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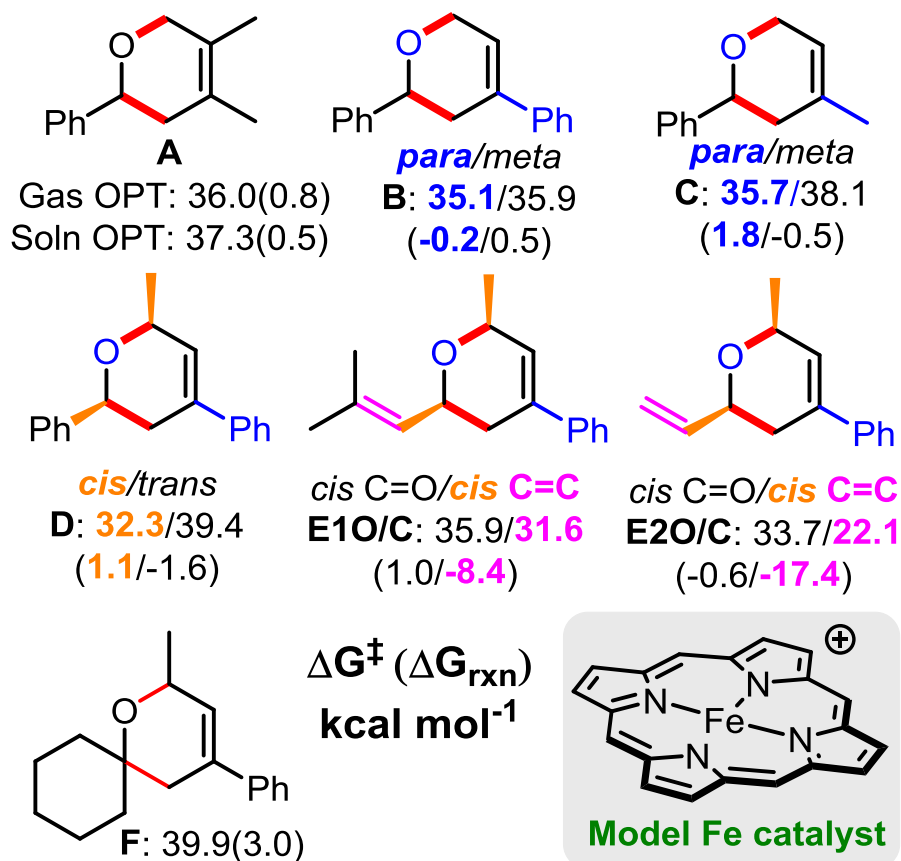
Unusual KIE and Dynamics Effects in the Fe-catalyzed Hetero-Diels-Alder Reaction of Unactivated Aldehydes and Dienes

