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## **Supplementary Information**

Computational Study of OH, NH<sub>2</sub>-Functionalized Iron-Doped Tetraphenylporphyrin as a Photocatalyst for CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction to C<sub>1</sub> Fuels

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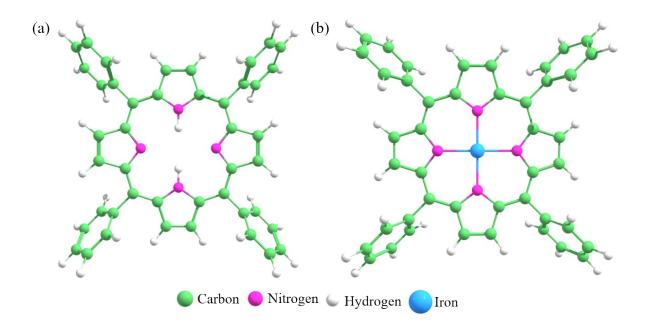
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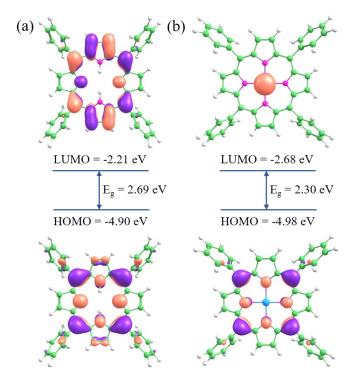
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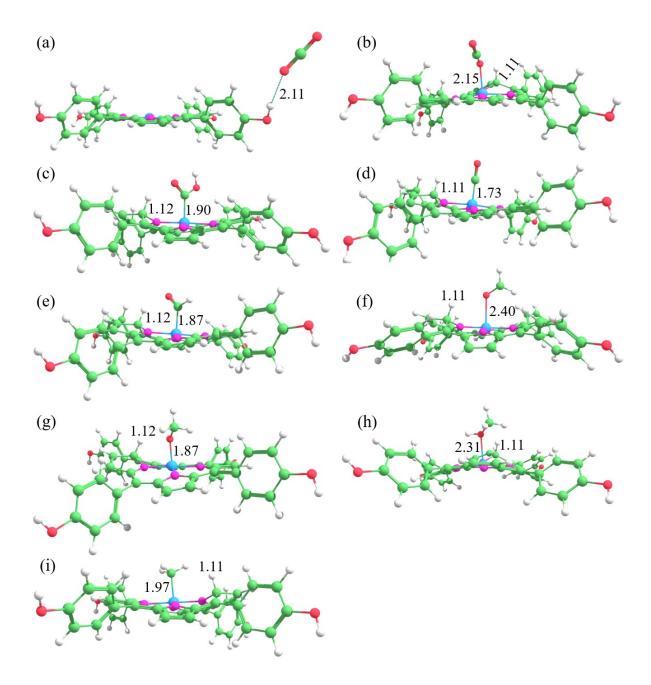
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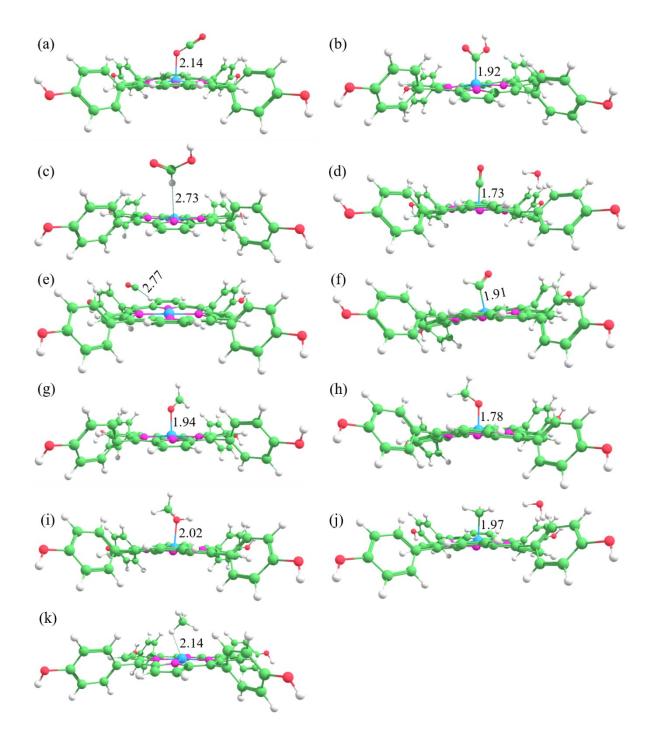
**Fig. S1.** Optimized geometries of (a) Tetraphenylporphyrin (TPP) and (b) iron-doped tetraphenylporphyrin (Fe-TPP) surfaces. The structures illustrate the atomic arrangements and coordination environments after full geometry optimization. These optimized configurations serve as the basis for analyzing their structural stability, electronic properties, and catalytic reactivity.



