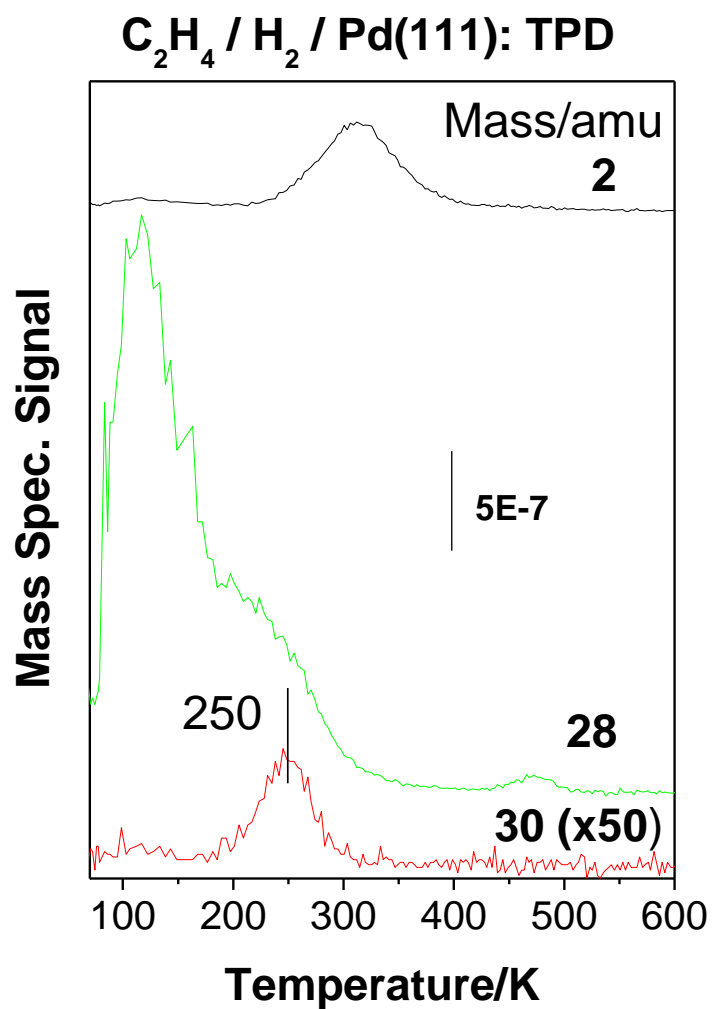
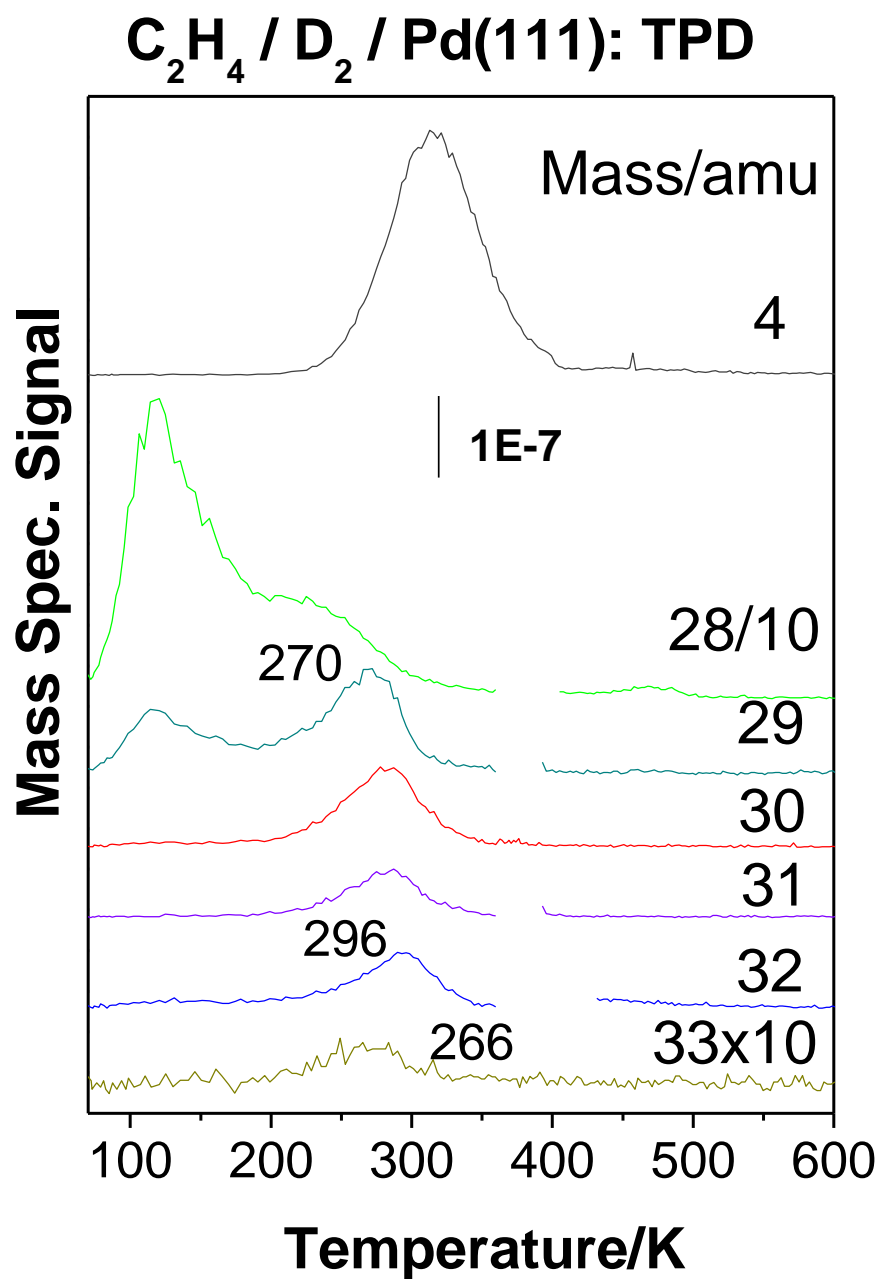


