

## Supplementary Information

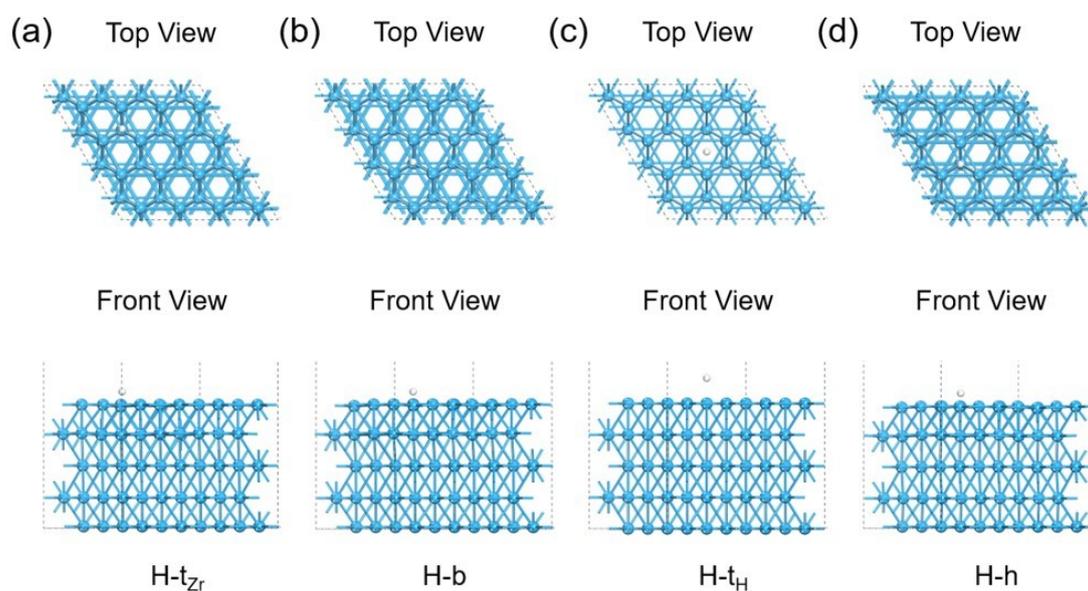
### Insight into the effect of d-orbital electron rearrangements induced by Zr-H interaction: First-principles calculations

