

Vibrational Spectroscopy of Intermediates in Methane-to-Methanol Conversion by FeO⁺

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Supporting Information

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Species	CCSD(T)/6-311+G(d,p)		CCSD(T)/6-311+G(3df,p)	
	Quartet	Sextet	Quartet	Sextet
FeO ⁺ + CH ₄	50	0	45	0
OFe ⁺ (CH ₄)	-51	-92	-63	-99
TS1	34	59	12	60
[HO-Fe-CH ₃] ⁺	-139	-153	-153	-159
TS2	-30	-9	-44	-16
Fe ⁺ (CH ₃ OH)	-185	-174	-197	-210
Fe ⁺ + CH ₃ OH	-21	-54	-31	-49

Table S1. Calculated CCSD(T)/6-311+G(d,p) and CCSD(T)/6-311+G(3df,p) energies of stationary points for the FeO⁺ + CH₄ → Fe⁺ + CH₃OH reaction. All energies are at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) geometry and include zero-point energy at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p). Energies are in kJ/mol.

	B3LYP/SDD+;aug-cc-pVTZ
[HO-Fe-CH ₃] ⁺ - Ar sextet	28.1
[HO-Fe-CH ₃] ⁺ - Ar quartet	36.6
[HO-Fe-CH ₃] ⁺ Ar-Ar sextet	19.3
[HO-Fe-CH ₃] ⁺ Ar-Ar quartet	11.7
Fe ⁺ (CH ₃ OH)-Ar sextet	5.9
Fe ⁺ (CH ₃ OH)-Ar quartet	42.3

Table S2. Calculated argon binding energies. All energies are at the B3LYP level, with the SDD basis set on Fe and aug-cc-pVTZ on remaining atoms and include zero-point energy at the same level of theory. All energies are 0 Kelvin values, in kJ/mol.

	r(O-H) Å	r(C-H) Å	r(Fe-C) Å	r(Fe-O) Å	r(C-O) Å	∠(O-Fe-C) degrees
CH ₃ OH	0.961	1.088 1.094 1.094	-	-	1.423	-
[HO-Fe-CH ₃] ⁺ sextet	0.966	1.092 1.091 1.091	1.969	1.738	-	137.7
[HO-Fe-CH ₃] ⁺ quartet	0.967	1.105 1.085 1.085	1.966	1.703	-	111.1
[HO-Fe-CH ₃] ⁺ (Ar) sextet	0.966	1.091 1.091 1.091	1.971	1.747	-	133.5
[HO-Fe-CH ₃] ⁺ (Ar) quartet	0.966	1.093 1.089 1.083	1.989	1.706	-	105.6
[HO-Fe-CH ₃] ⁺ (Ar) ₂ sextet	0.965	1.091 1.090 1.090	1.982	1.754	-	129.6
[HO-Fe-CH ₃] ⁺ (Ar) ₂ quartet	0.965	1.094 1.087 1.084	1.991	1.714	-	104.3
Fe ⁺ (CH ₃ OH) sextet	0.968	1.086 1.086 1.085	-	2.044	1.477	-
Fe ⁺ (CH ₃ OH) quartet	0.965	1.086 1.086 1.084	-	1.943	1.476	-
Fe ⁺ (CH ₃ OH)(Ar) sextet	0.967	1.086 1.086 1.085	-	2.045	1.475	-
Fe ⁺ (CH ₃ OH)(Ar) quartet	0.965	1.086 1.086 1.084	-	1.941	1.472	-

Table S3. Geometries of bare and argon tagged [HO-Fe-CH₃]⁺ and Fe⁺(CH₃OH) calculated at the B3LYP/SDD (on Fe);aug-cc-pVTZ (other atoms) level.