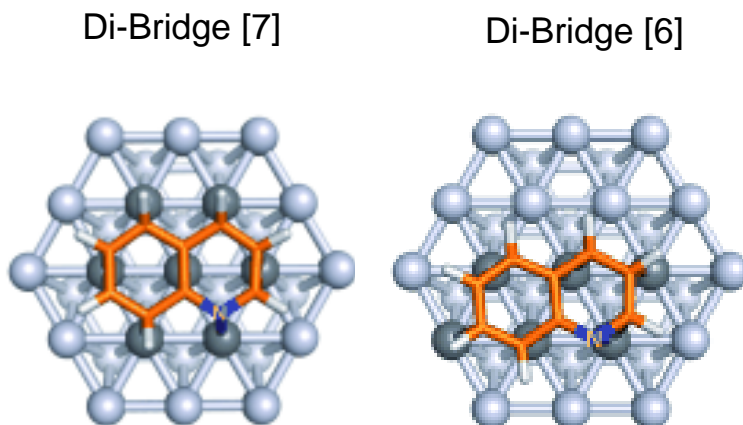
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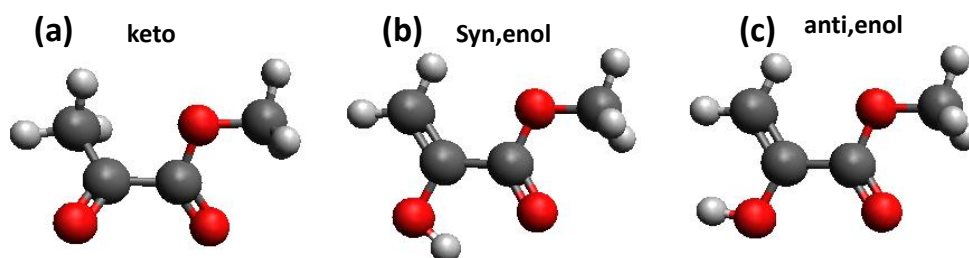
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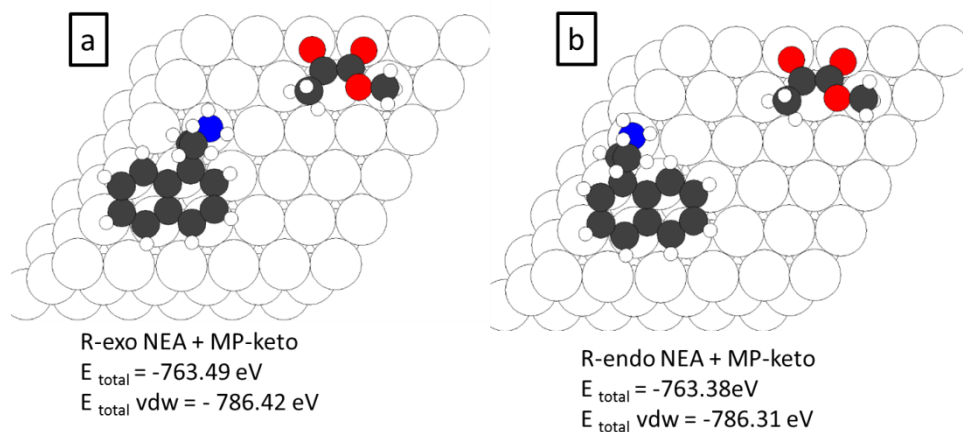
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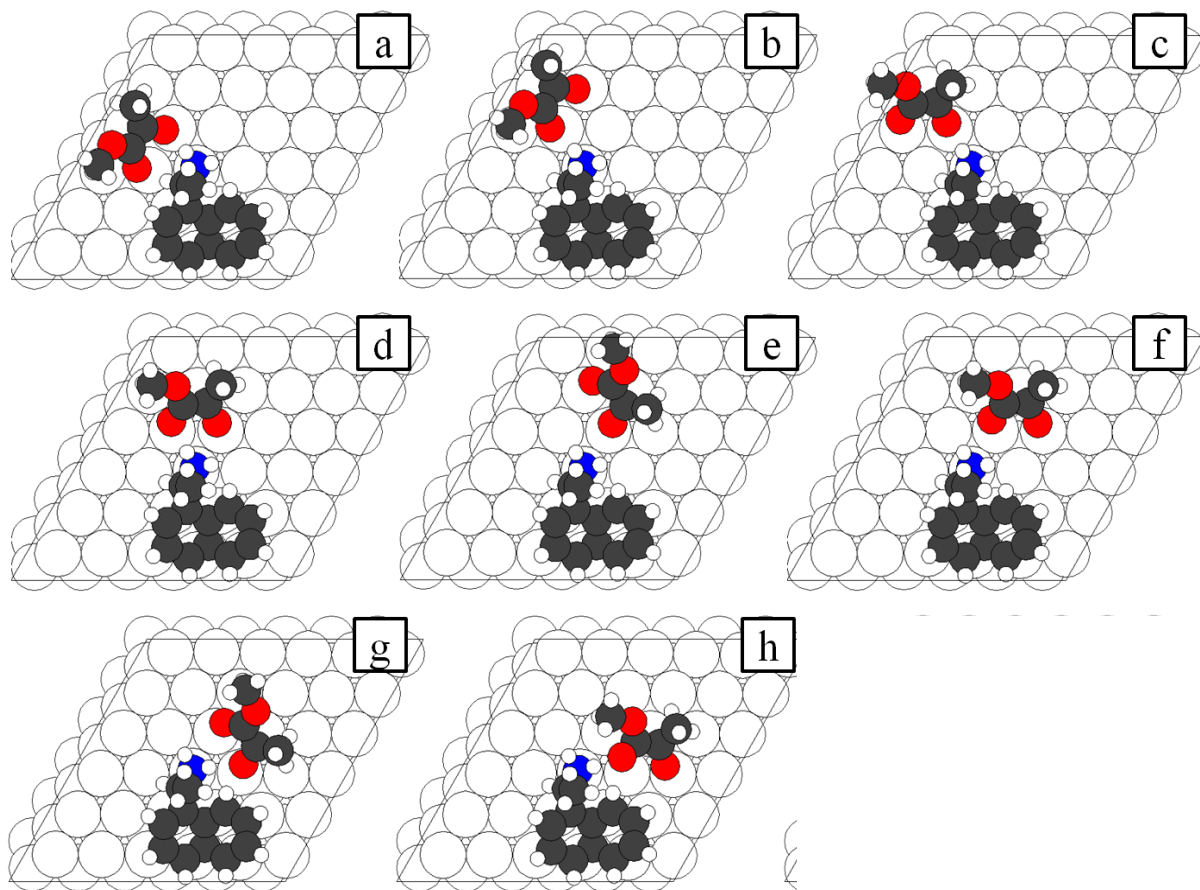
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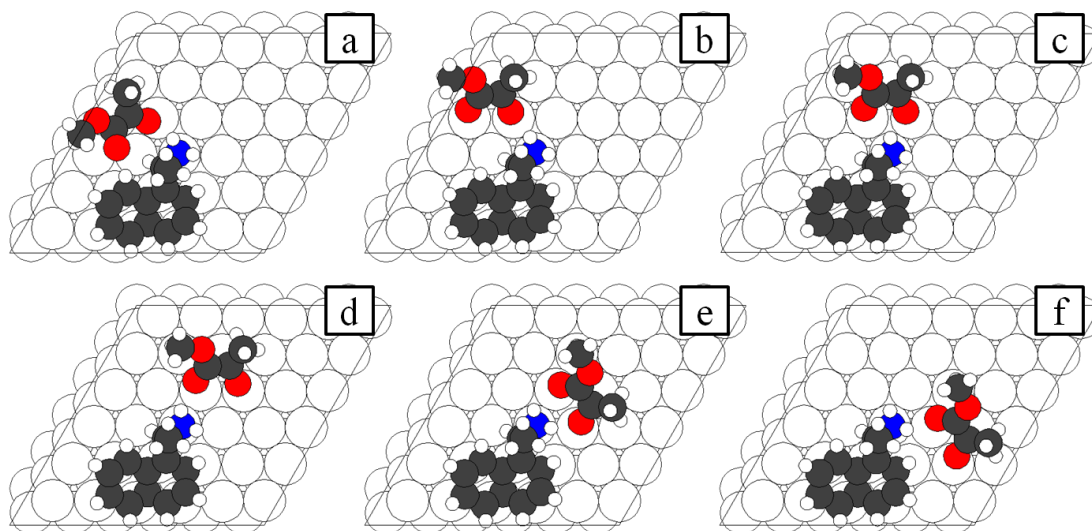
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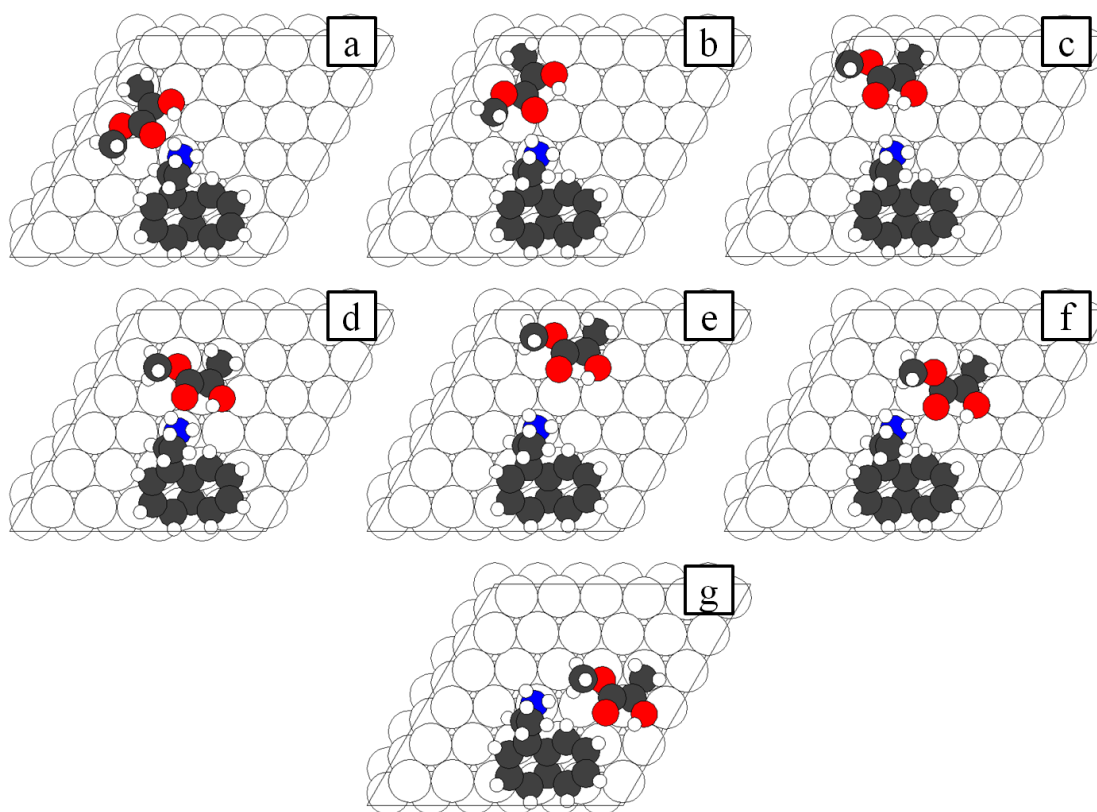
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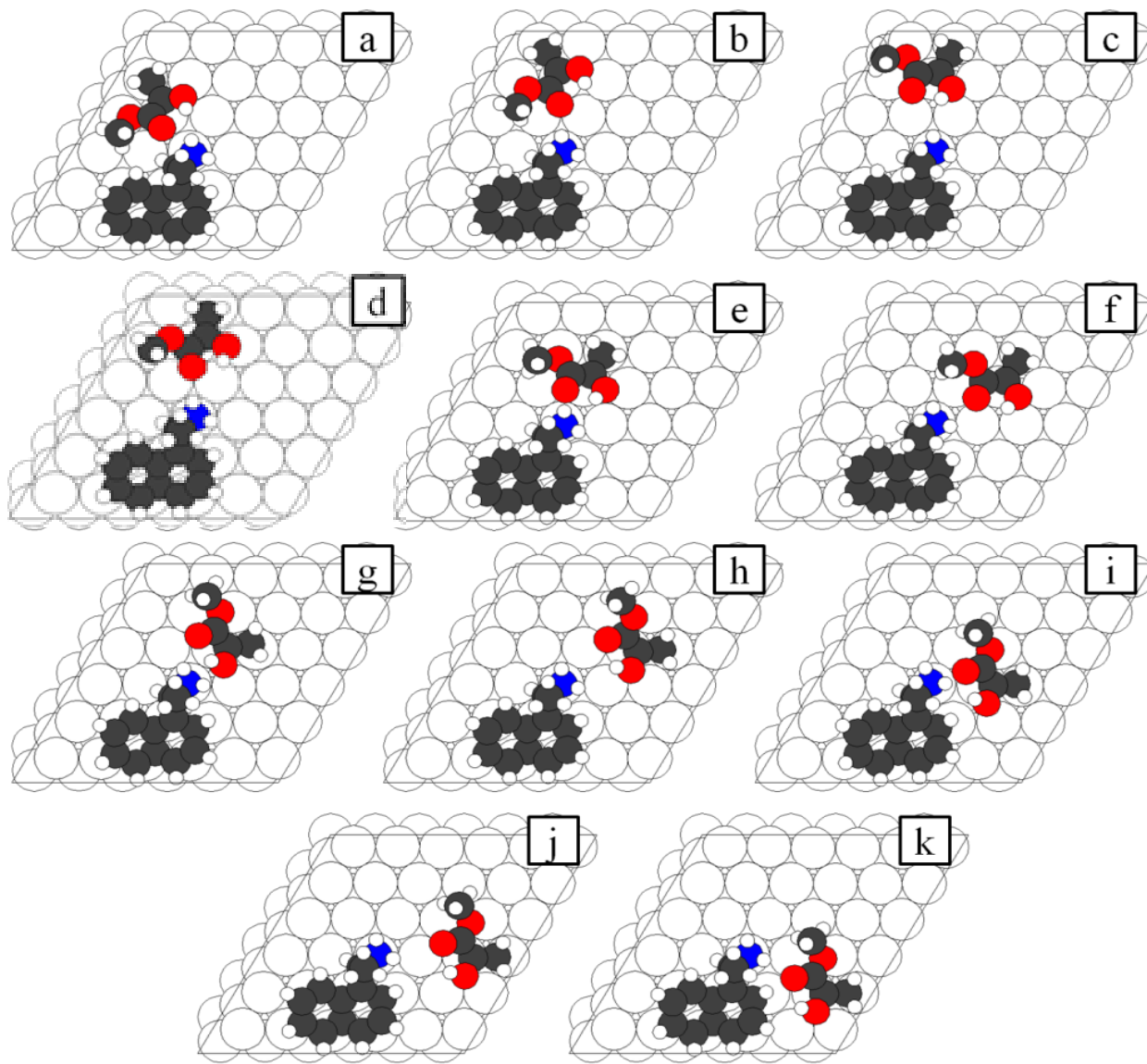
