bare Au(111) and Pt doped surfaces. Missing entries in the Tables indicate that, none of the starting geometries were found to yield a final geometry anchored at the symmetry point in question.

**Table S1: Adsorption energies (in eV) of CH<sub>3</sub>OH on bare Au(111) and on all Pt-doped surfaces investigated in this work (o≡ontop, b≡bridge). The total Bader partial charge on the Pt atoms (in units of the elementary charge, |e|) is also reported in parenthesis.**

site	Au(111)	1Pt/Au	2Pt/Au	3Pt/Au	Pt overlayer	Pt sublayer
o	-0.11	-0.12(-0.12)	-0.13(-0.25)	-0.27(-0.27)	-0.38(-0.62)	-0.12(-0.15)
fcc	-0.09	-0.12(-0.14)	-0.13(-0.25)	-0.13(-0.34)	-0.13(-0.62)	-0.10(-0.14)
hcp	-0.10	-0.11(-0.10)	-0.13(-0.24)	—	-0.13(-0.56)	—
b	-0.11	-0.10(-0.08)	-0.13(-0.22)	-0.13(-0.27)	-0.15(-0.62)	-0.12(-0.15)

**Table S2: Adsorption energies (in eV) of CH<sub>3</sub>O on bare Au(111) and on all Pt-doped surfaces investigated in this work (o≡ontop, b≡bridge). The total Bader partial charge on the Pt atoms (in units of the elementary charge, |e|) is also reported in parenthesis.**

site	Au(111)	1Pt/Au	2Pt/Au	3Pt/Au	Pt overlayer	Pt sublayer
o	-1.74	-1.88(-0.10)	-1.87(+0.17)	-1.92(+0.09)	-1.95(-0.19)	-1.54(-0.19)
fcc	-1.75	-1.73(+0.10)	-1.70(+0.02)	—	-2.24(-0.11)	-1.77(-0.17)
hcp	—	-1.88(+0.23)	—	—	-2.23(-0.16)	-1.64(-0.15)
b	—	-1.74(+0.22)	-1.86(+0.17)	-1.91(+0.17)	—	-1.66(-0.18)

**Table S3:** Adsorption energies (in eV) of OH on bare Au(111) and on all Pt-doped surfaces investigated in this work (o $\equiv$ ontop, b $\equiv$ bridge). The total Bader partial charge on the Pt atoms (in units of the elementary charge,  $|e|$ ) is also reported in parenthesis.

site	Au(111)	1Pt/Au	2Pt/Au	3Pt/Au	Pt overlayer	Pt sublayer
o	-2.41	-2.73(+0.22)	-2.27(-0.19)	-2.76(+0.06)	-2.93(-0.15)	-2.63(-0.18)
fcc	-2.66	-2.61(+0.08)	—	—	-3.13(+0.00)	-2.67(-0.19)
hcp	-2.53	—	—	—	-2.88(-0.11)	-2.44(-0.16)
b	—	—	-2.80(+0.20)	-2.82(+0.09)	-2.76(-0.08)	-2.46(-0.19)

**Table S4:** Adsorption energies (in eV) of atomic O on bare Au(111) and on all Pt-doped surfaces investigated in this work. The total Bader partial charge on the Pt atoms (in units of the elementary charge,  $|e|$ ) is also reported in parenthesis.

site	Au(111)	1Pt/Au	2Pt/Au	3Pt/Au	Pt overlayer	Pt sublayer
o	—	—	—	—	—	—
fcc	-5.07	-5.24(+0.19)	-5.43(+0.36)	-5.40(+0.29)	-6.28(+0.23)	-5.07(-0.19)
hcp	-5.05	-5.22(+0.20)	-5.17(+0.36)	-5.36(+0.47)	-6.06(+0.19)	-4.72(-0.20)
b	—	—	—	—	—	—

**Table S5:** Adsorption energies (in eV) of atomic H on bare Au(111) and on all Pt-doped surfaces investigated in this work (o $\equiv$ ontop, b $\equiv$ bridge). The total Bader partial charge on the Pt atoms (in units of the elementary charge,  $|e|$ ) is also reported in parenthesis.

site	Au(111)	1Pt/Au	2Pt/Au	3Pt/Au	Pt overlayer	Pt sublayer
o	-3.01	-2.98(-0.10)	-2.99(-0.20)	-3.65(-0.20)	-3.72(-0.50)	-3.21(-0.24)
fcc	-3.18	-3.45(-0.05)	—	—	-4.11(-0.48)	-3.33(-0.24)
hcp	-3.15	-3.45(-0.06)	—	-3.84(-0.18)	-4.06(-0.51)	—
b	-3.13	-3.46(-0.05)	-3.74(-0.10)	—	—	—

Table S6: Adsorption energies (in eV) of  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$  on the Pt(111) surface constructed at the bulk Pt lattice constant. Values in parenthesis refer to the same surface constructed at the bulk lattice constant of Au.

