

# Electronic Supplementary Information – First-principles study of mercaptoundecanoic acid molecule adsorption and gas molecule penetration onto silver surface: An insight for corrosion protection

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Table 1: Bond length and bond angle of MUA molecule determined using different DFT programs including pseudopotential-PAO program SIESTA, pseudopotential plane wave program Quantum ESPRESSO (QE), and density functional tight binding program DFTB.

	SIESTA	QE	DFTB
Bond length (Å)			
S1-H1	1.353	1.355	1.331
S1-C1	1.826	1.828	1.825
C1-H2	1.090	1.103	1.090
C1-H3	1.087	1.104	1.089
C1-C2	1.520	1.525	1.517
C2-H4	1.104	1.107	1.093
C2-H5	1.092	1.105	1.091
C2-C3	1.526	1.530	1.525
C3-H6	1.100	1.107	1.092
C3-H7	1.109	1.107	1.092
C4-H8	1.091	1.104	1.091
C4-H9	1.104	1.105	1.091
C4-C5	1.524	1.527	1.524
C5-H10	1.101	1.107	1.093
C5-H11	1.096	1.105	1.092
C5-C6	1.516	1.513	1.506
C6-O1	1.373	1.366	1.338
C6-O2	1.217	1.216	1.203
O1-H12	0.989	0.988	0.970
Bond angle (deg)			
H1-S1-C1	93.48	96.41	95.82
H2-C1-H3	106.21	106.84	108.97
H4-C2-H5	108.04	105.93	107.78
H6-C3-H7	103.59	105.83	107.62
H8-C4-H9	104.99	105.78	107.54
H10-C5-H11	102.65	104.76	106.75
O1-C6-O2	122.45	122.25	122.05
S1-C1-C2	115.05	114.44	111.99
C1-C2-C3	113.04	112.92	111.23
C4-C5-C6	118.64	117.68	114.41
C5-C6-O2	124.51	124.54	124.53
C5-C6-O1	113.04	113.21	113.42

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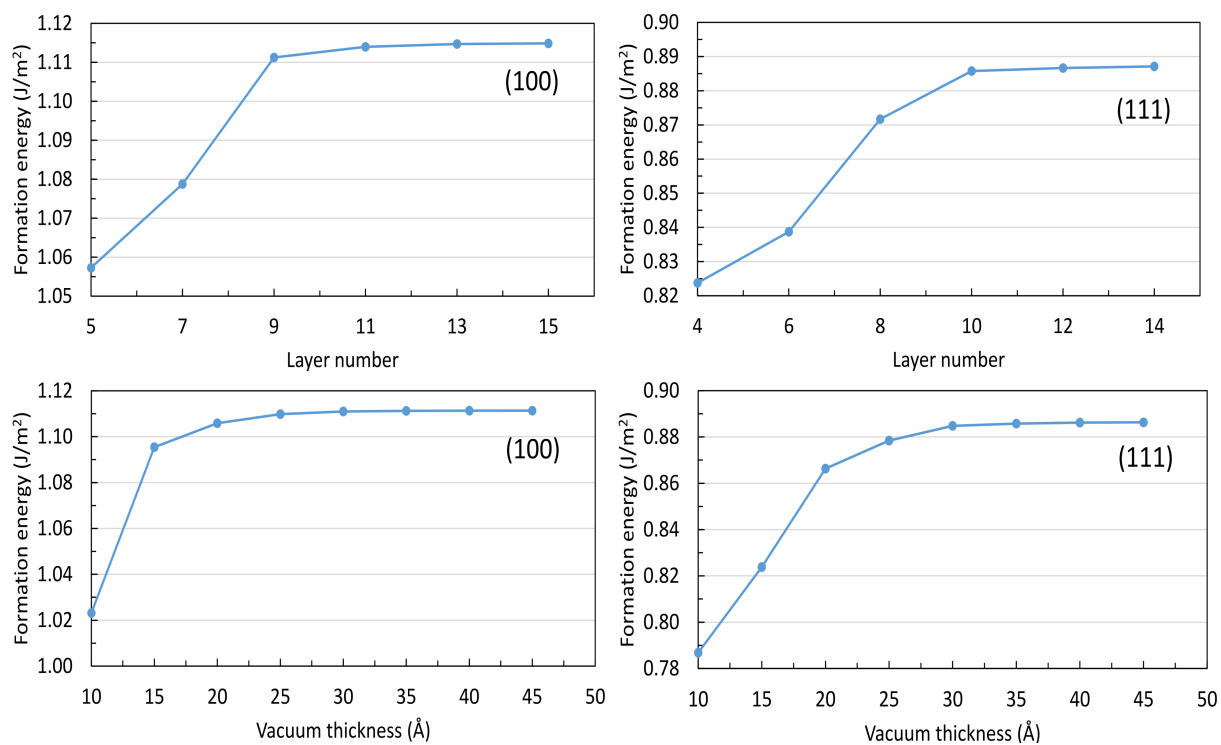


Fig. S1 Convergence test for formation energies of Ag(1 0 0) and (1 1 1) surfaces with respect to the number of layers (top panel) and vacuum thickness (bottom panel).