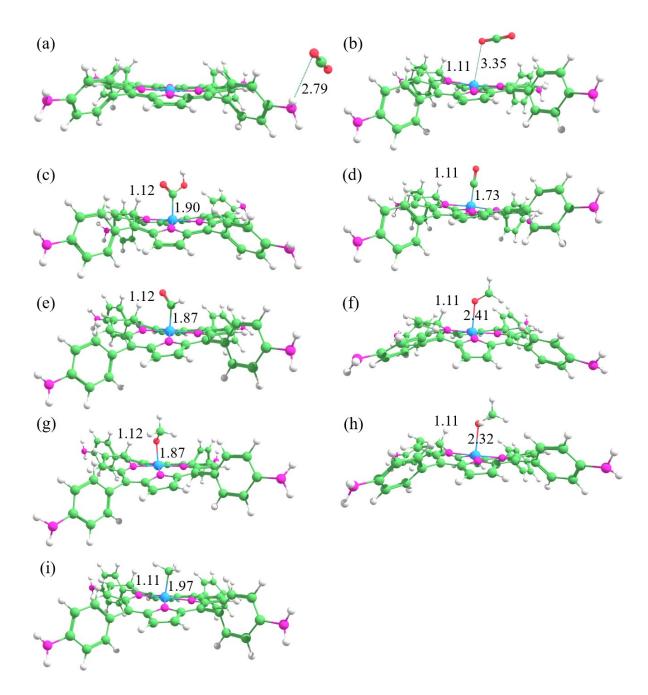
**Fig. S2.** HOMO-LUMO plots of (a) TPP and (b) Fe-TPP surfaces. The violet and orange regions represent the negative and positive lobes of the molecular orbitals, respectively, illustrating the spatial distribution of electron density in the frontier orbitals.



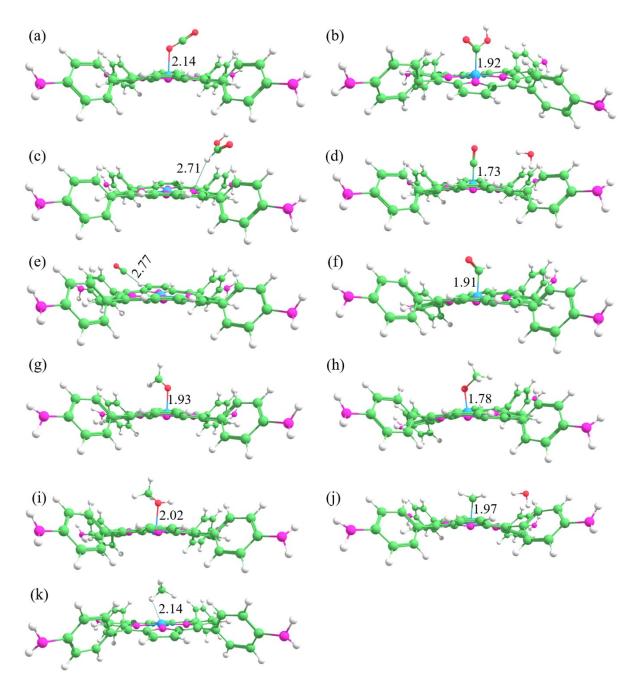
**Fig. S3.** The optimized geometries of reactants (CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to C<sub>1</sub> products): (a) \*+CO<sub>2</sub>, (b) \*CO<sub>2</sub>+H, (c) \*COOH+H, (d) \*CO+H, (e) \*CHO+H, (f) \*OCH<sub>2</sub>+H, (g) \*OCH<sub>3</sub>+H, (h) \*CH<sub>3</sub>OH+H, and (i) \*CH<sub>3</sub>+H. The \* indicates the adsorbed on the Fe-OHTPP surface. The unit of bond lengths are indicated in Å. The green, red, pink, white, and blue represents the carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen atoms, and iron transition metal.