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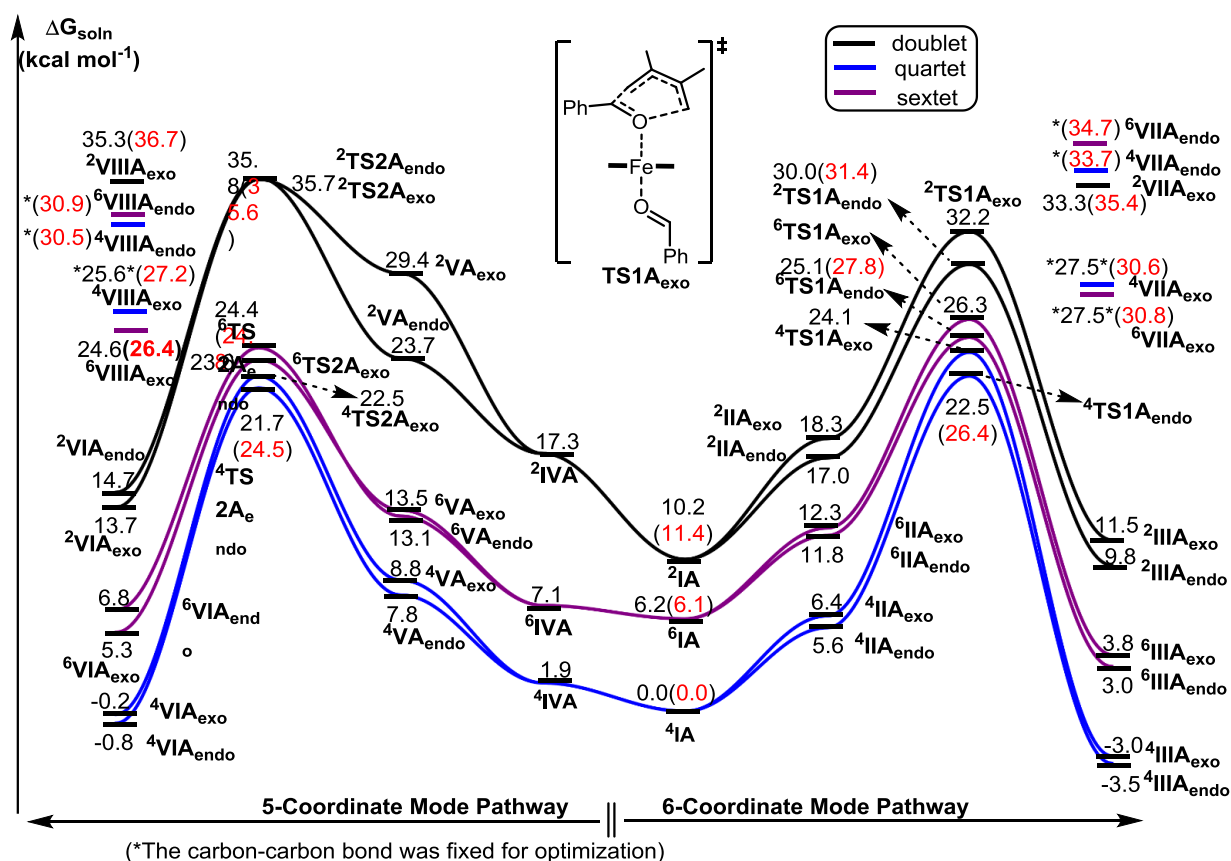
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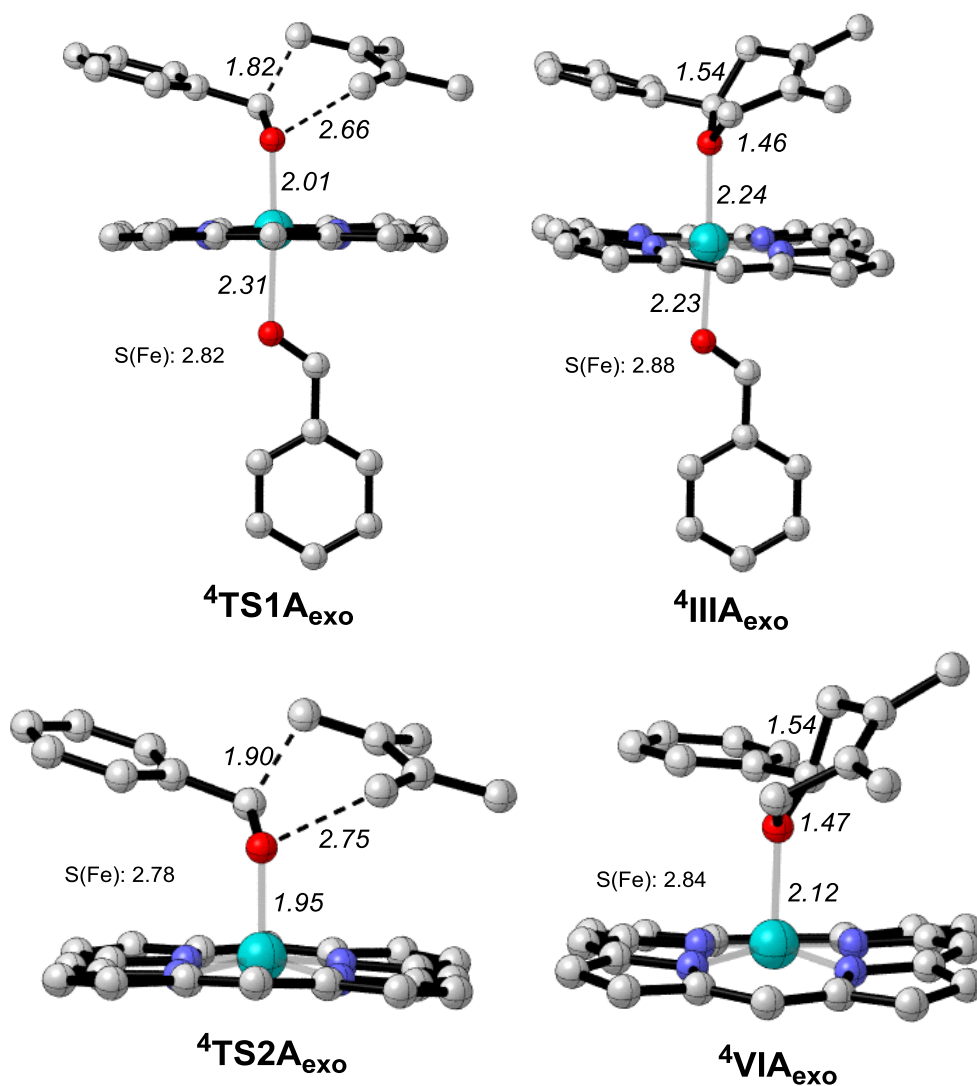
Supplementary Figures



Supplementary Figure 1. Reaction barriers and reaction energies to form A without Fe catalyst. The computed free-energy barriers ($\Delta G^\ddagger$) and reaction energies (ΔG_{rxn} , in parentheses) are for the uncatalyzed *endo*-ODA reaction of several substrates in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method (in kcal mol⁻¹). The computed reaction barriers and reaction energies to form A in solution optimized by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method (denoted Soln OPT) are also given. Notably, the standard state correction was applied here.