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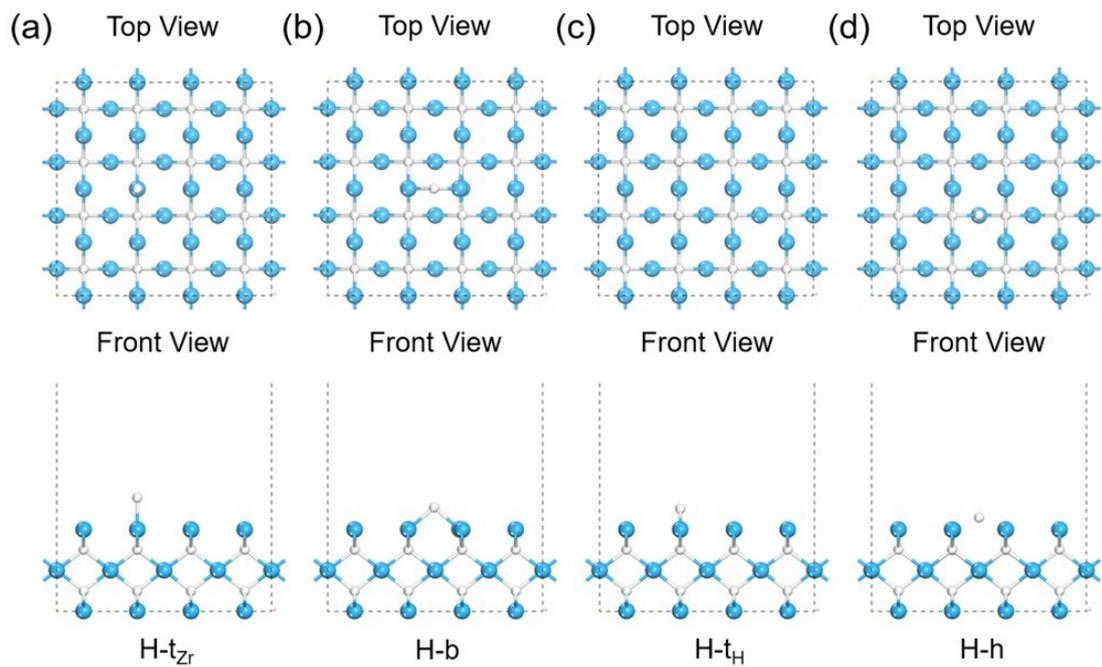
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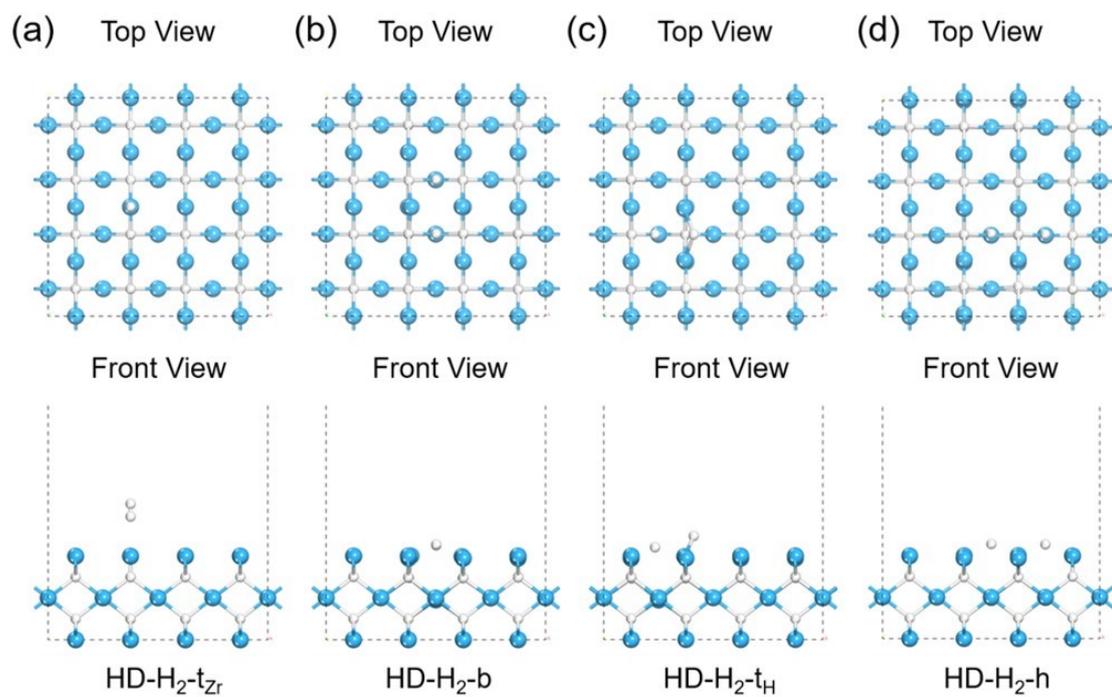
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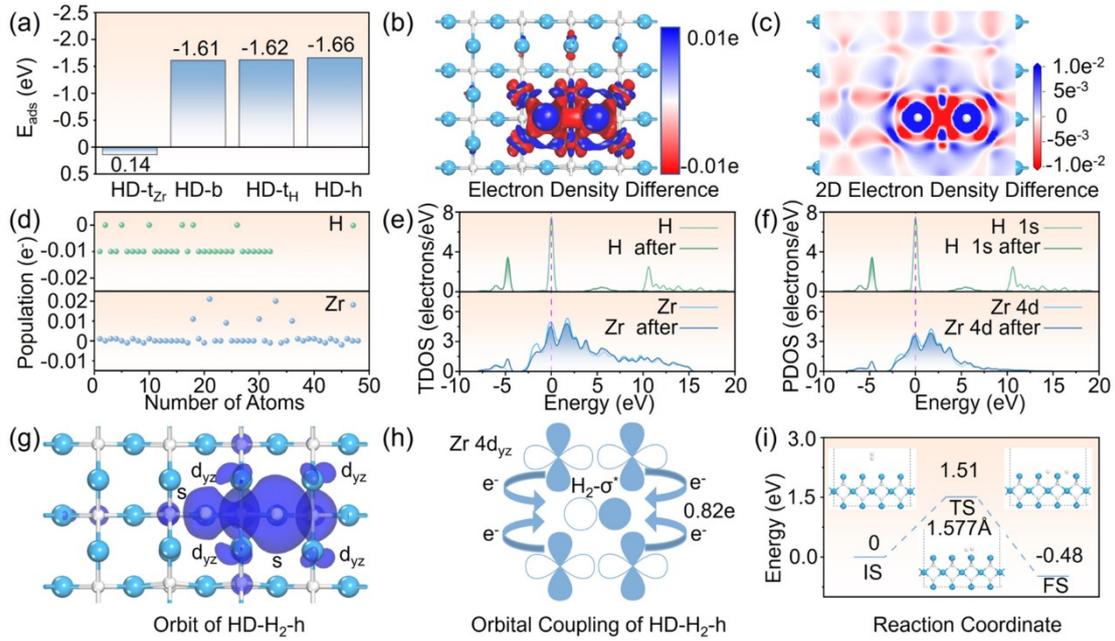
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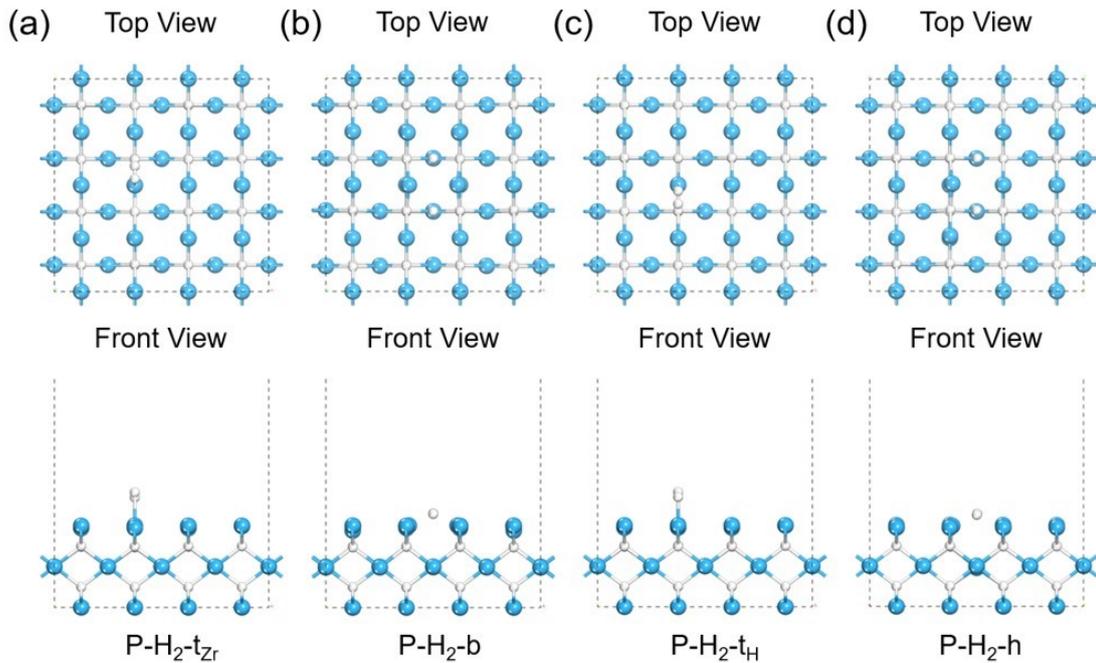
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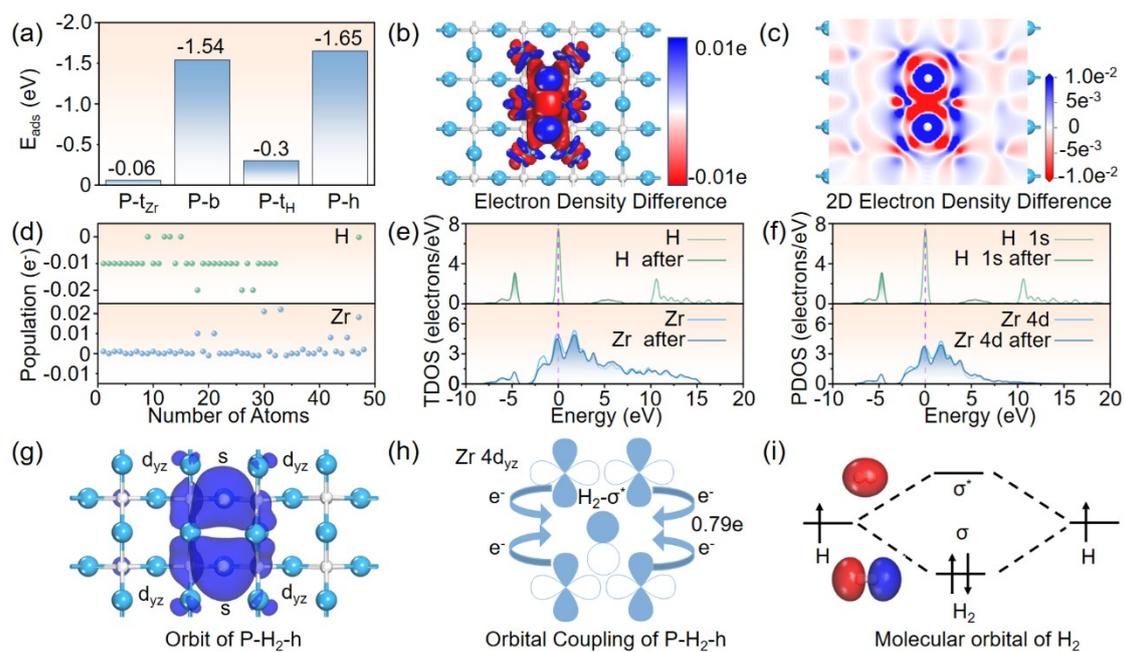
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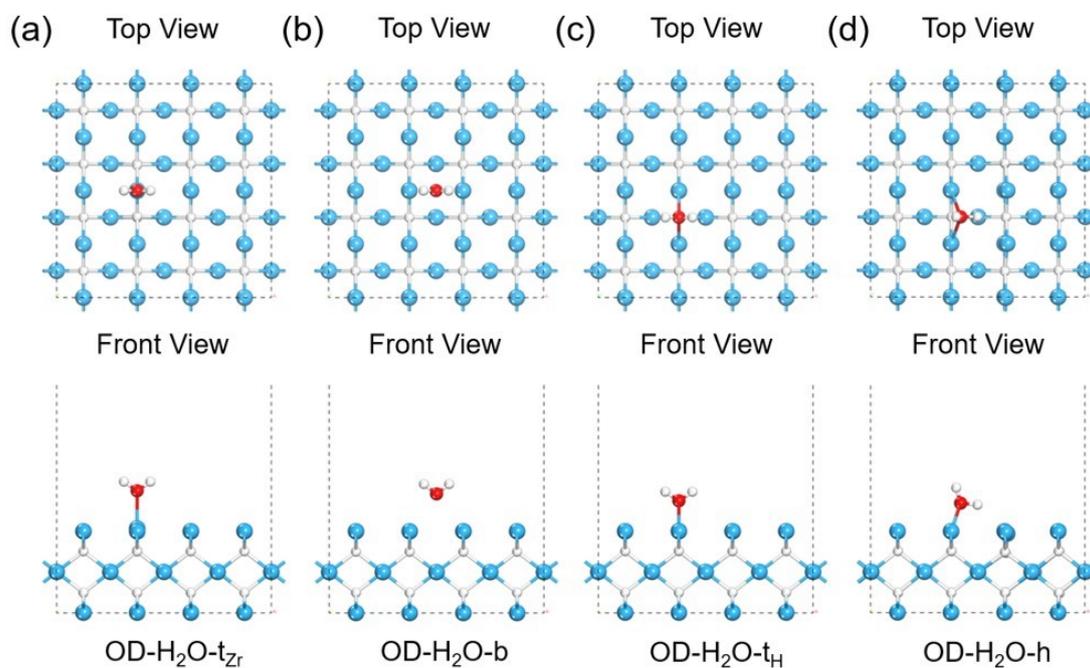
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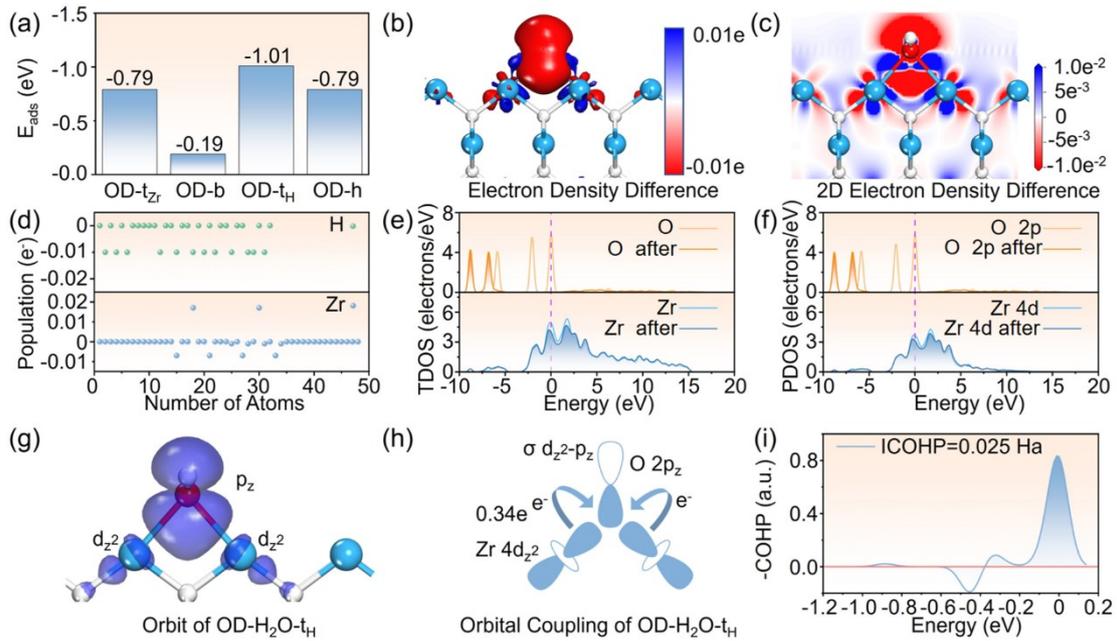
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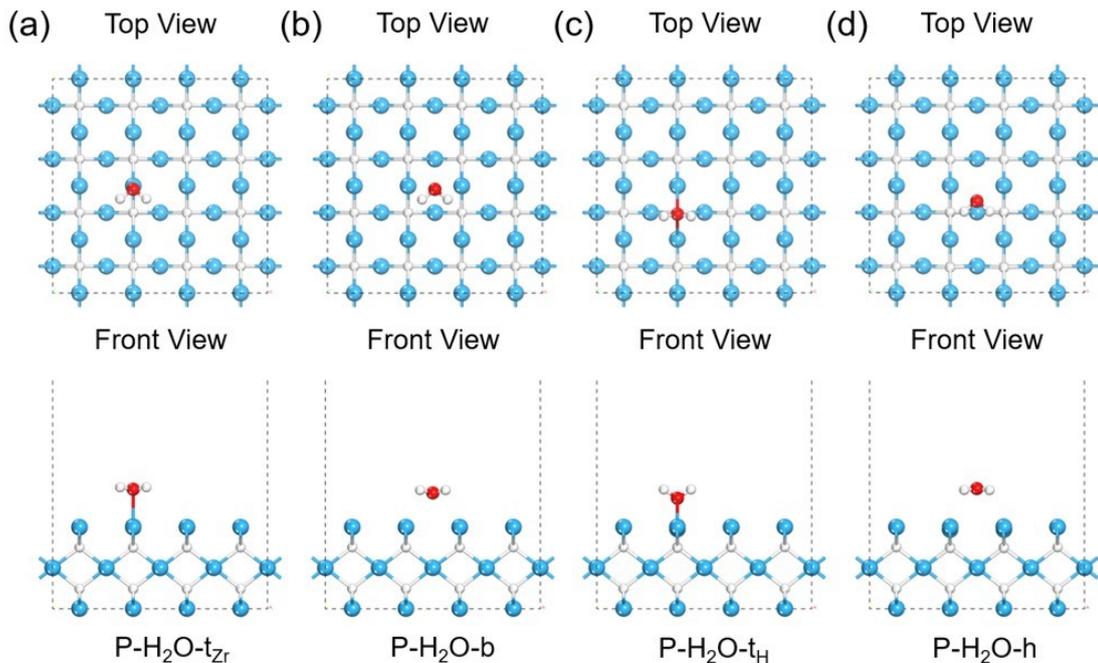
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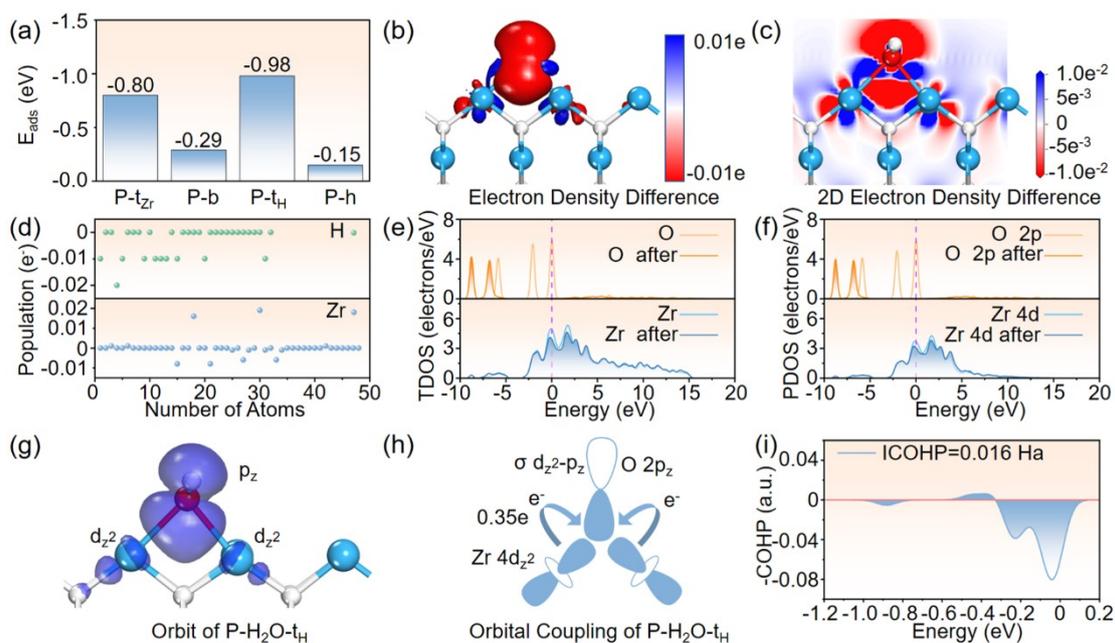
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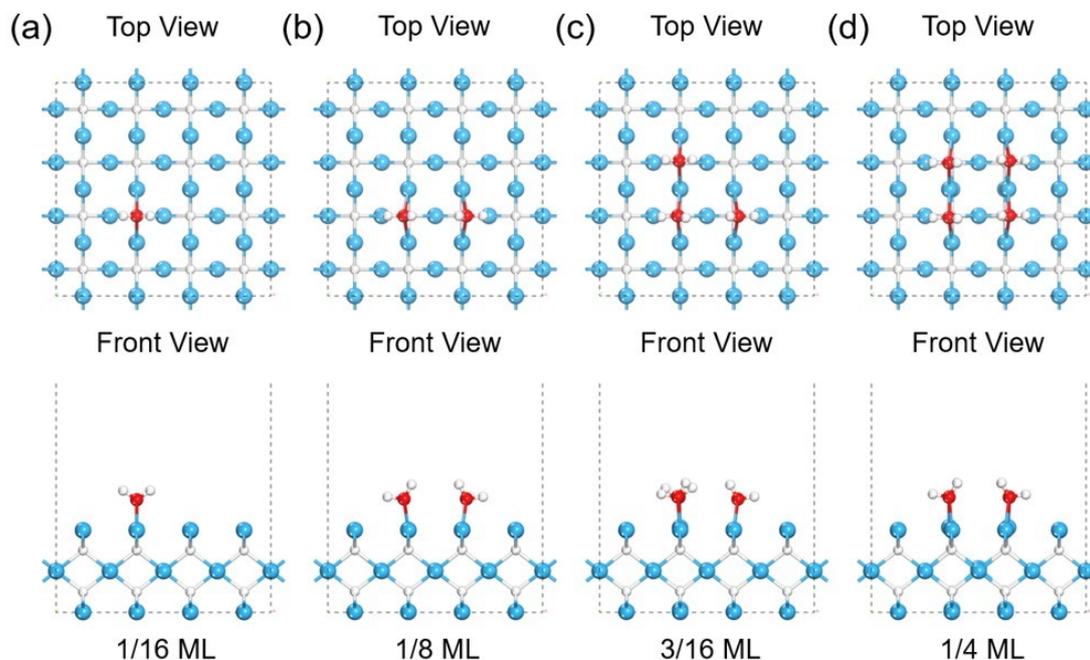
**Figure S8.** OD-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>/ZrH(0 0 1). (a) Adsorption energy of OD-H<sub>2</sub>O at different sites on the ZrH(0 0 1) surface; (b) Electron density difference of OD-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (c) Two-dimensional electron density difference of OD-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (d) The variation of Mulliken population of H and Zr atoms in OD-H<sub>2</sub>O-h; (e) TDOS of OD-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (f) PDOS of OD-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (g) Orbit of OD-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (h) Orbital Coupling of OD-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (i) COHP of Zr-O bond.



