

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### Improvement of Carbon Dioxide Electroreduction by Crystal Surface

#### Modification of ZIF-8

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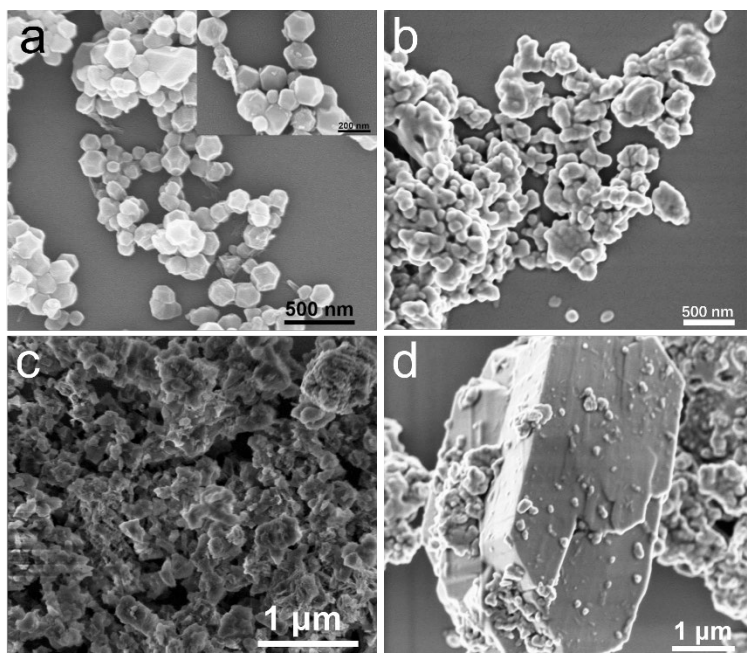
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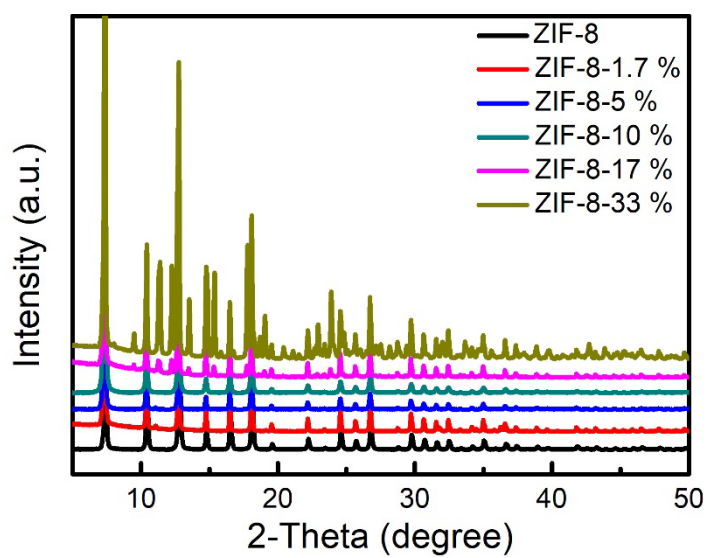