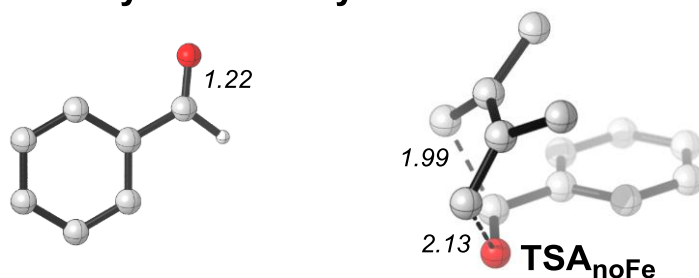


Supplementary Figure 2. Free energy profile of the ODA reaction to form A. Their relative free energy in three spin states in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 and SMD B3LYP-D3 (in parenthesis) methods are given. The optimized *exo*-type structures are given in the Supplementary Figure 3A. Notably, the standard state correction was not applied here.

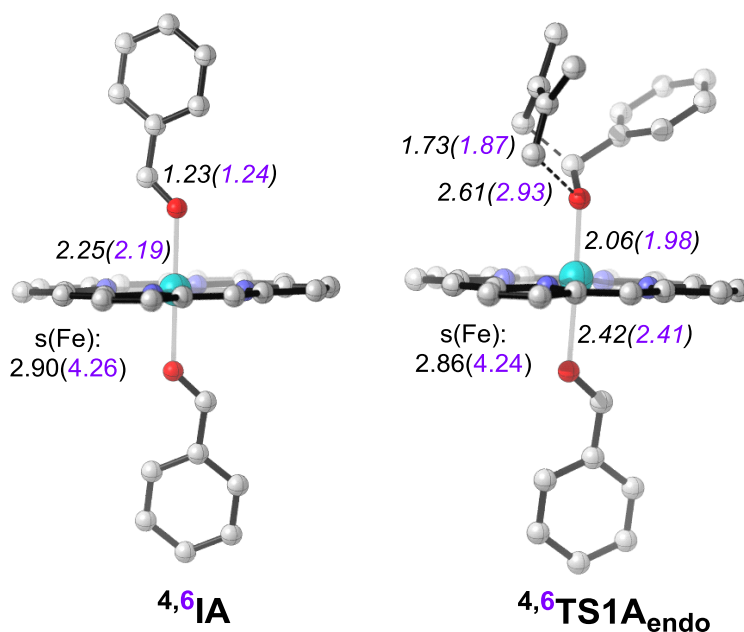


Supplementary Figure 3A. Key *exo*-type structures optimized by the B3LYP-D3 method for the formation of A in the quartet state. The key bond lengths (Å, in italics) and spin density on Fe are given. Unimportant hydrogen atoms are not shown for clarity.

