

Supporting Information

CO₂ Electroreduction Performance of PtS₂ Supported Single Transition Metal Atoms: A Theoretical Study

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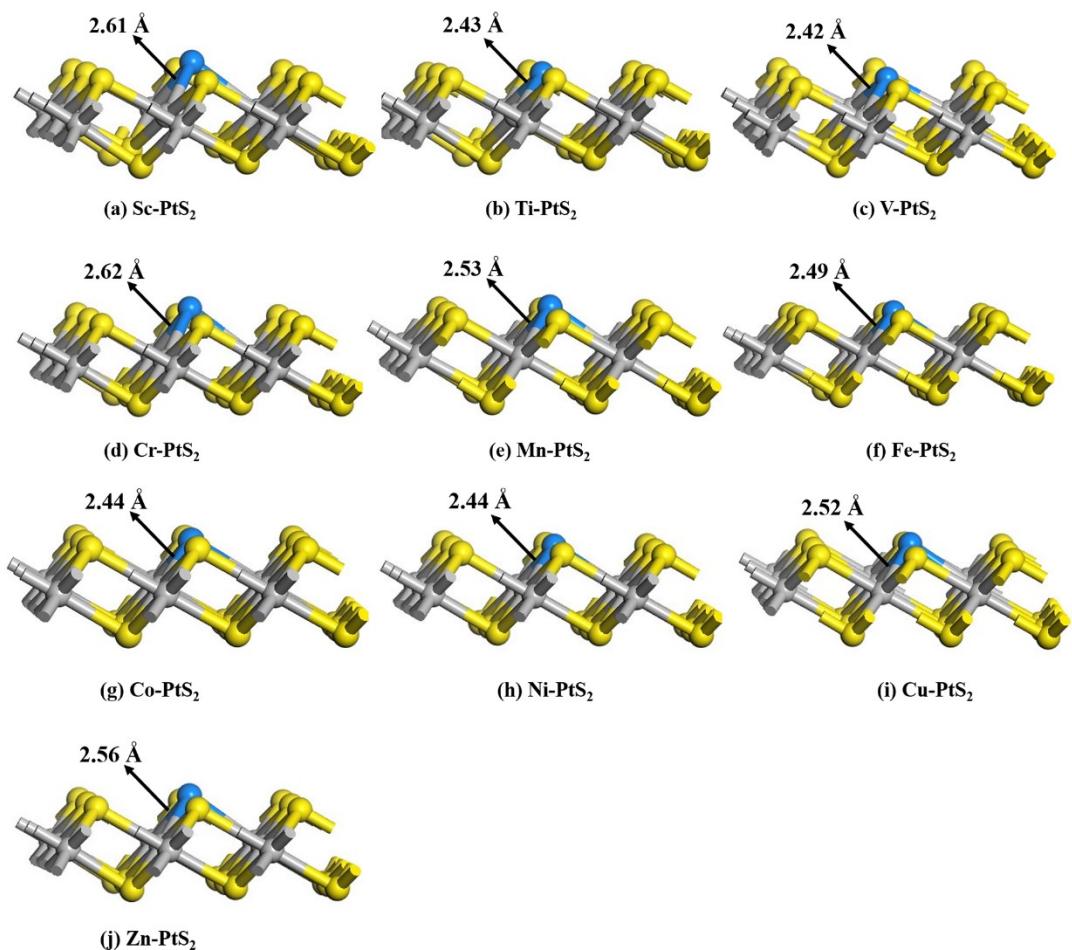
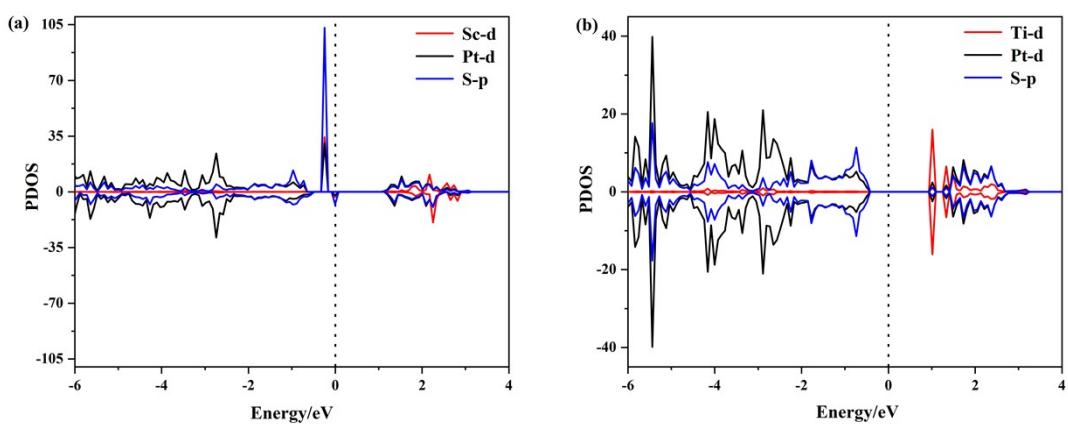


Fig. S1 Optimized structure of single TM atom anchored to the S-vacancy in 1T-PtS₂.