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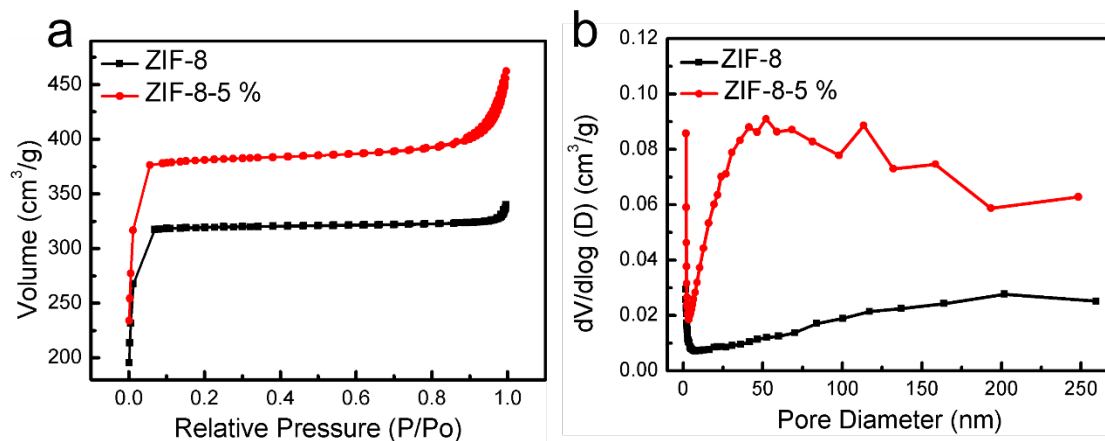
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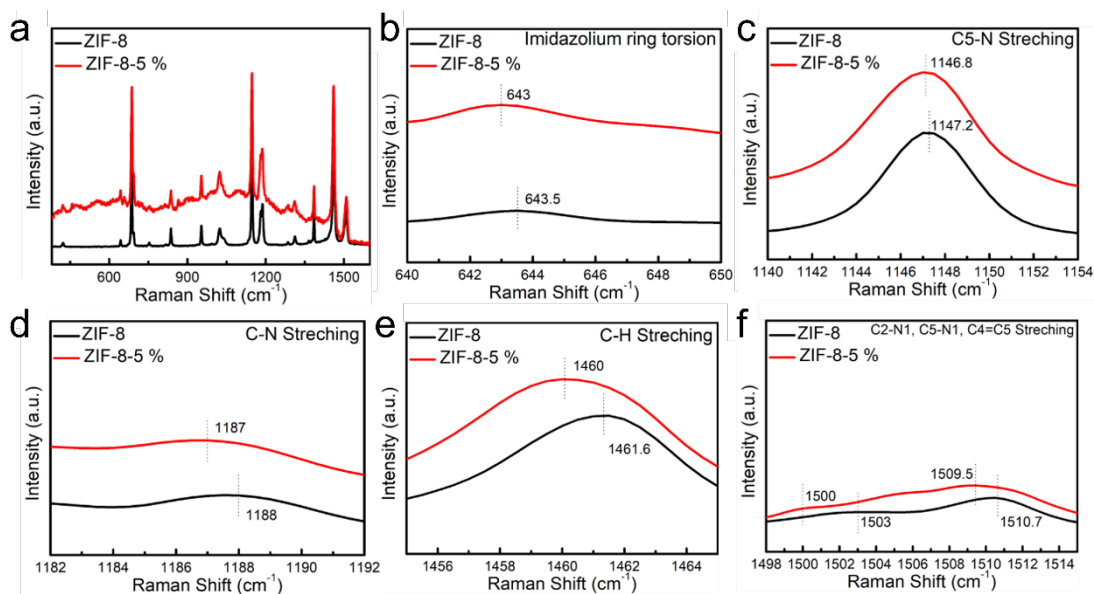
**Fig. S1.** FE-SEM images of (a) ZIF-8-1.7% (b) ZIF-8-10%, (c) ZIF-8-17% and (d) ZIF-8-33%.



