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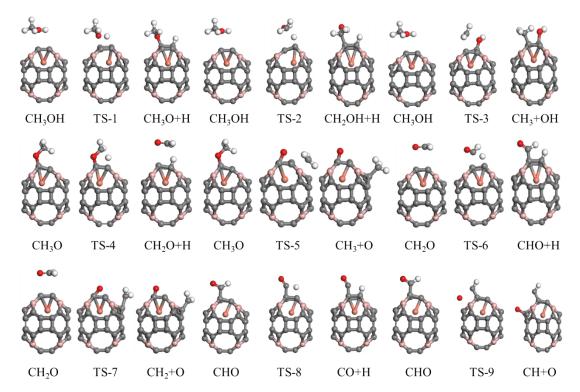


Fig. S2. The configuration of CH<sub>3</sub>OH and corresponding intermediates involved in the CH<sub>3</sub>OH cracking reaction on the Cu@C<sub>40</sub>B<sub>8</sub> surface are shown. Gray, pink, red, and white respectively represent carbon atoms, boron atoms, oxygen atoms, and hydrogen atoms, with Cu atom inside.

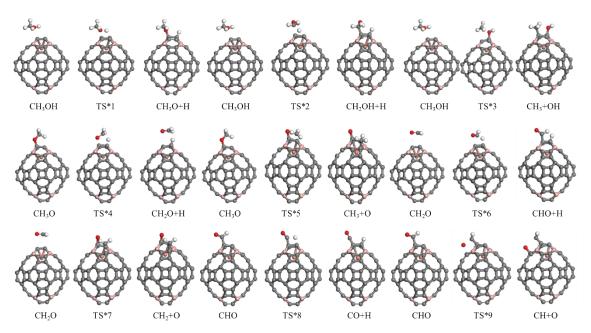


Fig. S3. The configuration of  $CH_3OH$  and corresponding intermediates involved in the  $CH_3OH$  cracking reaction on the  $Cu@C_{88}B_8$  surface are shown. Gray, pink, red, and white respectively represent carbon atoms, boron atoms, oxygen atoms, and hydrogen atoms, with Cu atom inside.