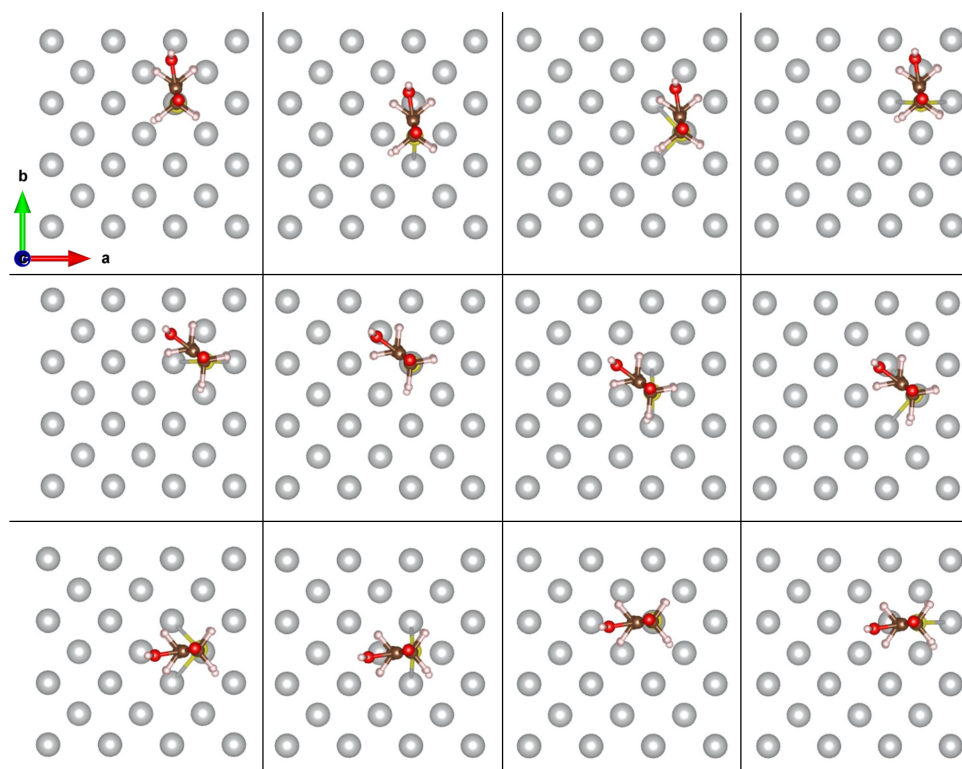


Fig. S2 Different positions of MUA adsorption on Ag(1 0 0) (3 × 3) surface cell.

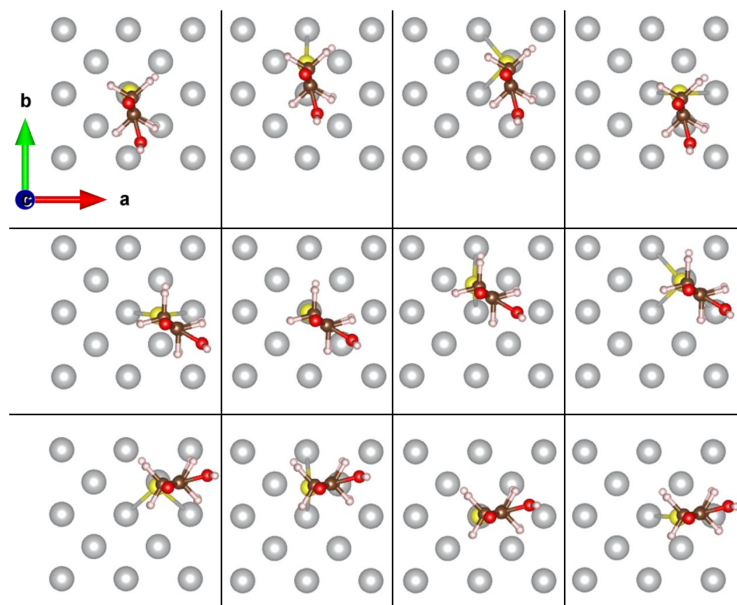


Fig. S3 Different positions of MUA adsorption on Ag(1 0 0) ( $2 \times 2$ ) surface cell.

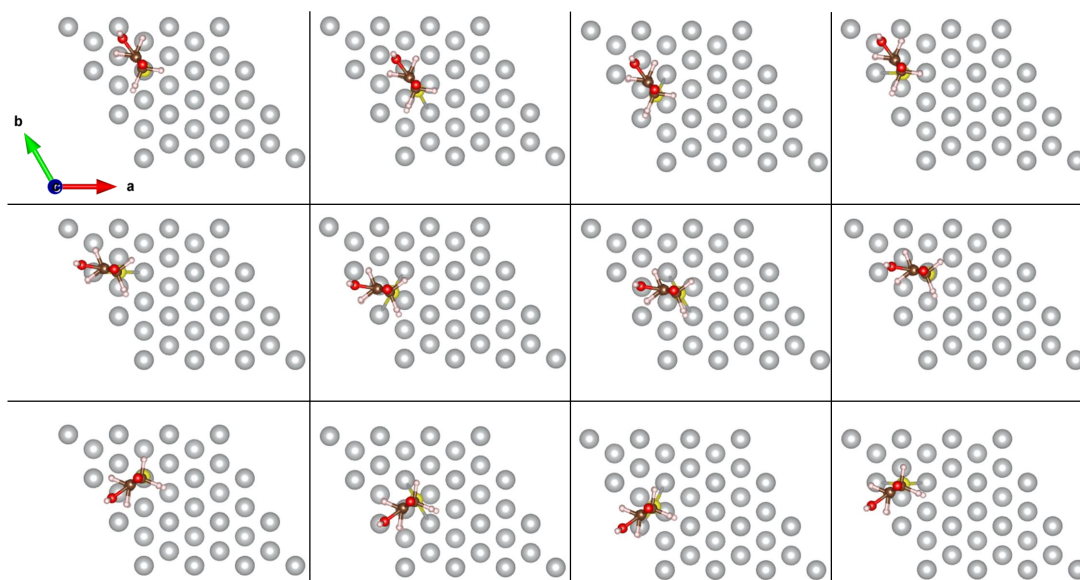


Fig. S4 Different positions of MUA adsorption on Ag(1 1 1) ( $3 \times 3$ ) surface cell.