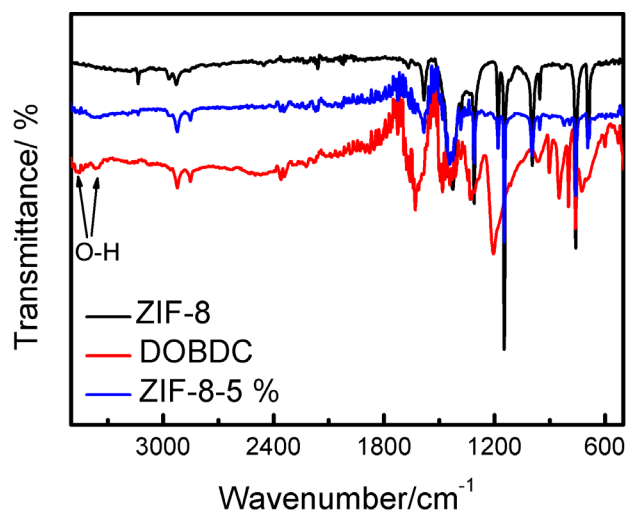
**Fig. S2.** Experimental XRD patterns of ZIF-8 and ZIF-8-x with different DOBDC modification ratios.



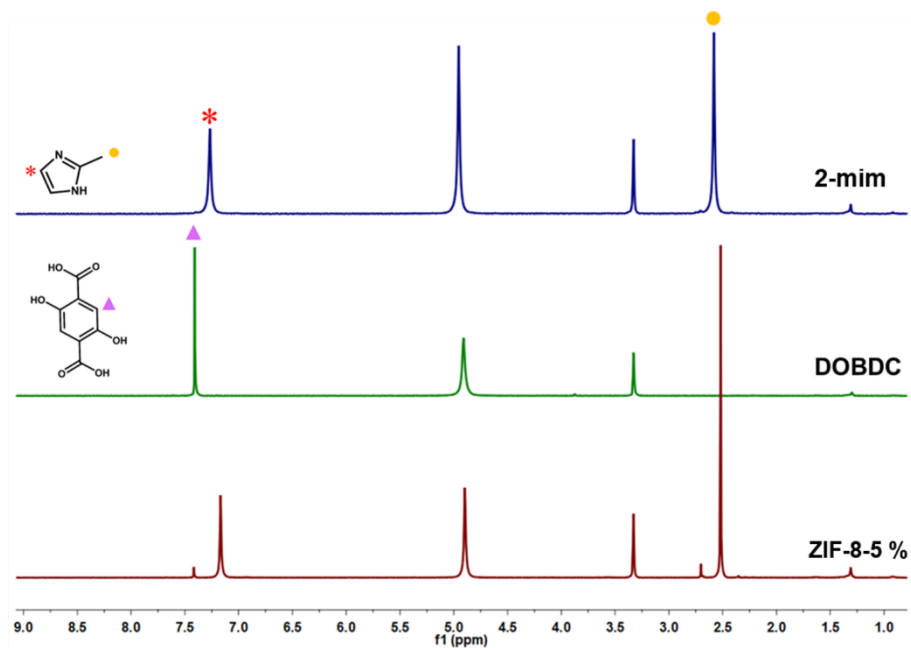
**Fig. S3.** (a) N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms and (b) corresponding pore size distributions of ZIF-8 and ZIF-8-5% samples.



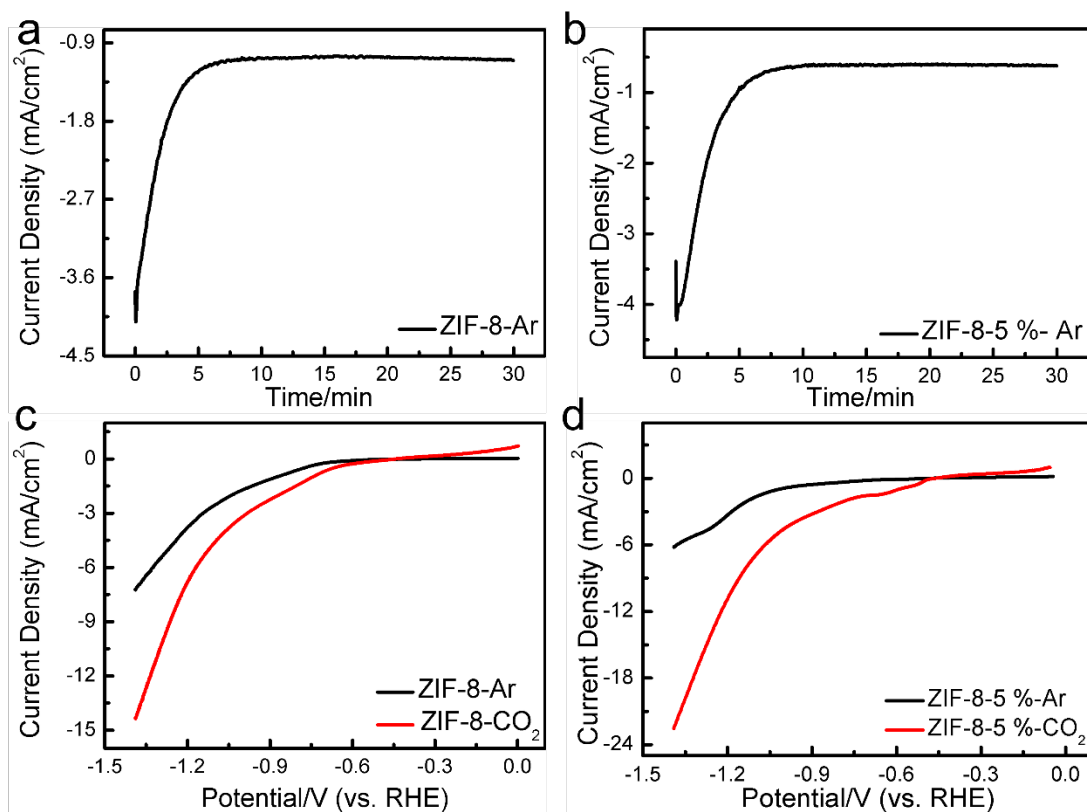
**Fig. S4.** Raman spectra of the ZIF-8 and ZIF-8-5%.