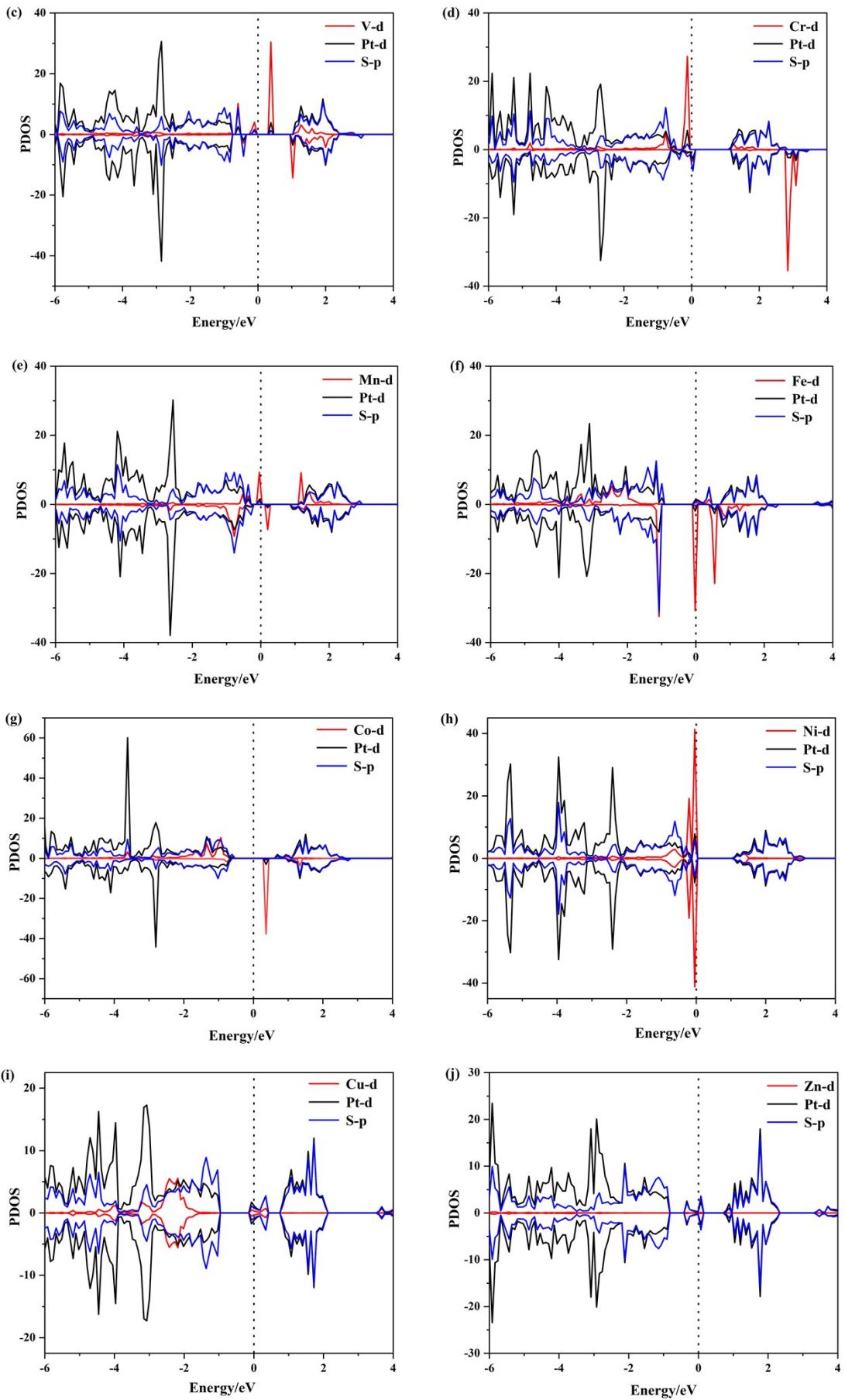


Fig. S2 The partial density of states (PDOS) of TM-3d, Pt-5d and S-3p of TM-PtS₂

Table S1 Binding energies (E_b , eV) of the metal atom anchored on the S vacancy [$E_b(\text{TM-PtS}_2)$] and surface of PtS₂ [$E_b(\text{TM}@\text{PtS}_2\text{-Sv})$], and the formation energies (E_f , eV) of the single TM atom and two TM atoms.

TM	$E_b(\text{TM-PtS}_2)$	$E_b(\text{TM}@\text{PtS}_2\text{-Sv})$	$E_f(\text{TM-PtS}_2)$	$E_f(\text{TM}_2\text{-PtS}_2)$
Sc	-6.22	-5.32	-1.60	-
Ti	-6.69	-5.05	-0.53	0.66
V	-5.06	-3.69	0.87	1.19
Cr	-6.56	-2.53	0.87	1.26
Mn	-4.17	-1.17	-0.69	0.25
Fe	-4.46	-3.42	1.10	1.47
Co	-4.5	-3.34	1.08	1.48
Ni	-5.32	-3.96	0.31	0.98
Cu	-3.48	-2.46	0.38	1.78
Zn	-1.47	-0.43	-0.10	0.04

Table S2 Formation energy E_f (in eV) and dissolution potential U_{diss} of TM-PtS₂ (in V).

Catalysts	E_f	U_{diss}^0 (metal)	n	U_{diss}
Sc-PtS ₂	-1.6	-2.08	3	-1.55
Ti-PtS ₂	-0.53	-1.63	2	-1.37
V-PtS ₂	0.87	-1.18	2	-1.62
Cr-PtS ₂	0.87	-0.91	2	-1.34
Mn-PtS ₂	-0.69	-1.19	2	-0.85
Fe-PtS ₂	1.10	-0.45	2	-1.00
Co-PtS ₂	1.08	-0.28	2	-0.82
Ni-PtS ₂	0.31	-0.26	2	-0.42
Cu-PtS ₂	0.38	0.34	2	0.15
Zn-PtS ₂	-0.1	-0.76	2	-0.71
Fe@1T'-MoS ₂ *	2.72	-0.45	2	-1.81
Co@1T'-MoS ₂ *	1.80	-0.28	2	-1.18
Ni@1T'-MoS ₂ *	1.62	-0.26	2	-1.07

* These are electrocatalysts that have been synthesized experimentally in Ref. 30.