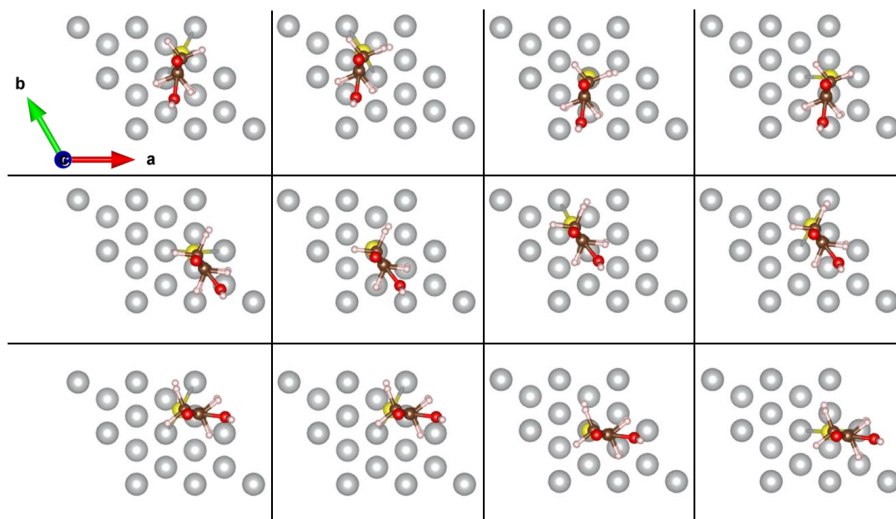


Fig. S5 Different positions of MUA adsorption on Ag(1 1 1) ( $2 \times 2$ ) surface cell.

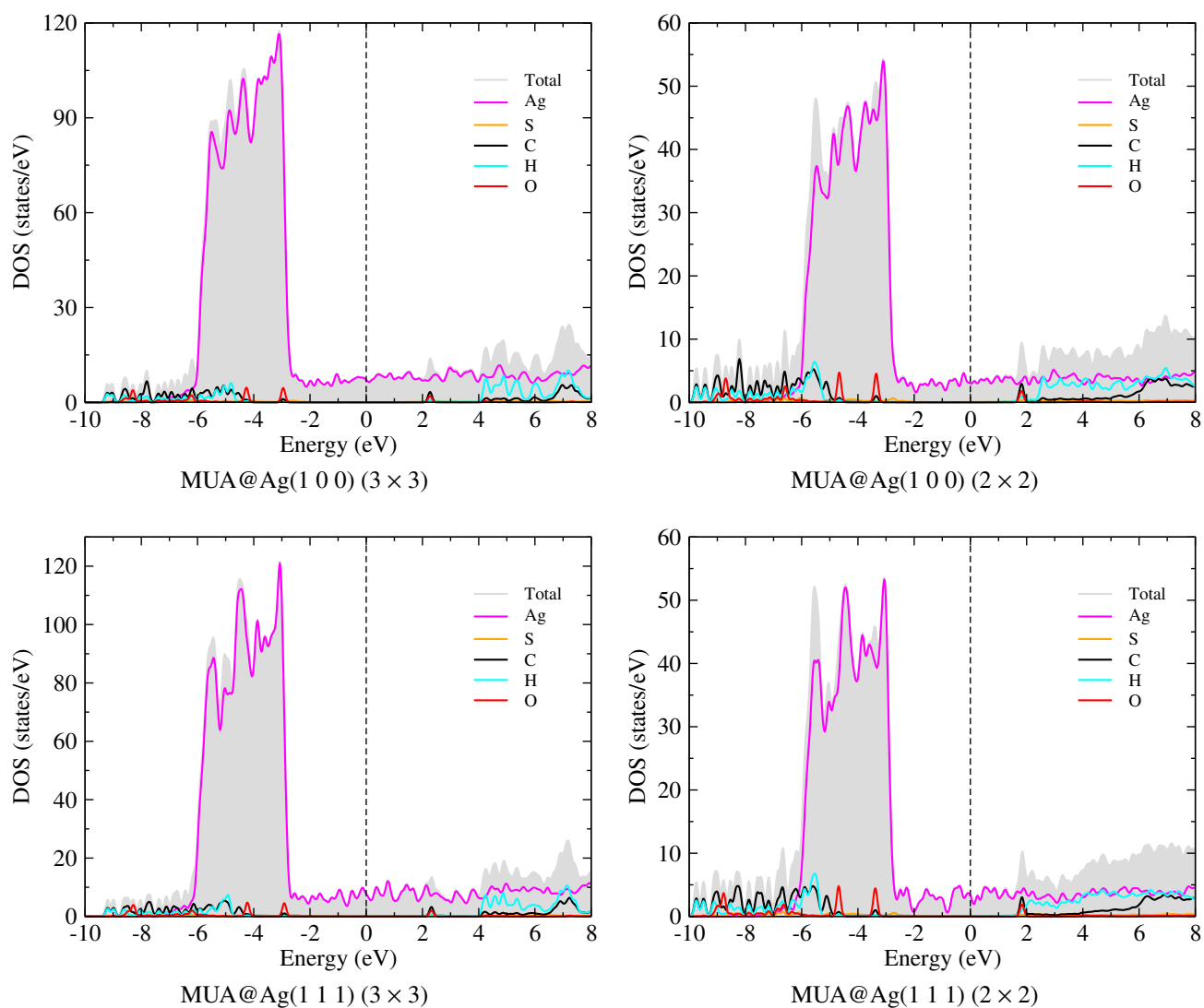


Fig. S6 Atom-projected density of states (DOS) in MUA-adsorbed Ag(1 0 0) and (1 1 1) surface complexes.