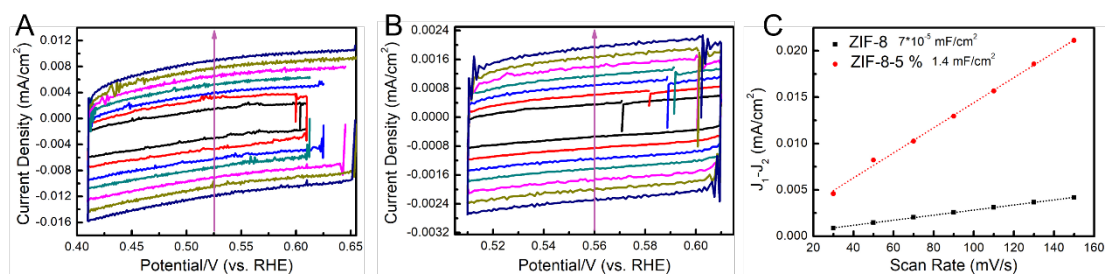
**Fig. S5.** FTIR spectra of the ZIF-8, DOBDC and ZIF-8-5%.



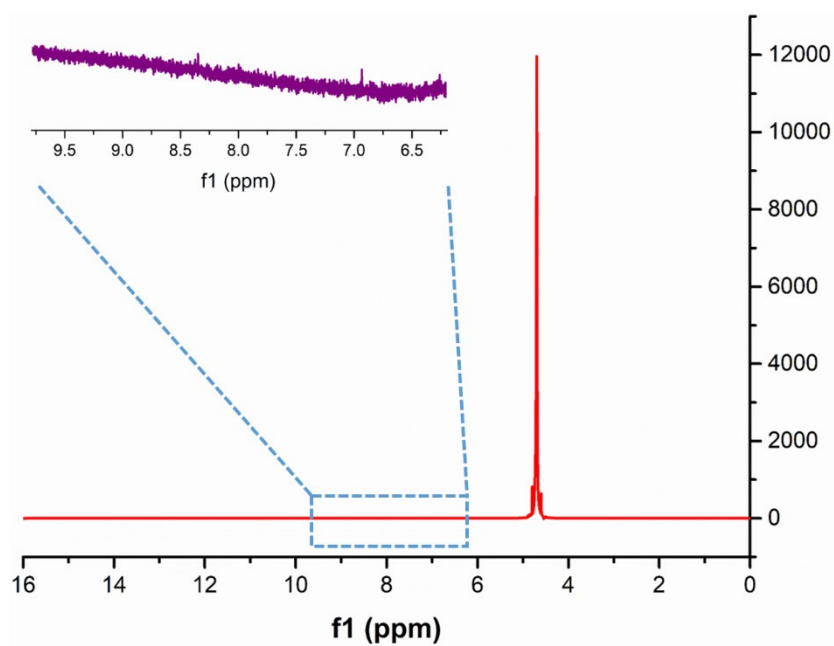
**Fig. S6.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of ZIF-8-5 %.



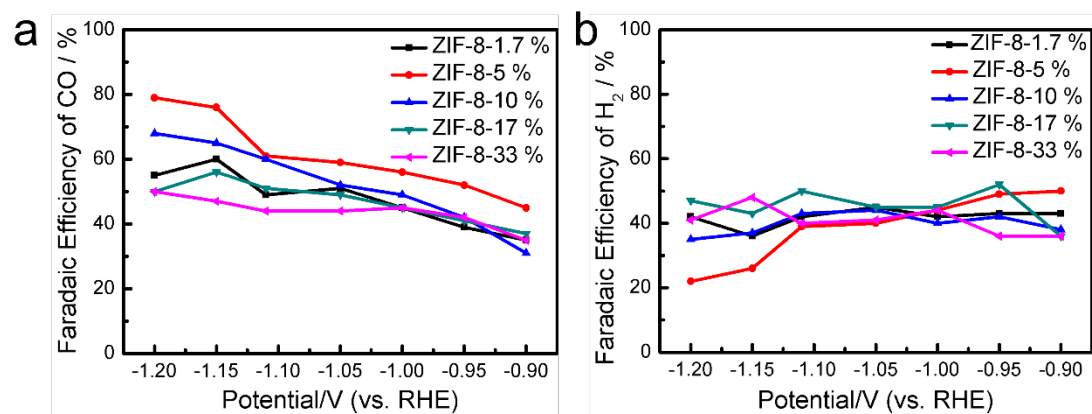
**Fig. S7.** (a and b) Electrode current recorded during reduction of ZIF-8 and ZIF-8-5% at  $-0.90$  V vs. RHE in  $0.5$  M  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  purged with Ar; (c and d) LSV curves of ZIF-8 and ZIF-8-5% in Ar- and  $\text{CO}_2$ -saturated  $0.5$  M  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (scan rate:  $20$  mV/s).