	O-H stretch	C-H stretches
$[\text{HO-Fe-CH}_3]^+$ quartet	3593(282)	3067(3), 3000(6), 2787(37)
$[\text{HO-Fe-CH}_3]^+$ sextet	3619(356)	3006(12), 3000(10), 2895(54)
$[\text{HO-Fe-CH}_3]^+(\text{Ar})$ quartet	3608(267)	3079(5), 3002(5), 2896(27)
$[\text{HO-Fe-CH}_3]^+(\text{Ar})$ sextet	3627(305)	3009(5), 3000(6), 2900(40)
$[\text{HO-Fe-CH}_3]^+(\text{Ar})_2$ quartet	3621(239)	3073(2), 3006(1), 2895(22)
$[\text{HO-Fe-CH}_3]^+(\text{Ar})_2$ sextet	3636(275)	3011(3), 3007(3), 2905(31)

Table S4. Harmonic vibrational frequencies for bare and argon-tagged insertion intermediates at the PBEPBE/SDD;aug-cc-pVTZ level, in cm^{-1} . IR intensities (km/mol) in parentheses. Frequencies have been scaled by 0.986.

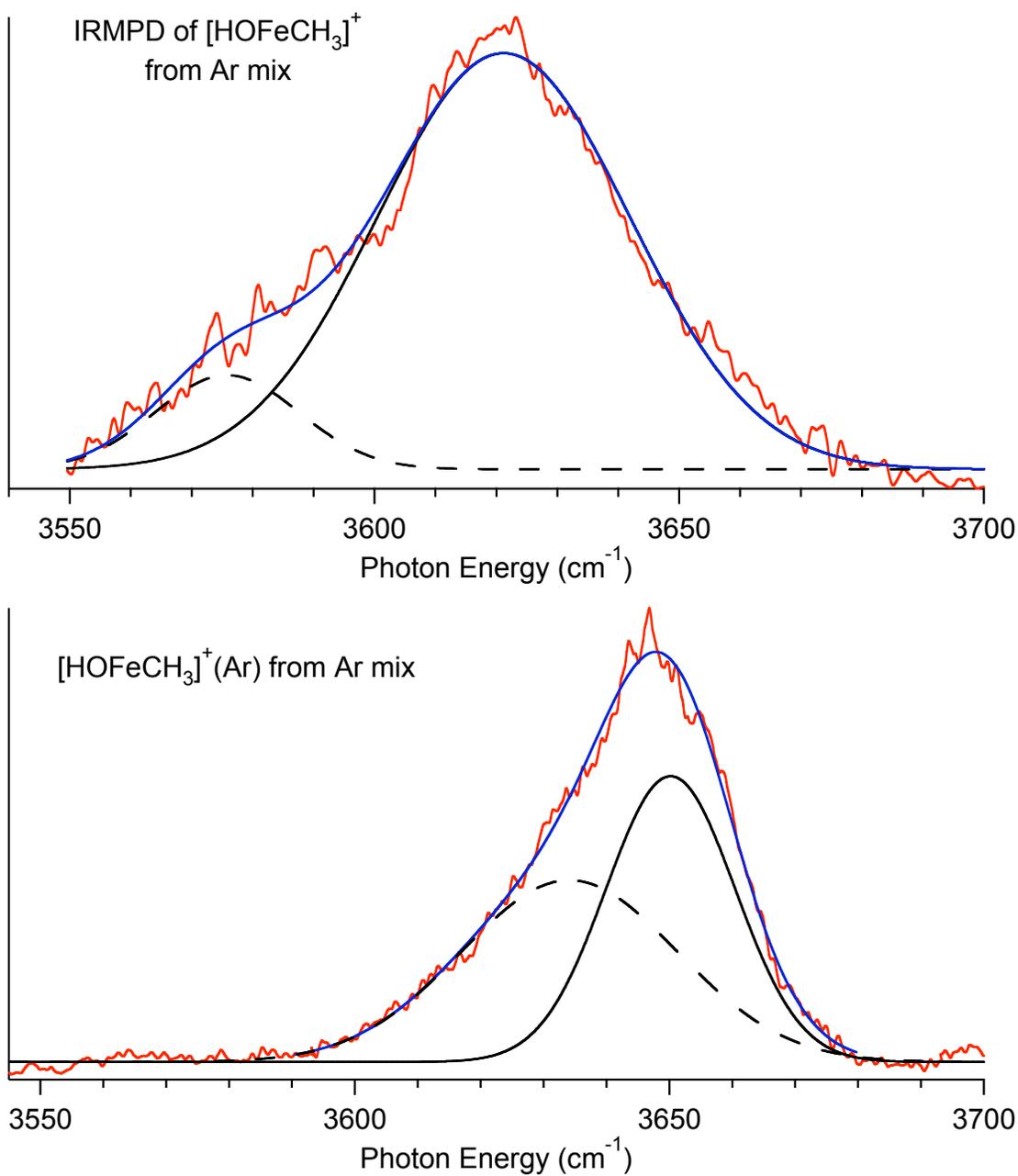


Figure S1. Spectra of $[\text{HO-Fe-CH}_3]^+$ (top) and $[\text{HO-Fe-CH}_3]^+(\text{Ar})$ (bottom), along with fits to sum of two Gaussians and contributions from each Gaussian.

Fitting parameters : peak (FWHM) in cm^{-1} :

$[\text{HO-Fe-CH}_3]^+$: 3576 (28); 3621 (49)

$[\text{HO-Fe-CH}_3]^+(\text{Ar})$: 3632 (40); 3647 (24)