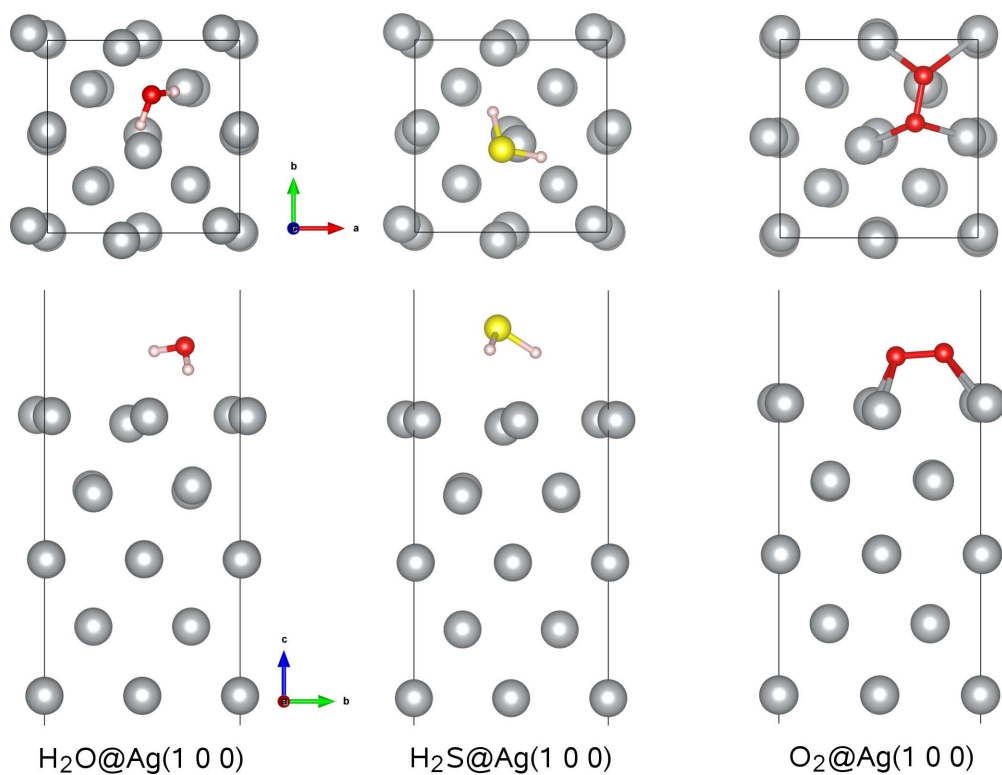


Fig. S7 Optimized geometries of small molecule adsorbed Ag(1 0 0) complexes.

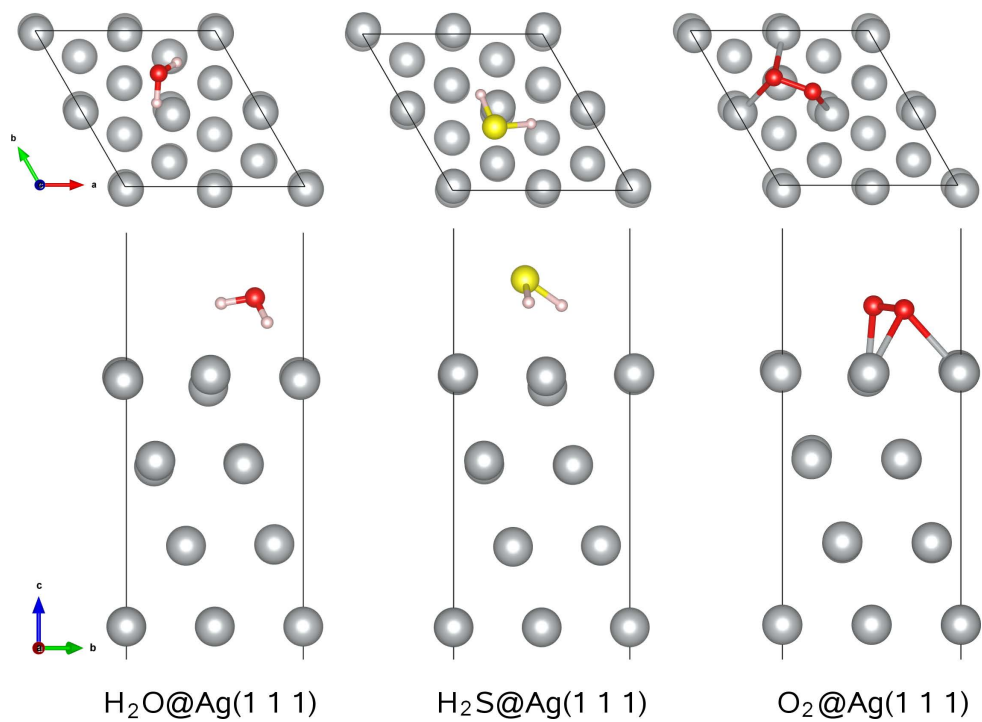


Fig. S8 Optimized geometries of small molecule adsorbed Ag(1 1 1) complexes.