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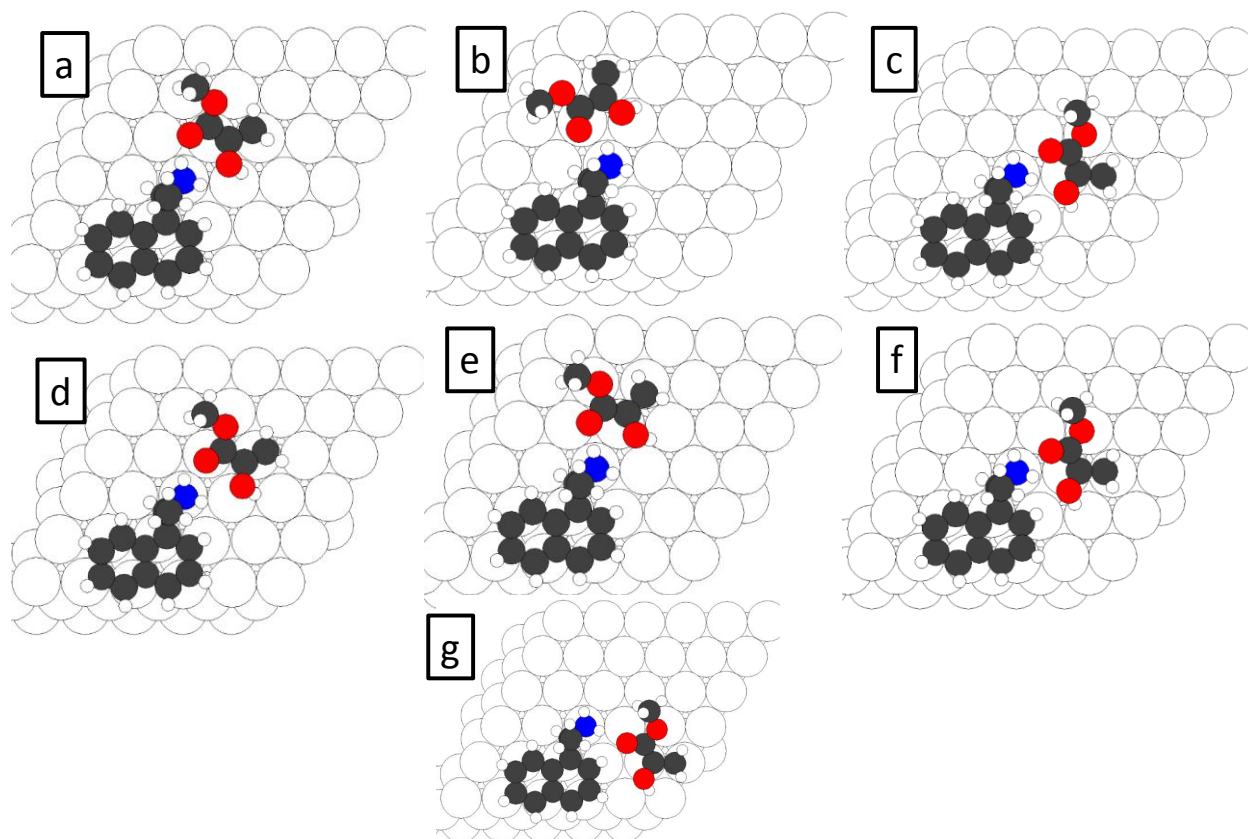
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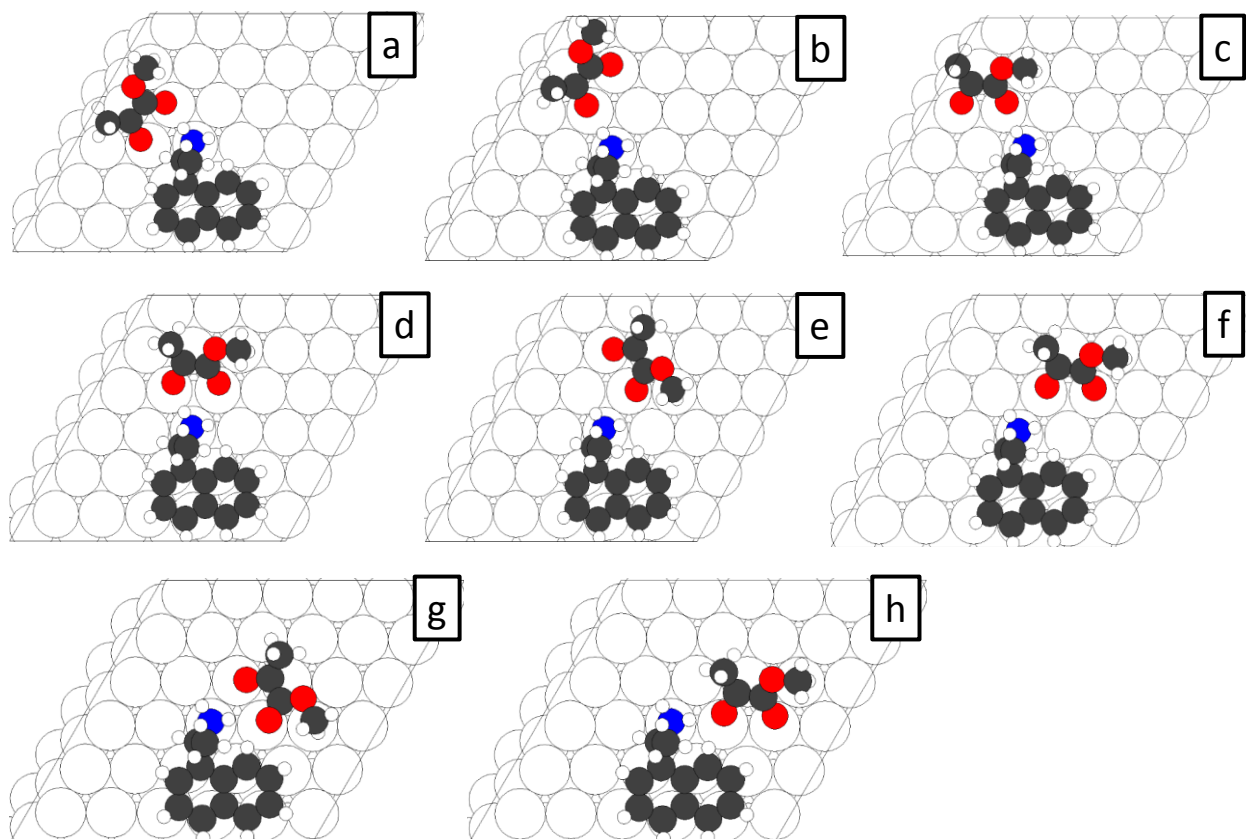
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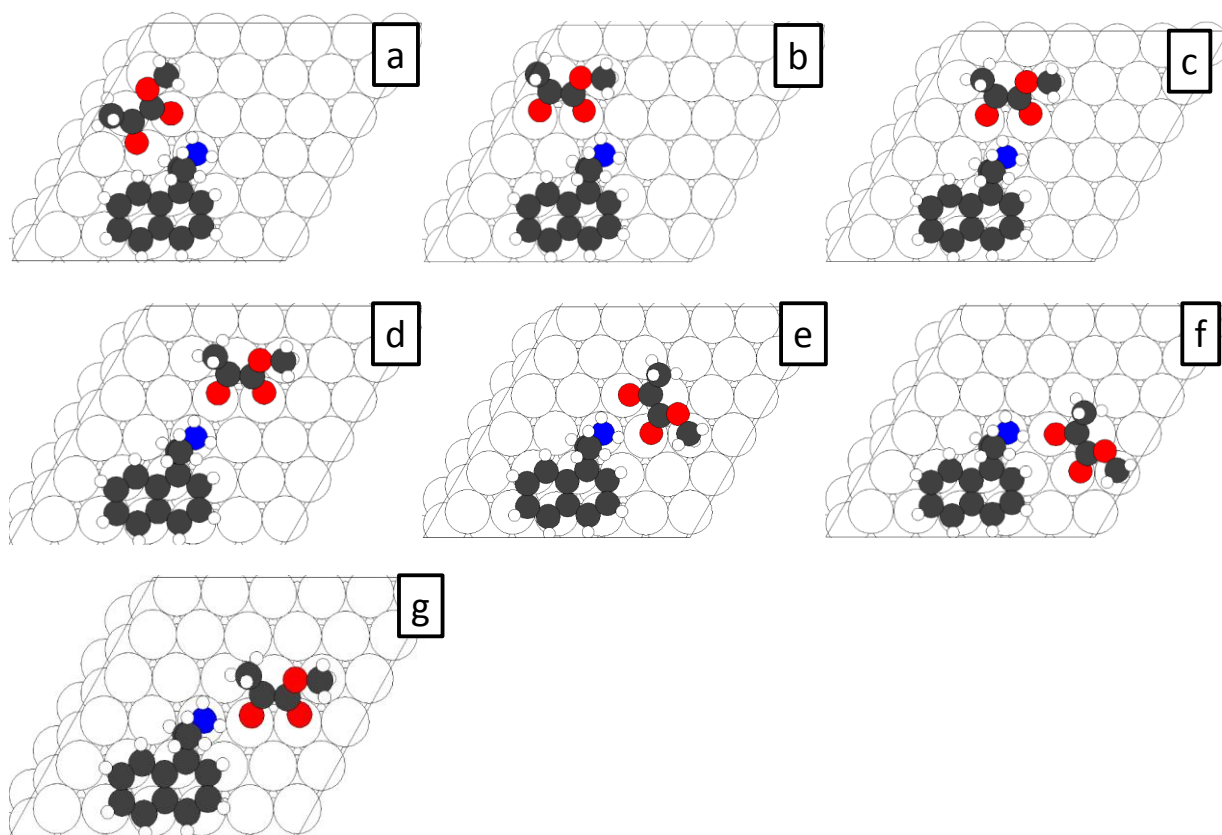
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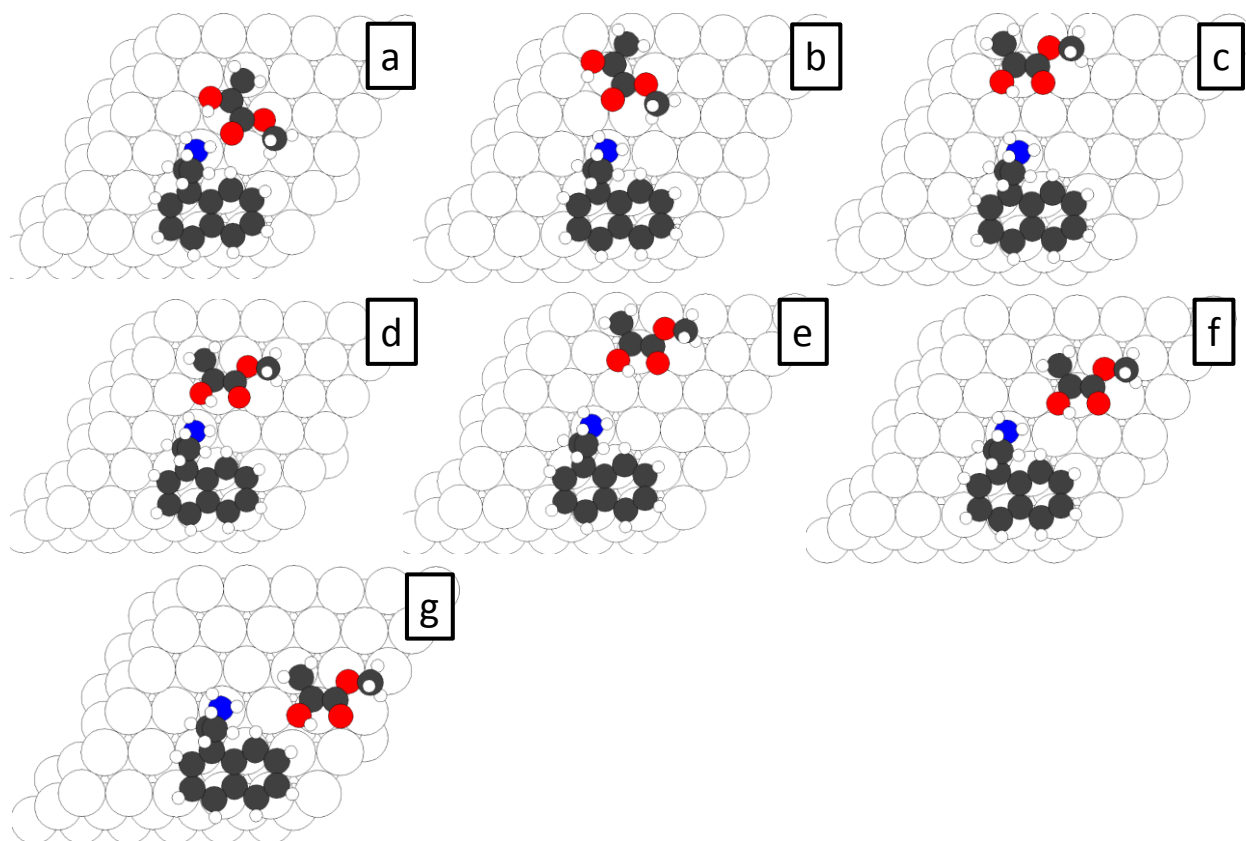
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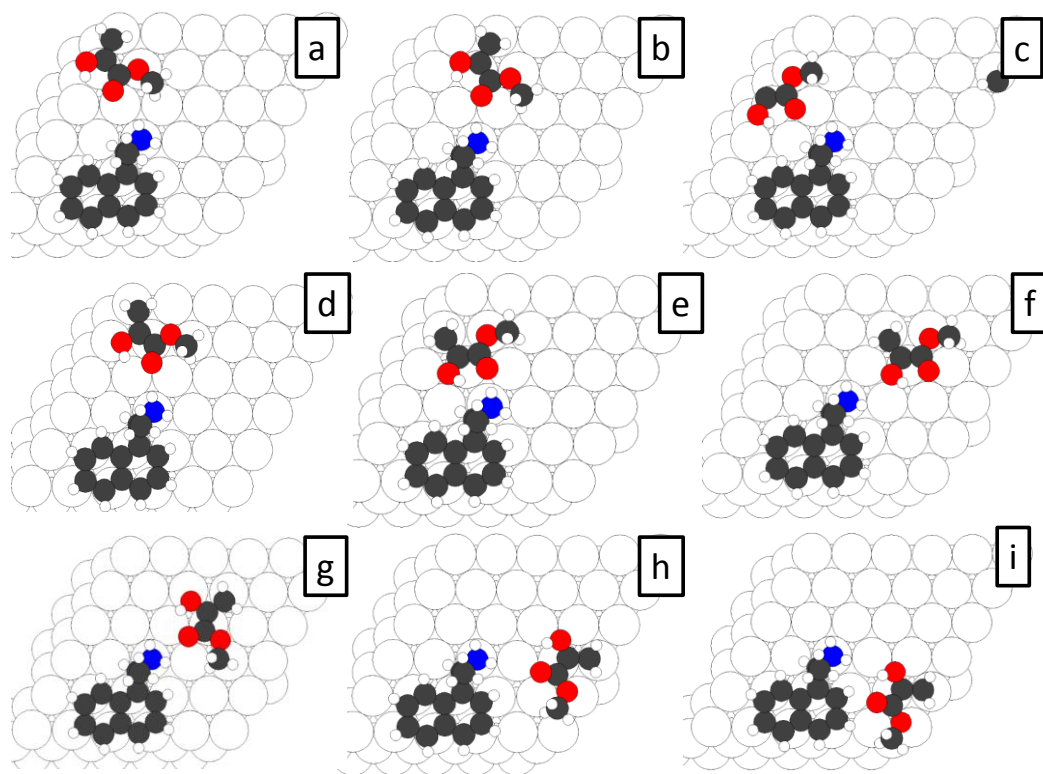
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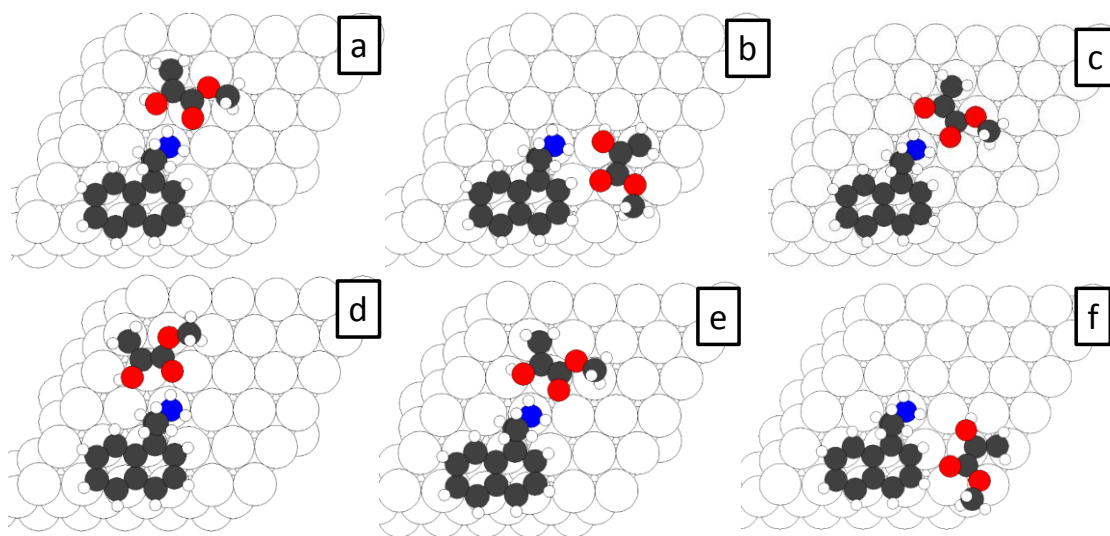
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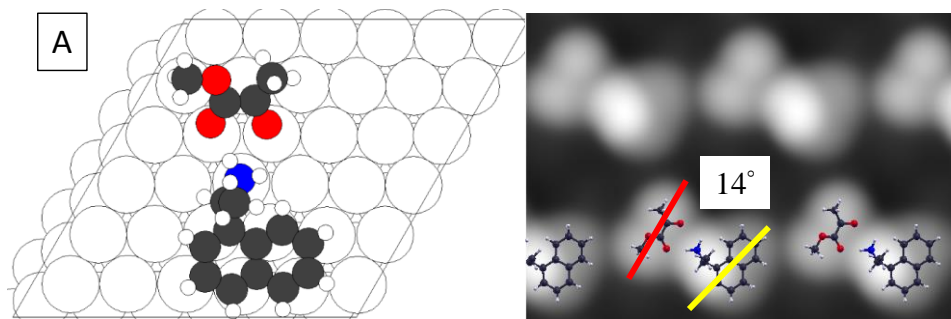