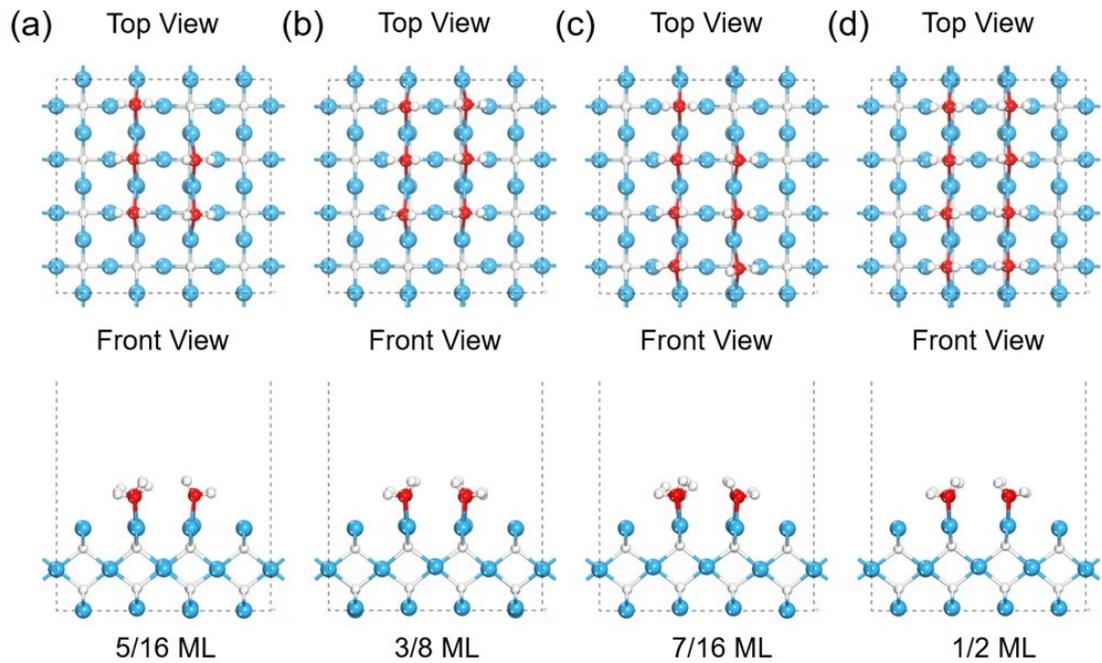
**Figure S9.** Top and front views of the final structure of P-H<sub>2</sub>O at various adsorption sites on the ZrH(0 0 1) surface. (a) P-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>Zr</sub>; (b) P-H<sub>2</sub>O-b; (c) P-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (d) P-H<sub>2</sub>O-h.