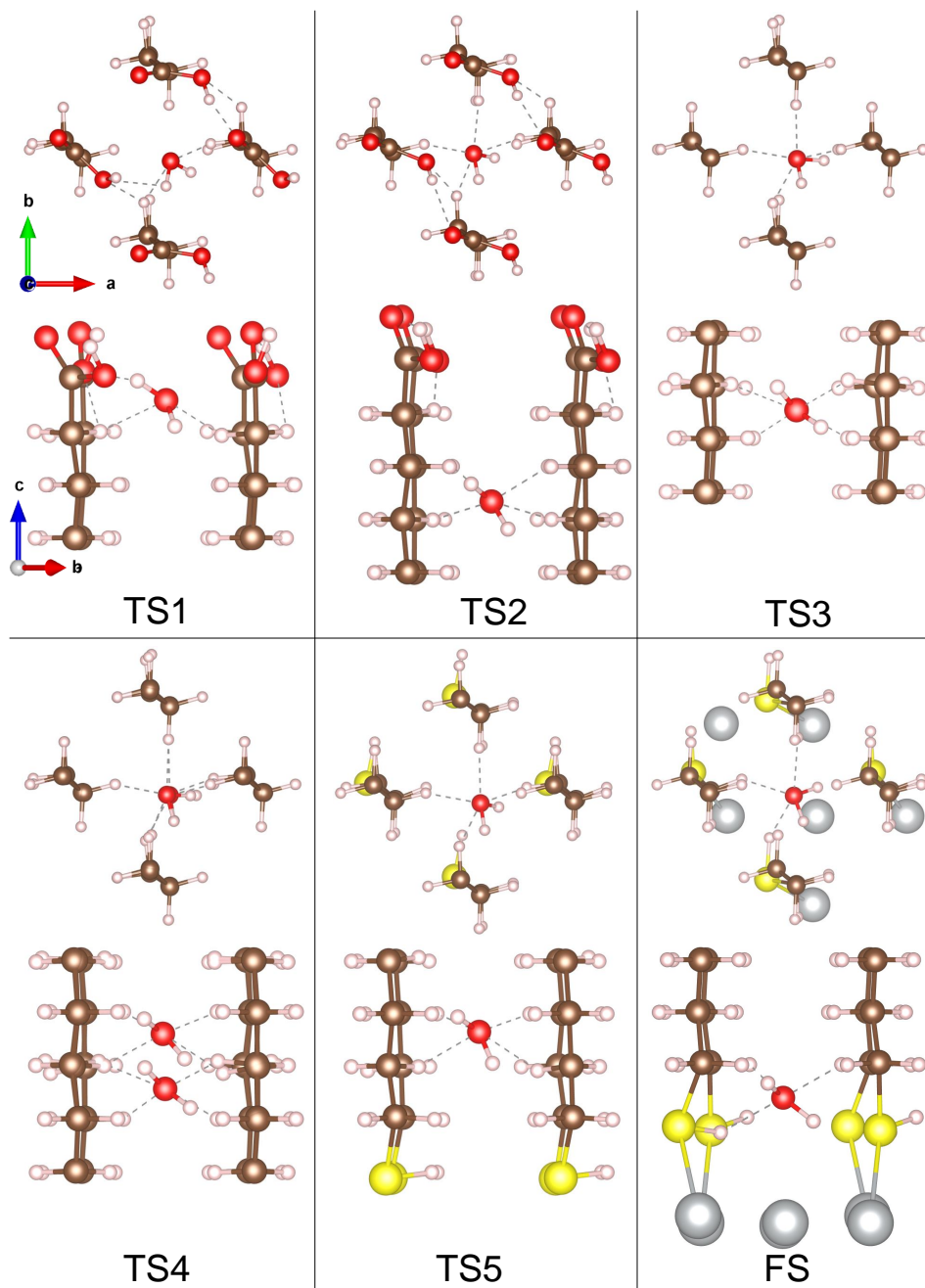


Fig. S9 Geometries of transition states (TS) and final state (FS) for H<sub>2</sub>O migration in MUA@Ag(1 0 0) complex.



