

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (SI)

**Nitrogen reduction reaction on single cluster catalysts of  
defective PC<sub>6</sub>-trimeric or tetrameric transition metal**

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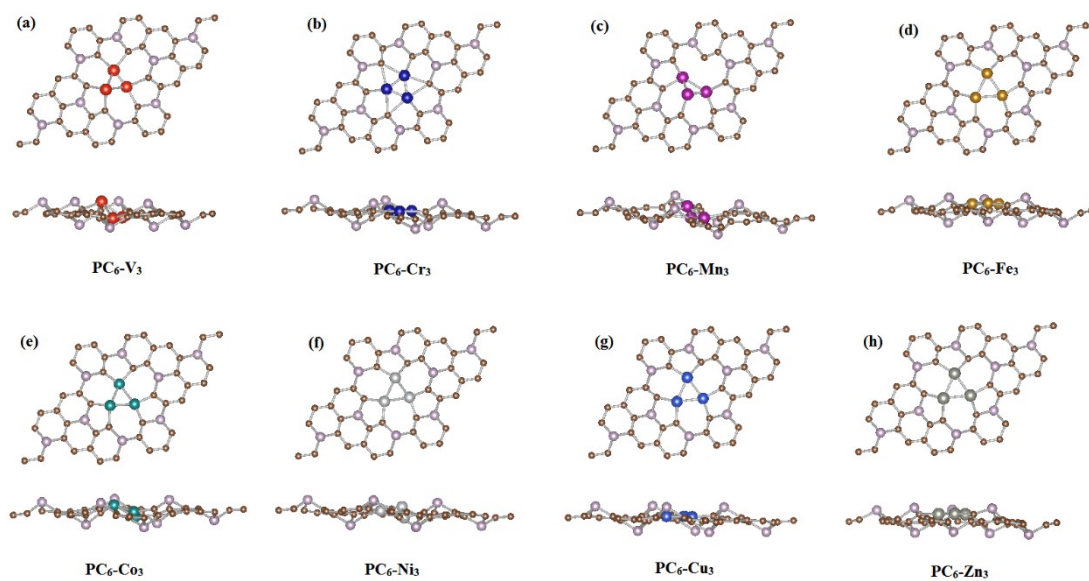


Fig. S1 Optimized geometric configurations of  $PC_6-TM_3$ .

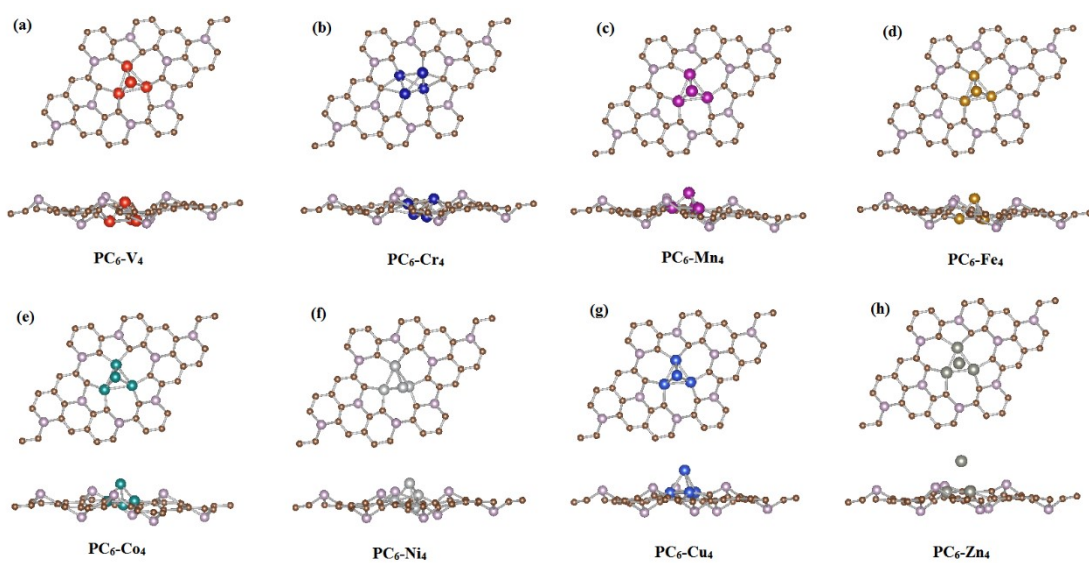


Fig. S2 Optimized geometric configurations of  $PC_6-TM_4$ .