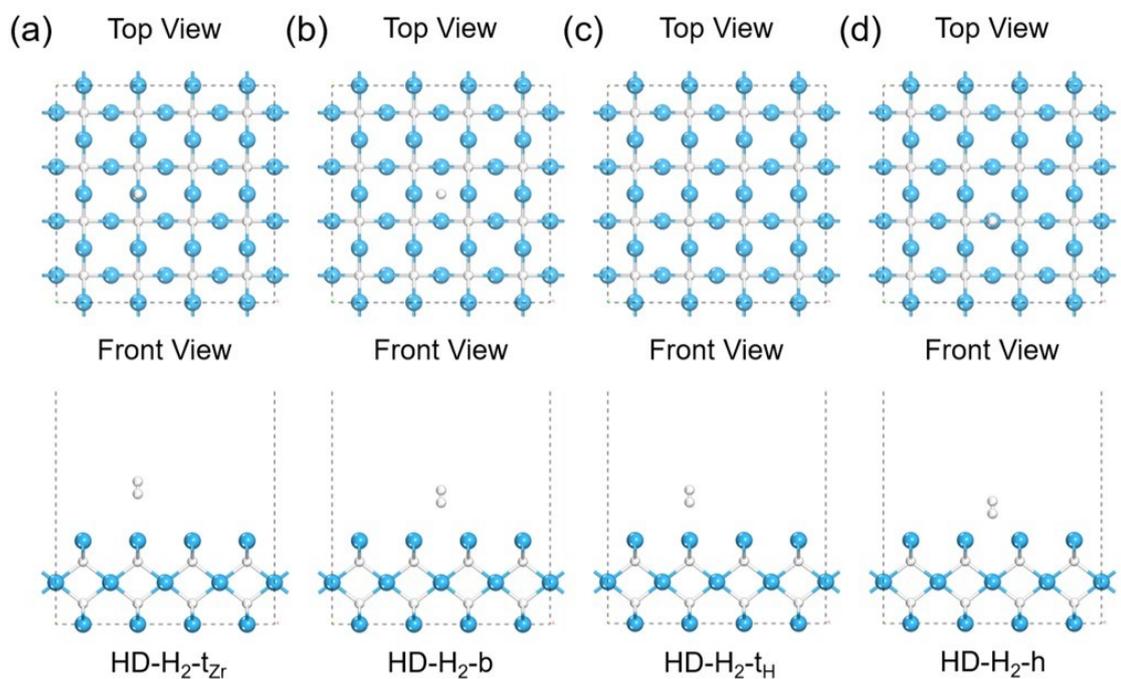
**Figure S10.** P-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>/ZrH(0 0 1). (a) Adsorption energy of P-H<sub>2</sub>O at different sites on the ZrH(0 0 1) surface; (b) Electron density difference of P-H<sub>2</sub>O-h; (c) Two-dimensional electron density difference of P-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (d) The variation of Mulliken population of H and Zr atoms in P-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (e) TDOS of P-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (f) PDOS of P-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (g) Orbit of P-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (h) Orbital Coupling of P-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (i) COHP of Zr-O bond.