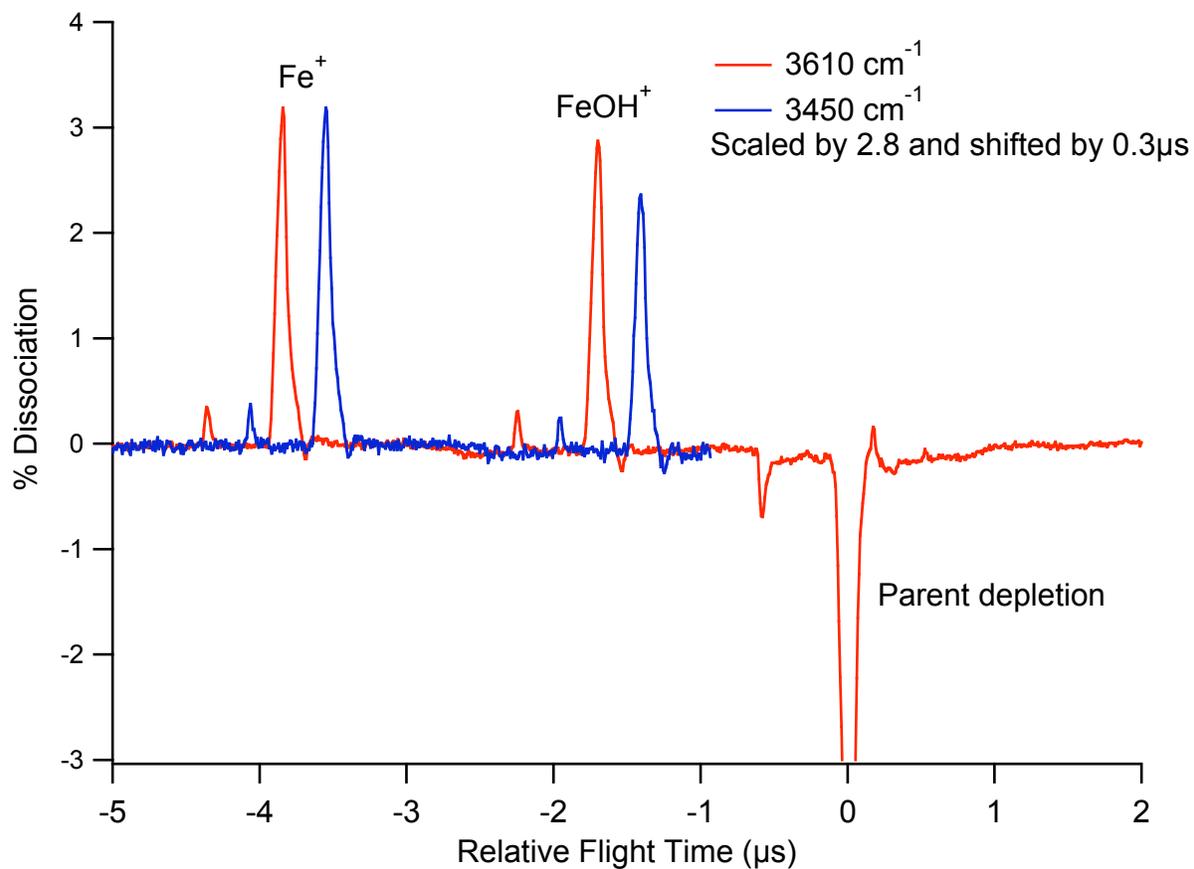


Figure S2. Difference spectra of $[\text{FeCH}_4\text{O}]^+$ from $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/90\% \text{ He}/10\% \text{ Ar}$ mix at 3610 cm^{-1} and 3450 cm^{-1} . The small peaks $\sim 0.7 \mu\text{s}$ before each major peak are due to the iron-54 isotopomer.

