

Supplementary material for
**“First-principles investigation of H₂S adsorption and dissociation on
titanium carbide surface”**

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Table S1. The activation energy (E_{act} in eV) for H_2S dissociation on the surfaces of TiC, metal oxides of CeO_2 , YSZ and various noble metals of Ir, Ni, Pd, Pt.

	E_{act} (eV)
TiC(001) (In this work)	
$\text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{SH} + \text{H}$	0.34/0.32
$\text{SH} + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{S} + \text{H} + \text{H}$	1.32/1.48
$\text{SH} \rightarrow \text{S} + \text{H}$	1.16
$\text{CeO}_2(111)^1$	
$\text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{SH} + \text{H}$	0.19
$\text{SH} + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{S} + \text{H} + \text{H}$	0.69
YSZ(111) ²	
$\text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{SH} + \text{H}$	0.17
$\text{SH} \rightarrow \text{S} + \text{H}$	0.34
Ir(111) ³	
$\text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{SH} + \text{H}$	0.16
$\text{SH} \rightarrow \text{S} + \text{H}$	0.05
Ni(111) ³	
$\text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{SH} + \text{H}$	0.21
$\text{SH} \rightarrow \text{S} + \text{H}$	0.01
Pd(111) ³	
$\text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{SH} + \text{H}$	0.22
$\text{SH} \rightarrow \text{S} + \text{H}$	0.01
Pt(111) ³	
$\text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{SH} + \text{H}$	0.07
$\text{SH} \rightarrow \text{S} + \text{H}$	0.03
Pt/graphene ⁴	
$\text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{SH} + \text{H}$	0.27

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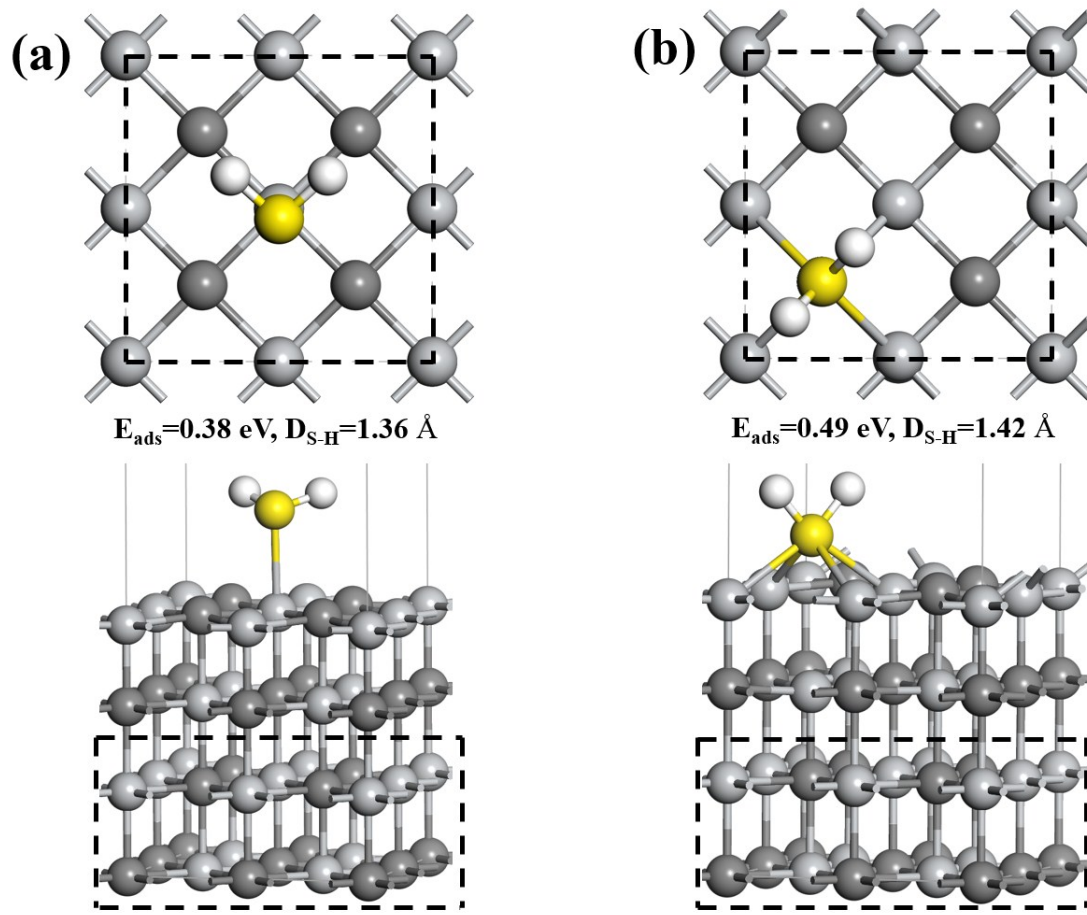


Fig. S1. Optimized structures for H_2S adsorbed on (a) the pure $\text{TiC}(001)$, (b) the defective $\text{TiC}(001)$ surface with a carbon vacancy ($V_{\text{C}}\text{-TiC}(001)$). The adsorption energies (E_{ads} in eV) and the S–H distances ($D_{\text{S-H}}$ in \AA) are shown in the figure. Color code: the black, light gray, yellow and white spheres denote the C, Ti, S and H, respectively.