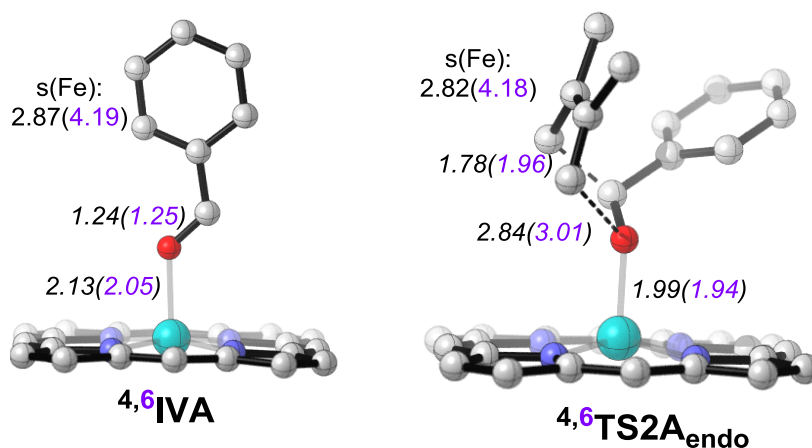
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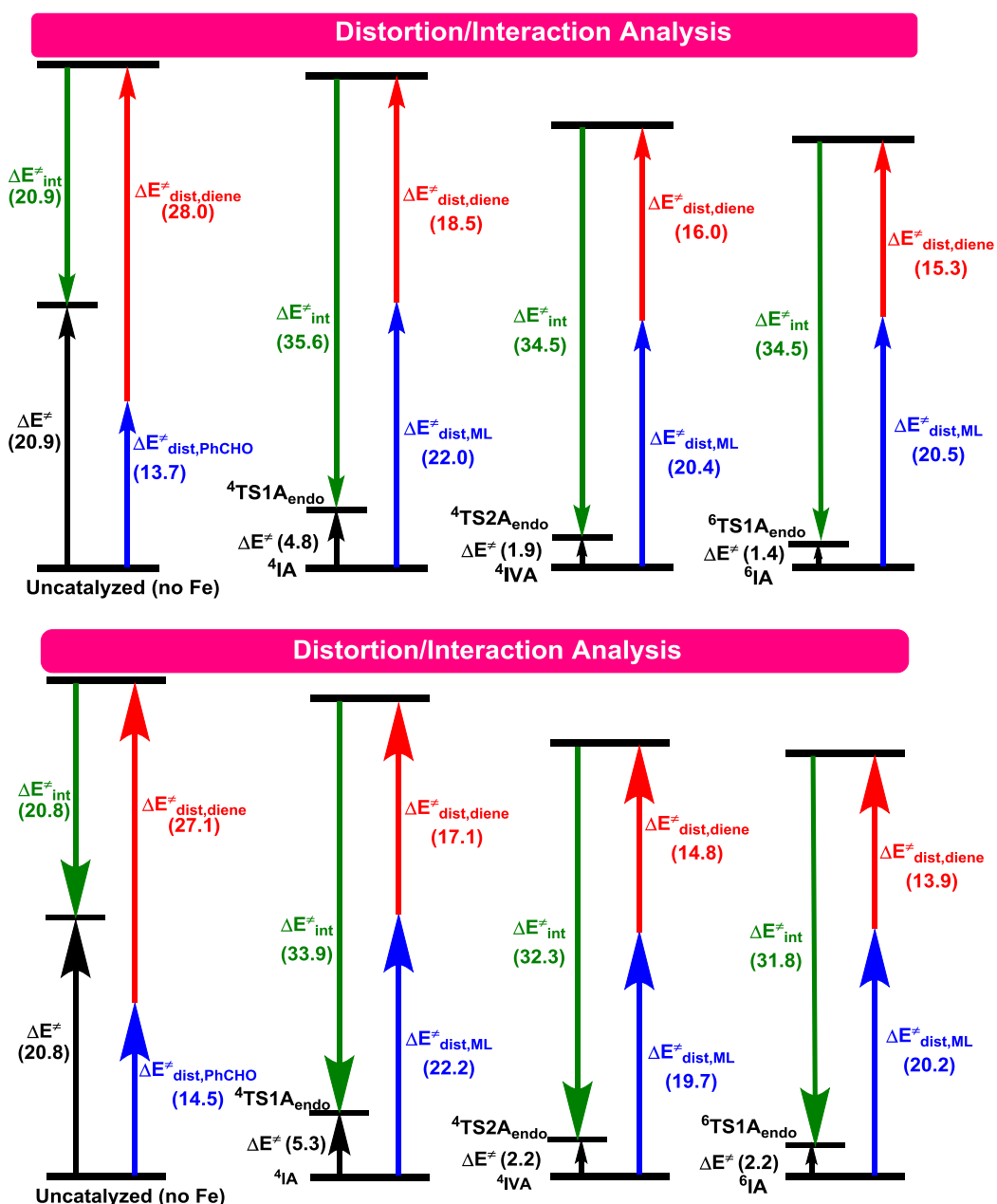
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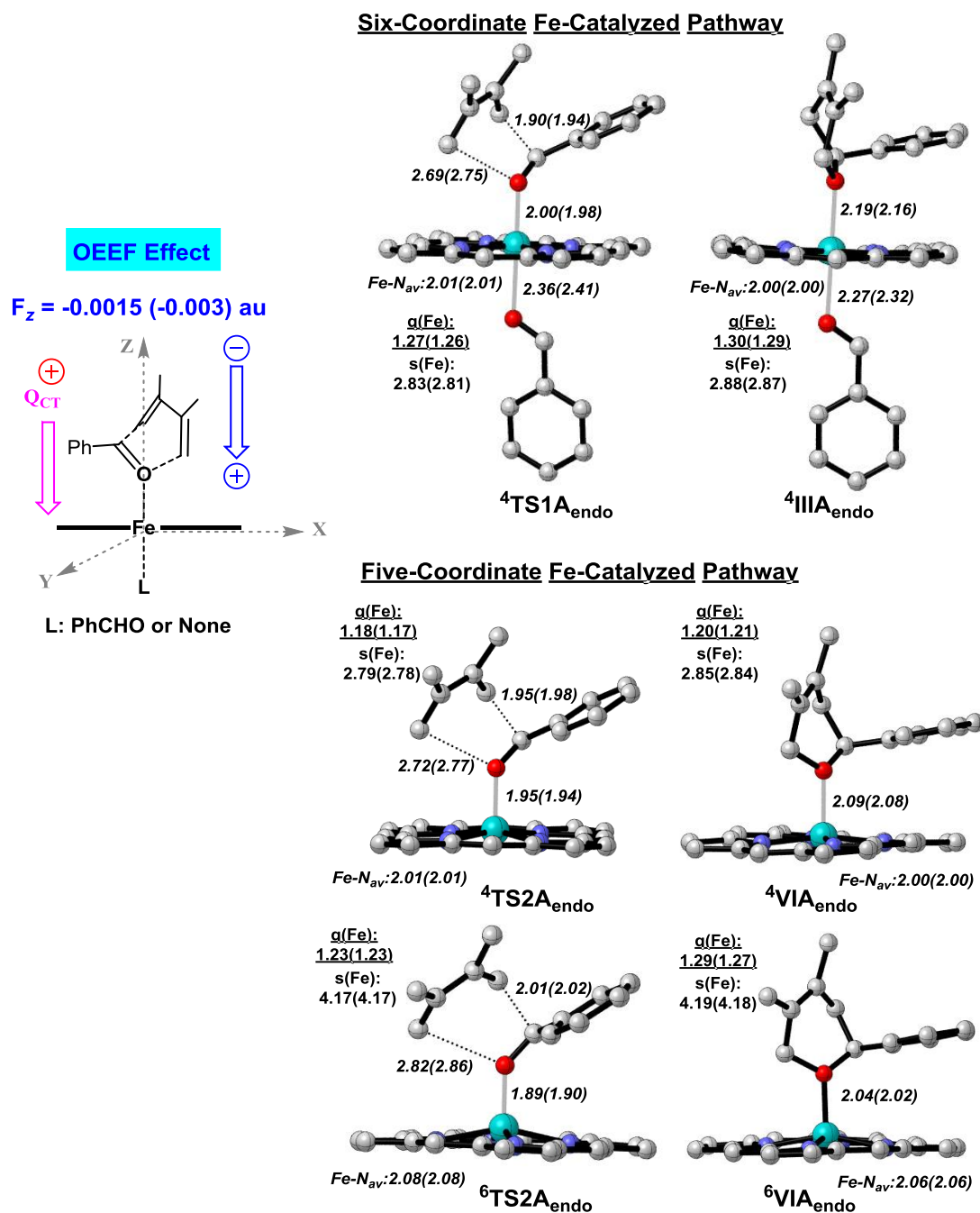
Five-Coordinate Fe-Catalyzed Pathway