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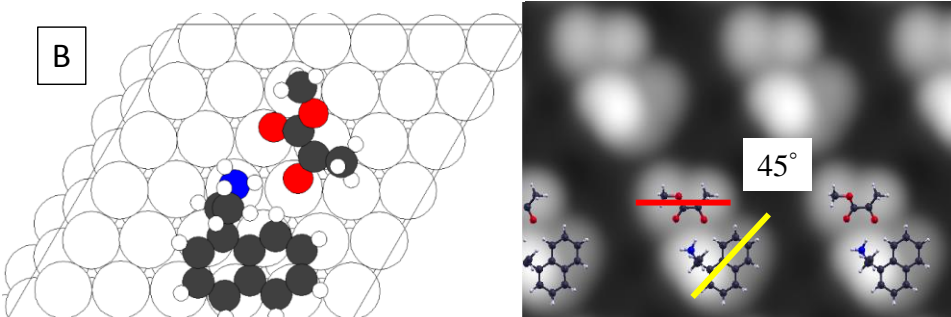
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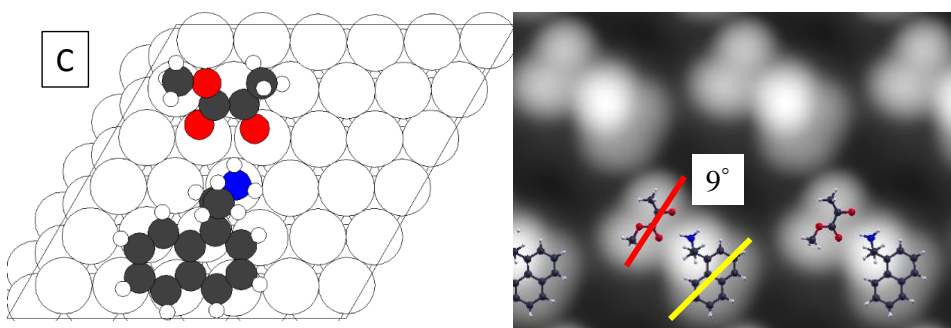
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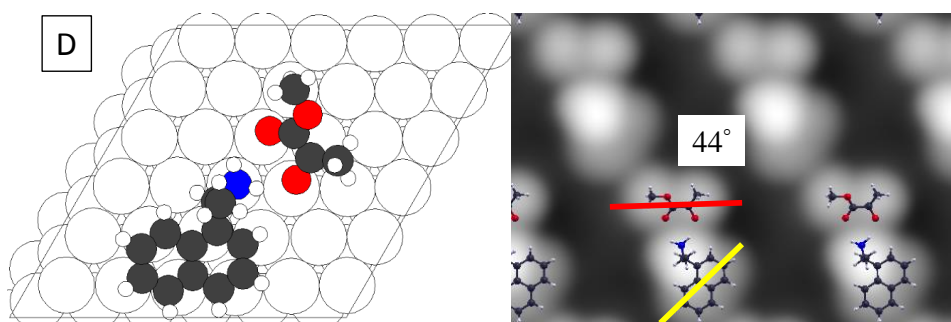
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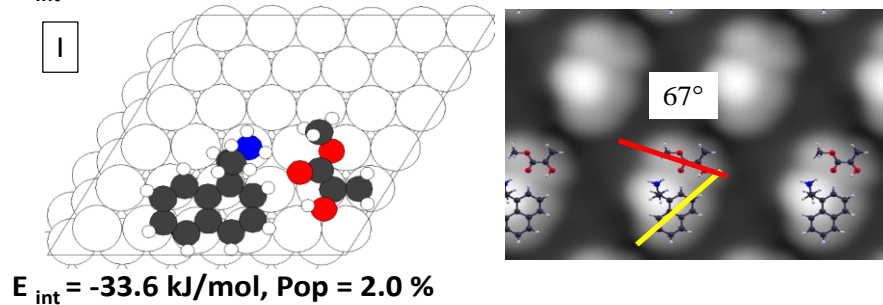
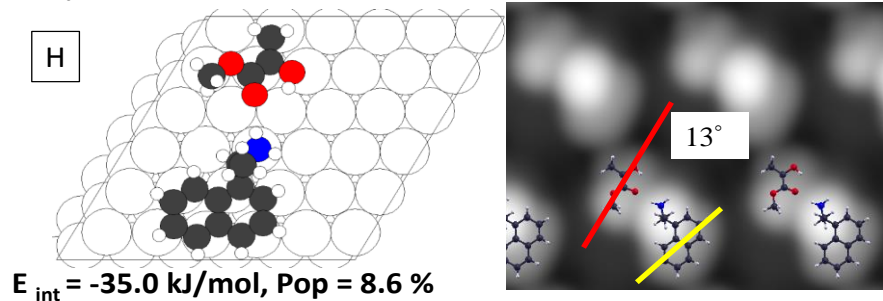
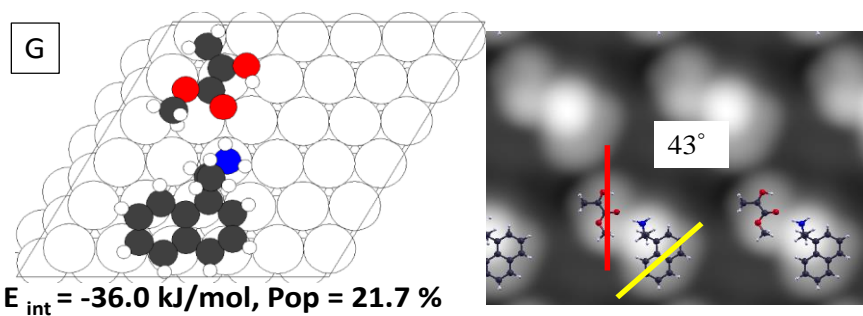
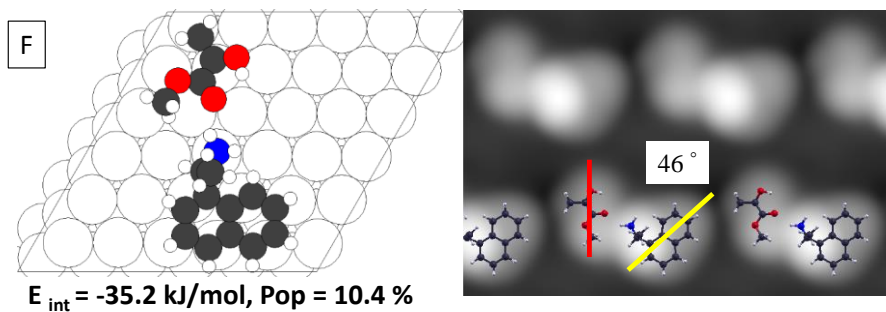
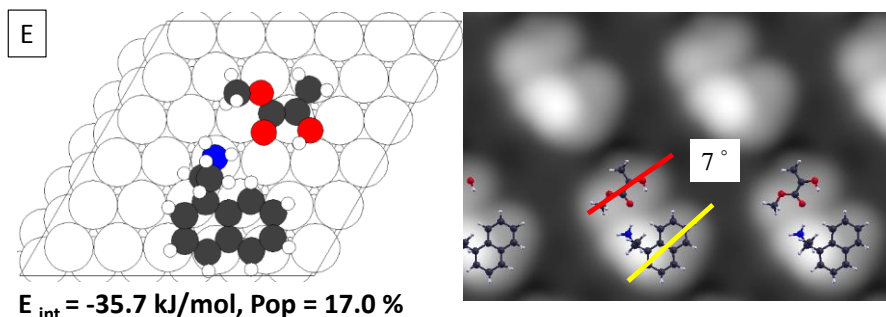
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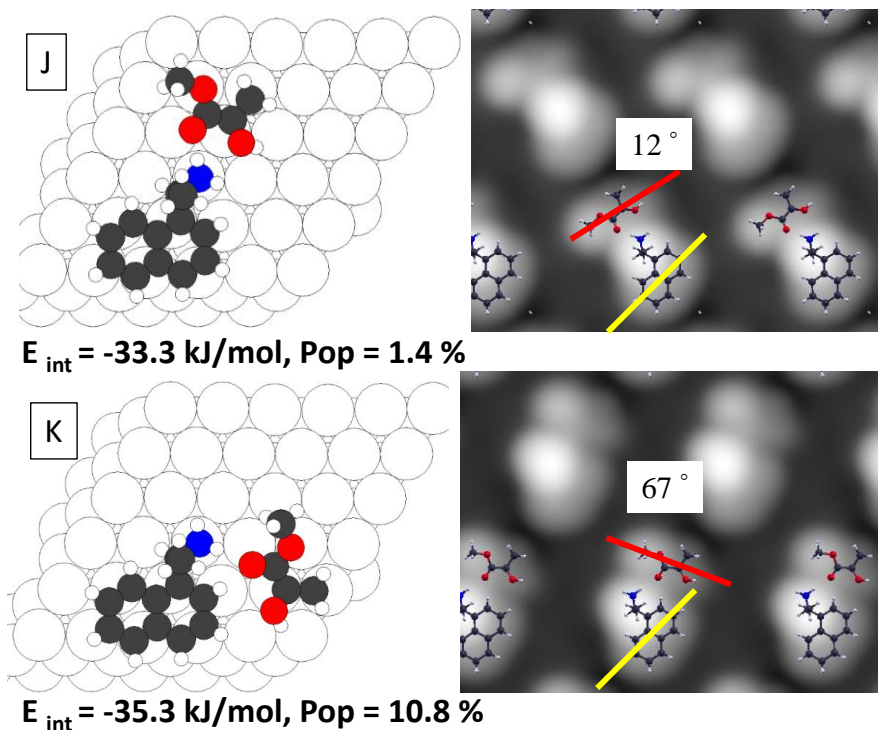