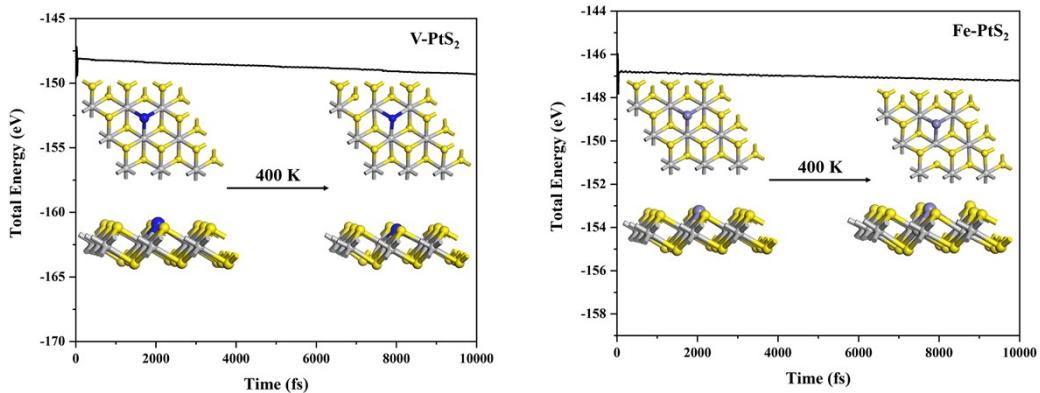
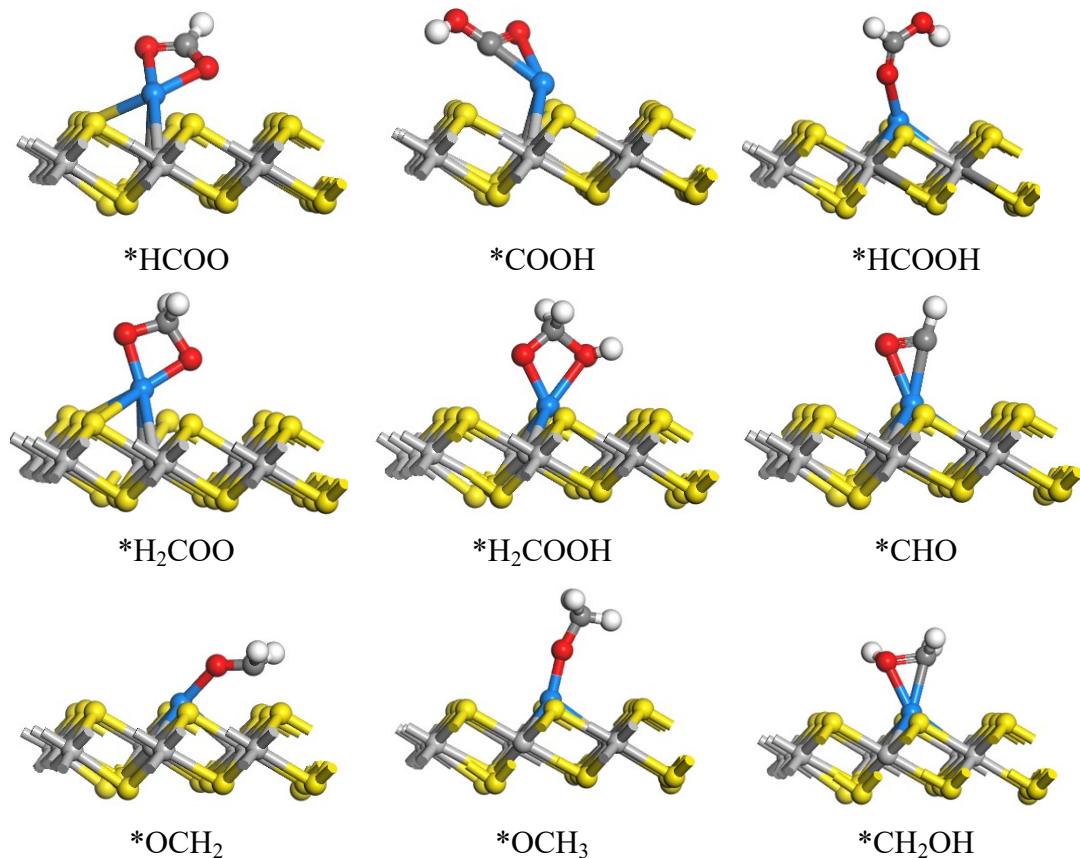


Fig. S4 Variations of energy as a function of the time for AIMD simulations with the solvation model on V- and Fe-PtS₂, and the insets show the corresponding geometry configurations for AIMD simulations at 0 ps and 10 ps



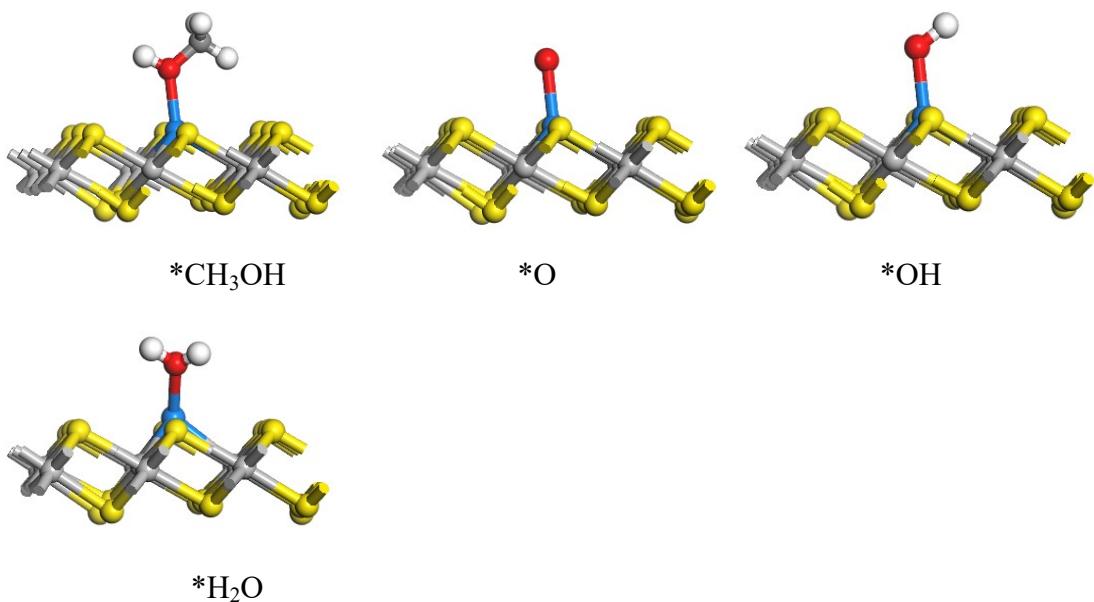


Fig. S5 Optimized structures of the CO₂RR involved intermediate species on Sc-PtS₂.