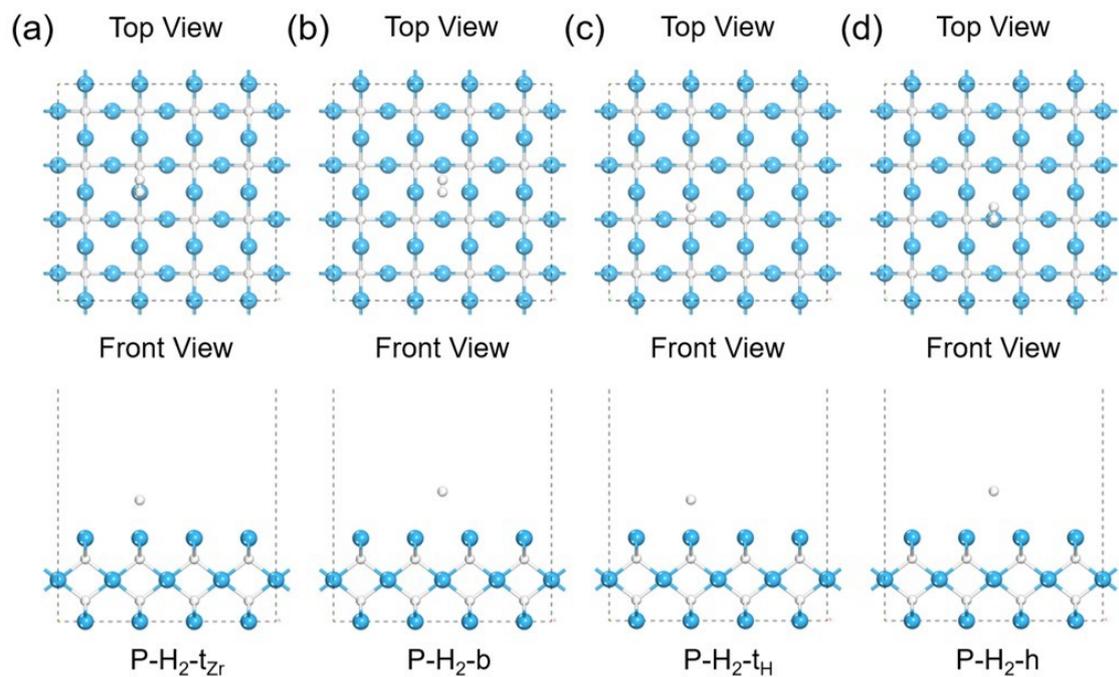
**Figure S11.** Top and front views of the final structure of H<sub>2</sub>O adsorbed on the ZrH(0 0 1) surface at low coverage. (a) 1/16 ML; (b) 1/8 ML; (c) 3/16 ML; (d) 1/4 ML.