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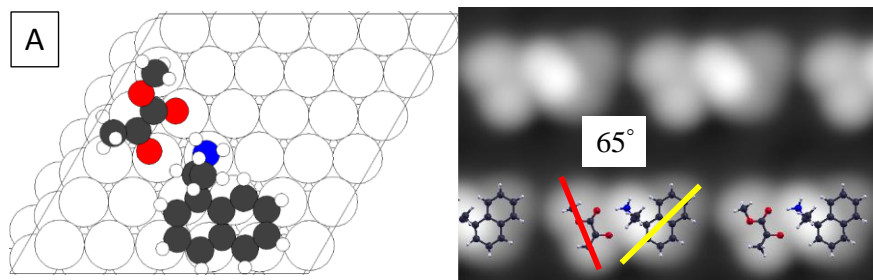


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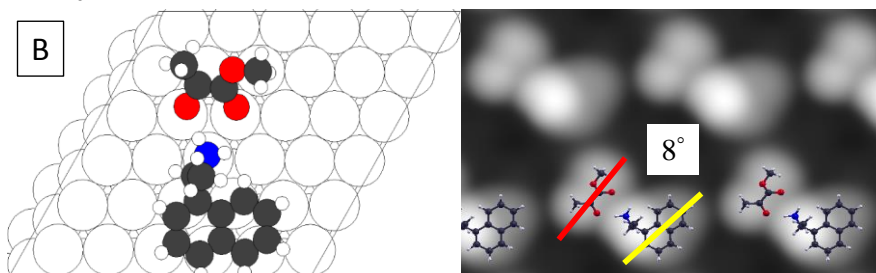