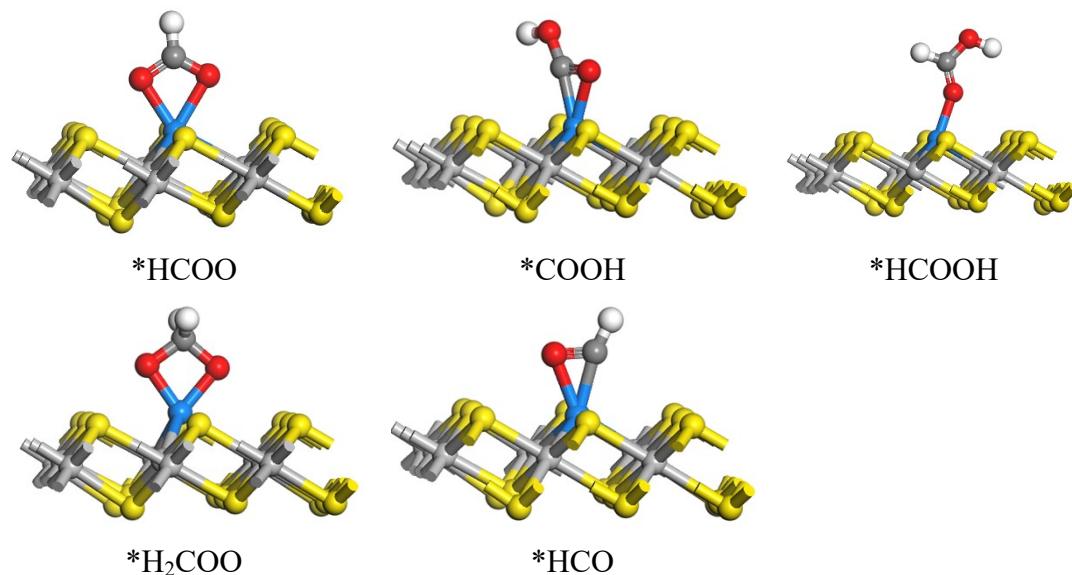
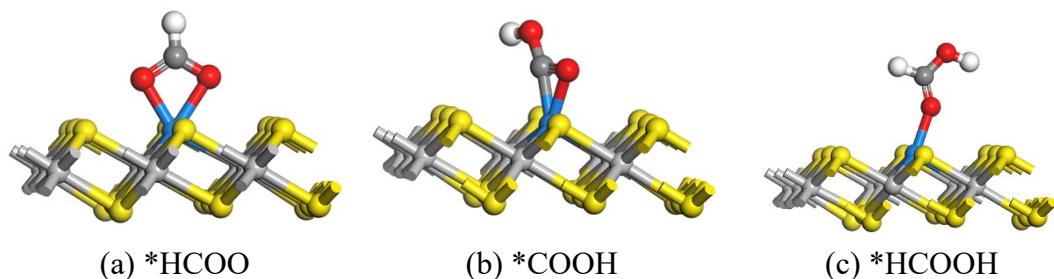


Fig. S6 Optimized structures of the CO₂RR involved intermediate species on Ti-PtS₂.



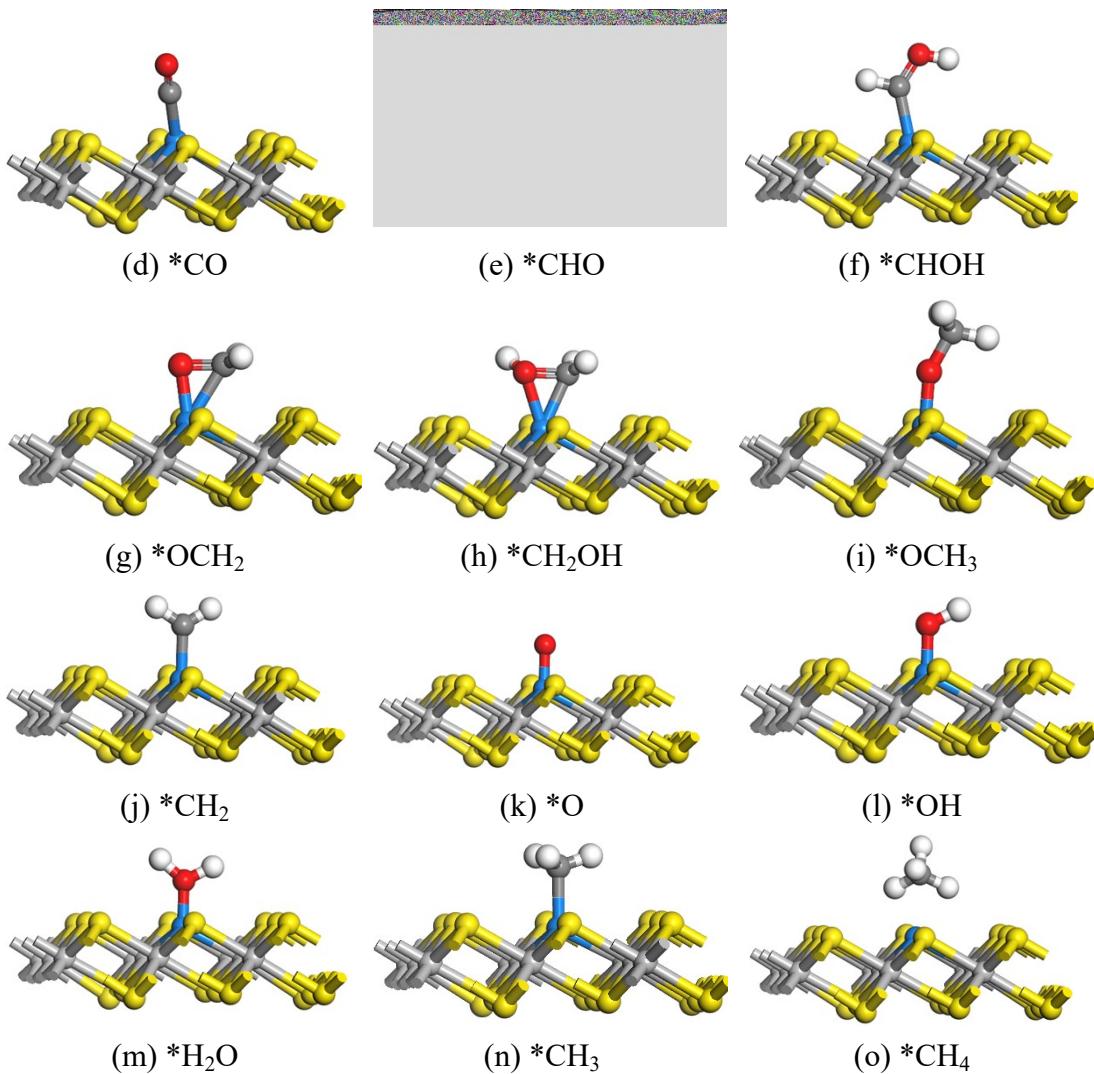
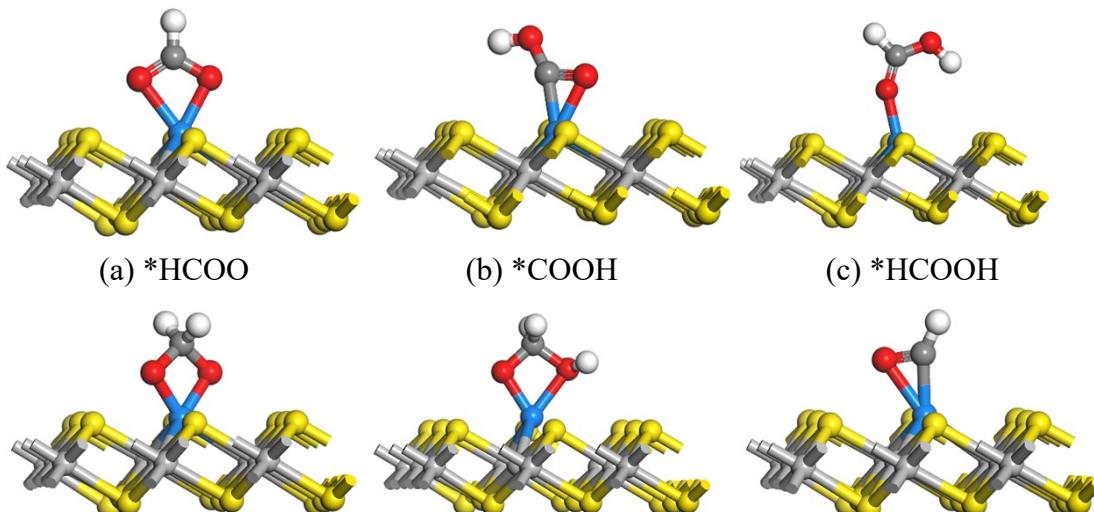