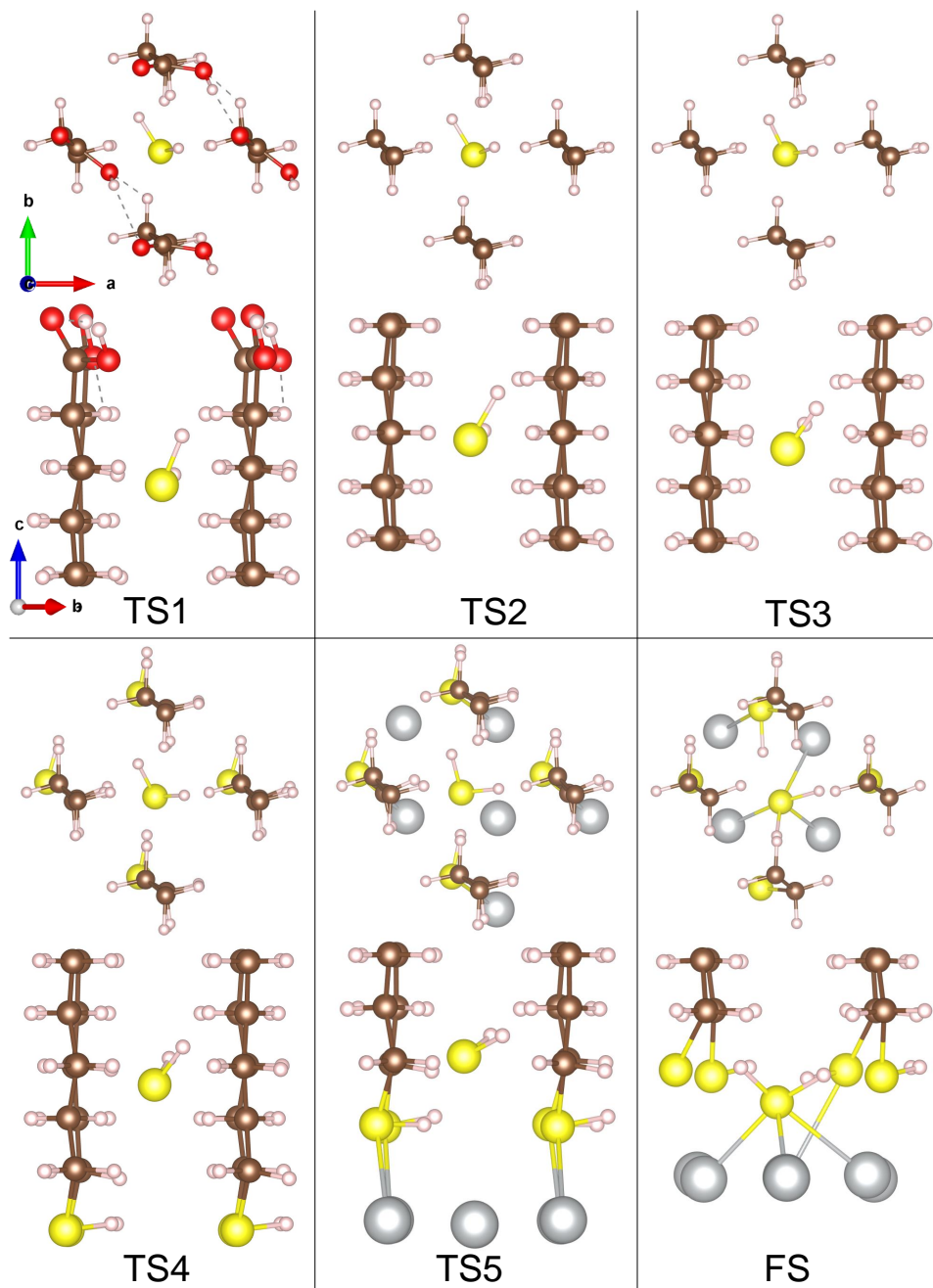


Fig. S10 Geometries of transition states (TS) and final state (FS) for H<sub>2</sub>S migration in MUA@Ag(1 0 0) complex.

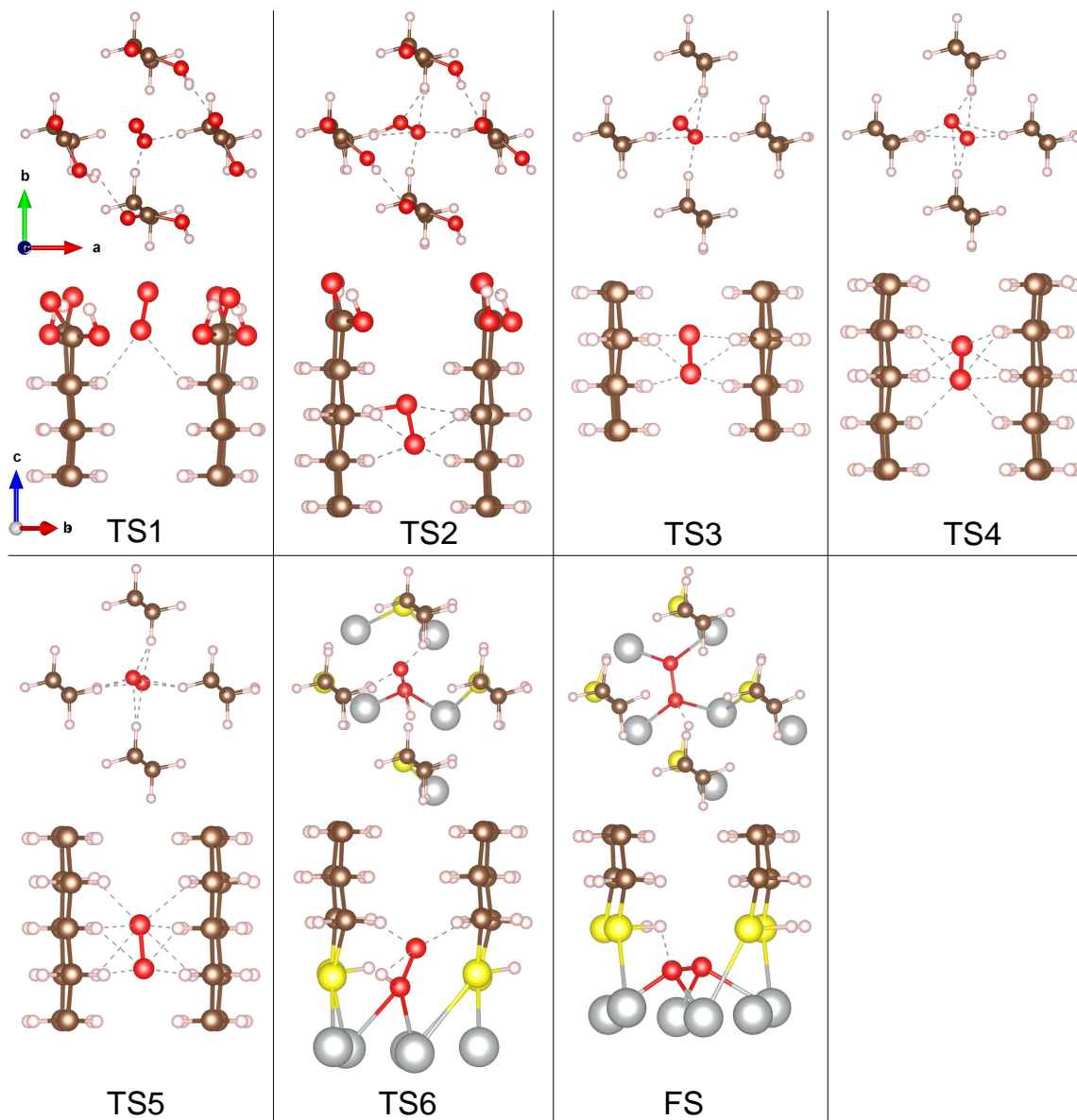


Fig. S11 Geometries of transition states (TS) and final state (FS) for  $O_2$  migration in MUA@Ag(1 0 0) complex.