Supplementary Figure 3B. Key optimized *endo*-type structures for the formation of **A.** The formation of **A** in the singlet state for the uncatalyzed pathway (the first row) as well as in the quartet and sextet states (in purple) for the Fe-catalyzed pathways by the SMD B3LYP (no dispersion) method, key distances (Å, in *italics*) and spin density (s) on Fe are given. Unimportant hydrogen atoms are not shown for clarity.

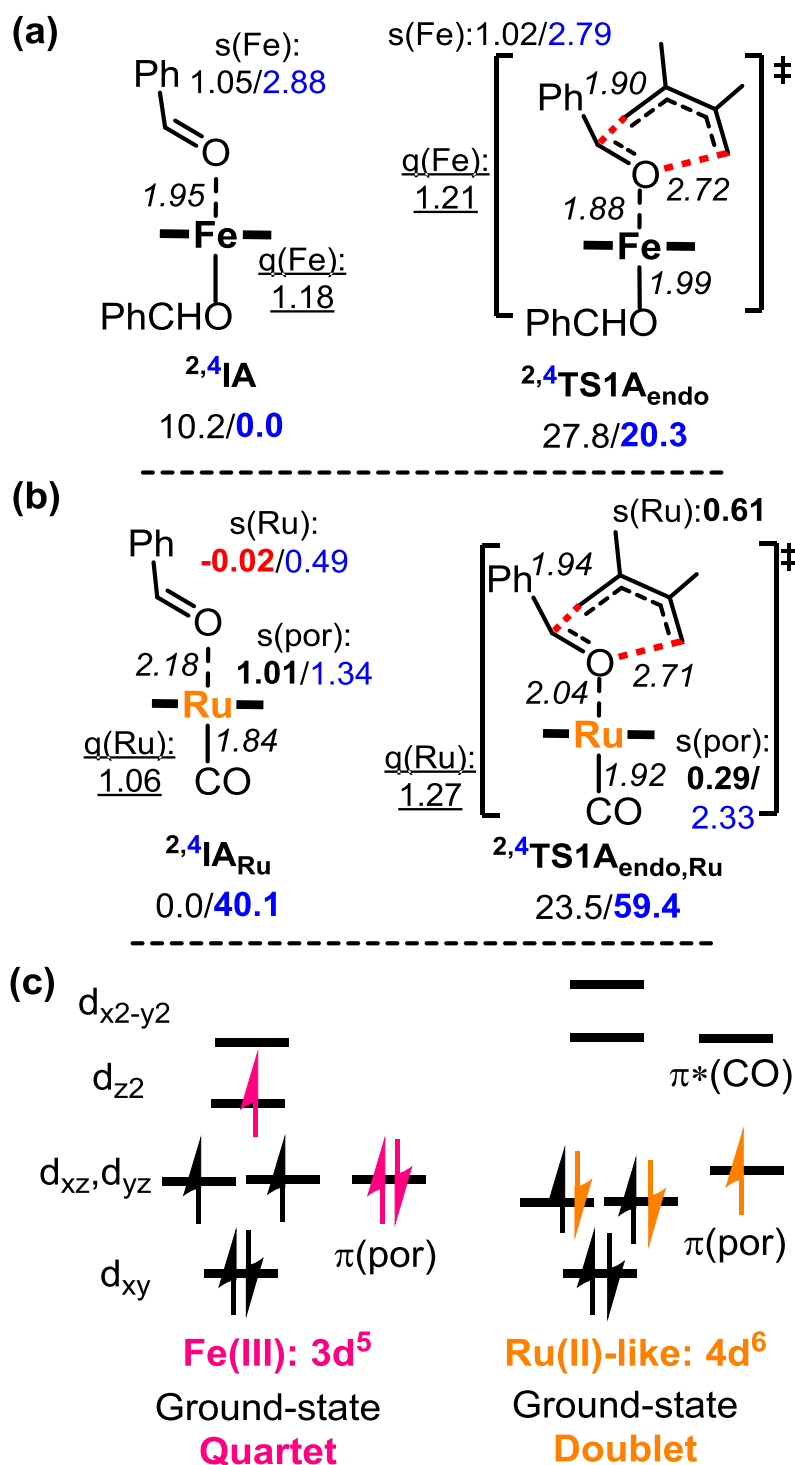


Supplementary Figure 4. Distortion/interaction analysis (in kcal mol⁻¹) results to form A. The top results were obtained by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method and the bottom results by SMD B3LYP-D3 method. Distortion energy ($E^\ddagger_{\text{dist,ML}}$) includes distortion energy for the metal, ligand and PhCHO parts. $E^\ddagger_{\text{dist,diene}}$ represents the distortion energy for the diene part. $E^\ddagger_{\text{int}}$ is the interaction contribution.

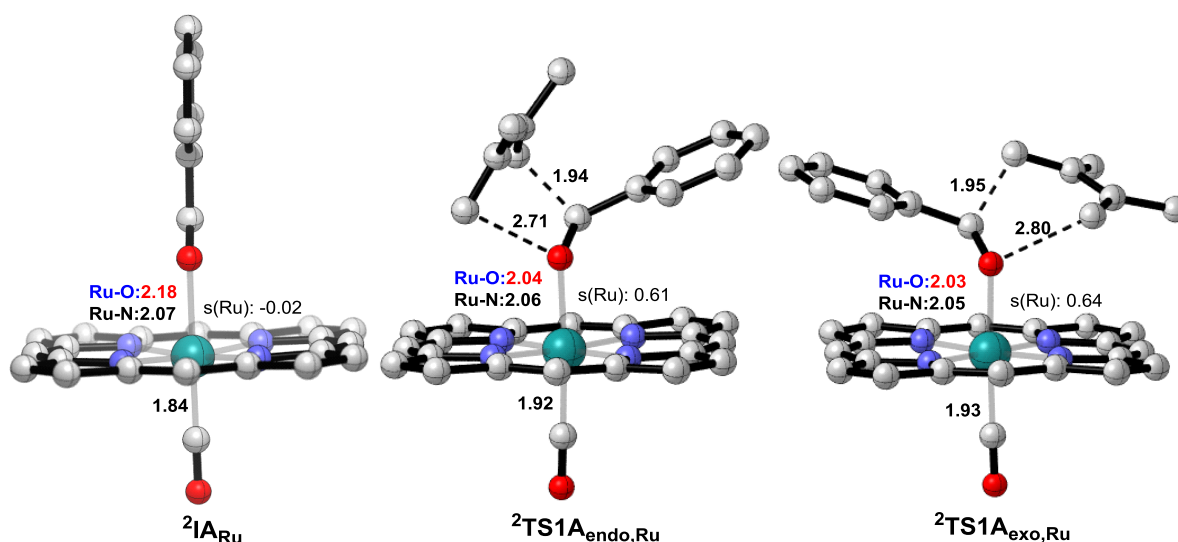