Fig. S7 Optimized structures of the CO_2RR involved intermediate species on V-

PtS_2 .



(d) $^*\text{H}_2\text{COO}$ (e) $^*\text{H}_2\text{COOH}$ (f) $^*\text{CHO}$

Fig. S8 Optimized structures of the CO_2RR involved intermediate species on Cr-PtS₂.

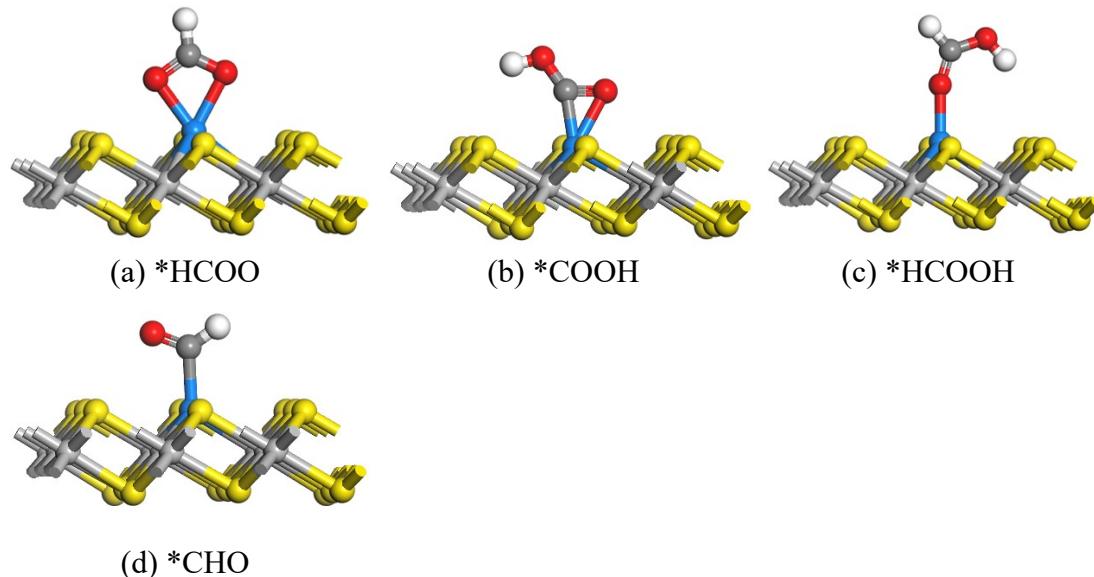
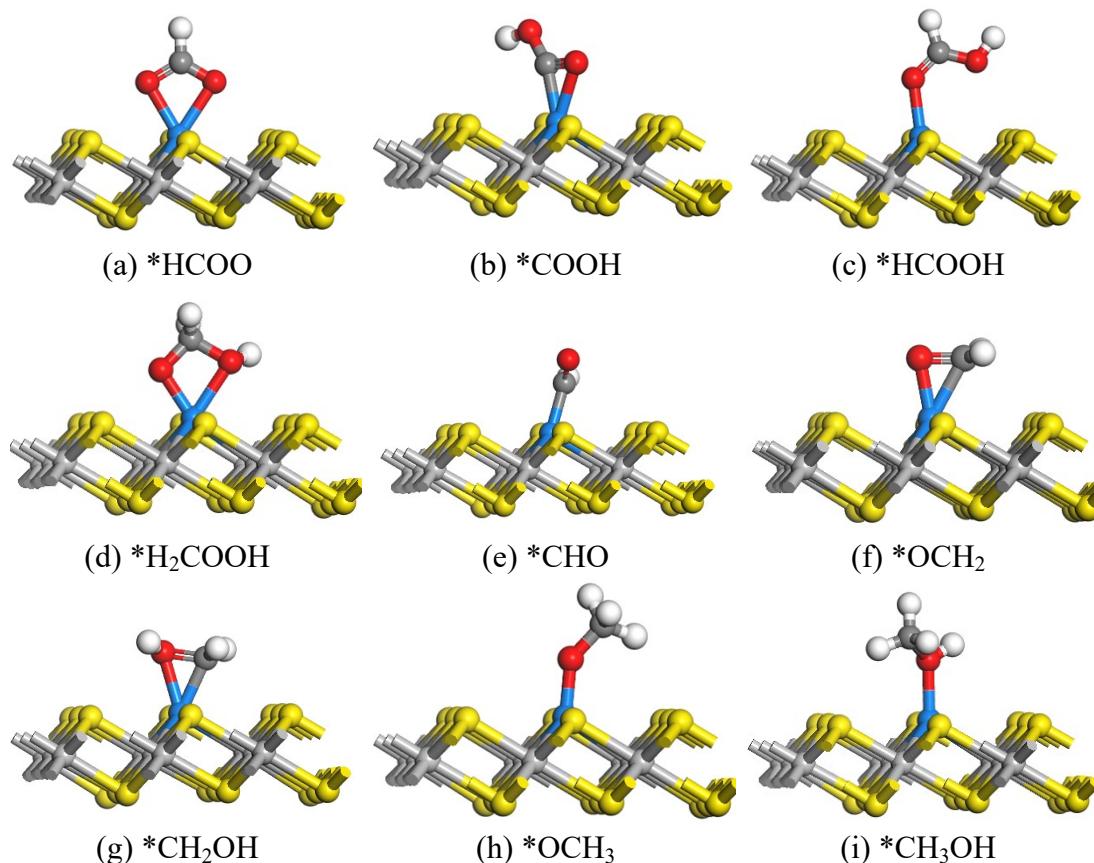