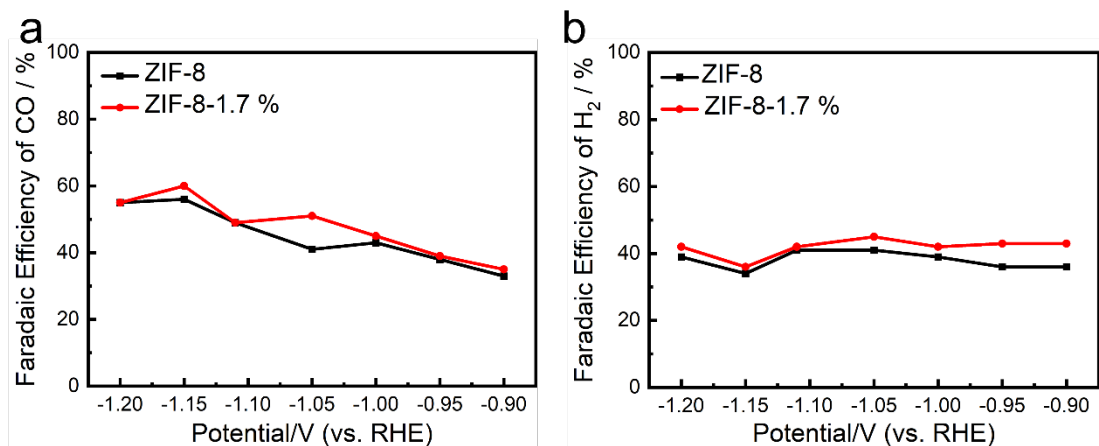
**Fig. S8.** Cyclic voltammograms curves for (a) ZIF-8 and (b) ZIF-8-5%. (c) Plots of the current density vs. scan rate for ZIF-8 and ZIF-8-5% electrodes.



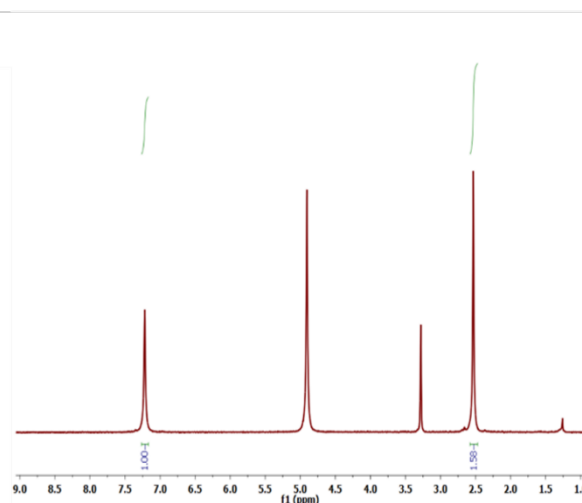
**Fig. S9.** The representative  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra of the electrolyte after electrolysis of  $-1.20\text{ V}$  for ZIF-8-5% in  $\text{CO}_2$ -saturated  $0.5\text{ M NaHCO}_3$  electrolyte for 12 h.



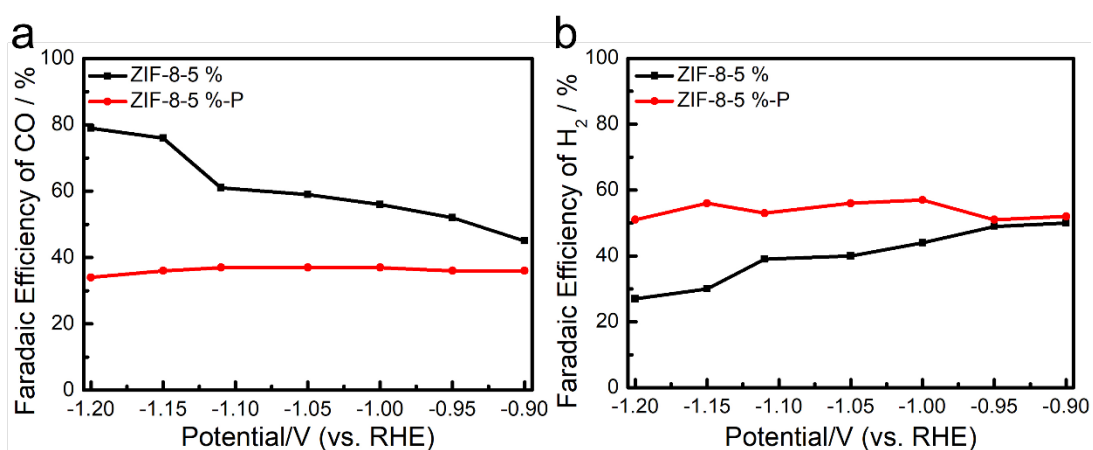
**Fig. S10.** Corresponding FE of (a)  $\text{CO}$  and (b)  $\text{H}_2$  on ZIF-8-x samples with different modifying ratio.