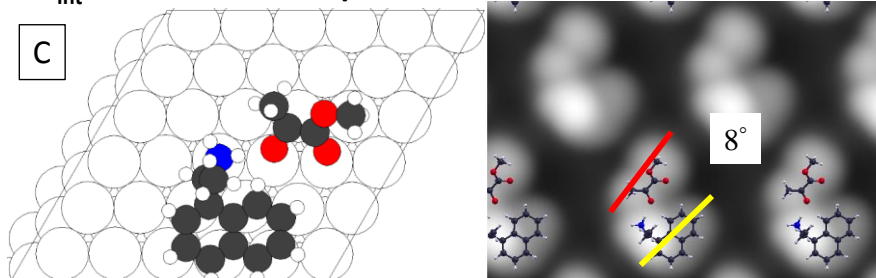
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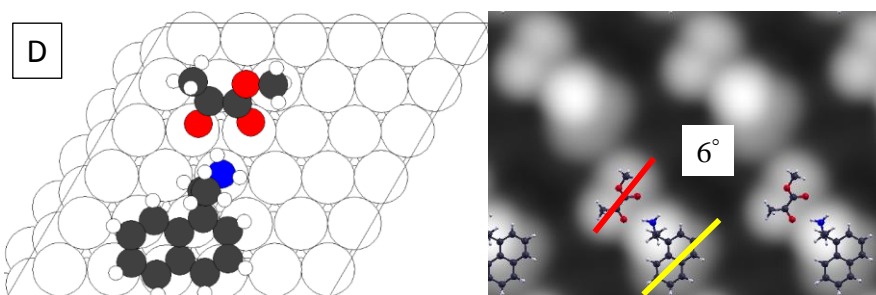
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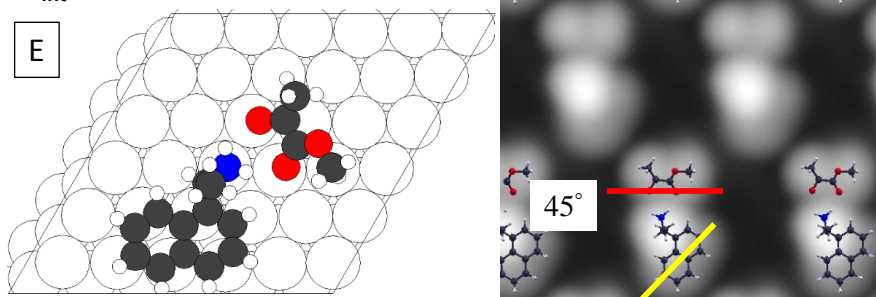
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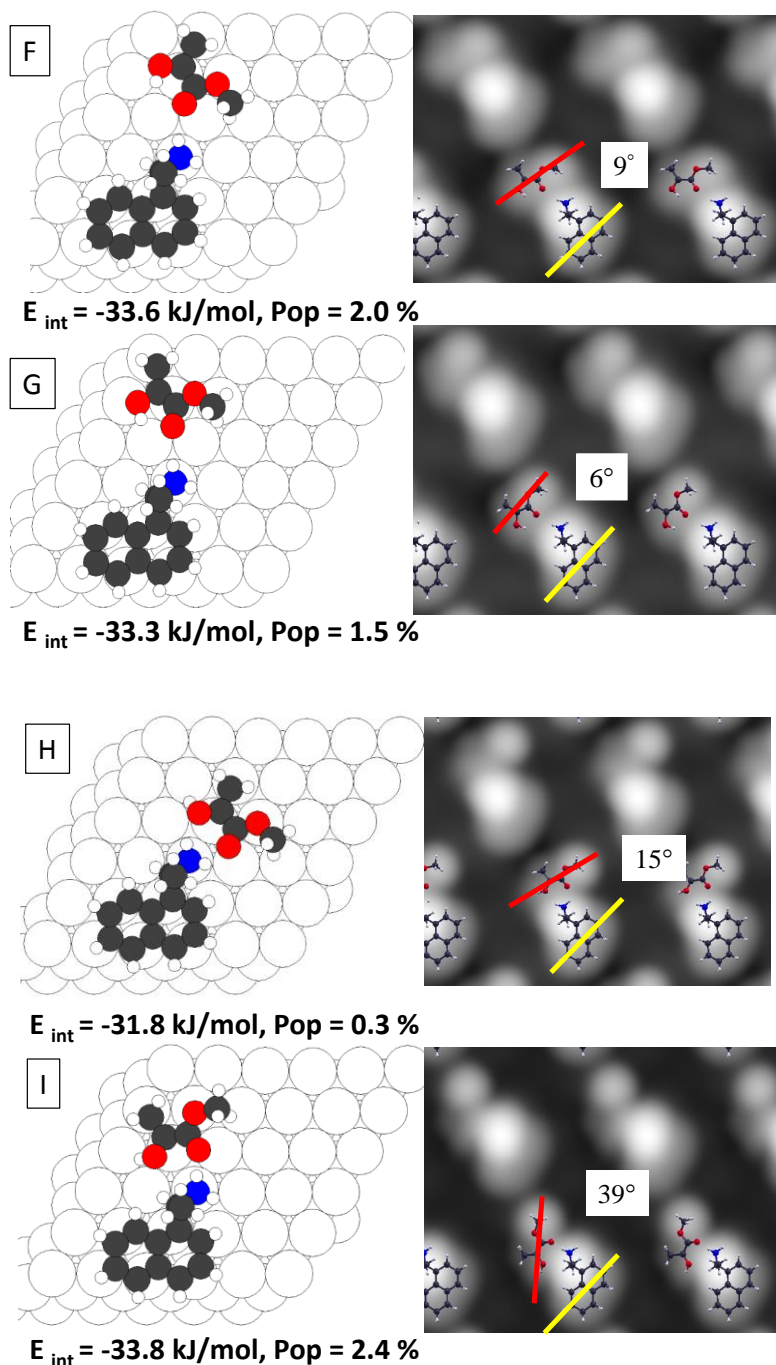
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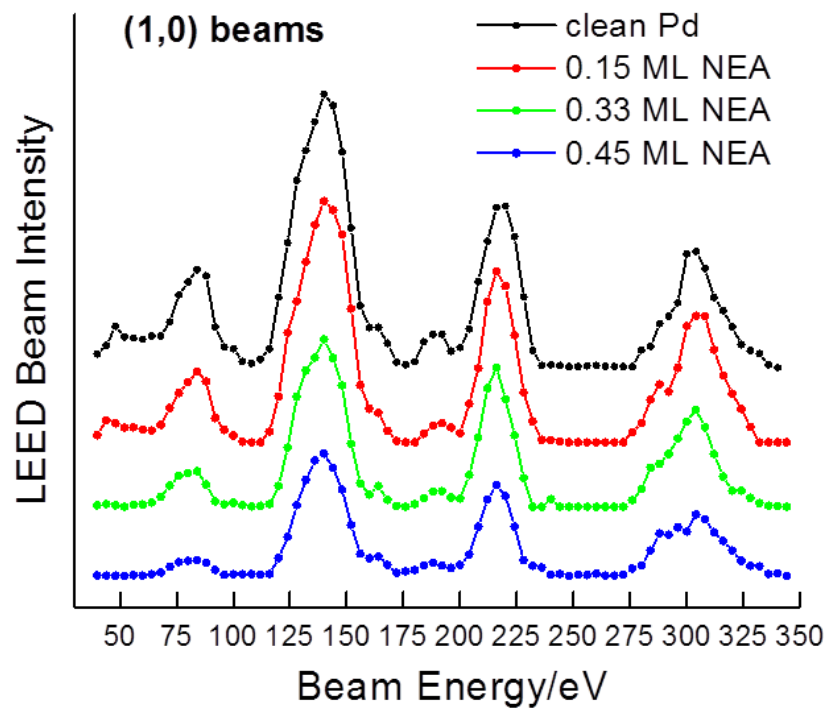
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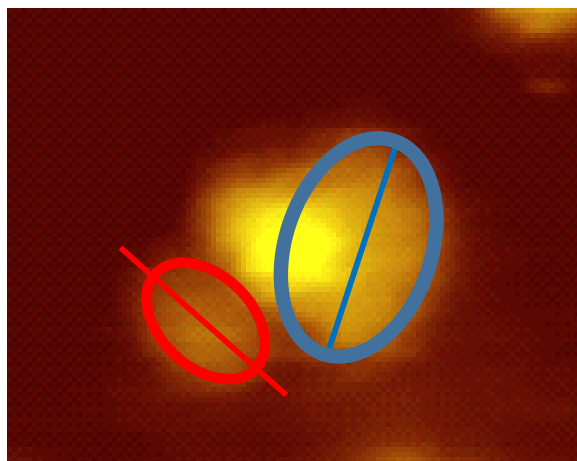
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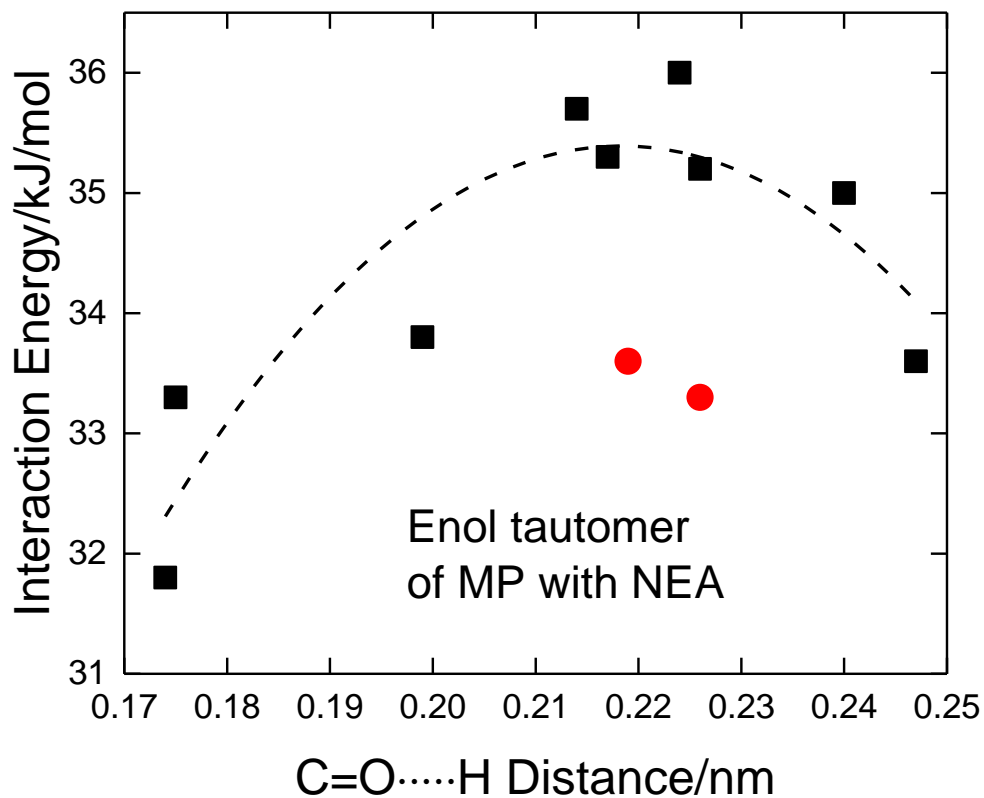
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Supplementary Figure 18: LEED I/V curve measurements of clean Pd(111) and Pd(111) surface dosed with various coverages of *S*-NEA. The I/V curves shown in the Figure represent the (1,0) beams.