site	$\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$	$\text{CH}_3\text{O}$
hcp	-0.12(-0.15)	-1.92(-2.43)
fcc	-0.12(-0.13)	-1.82(-2.34)
b	-0.12(-0.17)	-1.92(-2.43)
o	-0.17(-0.40)	-1.99(-2.16)

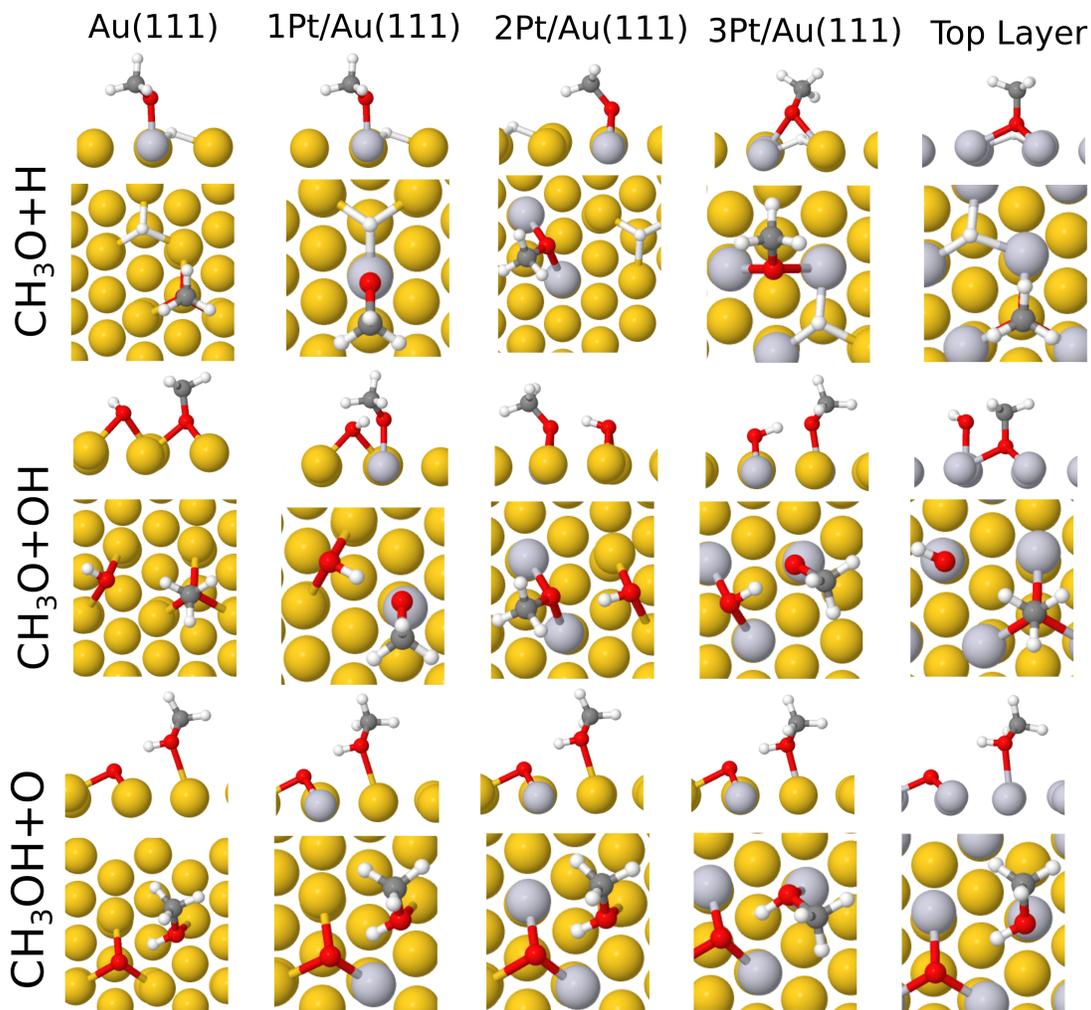
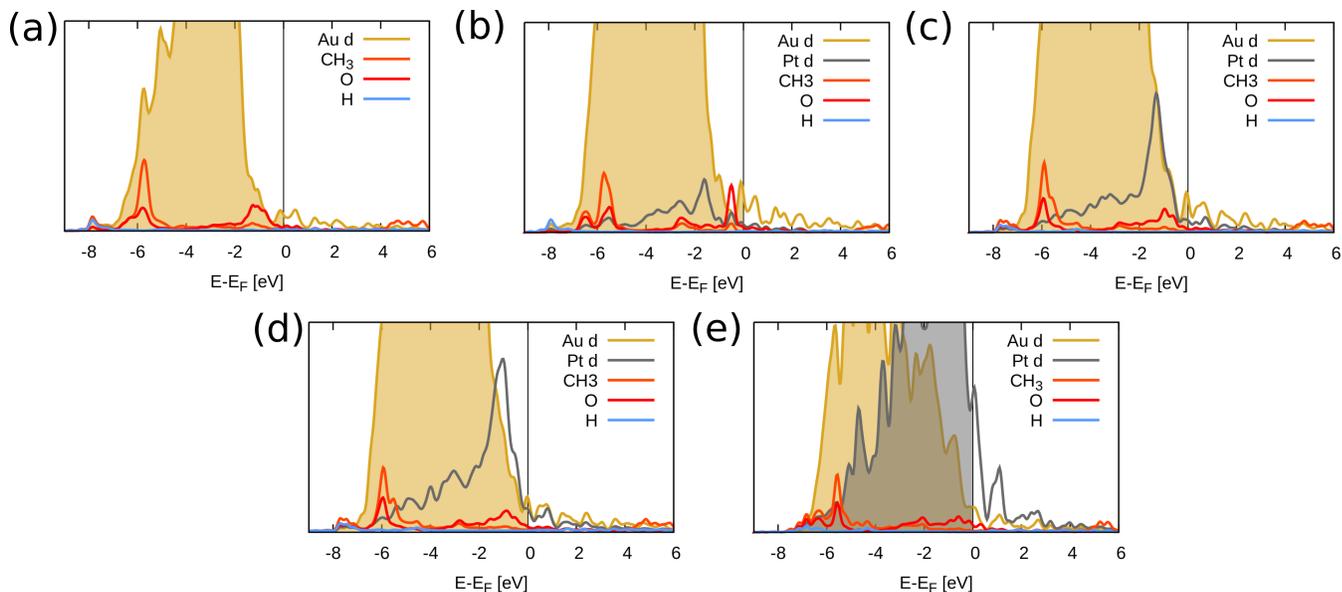


