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**Electronic supplementary information (ESI) for the ‘Effect of internal excitations of reagent diatom on initial state-selected dynamics of C + OH reaction on its second excited ( $1^4A''$ ) electronic state’**

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**Table S1.** Structure, normal-mode frequencies and relative energies of the two minima on the electronic ground ( $X^2A'$ ) PES of C + OH collisional system, (Reproduced from Ref. 1).

Parameter description	Parameter value
<i>HCO Minimum</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-7.26 eV
$R_{CH}$	2.10 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.24 $a_0$
$\angle HCO$	126°
$\omega_1$ (CH stretch)	2767 $\text{cm}^{-1}$
$\omega_2$ (CO stretch)	1885 $\text{cm}^{-1}$
$\omega_3$ (HCO bend)	1142 $\text{cm}^{-1}$
R/r/ $\theta$	2.03 $a_0$ /3.87 $a_0$ /151°
<i>COH Minimum</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-5.50 eV
$R_{OH}$	1.85 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.44 $a_0$
$\angle COH$	111°
$\omega_1$ (OH stretch)	3495 $\text{cm}^{-1}$
$\omega_2$ (CO stretch)	1387 $\text{cm}^{-1}$
$\omega_3$ (COH bend)	1157 $\text{cm}^{-1}$
R/r/ $\theta$	2.48 $a_0$ /1.85 $a_0$ /67°

**Table S2.** Structure and relative energies of the saddle points on the electronic ground ( $X^2A'$ ) PES of C + OH collisional system, (Reproduced from Ref. 1).

Parameter description	Parameter value
<i>Saddle point - I (H-CO saddle point)</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-6.34 eV
$R_{CH}$	3.46 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.15 $a_0$
$\angle HCO$	115°
R/r/ $\theta$	1.95 $a_0$ /4.79 $a_0$ /134°
<i>Saddle point - II (HCO inversion saddle point)</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-6.18 eV
$R_{CH}$	2.01 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.30 $a_0$
$\angle HCO$	180°
R/r/ $\theta$	2.04 $a_0$ /4.31 $a_0$ /180°
<i>Saddle point - III (CO-H saddle point)</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-5.03 eV
$R_{OH}$	2.32 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.26 $a_0$
$\angle COH$	120°
R/r/ $\theta$	2.33 $a_0$ /2.32 $a_0$ /57°
<i>Saddle point - IV (COH inversion saddle point)</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-4.23 eV
$R_{OH}$	1.95 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.46 $a_0$
$\angle COH$	180°
R/r/ $\theta$	2.58 $a_0$ /1.95 $a_0$ /0°
<i>Saddle point - V (isomerisation saddle point)</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-4.44 eV
$R_{CH}$	2.48 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.40 $a_0$
$\angle HCO$	52.8°
R/r/ $\theta$	2.35 $a_0$ /2.17 $a_0$ /112°

**Table S3.** Geometrical structure and relative energies of the two minima on the first excited ( $1^2A''$ ) PES of C + OH collisional system, (Reproduced from Ref. 2).

Parameter description	Parameter value
<i>HCO Minimum</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-6.16 eV
$R_{CH}$	2.01 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.25 $a_0$
$\angle HCO$	180°
R/r/ $\theta$	2.00 $a_0$ /4.26 $a_0$ /180°
<i>COH Minimum</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-4.63 eV
$R_{OH}$	1.82 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.49 $a_0$
$\angle COH$	116°
R/r/ $\theta$	2.54 $a_0$ /1.82 $a_0$ /61°

**Table S4.** Geometrical structure and relative energies of the saddle points on the first excited ( $1^2A''$ ) PES of C + OH collisional system, (Reproduced from Ref. 2).

Parameter description	Parameter value
<i>Saddle point - I (isomerisation saddle point)</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-3.11 eV
$R_{CH}$	2.34 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.37 $a_0$
$\angle HCO$	68°
R/r/ $\theta$	2.82 $a_0$ /2.64 $a_0$ /121°
<i>Saddle point - II (COH inversion saddle point)</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-4.34 eV
$R_{OH}$	1.79 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.41 $a_0$
$\angle COH$	180°
R/r/ $\theta$	2.52 $a_0$ /1.79 $a_0$ /0°

**Table S5.** Geometrical structure and relative energies of the two minima on the second excited ( $1^4A''$ ) PES of C + OH collisional system, (Reproduced from Ref. 2).

Parameter description	Parameter value
<i>HCO Minimum</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-2.25 eV
$R_{CH}$	2.05 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.66 $a_0$
$\angle HCO$	118°
R/r/ $\theta$	2.38 $a_0$ /4.06 $a_0$ /151°
<i>COH Minimum</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-1.85 eV
$R_{OH}$	1.83 $a_0$
$R_{CO}$	2.63 $a_0$
$\angle COH$	106°
R/r/ $\theta$	2.66 $a_0$ /1.83 $a_0$ /72°

**Table S6.** Geometrical structure and relative energies of the saddle points on the second excited ( $1^4A''$ ) PES of C + OH collisional system, (Reproduced from Ref. 2).

Parameter description	Parameter value
<i>Saddle point - I (isomerisation saddle point)</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-0.33 eV
$R_{CH}$	$2.39 a_0$
$R_{CO}$	$2.65 a_0$
$\angle HCO$	$55^\circ$
$R/r/\theta$	$2.58 a_0/2.34 a_0/121^\circ$
<i>Saddle point - II (COH inversion saddle point)</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-0.41 eV
$R_{OH}$	$1.77 a_0$
$R_{CO}$	$2.57 a_0$
$\angle COH$	$180^\circ$
$R/r/\theta$	$2.68 a_0/1.77 a_0/0^\circ$
<i>Saddle point - III (HCO inversion saddle point)</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-1.05 eV
$R_{OH}$	$2.01 a_0$
$R_{CO}$	$2.66 a_0$
$\angle COH$	$180^\circ$
$R/r/\theta$	$2.39 a_0/4.67 a_0/180^\circ$
<i>Saddle point - IV (CO-H saddle point)</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	0.03 eV
$R_{OH}$	$2.86 a_0$
$R_{CO}$	$2.34 a_0$
$\angle COH$	$121^\circ$
$R/r/\theta$	$2.43 a_0/2.86 a_0/56^\circ$
<i>Saddle point - V (H-CO saddle point)</i>	
Energy relative to reagent asymptote (C + OH)	-0.11 eV
$R_{OH}$	$3.40 a_0$
$R_{CO}$	$2.34 a_0$
$\angle COH$	$93^\circ$
$R/r/\theta$	$2.20 a_0/4.24 a_0/121^\circ$

In all the tables presented here,  $R/r/\theta$  collectively represent Jacobi coordinates relative to C + OH.

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