Fig. S9 Optimized structures of the CO_2RR involved intermediate species on Mn-PtS₂.



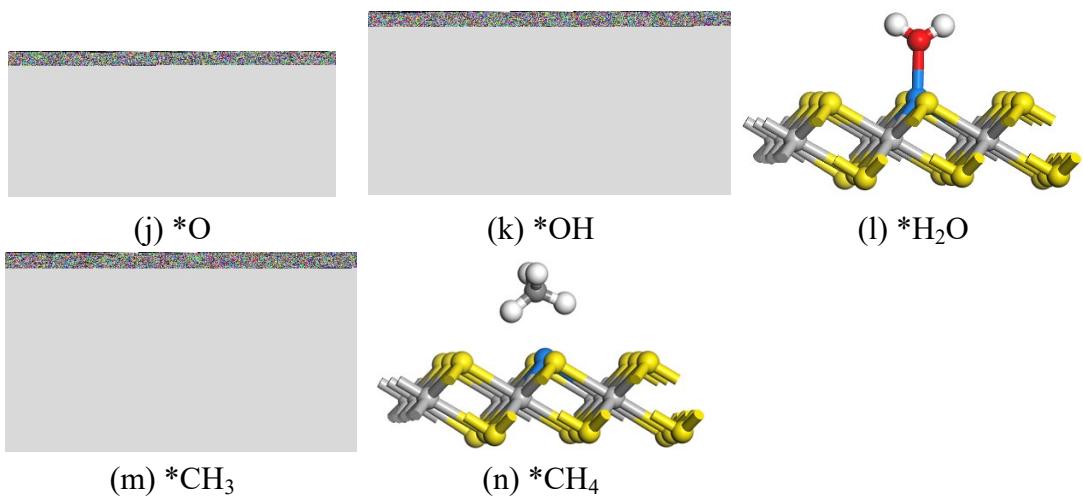
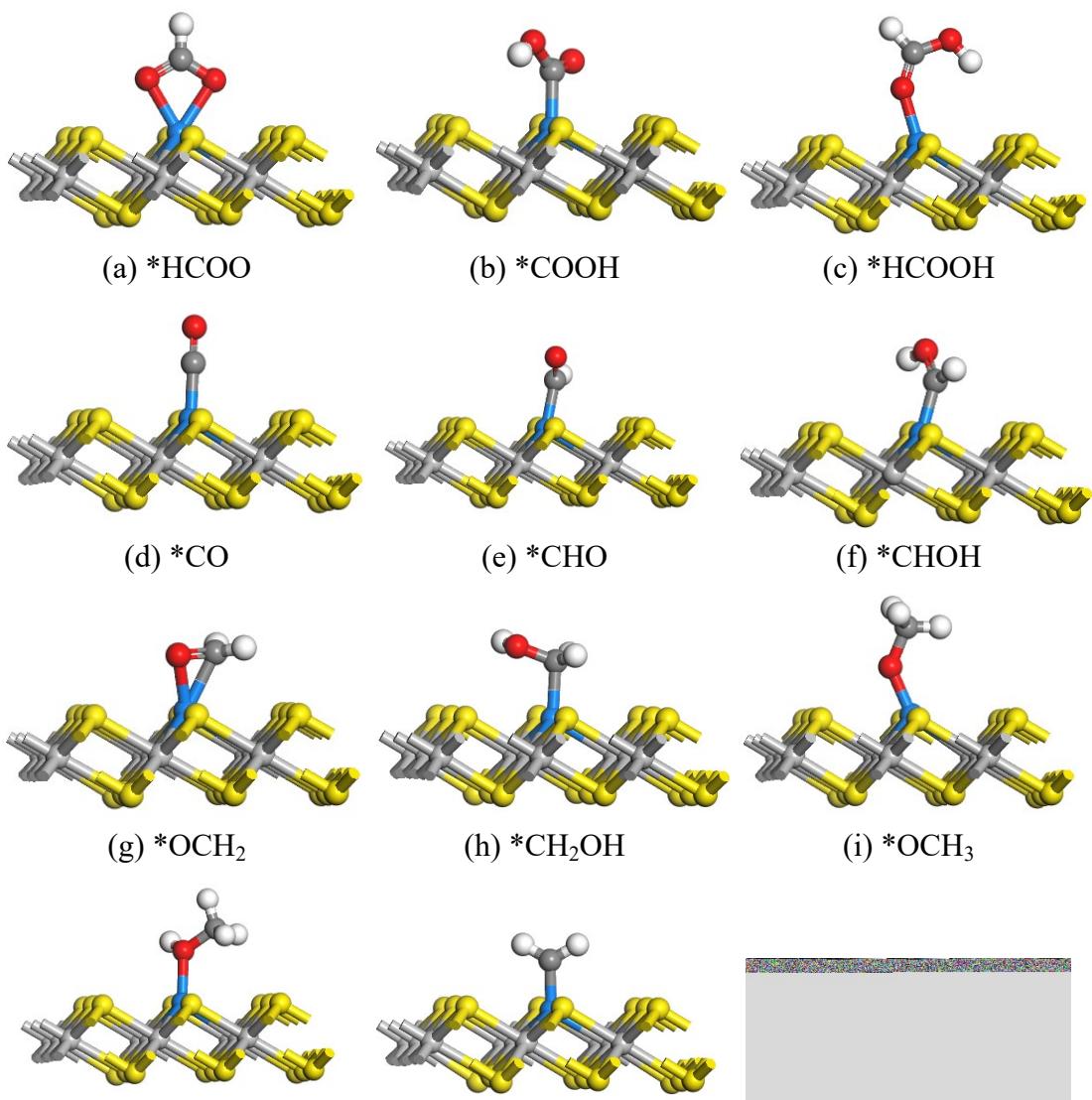


