

Supplementary Information

Water reduction on the facets of Fe(OH)₂: an experimental and DFT study

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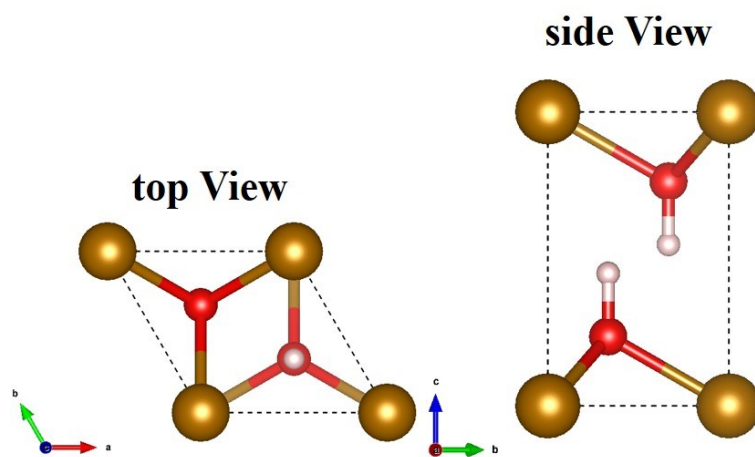


Fig. S1. DFT-optimized crystal structure of Fe(OH)₂; Fe = orange spheres, O= red spheres and H = white spheres.

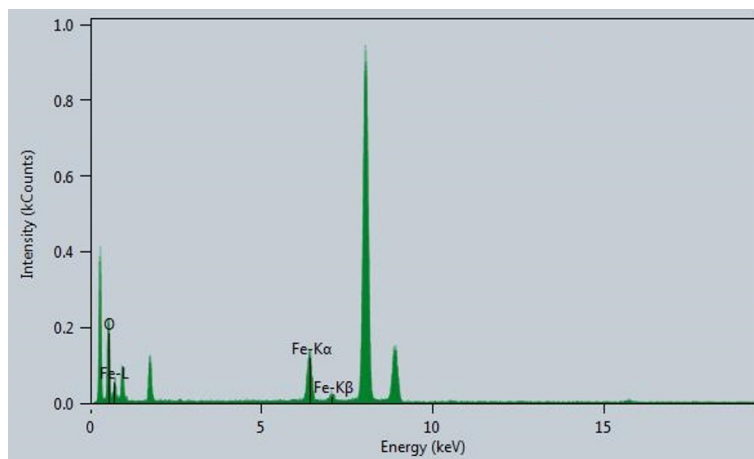


Fig. S2. The elemental spectroscopy of as-prepared Fe(OH)₂.

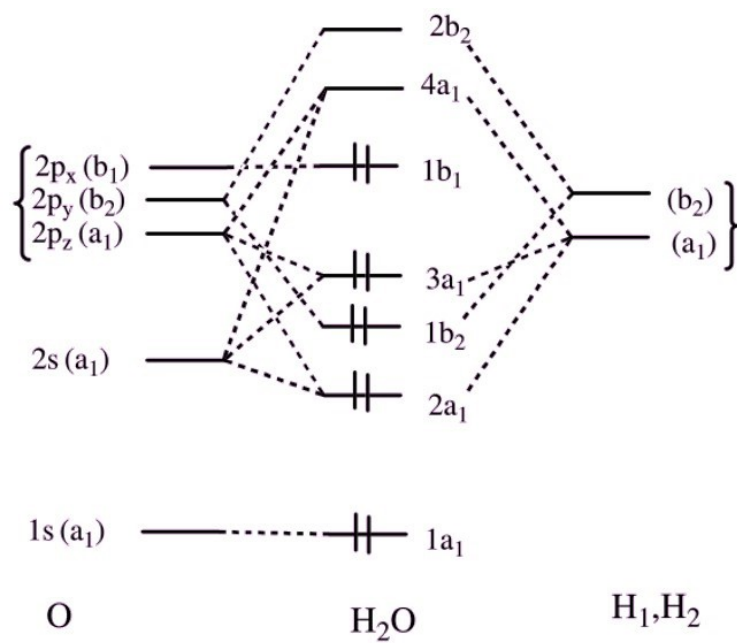


Fig. S3. The schematic diagram for molecular orbitals of free water molecule.