**Fig. S4.** The optimized geometries of products (CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to C<sub>1</sub> products): (a) \*CO<sub>2</sub>, (b) \*COOH, (c) \*+HCOOH, (d) \*CO+H<sub>2</sub>O, (e) \*+CO, (f) \*CHO, (g) \*OCH<sub>2</sub>, (h) \*OCH<sub>3</sub> (i) \*CH<sub>3</sub>OH, (j) \*CH<sub>3</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O, and (k) \*+CH<sub>4</sub>. The \* indicates the adsorbed on the Fe-OHTPP surface. The unit of bond lengths are indicated in Å. The green, red, pink, white, and blue represents the carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen atoms, and iron transition metal.



**Fig. S5.** The optimized geometries of reactants (CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to C<sub>1</sub> products): (a) \*+CO<sub>2</sub>, (b) \*CO<sub>2</sub>+H, (c) \*COOH+H, (d) \*CO+H, (e) \*CHO+H, (f) \*OCH<sub>2</sub>+H, (g) \*OCH<sub>3</sub>+H, (h) \*CH<sub>3</sub>OH+H, and (i) \*CH<sub>3</sub>+H. The \* indicates the adsorbed on the Fe-NH<sub>2</sub>TPP surface. The unit of bond lengths are indicated in Å. The green, red, pink, white, and blue represents the carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen atoms, and iron transition metal.



**Fig. S6.** The optimized geometries of products (CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to C<sub>1</sub> products): (a) \*CO<sub>2</sub>, (b) \*COOH, (c) \*+HCOOH, (d) \*CO+H<sub>2</sub>O, (e) \*+CO, (f) \*CHO, (g) \*OCH<sub>2</sub>, (h) \*OCH<sub>3</sub> (i) \*CH<sub>3</sub>OH, (j) \*CH<sub>3</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O, and (k) \*+CH<sub>4</sub>. The \* indicates the adsorbed on the Fe-NH<sub>2</sub>TPP surface. The unit of bond lengths are indicated in Å. The green, red, pink, white, and blue represents the carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen atoms, and iron transition metal.

**Table S1.** Calculated electronic parameters of the investigated systems, including the HOMO-LUMO energy gap ( $E_{H-L}$  gap), ionization potential (IP), electron affinity (EA), and chemical hardness ( $\eta$ ), presented in electron volts (eV).

| Structure              | НОМО  | LUMO  | E <sub>H-L</sub> gap | IP   | EA   | η    |
|------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|------|------|------|
| TPP                    | -4.90 | -2.21 | 2.69                 | 4.90 | 2.21 | 1.35 |
| Fe-TPP                 | -4.98 | -2.68 | 2.30                 | 4.98 | 2.68 | 1.15 |
| OHTPP                  | -4.74 | -2.12 | 2.62                 | 4.74 | 2.12 | 1.31 |
| Fe-OHTPP               | -4.82 | -2.59 | 2.23                 | 4.82 | 2.59 | 1.12 |
| $NH_2TPP$              | -4.41 | -1.86 | 2.55                 | 4.41 | 1.86 | 1.28 |
| Fe-NH <sub>2</sub> TPP | -4.50 | -2.35 | 2.15                 | 4.50 | 2.35 | 1.08 |