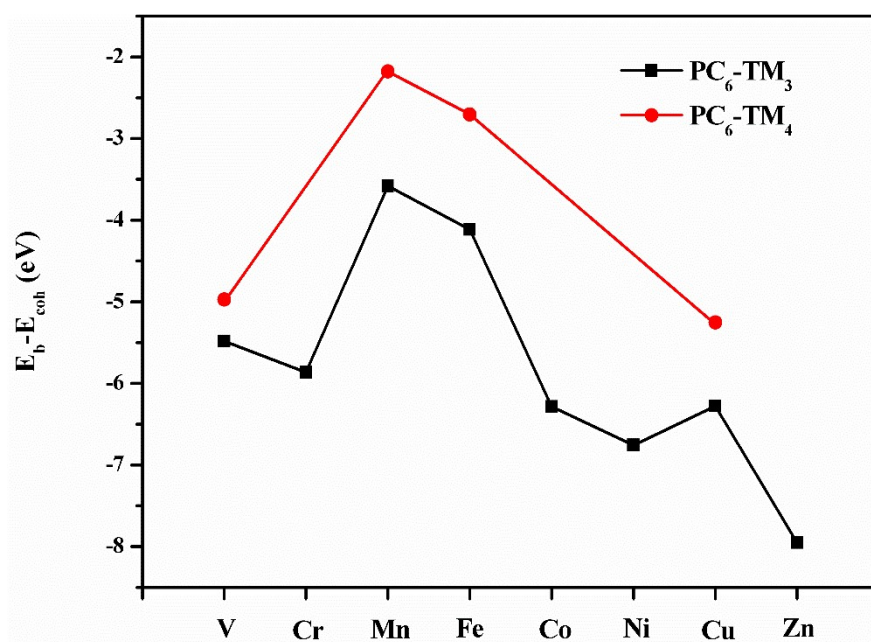


Fig. S3 The calculated  $E_b - E_{coh}$  values of  $PC_6-TM_3$  and  $PC_6-TM_4$ .