Supplementary Figure 19: Illustration of the criteria used to define the relative orientations of the naphthyl ring of NEA and the long axis of the adjacent MP.



Supplementary Figure 20: Plot of the interaction energy of the most stable docking complexes between mostly Pro-*R* MP and *R*-NEA as a function of C=O...H₂N distance (■). The red points (●) highlight docking complexes that deviate significantly from the trend line. The line is shown as a guide to the eye.

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1: Proportion of deuterated ethylene isotopomers from reaction of C₂H₄ on deuterium-covered Pd(111) taken from Supplementary Figure 2.

Deuterated ethylene	Proportion/%
C ₂ H ₃ D	35
C ₂ H ₂ D ₂	16
C ₂ HD ₃	24
C ₂ D ₄	25

Supplementary Table 2: Interaction energies of *R-endo* NEA and pro-*R keto* methyl pyruvate on Pd(111) from DFT calculations for the geometries shown in Supplementary Figure 6.

System	E _{int} (kJ/mol)	E _{int} (kJ/mol) V _{dw}
<i>R-endo</i> NEA + pro-<i>R</i> MP keto		
Geo01	-22.8	-29.4
Geo02	-13.9	
Geo03	-18.8	
Geo04	-26.1	-31.3
Geo05	-11.8	
Geo06	-9.8	
Geo07	-25.9	-35.1
Geo08	-21.0	-25.7

Supplementary Table 3: Interaction energies of *R-exo* NEA and pro-R *keto* methyl pyruvate on Pd(111) from DFT calculations for the geometries shown in Supplementary Figure 7.

System	E_{int} (kJ/mol)	E_{int} (kJ/mol) V_{dw}
<i>R-exo</i> NEA + pro-R MP keto		
Geo01	-13.3	
Geo02	-19.4	-21.7
Geo03	-24.8	-32.5
Geo04	-11.5	
Geo05	-27.7	-32.9
Geo06	-18.5	-20.8

Supplementary Table 4: Interaction energies of *R-endo* NEA and pro-R *syn, enol* methyl pyruvate on Pd(111) from DFT calculations for the geometries shown in Supplementary Figure 8

System	E_{int} (kJ/mol)	E_{int} (kJ/mol) V_{dw}
<i>R-endo</i> NEA + pro-R MP enol		
Geo01	3.7	
Geo02	-26.1	-35.2
Geo03	-12.6	
Geo04	-0.7	
Geo05	-15.7	
Geo06	-27.0	-35.7
Geo07	-5.4	

Supplementary Table 5: Interaction energies of *R-exo* NEA and pro-R syn, *enol* methyl pyruvate on Pd(111) from DFT calculations for the geometries shown in Supplementary Figure 9

System	E_{int} (kJ/mol)	E_{int} (kJ/mol) V_{dw}
<i>R-exo</i> NEA + pro-R MP-enol		
Geo01	9.0	
Geo02	-28.0	-36.0
Geo03	-11.6	
Geo04	-27.9	-35.0
Geo05	-10.9	
Geo06	-21.7	-27.3
Geo07	8.6	
Geo08	-11.7	
Geo09	-4.7	
Geo10	-16.7	-17.6
Geo11	-22.5	-33.6

Supplementary Table 6: Interaction energies of *R-exo* NEA and pro-R anti-*enol* methyl pyruvate on Pd(111) from DFT calculations for the geometries shown in Supplementary Figure 10

System	E_{int} (kJ/mol)	E_{int} (kJ/mol) V_{dw}
<i>R-exo</i> NEA + pro-R anti, MP- enol		
Geo01	-9.8	
Geo02	-5.1	
Geo03	-12.5	
Geo04	-4.3	
Geo5	-23.8	-33.3
Geo6	-12.9	-26.0
Geo7	-24.7	-35.3

Supplementary Table 7: Interaction energies of *R-endo* NEA and pro-S *keto* methyl pyruvate on Pd(111) from DFT calculations for the geometries shown in Supplementary Figure 11.

System	E_{int} (kJ/mol)	E_{int} (kJ/mol) V_{dw}
<i>R-endo</i> NEA + pro-S MP keto		
Geo01	-22.5	-32.0
Geo02	-20.4	
Geo03	-14.7	
Geo04	-29.6	-34.1
Geo05	-10.1	
Geo06	-14.3	
Geo07	-20.1	-23.8
Geo08	-26.8	-34.7

Supplementary Table 8: Interaction energies of *R-exo* NEA and pro-S *keto* methyl pyruvate on Pd(111) from DFT calculations for the geometries shown in Supplementary Figure 12.

System	E_{int} (kJ/mol)	E_{int} (kJ/mol) V_{dw}
<i>R-exo</i> NEA + pro-S MP keto		
Geo01	-12.6	
Geo02	-17.9	-21.7
Geo03	-27.5	-31.3
Geo04	-15.8	
Geo05	-28.1	-32.5
Geo06	-22.3	-24.8
Geo07	-21.4	-24.1

Supplementary Table 9: Interaction energies of *R-endo* NEA and pro-S *syn-enol* methyl pyruvate on Pd(111) from DFT calculations for the geometries shown in Supplementary Figure 13.

System	E_{int} (kJ/mol)	E_{int} (kJ/mol)
Pro-S		V_{dw}
R-endo NEA + pro-S MP syn enol		
Geo01	-9.0	
Geo02	-22.2	-29.7
Geo03	-9.9	
Geo04	9.6	
Geo05	-8.7	
Geo06	-17.1	-22.5
Geo07	-3.9	

Supplementary Table 10: Interaction energies of *R-exo* NEA and pro-S syn-enol methyl pyruvate on Pd(111) from DFT calculations for the geometries shown in Supplementary Figure 14.

System	E_{int} (kJ/mol)	E_{int} (kJ/mol)
		V_{dw}
R-exo NEA+ pro-S syn, enol MP		
Geo01	-8.5	
Geo02	-25.7	-33.6
Geo03	-19.4	-30.2
Geo04	-29.5	-33.3
Geo05	-11.7	
Geo06	-15.5	-18.9
Geo07	-23.2	-27.9
Geo08	-20.0	-22.0
Geo09	-13.3	-19.8

Supplementary Table 11: Interaction energies of *R-exo* NEA and anti-enol methyl pyruvate on Pd(111) from DFT calculations for the geometries shown in Supplementary Figure 15.

System	E_{int} (kJ/mol)	E_{int}(kJ/mol)Vdw
R-exo NEA + pro-S anti MP-enol		
Geo01	0.4	
Geo02	0.9	
Geo03	-20.8	-31.8
Geo04	-21.4	-33.8
Geo05	-8.5	
Geo06	-14.3	-22.5

Supplementary Table 12: Interaction energies of the most stable docking complexes with van der Waals interactions included. The figures where the structures and simulated STM images are depicted in Supplementary Figures 16 and 17 are also indicated

NEA and Pro-R MP	E_{int} (kJ/mol)	NEA and Pro-S MP	E_{int} (kJ/mol)
R-endo NEA + MP keto			
Geo04, 16A	- 31.3	Geo01, 17A	- 32.1
Geo07, 16B	-35.1	Geo04, 17B	-34.1
		Geo08, 17C	-34.7
R-exo NEA + MP keto			
Geo03, 16C	-32.5	Geo03, 17D	-31.3
Geo05, 16D	-32.9	Geo05, 17E	-32.5
R-endo NEA + MP enol, syn			
Geo02, 16E	-35.2	-	-
Geo06, 16F	-35.7	-	-
R-exo NEA + MP enol, syn			
Geo02, 16G	-36.0	Geo02, 17F	-33.6
Geo04, 16H	-35.0	Geo04, 17G	-33.3
Geo11, 16I	-33.6		
R-exo NEA + MP enol, anti			
Geo05, 16J	-33.3	Geo03, 17H	-31.8
Geo07, 16K	-35.3	Geo04, 17I	-33.8

Supplementary Table 13: Pendry R factor values obtained from the LEED I/V analysis for clean Pd(111), NEA adsorbed on dibridge [6] and dibridge [7] sites.

System	Pendry R factor (Rp)
Pd(111)	0.12
Exo-NEA on dibridge[7] site	0.23
Exo-NEA on dibridge[6] site	0.14
(exo+endo) NEA on dibridge [7] site	0.23
(exo+endo) NEA on dibridge [6] site	0.15

Supplementary Table 14: The effect of dipole-dipole interactions between the Pro-S and Pro-R forms of MP and NEA. The values for $\Delta E(\text{calc})$ are the dipole-dipole interactions calculated from Eqn. 2 and $\Delta E(\text{DFT})$ are the energy differences between the Pro-R and Pro-S MP configurations from DFT calculations.