Supplementary Figure 5. Reaction profile in the presence of an OEEF to form A. The strength of the OEEF is -0.0015 au and -0.003 au (in parenthesis) were applied by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method. The key distances (in italic), Mulliken charge (in underline) and spin density (s) on Fe are given. Unimportant hydrogen atoms are not shown for clarity.

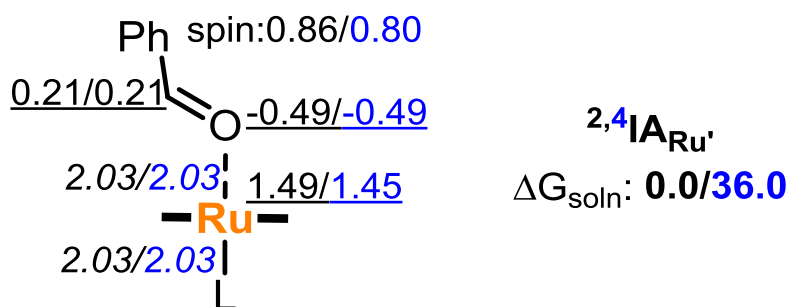
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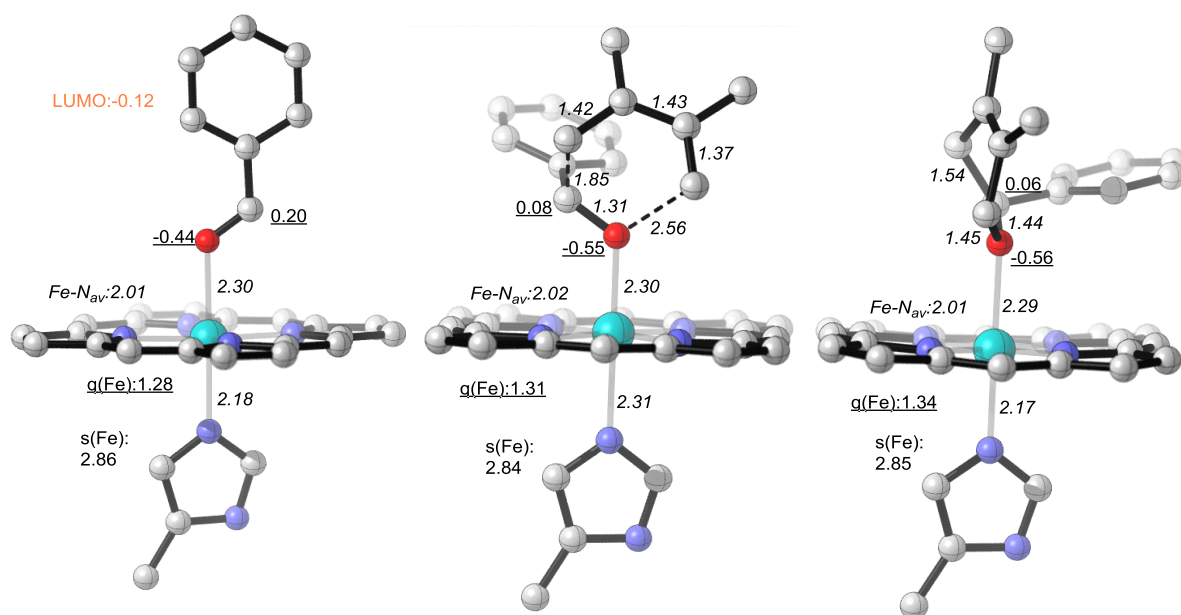
Supplementary Figure 6. Comparison between Fe(III)- and Ru(III)-catalyzed reactions to form A. Computed key energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) in solution for the (a) Fe(III)- and (b) Ru(III)-catalyzed reactions in the doublet and quartet states by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method, the key distances (in Å), Mulliken charges and spin densities (s) on the metals are given. (c) Schematic electronic structures of the Fe(III) and Ru(III) catalysts. Notably, the standard state correction was applied here.