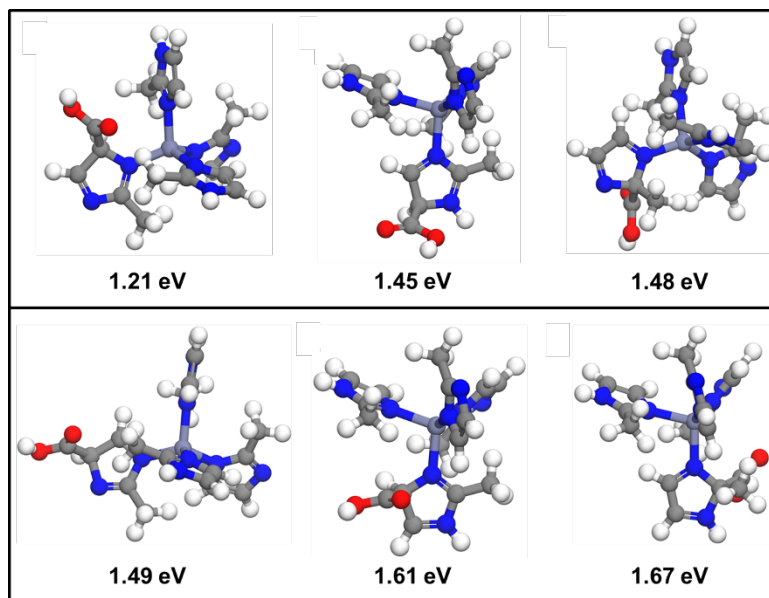
**Fig. S11.** Corresponding FE of (a) CO and (b) H<sub>2</sub> on ZIF-8 and ZIF-8-1.7% samples with different modifying ratio.



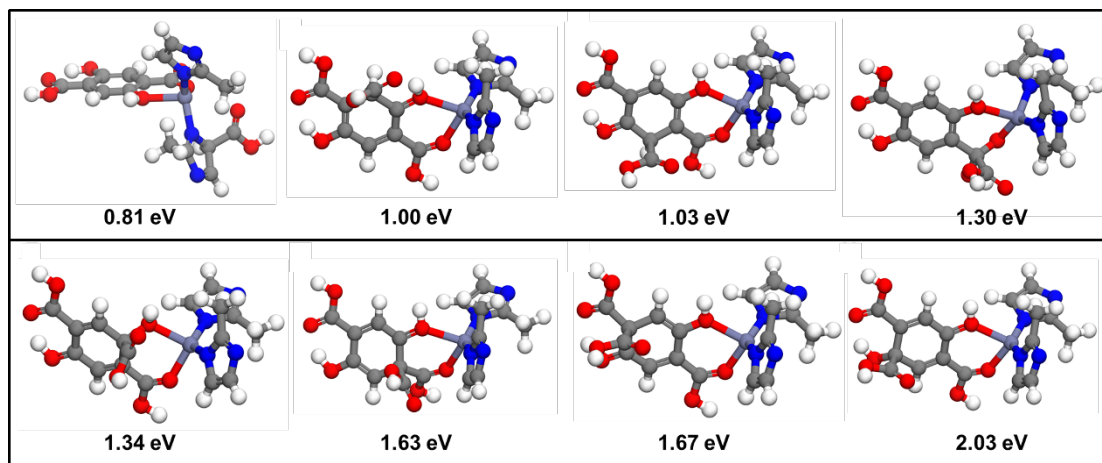
**Fig. S12.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of ZIF-8-1.7%.