Structure	Interaction Energy/kJ/mol			$\Delta E(\text{calc})/\text{kJ/mol}$	$\Delta E(\text{DFT})/\text{kJ/mol}$
	OCH ₃ /NH ₂	OH/NH ₂	Total		
Fig. 17F, Pro-S MP	1.2	0.4	1.6	2.5	2.4
Fig. 16G, Pro-R MP	-1.9	1.0	-0.9		
Fig. 17G, Pro-S MP	1.2	0.7	1.9	1.3	1.7
Fig. 16H, Pro-R MP	-1.3	1.9	0.6		

Supplementary Discussion

Temperature programmed desorption of ethylene on hydrogen and deuterium covered Pd(111)

The TPD profiles as shown in supplemental Figures 1 and 2 indicate that ethylene has undergone substantial hydrogen-deuterium exchange. The extent of deuterated ethane formation, as indicated by the 33 amu profile (d₃-ethane) is very small. The proportion of H-D exchange is indicated in Supplementary Table 1 using standard mass spectrometer fragmentation patterns.¹

Density Functional Theory (DFT) Calculations of NEA/Methyl Pyruvate Docking Complexes

Previous DFT calculations of methyl pyruvate on Pd(111) have shown that it is present both in the *keto*^{2,3} and flat-lying *enol* forms.³ Previous work suggested that NEA adsorbs with the bicyclic ring on the dibridge[7] adsorption site on Pd(111).² Rotation of the ethylamine group gives rise to two conformers defined as *endo* and *exo*,² where the *exo* conformer was found to be very slightly more stable than the *endo* conformer on the Pd(111) dibridge[7] site, by ~2 kJ/mol without van der Waals interactions, increasing to ~3 kJ/mol when they are included. However, the dibridge[6] NEA adsorption site was found to be the most stable on Pt(111)⁴ with the *exo* conformer being ~13 kJ/mol more stable than the *endo* conformer. The most-stable NEA structure was therefore recalculated on the dibridge[6] site on Pd(111) and found to be slightly more stable than on the dibridge[7] site. In particular, the *exo* conformer was more stable by ~20 kJ/mol and the *endo* by 11 kJ/mol on the dibridge[6] site than the dibridge[7] site. It was also found that the *exo* conformer was calculated to be ~11 kJ/mol more stable than the *endo* conformer on the dibridge[6] site. STM images of NEA on Pd(111) reveal that the *exo* conformer occurs only slightly more often than the *endo* conformer (with a ratio of 6:4)⁵ and with a ratio of 7:3 on Pt(111).⁴

Based on these results, DFT calculations were performed for combinations of both the pro-*R* and pro-*S* forms of *keto*, syn and anti *enol* forms of methyl pyruvate (shown in Supplementary Figure 4) with the two forms of NEA adsorbed on dibridge[6] sites, initially without including van der Waals interactions. For each combination of NEA and methyl pyruvate, calculations were performed with the methyl pyruvate molecule located at a range of sites around the ethylamine group of the NEA molecule. The carbonyl and alcohol oxygen atoms of the methyl pyruvate species were oriented towards the amine group of the NEA molecule.

Supplementary Figure 5 shows the reference structures of (a) *exo*-NEA with *keto* MP and (b) *endo*-NEA with the *keto* MP, where the MP and the NEA are placed in the same slab but farther apart so that they do not interact. The interaction energy between the MP and NEA in the docking complexes has been calculated by subtracting the total energy of the reference structures from the total energy of the interacting docking complex structures.

Docking Complexes for *R*-NEA Adsorbed on Dibrige[6] Sites with *pro-R* MP

Eight reasonable starting geometries were identified for *keto* methyl pyruvate³ adjacent to the chiral ethylamine group of *endo* NEA. The converged geometries are displayed in Supplementary Figure 6.

Interaction energies are calculated from:

$$E_{int} = E_{tot} - E_{tot} (\text{Reference structure}) \quad 1$$

and the energies are displayed in Supplementary Table 2.

For the combination of *keto* methyl pyruvate and *exo* NEA, six reasonable starting geometries were considered and the converged geometries are displayed in Supplementary Figure 7 and the energies are listed in Supplementary Table 3.

Combinations of *syn*, *enol* methyl pyruvate and NEA were also considered. For the combination of *enol* methyl pyruvate and *endo* NEA, seven reasonable starting geometries were considered and the converged geometries are displayed in Supplementary Figure 8 and the energies are listed in Supplementary Table 4. Finally, eleven reasonable starting geometries were identified for *enol* methyl pyruvate and *exo* NEA. The converged geometries of those calculations are shown in Supplementary Figure 9 and the energies are summarized in Supplementary Table 5.

Seven reasonable starting geometry were identified for anti-*enol* methyl pyruvate and *exo* NEA and the converged geometries are listed in Supplementary Figure 10 and the energies are

summarized in Supplementary Table 6. The initial calculations without van der Waals' interaction were used to exclude energetically unfavorable docking complexes and these corrections were included for the most stable geometries as the last step.

Docking Complexes for *R*-NEA Adsorbed on Dibrige[6] Sites with pro-*S* MP

Similar calculations are carried out for combinations of pro-*S* conformer of *keto*, *syn* and anti *enol* forms of MP (shown in Supplementary Figure 4) with the two forms of NEA adsorbed on a dibrige[6] site, initially without including van der Waals interactions and the results are summarized in this section. Supplementary Figure 11 show the calculated structures of *endo* NEA with the *keto* form of methyl pyruvate and the interaction energies are shown in Supplementary Table 7. Supplementary Figure 12 shows the calculated structures of *exo* NEA with the *keto* form of methyl pyruvate and the interaction energies are shown in Supplementary Table 8. Supplementary Figures 13, 14 and 15 show the combinations of *endo* NEA and the *syn-enol* MP, *exo* NEA and the *syn-enol* MP and *exo* NEA with the anti-*enol* MP respectively and the corresponding energies are summarized in Supplementary Tables 9, 10 and 11 respectively.

Most Stable Docking Complexes and their Equilibrium Distributions

Supplementary Table 12 summarizes the interaction energies of the most stable complexes among all the possible structures that are shown in Supplementary Figures 6 to 15.

The final most stable pro-*R* docking complexes (Supplementary Table 12) are summarized in Supplementary Figure 16 and the pro-*S* docking complexes (Supplementary Table 12) are summarized in Supplementary Figure 17 which also shows the simulated images using the Tersoff-Hamann method,^{6,7} and their relative equilibrium populations. The equilibrium populations are obtained using the calculated interaction energies assuming Boltzmann probabilities at the experimental sample temperature of 120 K and are normalized to unity.

LEED I/V Measurements

LEED intensity versus beam energy (I/V) curves for NEA-covered Pd(111) were measured using a Varian four-grid LEED system and the diffraction patterns recorded with a digital camera and the spot intensities were measured using ImageJ software.⁸ The resulting I/V curve for the (1,0) beam is shown in Supplementary Figure 18.

The NEA coverages were determined by carbon monoxide site blocking as described previously,⁹ and displayed in Supplementary Figure 18. Since NEA is disordered on Pd(111),⁵ the I/V curves were analyzed using the substrate (1,0) beams^{10, 11, 12} and by comparing the Pendry R-factors¹³ for the most stable calculated geometries of *exo* and *endo* NEA on dibridge[6] and dibridge[7] sites, without allowing the structures to relax. The Pendry R factor was calculated using C-LEED software¹⁴ by simulating the I/V curves for the calculated geometries of NEA both on dibridge[6] and dibridge[7] sites without allowing the structures to relax. The agreement between the calculated and simulated I/V curves was estimated using the Pendry R factor, where smaller R factors indicate better agreement between the simulated and measured I/V curves. The resulting values are summarized in Supplementary Table 13, where the lower R factors for NEA on the dibridge [6] site confirms that this is the favored adsorption site.

Classification of Docking Complexes

Previous work to characterize docking complexes between prochiral reactants, 2,2,2-trifluoroacetophenone (TFAP) and 3,3,3-methyltrifluoropyruvate (MTFP, the fluorinated analog of MP) defined two angles.¹⁵ The first angle, Φ is that subtended by the long axis of the coadsorbed prochiral molecule (TFAP or MTFP) and a line between the bright spot in the TFAP or MTFP and the center of the naphthyl ring in NEA. The second angle, Θ is that subtended between the long axis of the naphthyl ring in NEA and a line between the bright spot in the TFAP or MTFP and the

center of the naphthyl ring. STM image contrast in TFAP and MTFP was provided by the presence of fluorines in the molecule, which were not present in MP, so that docking complexes were identified from their STM images only from the angle subtended between the long axis of the MP molecules and the long axis of NEA as illustrated in Supplementary Figure 19. The angle is defined as that subtended between the long axes of ellipses superimposed over the naphthyl group of NEA and a co-adsorbed MP. To avoid human bias, the angles were initially classified independently by two people and only those complexes on which there was agreement between the two were included in the distributions. A total of 103 clearly identifiable docking complexes were included and the sampling error S was calculated from $\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$, where p is the probability of occurrence of a docking complex and n is the number of samples (103). The corresponding errors in the equilibrium distributions were estimated by calculating the probability distribution at 130 and 110 K to account for possible temperatures differences between STM imaging experiments.

Factors Controlling Docking Complex Formation

Supplementary Figure 20 shows that the interaction energies of docking complexes between MP and *R*-NEA (■) depend on the C=O \cdots H₂N hydrogen-bonding distance such that docking complexes with hydrogen-bonding distances less than ~0.18 or greater than ~0.25 nm comprise less than 1% of the observed complexes. A line is shown as a guide to the eye and reveals that the strongest interaction occurs at a C=O \cdots H₂N distance of 0.22 ± 0.01 nm, in good agreement with the optimum distances calculated for C=O \cdots H₂N hydrogen bonds.¹⁶

The red points on this curve deviate from the trend and are for Pro-*S* MP docking with *R*-NEA (Figure 17F and 17G). In order to obtain insights into the difference, the docking complex in Supplementary Figure 17F (for Pro-*S* MP) is compared with the Pro-*R* structure in

Supplementary Figure 16G and the complex in Supplementary Figure 17G (for Pro-*S* MP) is compared with the Pro-*R* structure in Supplementary Figure 16H. These docking complexes are compared since the NEA and MP adsorbate locations are identical and have similar C=O \cdots H₂N hydrogen-bonding distances. Comparison of the structures reveal that the distances between the NEA NH₂ group and the OCH₃ and OH groups on MP differ between the Pro-*S* and Pro-*R* structures, expected to give rise to different dipole-dipole interactions for the Pro-*S* and Pro-*R* forms of MP and NEA. The dipole-dipole interactions are estimated using typical dipole moments for the OCH₃ (~2.9 D), OH (~1.7 D) and NH₂ (~1.2 D) groups,¹⁷ and the dipole-dipole interaction energies are calculated from:

$$E_{int} = \frac{\mu_1\mu_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0r_{12}^3}(\cos\theta_{12} - 3\cos\theta_1\cos\theta_2) \quad 2$$

where μ_1 and μ_2 are the dipole moments of the interacting dipoles separated by a distance r_{12} . ϵ_0 is the permittivity of free space, θ_{12} is the angle between the vectors along dipoles 1 and 2, θ_1 and θ_2 are the angles subtended between dipoles 1 and 2 and a vectors (of length r_{12}) between the dipoles. The results are summarized in Supplementary Table 14.

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