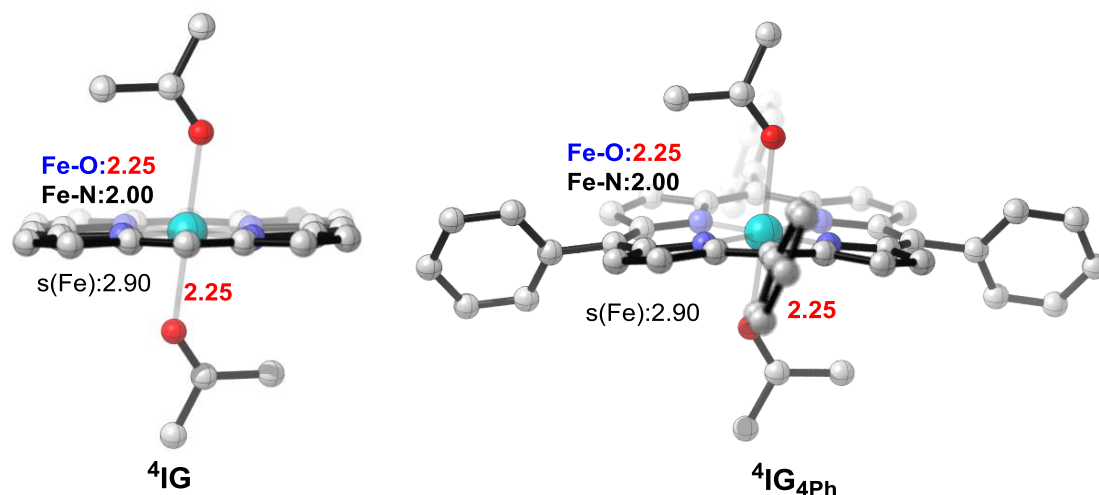
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Supplementary Figure 8. The properties of the Ru catalyst. The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) for the Ru catalyst with the replacement of the CO ligand with PhCHO (L) by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method, and the key distance (in italic) and Mulliken charge (in underline) and spin density on Ru by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 are given.

