## Alkaline-earth metal-oxide overlayers on TiO<sub>2</sub>:

## Application toward CO<sub>2</sub> photoreduction

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	Experiment	DFT	DFT-D2			
MgO	4.21 <sup>a</sup>	4.24	4.19			
CaO	4.81ª	4.83	4.77			
SrO	5.16 <sup>a</sup>	5.21	5.13			
BaO	5.52 <sup>a</sup>	5.62	-			
TiO <sub>2</sub>	a= 3.79	a= 3.81	a= 3.79			
anatase $c=9.54^{b}$		c = 9.73	c= 9.73			
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**Table S1** Lattice parameters for bulk alkaline-earth metal oxides and TiO<sub>2</sub> anatase.

<sup>a</sup>Experimental data is from reference [1].

<sup>b</sup>Experimental data is from reference [2].

**Table S2** Calculated  $CO_2$  adsorption energies (kJ/mol) on (100) surfaces of alkaline-earth metal oxides, MgO, CaO, SrO, and BaO with DFT and DFT-D2 methods.

	CO <sub>2</sub> Adsorption Energies (kJ/mol)							
	Type 1		Type 2		Type 3		Type 4	
	DFT	DFT-	DFT	DFT-	DFT	DFT-	DFT	DFT-
		D2		D2		D2		D2
MgO	-28	-42	15	-25	-11	-34	-3	-14
CaO	-113	-129	-121	-137	14	-6	18	6
SrO	-159	-174	-174	-187	-17	-38	-8	-15
BaO	-210		-210		-13		-5	



**Figure S1** Alkaline earth metal oxide (100) 2x2 supercell (MgO as an example, 0.25 ML CO<sub>2</sub> in Type 1 geometry) used in this study for CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption. Red: O, Grey: Ti, Green: Mg, Dark Grey: C.



**Figure S2** Four different geometries of  $CO_2$  adsorption on 0.5 ML SrO/TiO<sub>2</sub>. The coverage of  $CO_2$  is 0.5 ML. Red: O, Grey: Ti, Green: Sr, Dark Grey: C.



**Figure S3** Top and side views for  $2\sqrt{2x}\sqrt{2}$  (a) TiO<sub>2</sub>, (b) 0.5 ML SrO/TiO<sub>2</sub>, and (c) 1 ML SrO/TiO<sub>2</sub> models used in this study for studying CO<sub>2</sub> reduction pathway. Red: O, Grey: Ti, Green: Sr.

Table S3. Entropic and zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections for molecules.

	TS (kJ/mol)	ZPE (kJ/mol)
$H_{2}(g)$	39	26
$H_2O(g)$	56	55
CO (g)	59	13
$CO_2(g)$	64	30

**Table S4**. Zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections (kJ/mol) for adsorbed species on the  $(2\sqrt{2}x\sqrt{2})$  slabs.

	TiO <sub>2</sub>		0.5 ML SrO/TiO <sub>2</sub>		1 ML SrO/TiO <sub>2</sub>	
	No 2 H <sub>ED</sub>	With 2 $H_{ED}$	No 2 $H_{ED}$	With 2 $H_{ED}$	No 2 H <sub>ED</sub>	With 2 $H_{ED}$
*CO <sub>2</sub>	29	29	26	26	26	26
*COOH	56	56	55	55	55	51
*CO	13	12	13	12	9	9

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