Fig. S10 Optimized structures of the CO₂RR involved intermediate species on Fe-PtS₂.



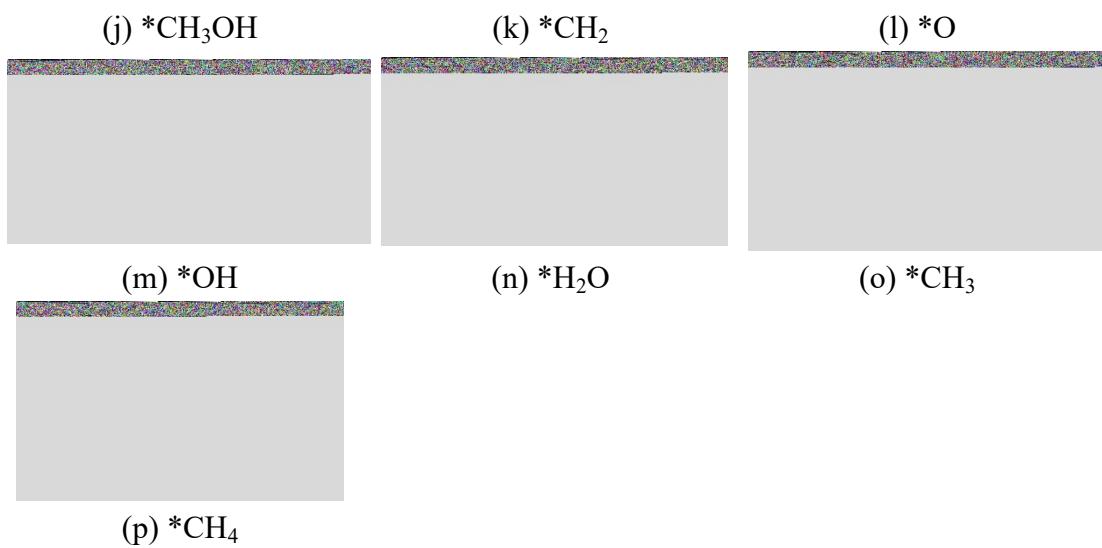


Fig. S11 Optimized structures of the CO₂RR involved intermediate species on Co-PtS₂.

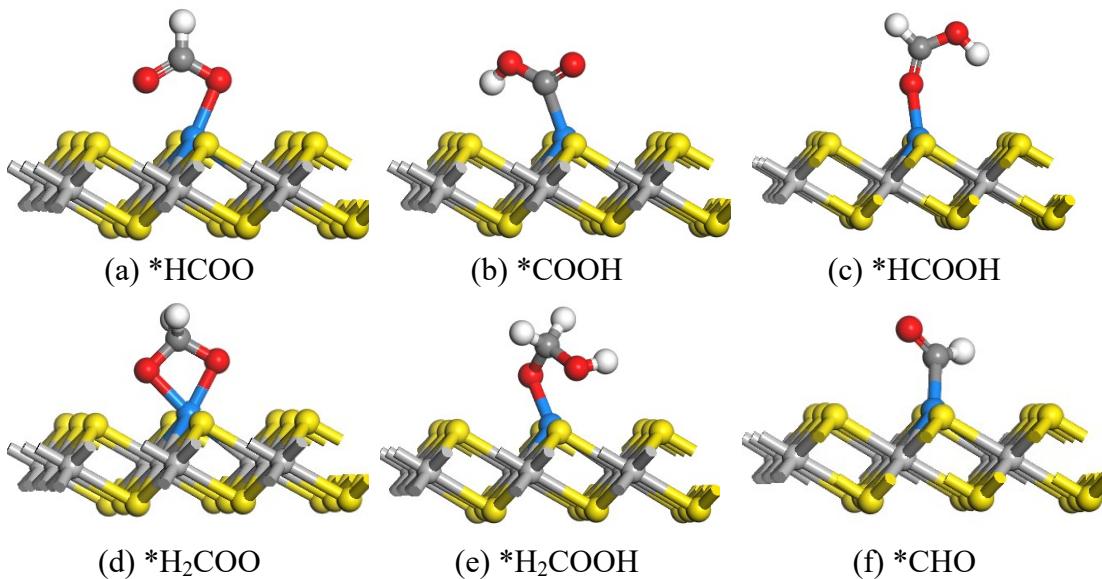
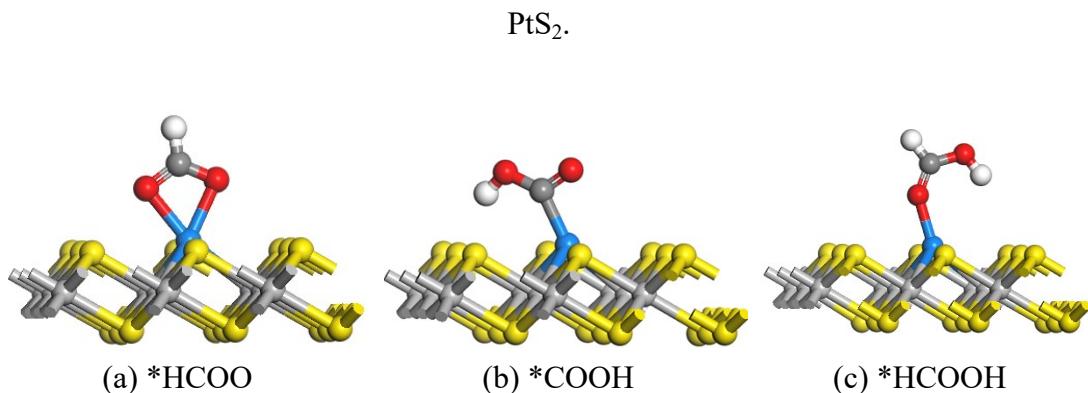
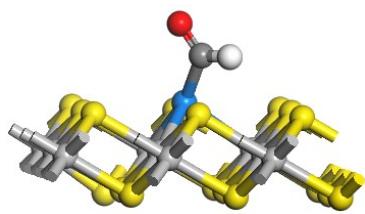