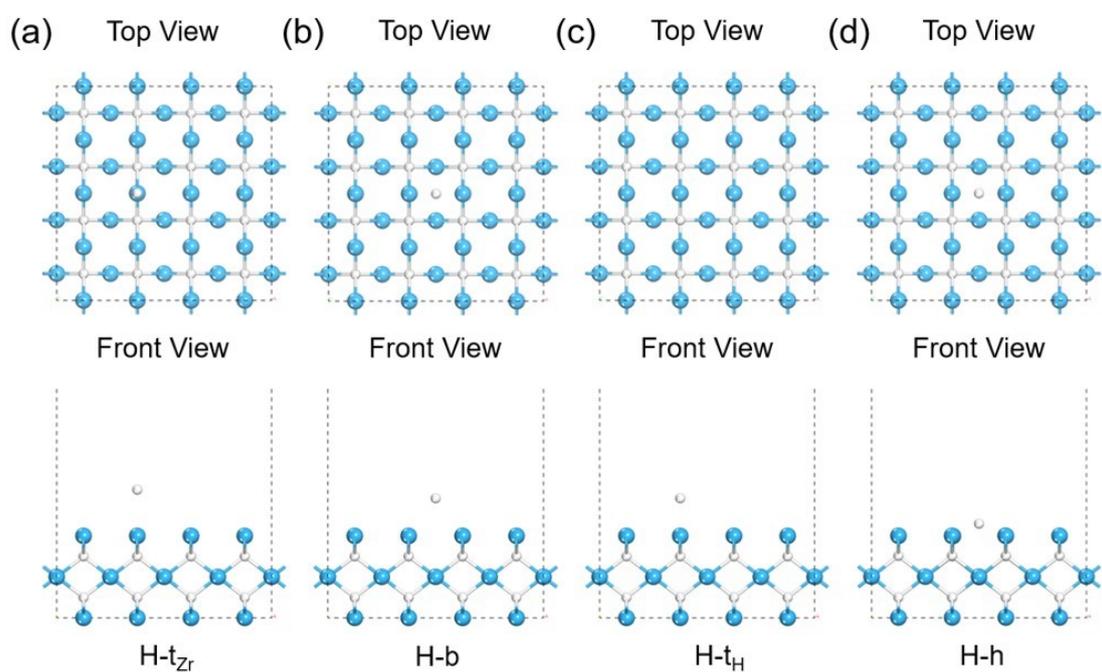
**Figure S12.** Top and front views of the final structure of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  adsorbed on the  $\text{ZrH}(001)$  surface at high coverage. (a) 5/16 ML; (b) 3/8 ML; (c) 7/16 ML; (d) 1/2 ML.



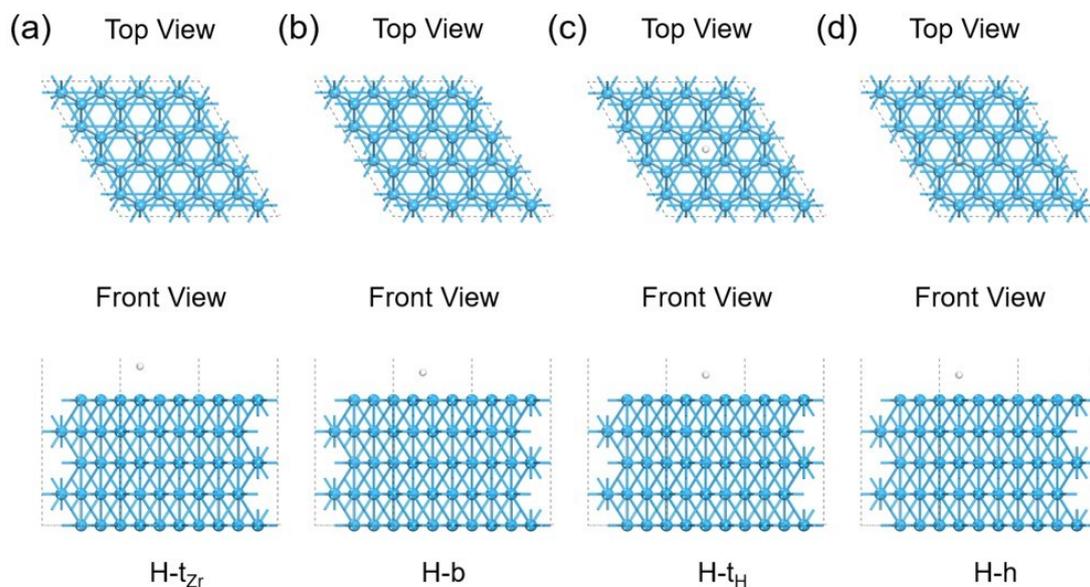
**Figure S13.** Top and front views of the initial structure of  $\text{HD-H}_2$  at various adsorption sites on the  $\text{ZrH}(001)$  surface. (a)  $\text{HD-H}_2$ - $t_{\text{Zr}}$ ; (b)  $\text{HD-H}_2$ -b; (c)  $\text{HD-H}_2$ - $t_{\text{H}}$ ; (d)  $\text{HD-H}_2$ -h (Blue balls and white balls refer to Zr and H atoms, respectively).