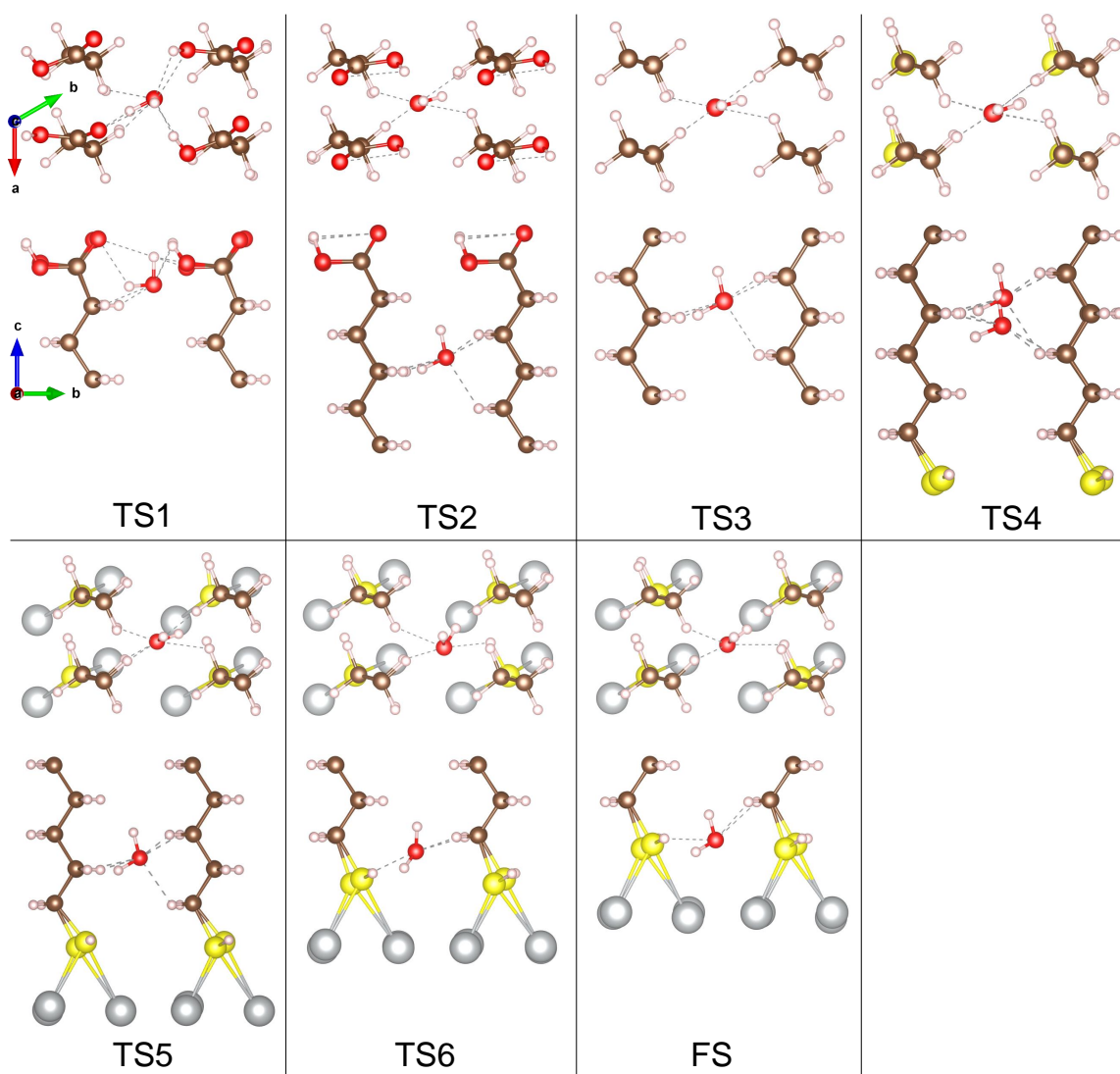


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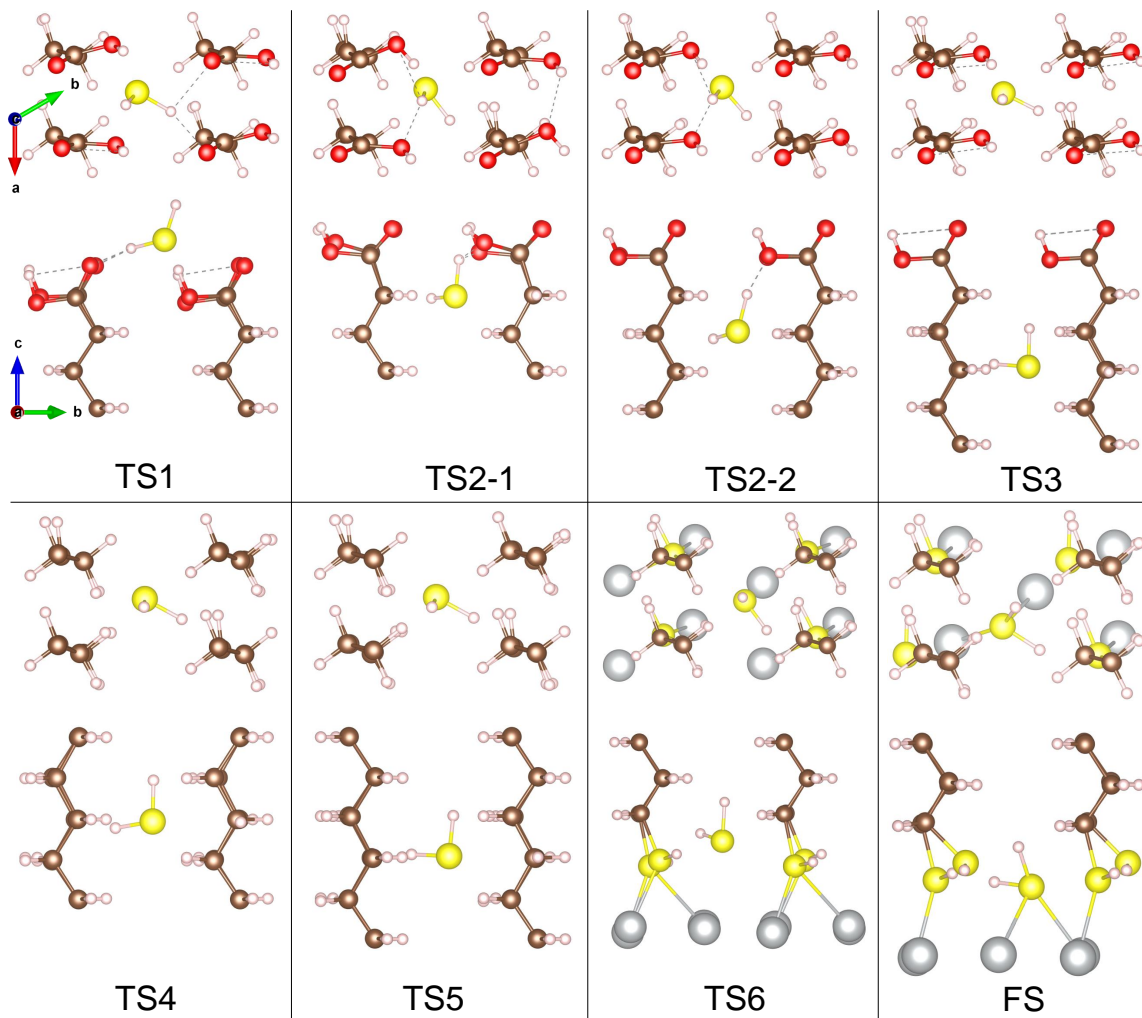