Fig. S12 Optimized structures of the CO₂RR involved intermediate species on Ni-PtS₂.





(d) *CHO

Fig. S13 Optimized structures of the CO₂RR involved intermediate species on Cu-PtS₂.

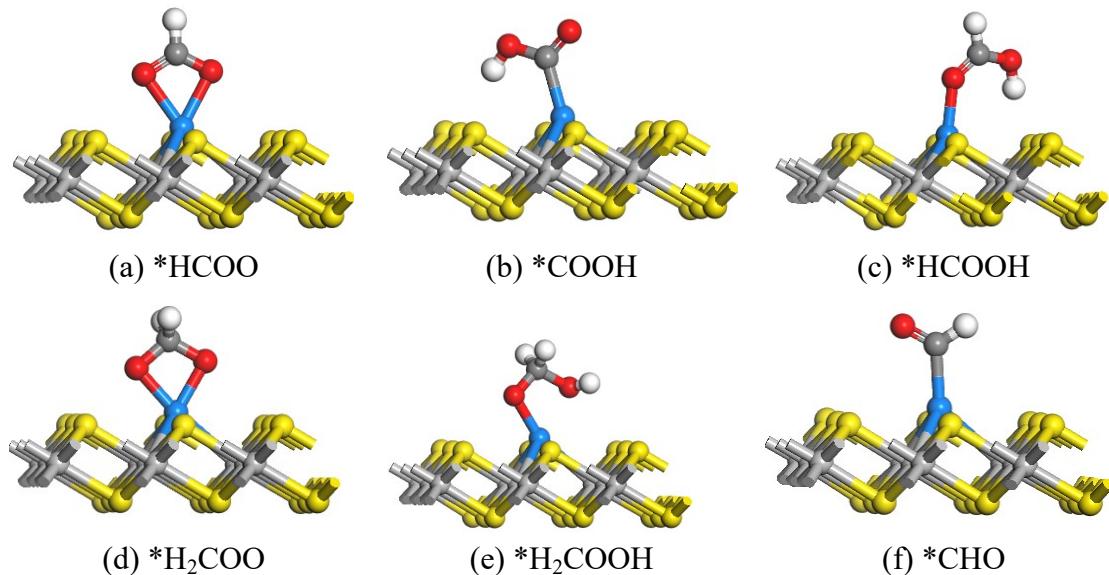


Fig. S14 Optimized structures of the CO₂RR involved intermediate species on Zn-PtS₂.

Table S3 Potential determining steps (PDS) of C₁ products and limiting potentials (U_L , V) of CO₂RR and HER on various TM-PtS₂ monolayers

catalyst	PDS	$U_L(\text{CO}_2\text{RR})$	$U_L(\text{HER})$	$U_L(\text{HCOOH})$ $-U_L(\text{H}_2)$	Product
Sc	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{HCOO}$	-0.24	-2.26	2.02	HCOOH
	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{COOH}$	-1.39			CO
	$*-\text{HCOOH} \rightarrow *-\text{H}_2\text{COOH}$	-0.86			CH ₄ /CH ₃ OH
Ti	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{HCOO}$	-0.41	-1.86	1.45	HCOOH
	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{COOH}$	-1.42			CO
	$*-\text{HCOOH} \rightarrow *-\text{CHO}$	-1.46			CH ₄ /CH ₃ OH
V	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{COOH}$	-0.06	-0.63	0.57	HCOOH
	$*-\text{COOH} \rightarrow *-\text{CO}$	-0.26			CO/CH ₃ OH
	$*-\text{OH} \rightarrow *-\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-0.46			CH ₄
Cr	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{HCOO}$	-0.39	-1.29	0.90	HCOOH
	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{COOH}$	-0.79			CO
	$*-\text{HCOOH} \rightarrow *-\text{CHO}$	-1.15			CH ₄
Mn	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{HCOO}$	-0.74	-1.35	0.61	HCOOH
	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{COOH}$	-2.10			CO
	$*-\text{HCOOH} \rightarrow *-\text{CHO}$	-0.88			CH ₄ /CH ₃ OH
Fe	$*-\text{HCOO} \rightarrow *-\text{HCOO}$	0	-0.70	0.70	HCOOH
	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{COOH}$	-0.64			CO
	$*-\text{HCOOH} \rightarrow *-\text{H}_2\text{COOH}$	-0.32			$*-\text{HCOOH} \rightarrow *-\text{H}_2\text{COOH}$

Co	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{HCOO}$	-0.23	-0.55	0.32	HCOOH/CH ₄ /CH ₃ OH
Ni	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{HCOO}$	-0.72	-0.95	0.23	HCOOH/CH ₄ /CH ₃ OH
Cu	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{HCOO}$	-0.25	-0.78	0.53	HCOOH
	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{COOH}$	-0.98			CO
	$*-\text{HCOOH} \rightarrow *-\text{H}_2\text{COOH}$	-0.76			CH ₄ /CH ₃ OH
Zn	$*-\text{HCOO} \rightarrow *-\text{HCOOH}$	-0.49	-0.53	0.04	HCOOH/CH ₄ /CH ₃ OH
	$*+\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *-\text{COOH}$	-1.02			