Figure S1: The most stable coadsorption geometries of  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}/\text{H}$  (top panels),  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}/\text{OH}$  (middle panels) and  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{O}$  (bottom panels) on different Au(111) surfaces, namely, Au(111), 1Pt/Au, 2Pt/Au, 3Pt/Au and with a single Pt overlayer.

**Table S7:** The most stable coadsorption energies (in eV) of  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  with H, OH, and O on bare Au(111) and Pt-doped surfaces considered in this work. The differences with respect to the sum of the most stable adsorption energies of the two co-adsorbates are given in parantheses. A negative value signifies a more stable coadsorption scenario with respect to individual adsorption. The adsorption geometries corresponding to the data in this table are given in Figure S1.

coads. pair	Au(111)	1Pt/Au	2Pt/Au	3Pt/Au	Pt overlayer
$\text{CH}_3\text{O}+\text{H}$	-4.89 (0.02)	-5.09 (0.25)	-5.39 (0.22)	-5.38 (0.38)	-6.17 (0.18)
$\text{CH}_3\text{O}+\text{OH}$	-4.38 (0.03)	-4.68 (-0.07)	-4.45 (0.22)	-5.03 (-0.28)	-5.08 (0.29)
$\text{CH}_3\text{OH}+\text{O}$	-5.46 (-0.27)	-5.61 (-0.27)	-5.80 (-0.24)	-5.87 (-0.20)	-6.64 (0.02)



**Figure S2:** PDOS profiles of the transition state of the dehydrogenation reaction on Au(111) (a), Au(111)/Pt (b), Au(111)/2Pt (c), Au(111)/3Pt, (d) Au(111)/9Pt (overlayer), and (e) subsurface Pt layer.

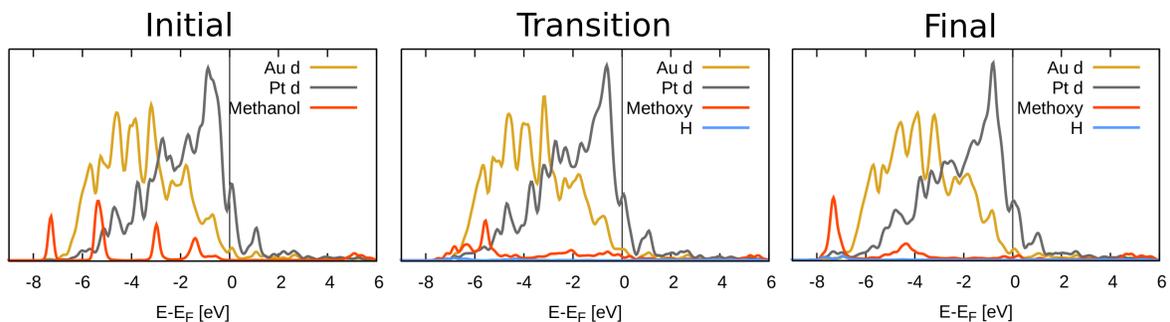


Figure S3: PDOS profiles corresponding to the initial, transition state and final configurations for the methanol dehydrogenation step on the Au(111) supported Pt overlayer. Au states refer to the Au atoms on the layer below the Pt overlayer.

**Table S8: Absolute values of the imaginary frequencies (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of the transition states of the methanol dehydrogenation reactions on Au(111), and Pt-decorated Au(111) surfaces**

Surface	$\sqrt{ \omega^2 }$ [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]
Au(111)	314.4
Au(111)/Pt	155.7
Au(111)/2Pt	280.5
Au(111)/3Pt	348.2
Pt overlayer	616.7
Pt sublayer	489.7