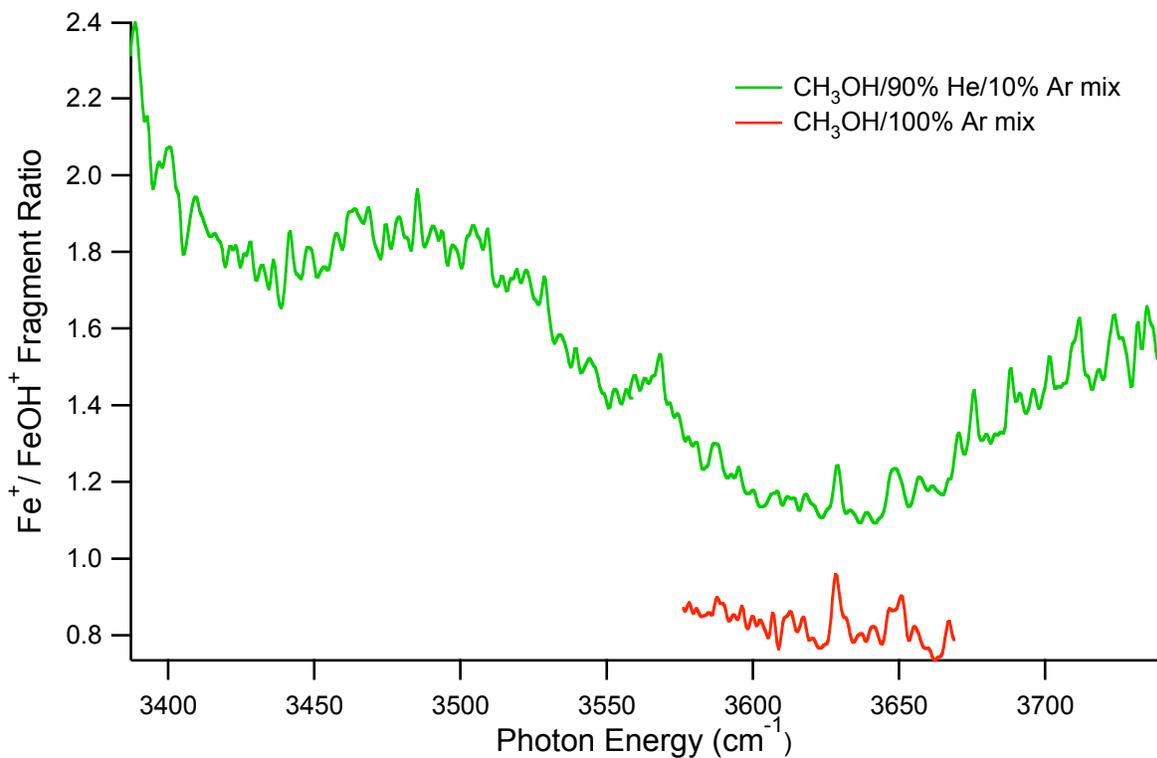


Figure S3. Fe⁺/FeOH⁺ fragment ratios from IRMPD of [FeCH₄O]⁺ produced by reacting Fe⁺ with methanol in argon (red) and 90% helium/10% argon (green). IRMPD of Fe⁺(CH₃OH) predominately produces Fe⁺, while dissociation of [HO-Fe-CH₃]⁺ primarily forms FeOH⁺.