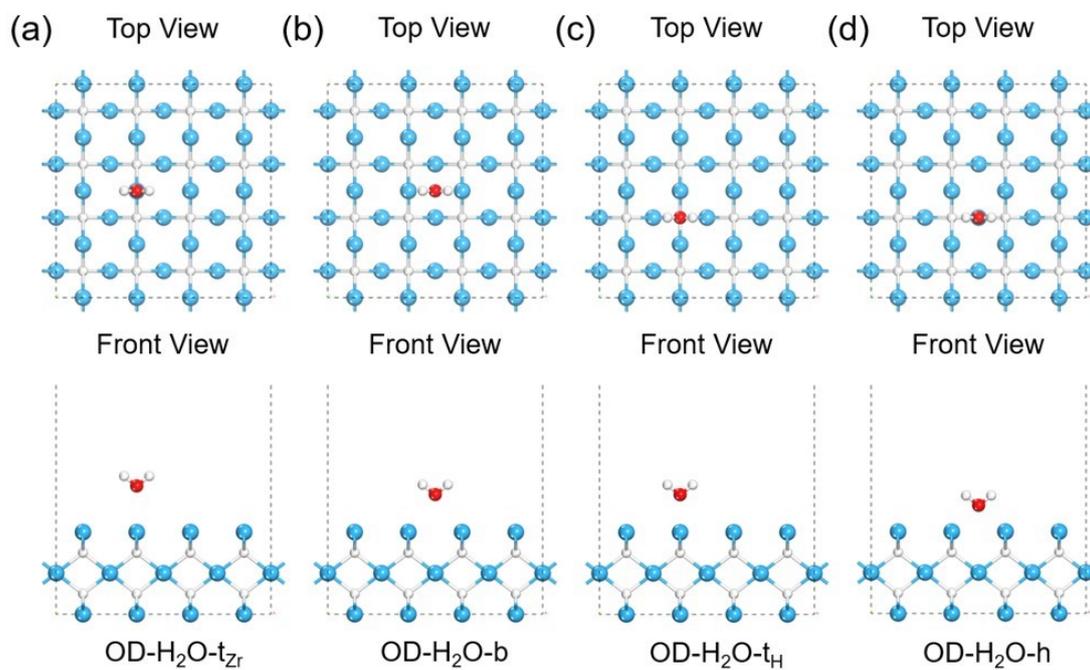
**Figure S14.** Top and front views of the initial structure of P-H<sub>2</sub> at various adsorption sites on the ZrH(0 0 1) surface. (a) P-H<sub>2</sub>-t<sub>Zr</sub>; (b) P-H<sub>2</sub>-b; (c) P-H<sub>2</sub>-t<sub>H</sub>; (d) P-H<sub>2</sub>-h.



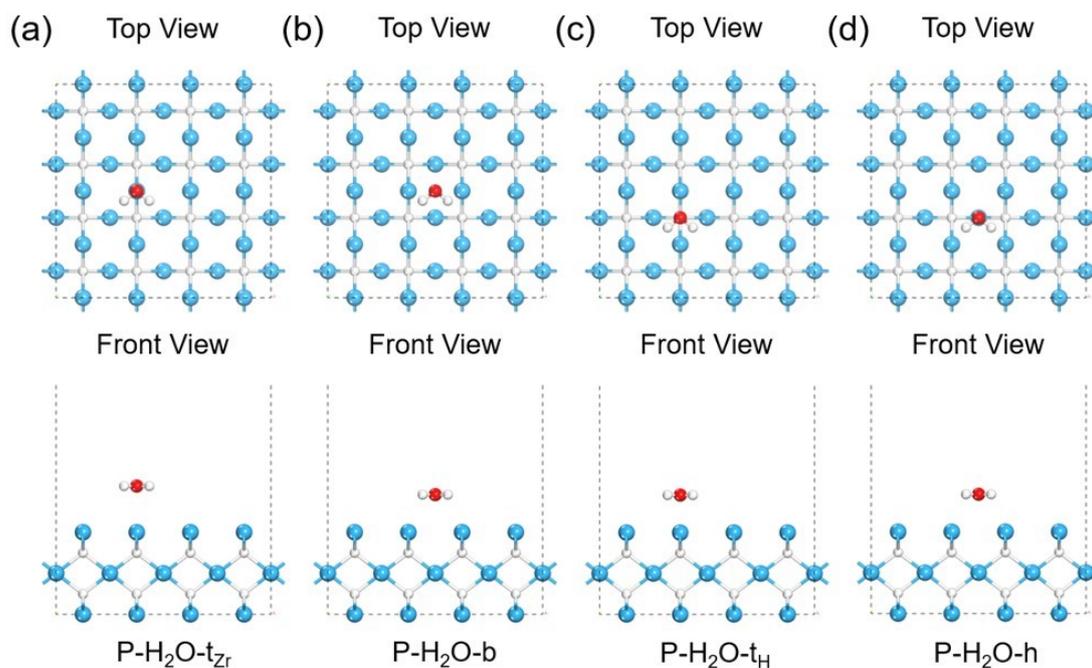
**Figure S15.** Top and front views of the initial structure of H atom at different adsorption sites on the ZrH(0 0 1) surface. (a) H-t<sub>Zr</sub>; (b) H-b; (c) H-t<sub>H</sub>; (d) H-h.



