

## **Decomposition Pathways of Formamide in the Presence of Vanadium and Titanium Monoxides**

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**Table S1.** Theoretically reported energy barriers (kcal/mol) of the two-step dehydrations of FM without and with water and FM as catalysts in the S<sub>0</sub>, S<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>1</sub> states. (Adapted from ref <sup>1</sup>)

Reference systems	Energy barriers <sup>(a)</sup> (kcal/mol)		
	Step 1: Isomerization	Step 2: Dehydration	Overall
FM (S <sub>0</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>	43.9	59.1	73.6
FM (S <sub>0</sub> ) <sup>3</sup>	48.9		
FM (S <sub>0</sub> ) <sup>4</sup>	44.7		
FM (S <sub>1</sub> ) <sup>5</sup>	35.8	75.8	78.3
FM (T <sub>1</sub> ) <sup>5</sup>	19.1	56.7	50.5
FM...H <sub>2</sub> O (S <sub>0</sub> ) <sup>3</sup>	22.6		
FM...H <sub>2</sub> O (S <sub>0</sub> ) <sup>4</sup>		33.5	
FM...H <sub>2</sub> O (S <sub>0</sub> ) <sup>6</sup>	20.0	37.8	49.4
FM...2H <sub>2</sub> O (S <sub>0</sub> ) <sup>6</sup>	17.2	32.9	38.0
			54.2 <sup>(b)</sup>
FM...3H <sub>2</sub> O (S <sub>0</sub> ) <sup>6</sup>	20.9	33.5	31.3
			53.8 <sup>(b)</sup>
FM...FM (S <sub>0</sub> ) <sup>7</sup>	26.1	18.7	48.1
FM (on pyrite surface) <sup>1</sup>	44.6		
FM...H <sub>2</sub> O (on defect pyrite surface) <sup>1</sup>	14.4		
FM...OH groups (of kaolinite surface) <sup>8</sup>	18.0		
FM...H <sub>2</sub> O...OH groups (of kaolinite surface) <sup>8</sup>	19.8		

<sup>(a)</sup> The energy barriers for step 1 and 2 are scaled with respect to the reactants directly involved in each elementary step, whereas the *overall* energy barriers are scaled with respect to the sum of the energies of separated reactants.

<sup>(b)</sup> These values are scaled with respect to the complexes between FM and waters.

**Table S2.** Charge distribution of the complexes between VO/TiO and FM obtained from NBO analysis.

	<b>1a</b>	<b>1a<sup>(TiO)</sup></b>	<b>1b</b>	<b>1b<sup>(TiO)</sup></b>
V/Ti	1.07902	1.15570	1.55760	1.52699
O <sup>(VO/TiO)</sup>	-1.15017	-1.22555	-1.25977	-1.24302
N	-0.83178	-0.82371	-0.77157	-0.76639
C	0.71401	0.72221	0.56795	0.56506
O <sup>(FM)</sup>	-0.83948	-0.86582	-1.02896	-1.02259

**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths of the complexes between VO/TiO and FM obtained from BP86 calculations.

	<b>1a</b>	<b>1a<sup>(TiO)</sup></b>	<b>1b</b>	<b>1b<sup>(TiO)</sup></b>
V/Ti–O <sup>(VO/TiO)</sup>	1.645	1.666	1.771	1.811
C–N	1.331	1.333	1.275	1.277
C–O <sup>(FM)</sup>	1.271	1.276	1.337	1.337
V/Ti–O <sup>(FM)</sup>	1.995	2.003	1.810	1.858
O <sup>(VO/TiO)</sup> –H <sup>(FM)</sup>	1.803	1.782		

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