

**Supplemental Material for “Activation of Methane by FeO<sup>+</sup>:  
Determining Reaction Pathways Through Temperature Dependent  
Kinetics and Statistical Modeling”**

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### Molecular parameters used in modeling:

Vibrational frequencies (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , obtained from DFT calculations).

$\text{FeO}^+(6)$ : 819.1;  $\text{FeO}^+(4)$ : 676.9;  $\text{FeOH}^+(5)$ : 241.9, 812.6, 3840.0;  $\text{FeOD}^+(5)$ : 183.2, 792.7, 2801.0;  $\text{TS1(H,4)}$ : 33.4, 272.8, 463.5, 556.9, 712.0, 898.8, 1125.8, 1237.0, 1397.2, 1409.3, 1677.8, 2997.2, 3086.8, 3156.7;  $\text{TS1(D,4)}$ : 25.5, 259.4, 337.0, 508.5, 563.3, 825.0, 864.9, 914.8, 1023.1, 1032.6, 1193.8, 2151.7, 2274.1, 2274.1, 2346.8. Data for  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{CD}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CD}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ , and  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  taken from the literature.

Rotational constants (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , obtained from DFT calculations).

$\text{FeO}^+(6)$ : 0.503;  $\text{FeO}^+(4)$ : 0.471;  $\text{FeOH}^+(5)$ : 95.530, 0.410, 0.408;  $\text{FeOD}^+(5)$ : 53.960, 0.368, 0.368;  $\text{TS1(H,4)}$ : 0.463, 0.263, 0.174;  $\text{TS1(D,4)}$ : 0.416, 0.213, 0.149. Data for  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{CD}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CD}_3$ ,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OH}$ , and  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  taken from the literature.

**Numbers of rotational states used in statistical modeling** (high  $J$ -expressions,  $E$  the same units as  $A$  and  $B$ )

Atom + symmetric top ( $A, B$ ):  $W(E) = (4/3)(E^3/A B^2)^{1/2}$

Rotor ( $B_r$ ) + symmetric top ( $A_t, B_t$ ):  $N(E) = (8/15)(E^2/B_r B_t)(E/A_t)^{1/2}$

Very prolate symmetric top ( $A_{pt}, B_{pt}$ ) + symmetric top ( $A_t, B_t$ ):

$$N(E) = (8/15 B_{pt} B_t)(1/A_t)^{1/2} [E^{5/2} + 2S(E)] \quad \text{with} \quad S(E) = \sum_{i=1}^{k_0} (E - A_{pt} i^2)^{5/2} \quad \text{and}$$

$k_0 = \text{integer } (E/A_{pt})^{1/2}$ ; at large energies  $N(E)$  approaches  $N(E) = (\pi E^3/6 B_t B_{pt})(1/A_t A_{pt})^{1/2}$ .