

# Supplementary Information

## On the key role of hydroxyl groups on platinum-catalysed alcohol oxidation in aqueous medium.

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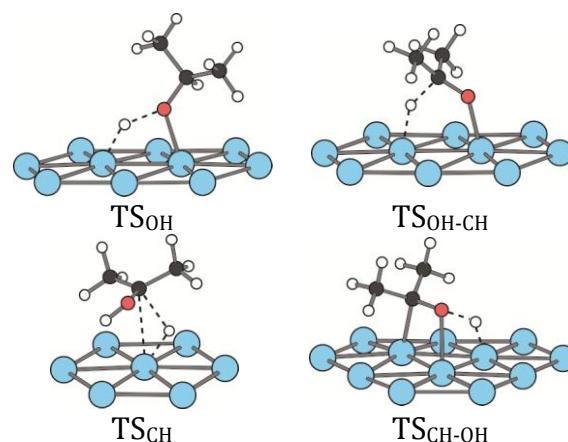


Figure S1. Transition states structures of the isopropanol oxidation at a bare Pt(111)

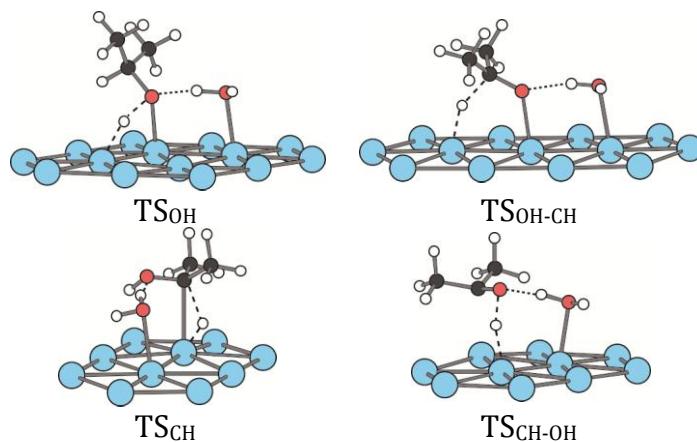


Figure S2. Transition states structures of the isopropanol oxidation at a H<sub>2</sub>O@Pt(111) surface.

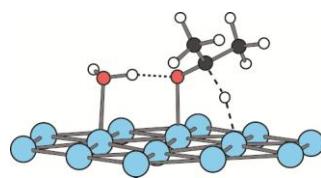


Figure S3. Transition state structure of the isopropanol oxidation at a OH@Pt(111) surface

	$\Delta E$	$\Delta E^\ddagger$	N	X-H	Pt-X	Pt-H	H...O
<b>OH</b>							
Pt(111)	0.72	0.93	4	1.64	2.07	1.64	
H <sub>2</sub> O@Pt(111)	0.59	0.85	4	1.62	2.17	1.64	1.61
<b>OH-CH</b>							
Pt(111)	-0.64	0.08	5	1.44	3.02	1.71	
H <sub>2</sub> O@Pt(111)	-0.46	0.28	5	1.50	3.09	1.68	1.76
<b>CH</b>							
Pt(111)	0.00	0.81	3	1.98	3.03	1.61	
H <sub>2</sub> O@Pt(111)	0.16	1.13	3	1.72	2.60	1.62	1.73
<b>CH-OH</b>							
Pt(111)	0.47	0.81	4	1.66	2.24	1.61	
H <sub>2</sub> O@Pt(111)	-0.08	0.65	6	1.47	3.05	1.66	1.50
OH@Pt(111)	-0.43	0.27	5	1.49	3.08	1.68	1.62

Table S1. Energetics and main geometrical characteristics of the transition state structures for the isopropanol oxidation at the bare platinum surface (Pt(111)), at the hydrated platinum surface (H<sub>2</sub>O@Pt(111)) and at the hydroxylated surface (OH@Pt(111)). The CH step is the first step of Route C. The CH-OH step is the second step of route C. The OH step is the first step of route O. The OH-CH is the second step of route O. The reaction energy  $\Delta E$  and the activation energy  $\Delta E^\ddagger$  of each step are provided in eV. The transition state structures are characterized by the number of involved atoms (N). The main distances are given in Å: X-H is the breaking bond; Pt-Y corresponds to the Pt-C (resp. Pt-O) bond for the CH bond scission (resp. OH bond scission). In the case of reaction at the hydrated and the hydroxylated surfaces, C or O is not adsorbed in the final product. H...O corresponds to the hydrogen bonds.