Fig. S13 Geometries of transition states (TS) and final state (FS) for H<sub>2</sub>S migration in MUA@Ag(1 1 1) complex.

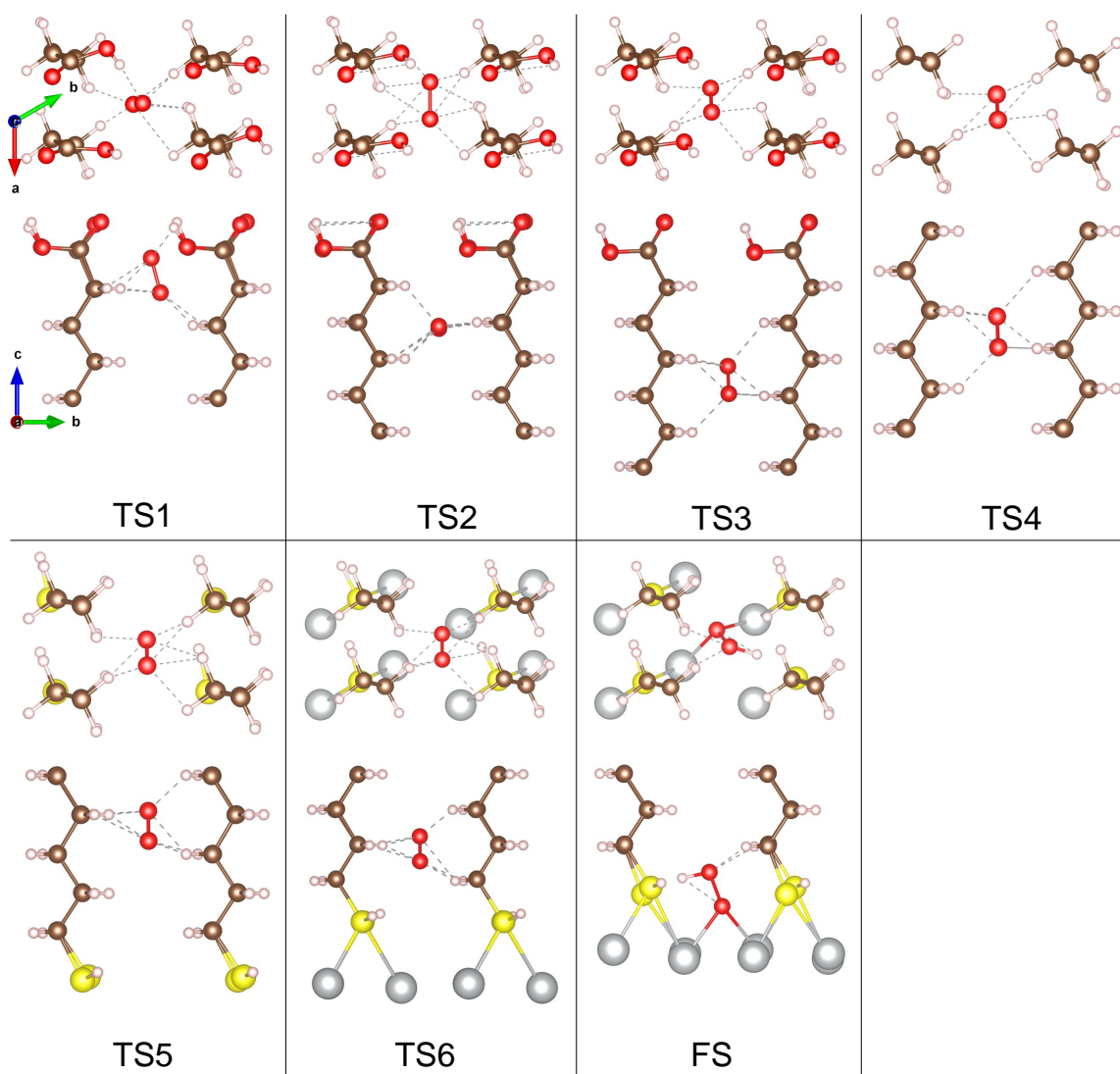


Fig. S14 Geometries of transition states (TS) and final state (FS) for O<sub>2</sub> migration in MUA@Ag(1 1 1) complex.