**Fig. S13.** FE of (a) CO and (b) H<sub>2</sub> on ZIF-8-5% and ZIF-8-5%-P electrodes.

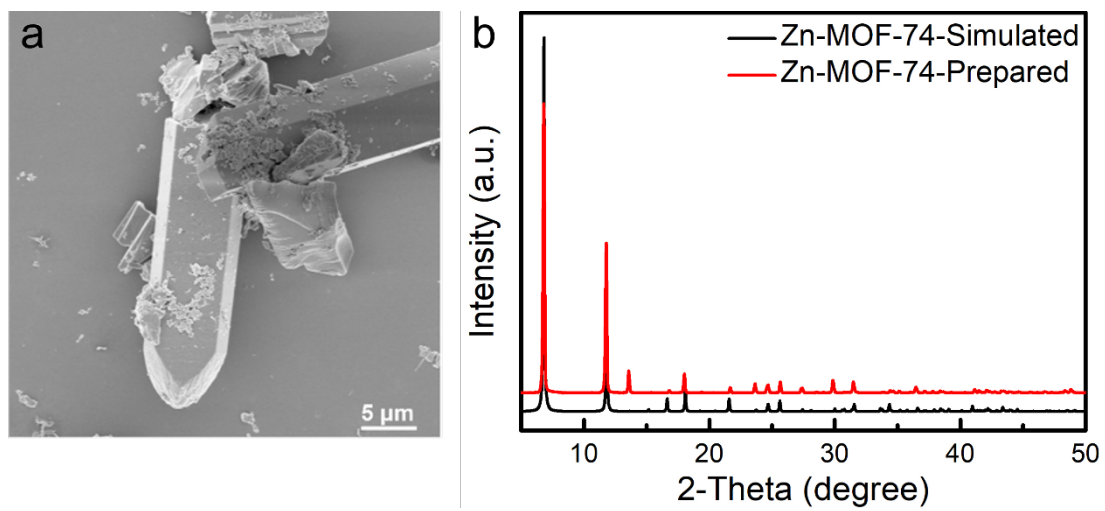


**Fig. S14.** Optimized models of adsorption structure of COOH\* and free-energy ( $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{COOH}^*$ ) on different sites on ZIF-8 (Zn, C, N, O atoms are represented in purple, grey, blue, and red, respectively).