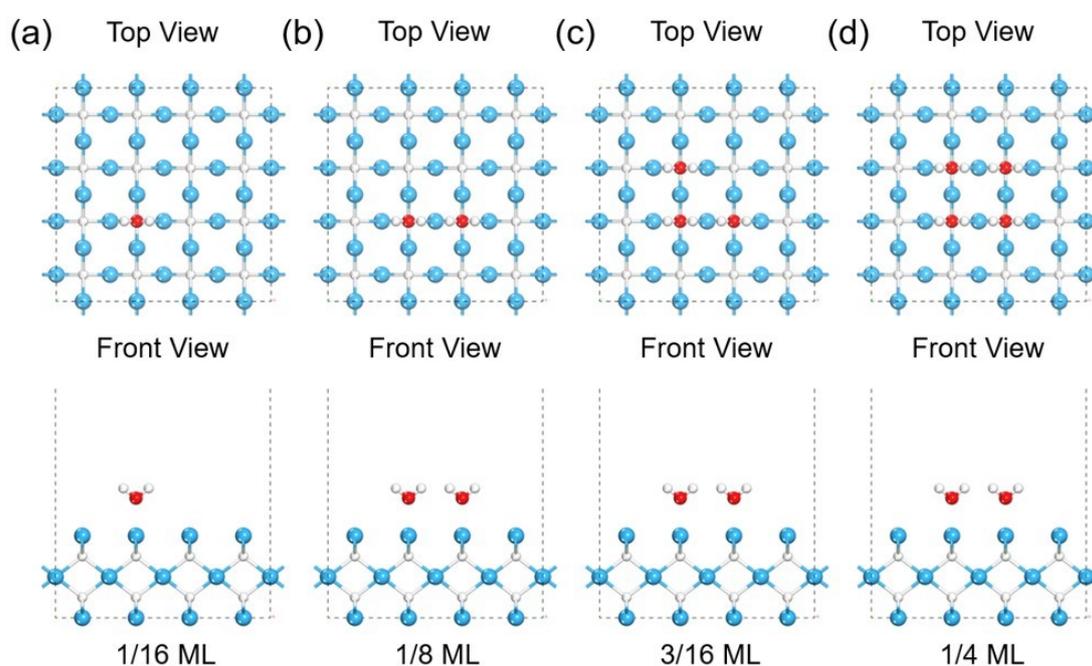
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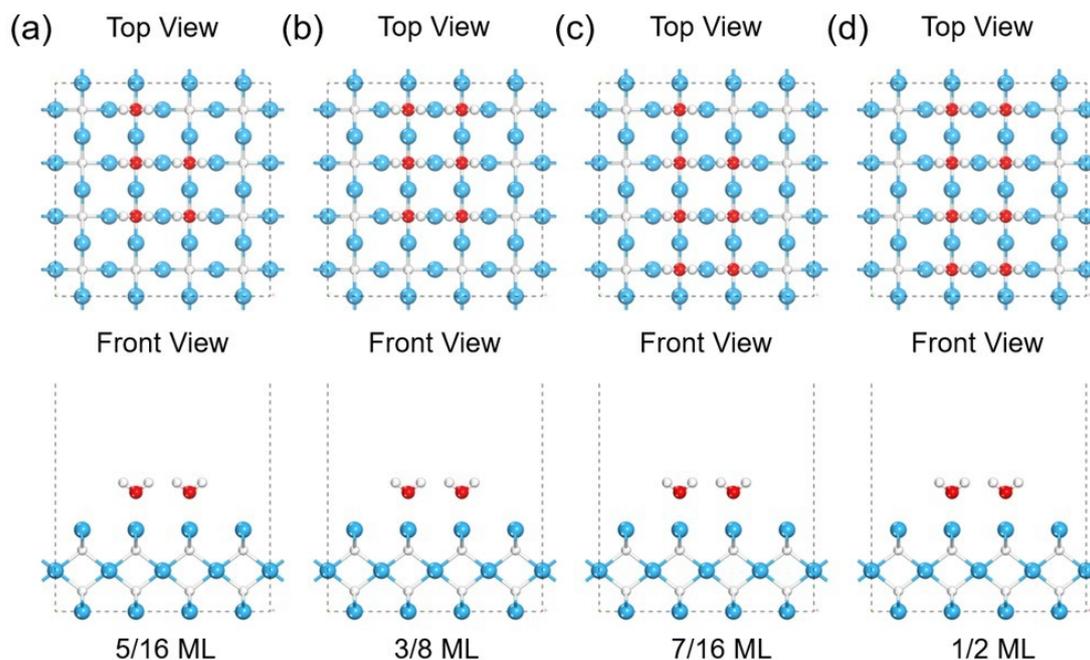
**Figure S17.** Top and front views of the initial structure of OD-H<sub>2</sub>O at various adsorption sites on the ZrH(0 0 1) surface. (a) OD-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>Zr</sub>; (b) OD-H<sub>2</sub>O-b; (c) OD-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (d) OD-H<sub>2</sub>O-h. (Red ball refer to O atom).



**Figure S18.** Top and front views of the initial structure of P-H<sub>2</sub>O at various adsorption sites on the ZrH(0 0 1) surface. (a) P-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>Zr</sub>; (b) P-H<sub>2</sub>O-b; (c) P-H<sub>2</sub>O-t<sub>H</sub>; (d) P-H<sub>2</sub>O-h.



**Figure S19.** Top and front views of the initial structure of H<sub>2</sub>O adsorbed on the ZrH(0 0 1) surface at low coverage. (a) 1/16 ML; (b) 1/8 ML; (c) 3/16 ML; (d) 1/4 ML.



**Figure S20.** Top and front views of the initial structure of H<sub>2</sub>O adsorbed on the ZrH(0 0 1) surface at high coverage. (a) 5/16 ML; (b) 3/8 ML; (c) 7/16 ML; (d) 1/2 ML.

**Table S1.** Parameters of ZrH cell before and after geometry.

Parameter		Cell parameters/Å		
		a/Å	c/Å	c/a
ZrH	original cell	3.236	5	1.545
	optimization	3.247	4.976	1.532
	Ref <sup>1</sup>	3.233	5.016	1.551

**Table S2.** Parameters of Zr cell before and after geometry.

Parameter		Cell parameters/Å		
		a/Å	c/Å	c/a
$\alpha$ -Zr	original cell	3.23	5.175	1.602
	optimization	3.231	5.17	1.602
	Ref <sup>2</sup>	3.24	5.18	1.599
	Ref <sup>3</sup>	3.236	5.165	1.596
	Ref <sup>4</sup>	3.233	5.146	1.593

**Table S3.** Surface energy of different surfaces of ZrH.

Surface	Surface Energy/eV
(1 0 0)	-0.15
(0 0 1)	-0.17
(1 1 0)	-0.17
(1 0 1)	-0.14

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