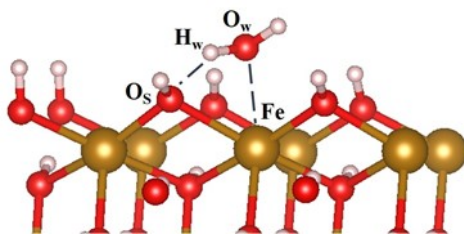


Fig. S4. The DFT-optimized atomic configurations of two atom pairs for COHP and ICOHP calculation, when H₂O was adsorbed on (100) facet of Fe(OH)₂.

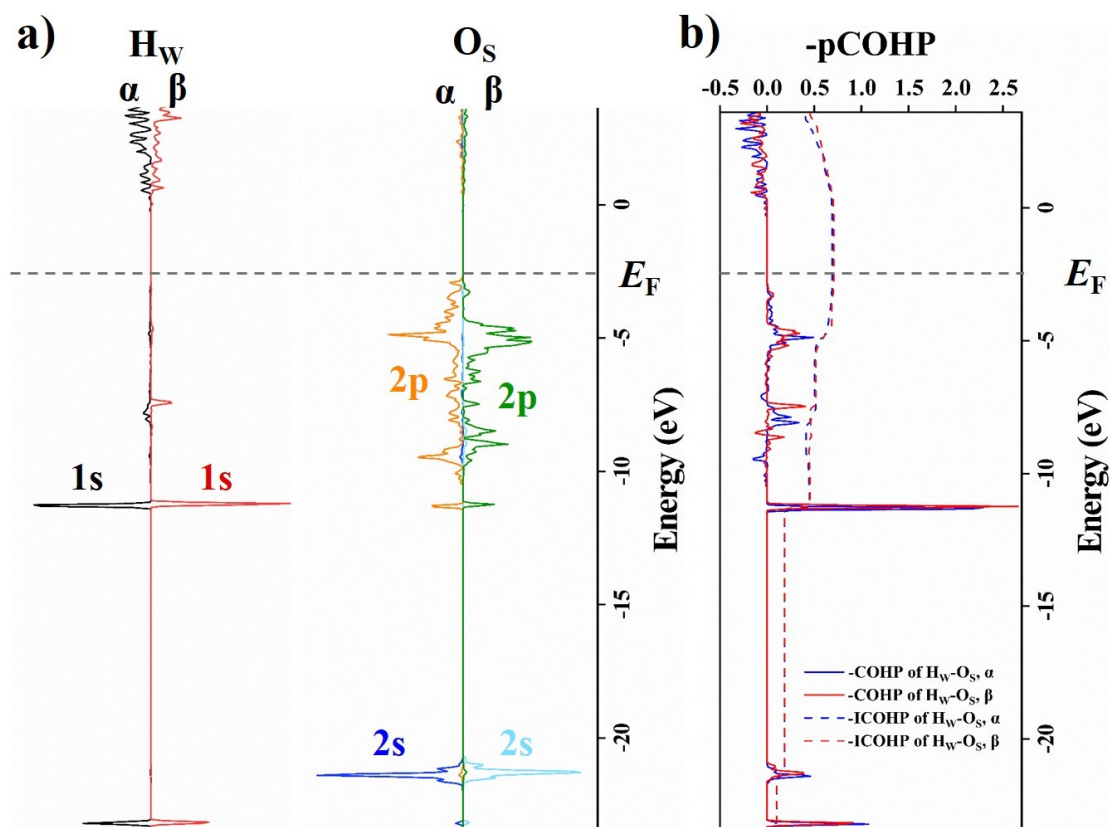


Fig. S5. Projected electronic densities of states (pDOS) of 1s orbital of H_W, 2s and 2p orbitals of O_S on Fe(OH)₂(100) facet after H₂O adsorption. b) The crystal orbital hamilton population (COHP) and integrated COHP (ICOHP) density between H_W and O_S. α = spin up and β = spin down.

Table S1. The comparison of H₂O morphology before and after adsorbed on different facets of Fe(OH)₂.

Facet	(100)	(101)	(102)	Free water molecule
Angle/°	105.7	104.9	105.4	104.5
O-H ₁ /Å	1.015	0.994	0.976	0.973
O-H ₂ /Å	0.973	0.975	0.974	0.973

Table S2. The Bader charge of free H₂O molecule and after adsorbed on different surfaces of Fe(OH)₂.

Sample	Bader charge (electrons)			
	H ₁	H ₂	O	Total
(100)	0.33	0.26	7.43	8.02
(101)	0.33	0.32	7.34	7.99
(102)	0.34	0.36	7.28	7.98
Free H ₂ O molecule	0.33	0.31	7.36	8.00