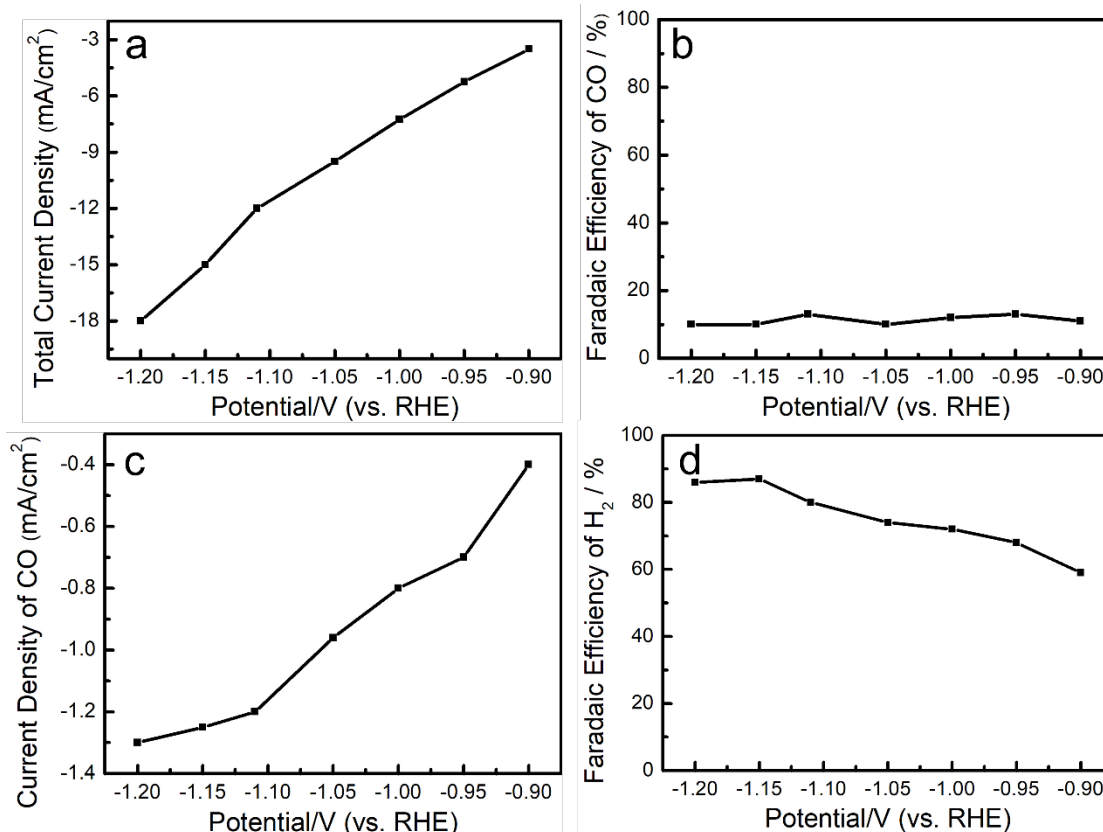


**Fig. S15.** Optimized models of adsorption structure of COOH\* free-energy ( $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{COOH}^*$ ) on different sites on ZIF-8-5% (Zn, C, N, O atoms are represented in purple, grey, blue, and red, respectively).

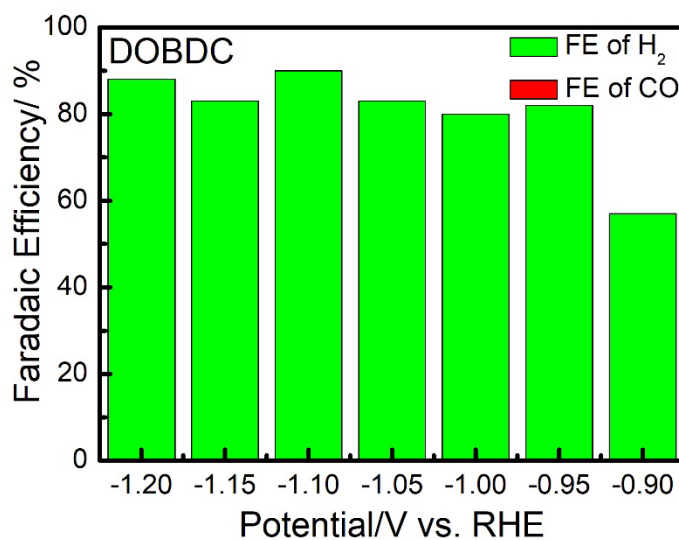




**Fig. S16.** (a) SEM, (b) XRD images of Zn-MOF-74.



**Fig. S17.** (a) Total current densities for Zn-MOF-74 sample coated on carbon paper in CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated 0.5 M NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution at different applied potentials. (b) Corresponding FE for CO. (c) Partial current densities of CO. (d) Corresponding FE for H<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S18.** FE of CO and H<sub>2</sub> on pure DOBDC ligand.

**Table S1.** Faradaic Efficiency of the reported MOFs-based electrocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> electroreduction

Catalyst	Electrolyte	Product	FE	Current Density (CO)	Potential	Reference
ZIF-8	0.5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	CO	65%	-1.75 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-1.8 V vs. SCE	1
ZIF-8	0.25 M K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	CO	81%	-7 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-1.1 V vs. RHE	2
HKUST-1	0.5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	5.6%	-10 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-1.0 V vs. Ag/AgCl	3
HKUST-1	0.5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	10.3%	-10 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-1.0 V vs. Ag/AgCl	3
HKUST-1	1 M KOH	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	45%	262 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-1.07 V vs. RHE	4
Al <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> TCPP-Co	0.5 M K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CO	76%	-1 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-0.7 V vs. RHE	5
ZIF-A-LD	0.1 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	CO	73%	-5 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-1.1 V vs. RHE	6
ZIF-A-LD/CB	0.1 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	CO	91%	-7 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-1.1 V vs. RHE	6
Copper rubeanate	0.5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	HCOOH	30%	None	-1.2 V vs. SHE	7
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Zn-BTC	Ionic liquid	CH <sub>4</sub>	88.3%	0.5 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-2.2 V vs. Ag/AgCl	8
Cu installed NU-1000	0.1 M NaClO <sub>4</sub>	HCOOH	31%	-1.2 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-0.82 V vs. RHE	9
MOF-1992	0.1 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	CO	80 %	-16.5 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-0.63 V vs. RHE	10
Fe/ZIF-8	0.1 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	CO	89.1%	-1.8 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-0.33 V vs. RHE	11
<b>ZIF-8-5 %</b>	<b>0.5 M NaHCO<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>-10 mA/cm<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>-1.2 V vs. RHE</b>	<b>This work</b>

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