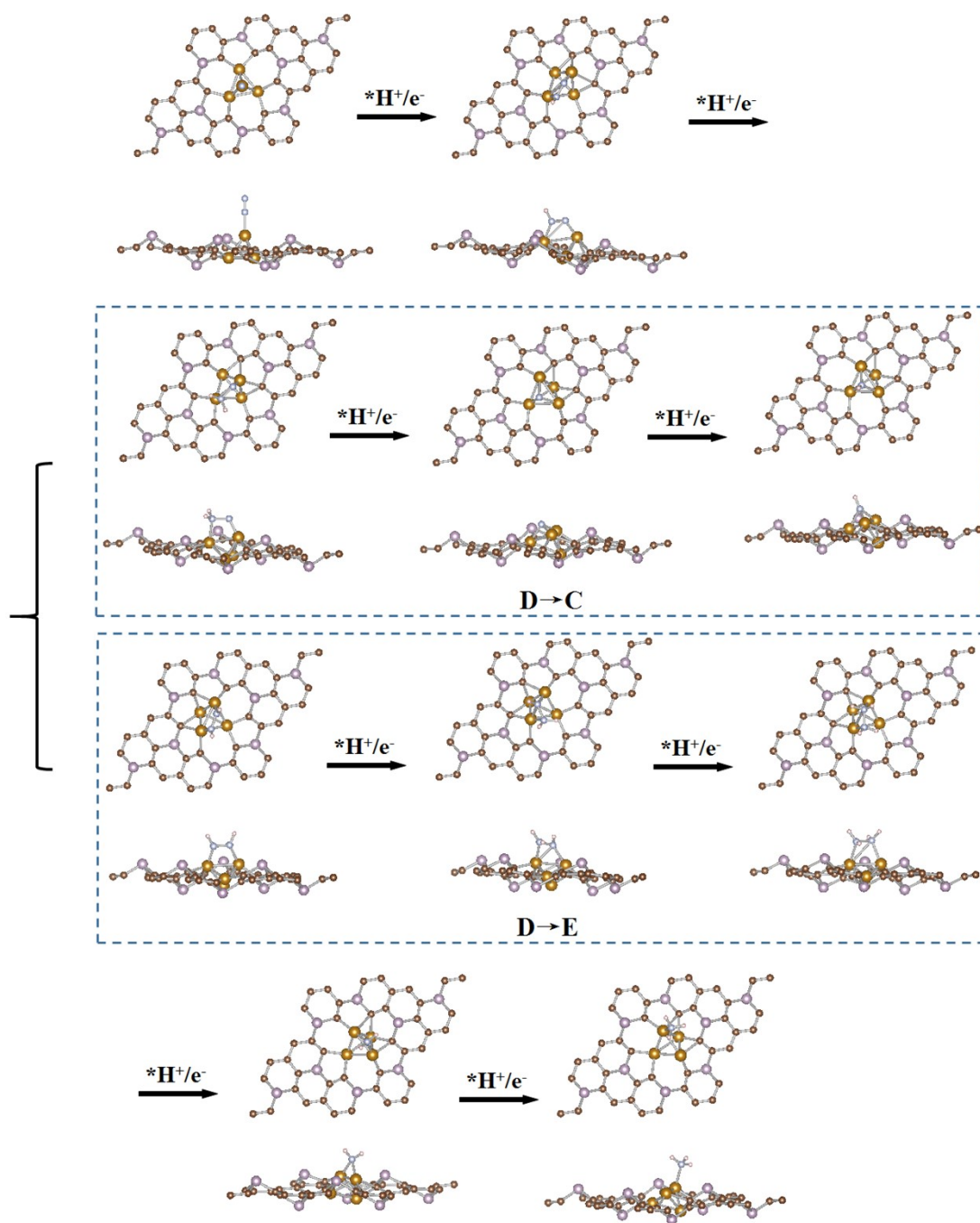


Fig. S4 The optimized intermediates of six PCET steps of  $\text{PC}_6\text{-Fe}_4$ .

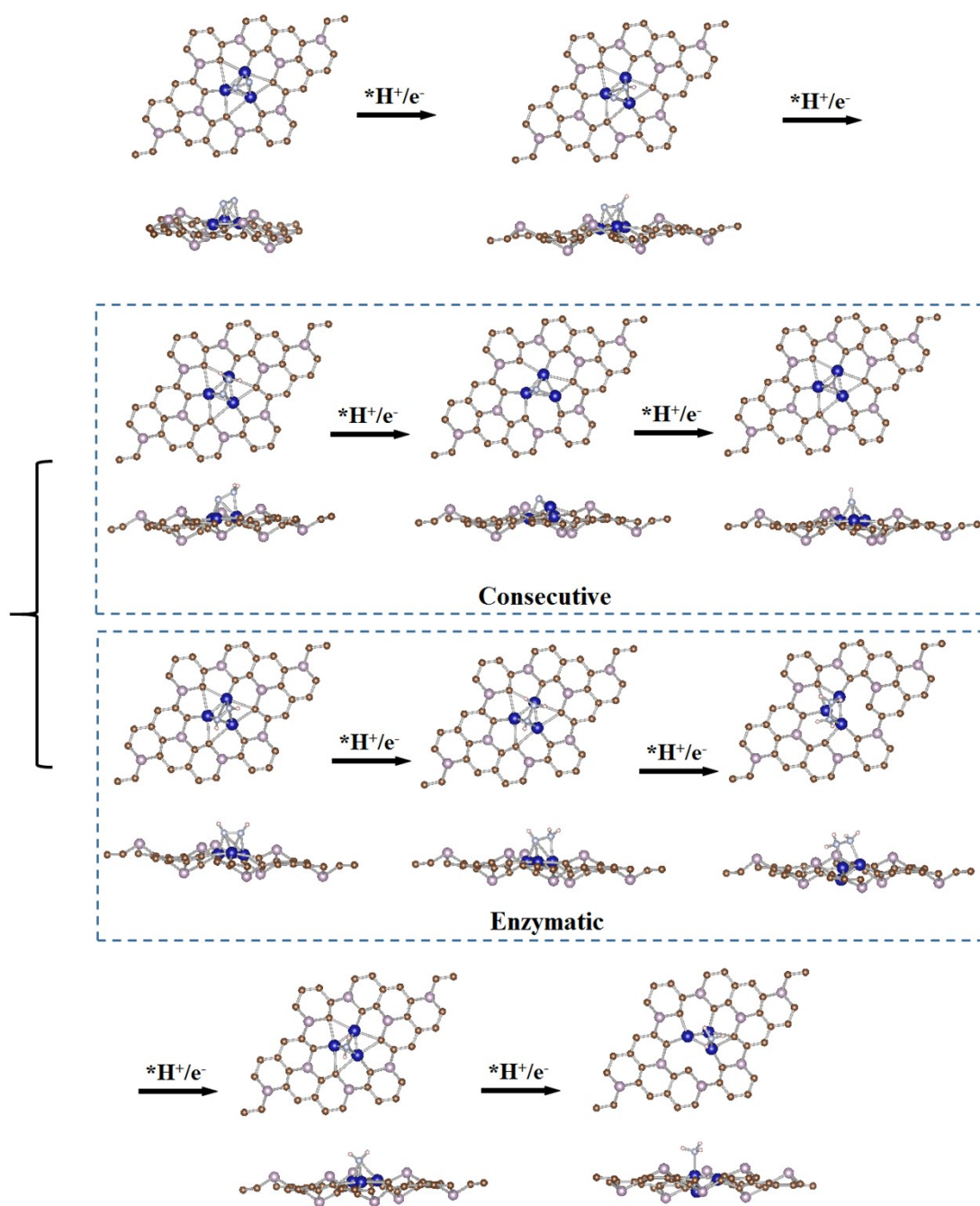


Fig. S5 The optimized intermediates of six PCET steps of PC<sub>6</sub>-Cr<sub>3</sub>.