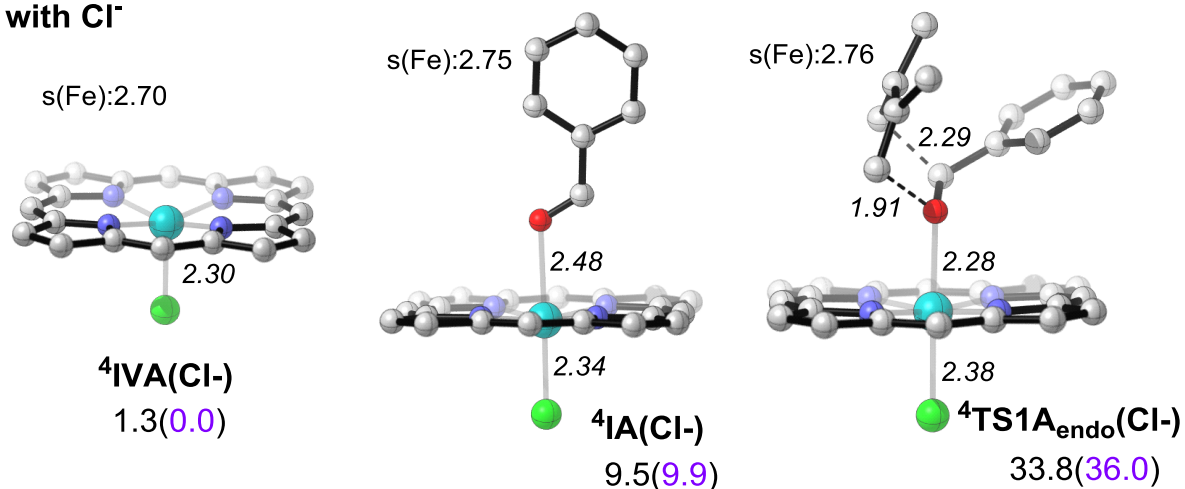


Supplementary Figure 9. Formation of A catalyzed by the imidazole-coordinated Fe complex. These structures were optimized in the quartet state in diethylether solution by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method. The key distances (in *italics*), Mulliken charges (underlined), LUMO energy (eV, in orange) and spin density on Fe by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method are given. Unimportant hydrogen atoms are not shown for clarity.

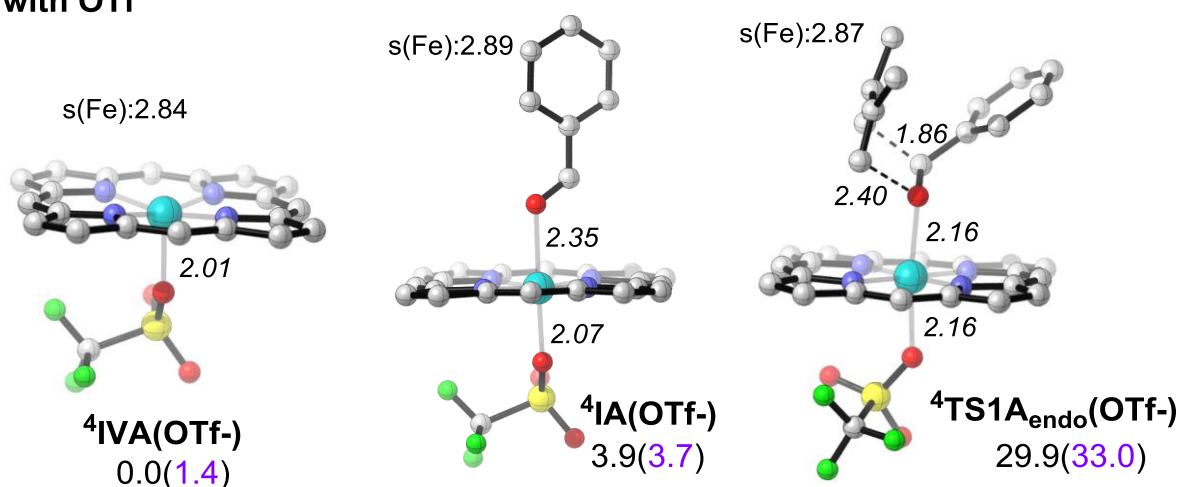


Supplementary Figure 10. Fe(III)-complexes coordinated with acetone. The key distances (in *italics*), spin density on Fe in the quartet state at the SMD (acetone solution) B3LYP-D3 method are given. Unimportant hydrogen atoms are not shown for clarity.

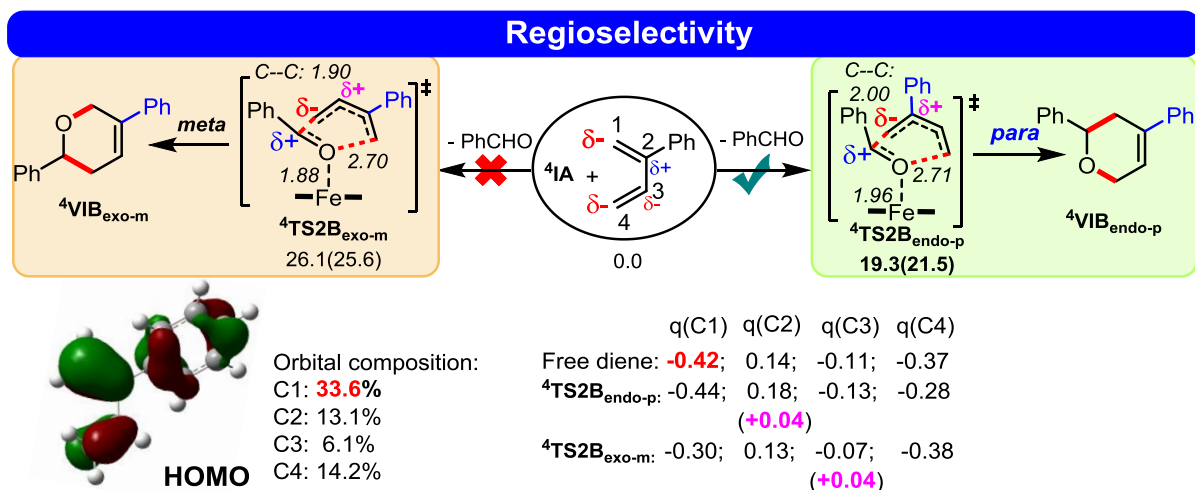
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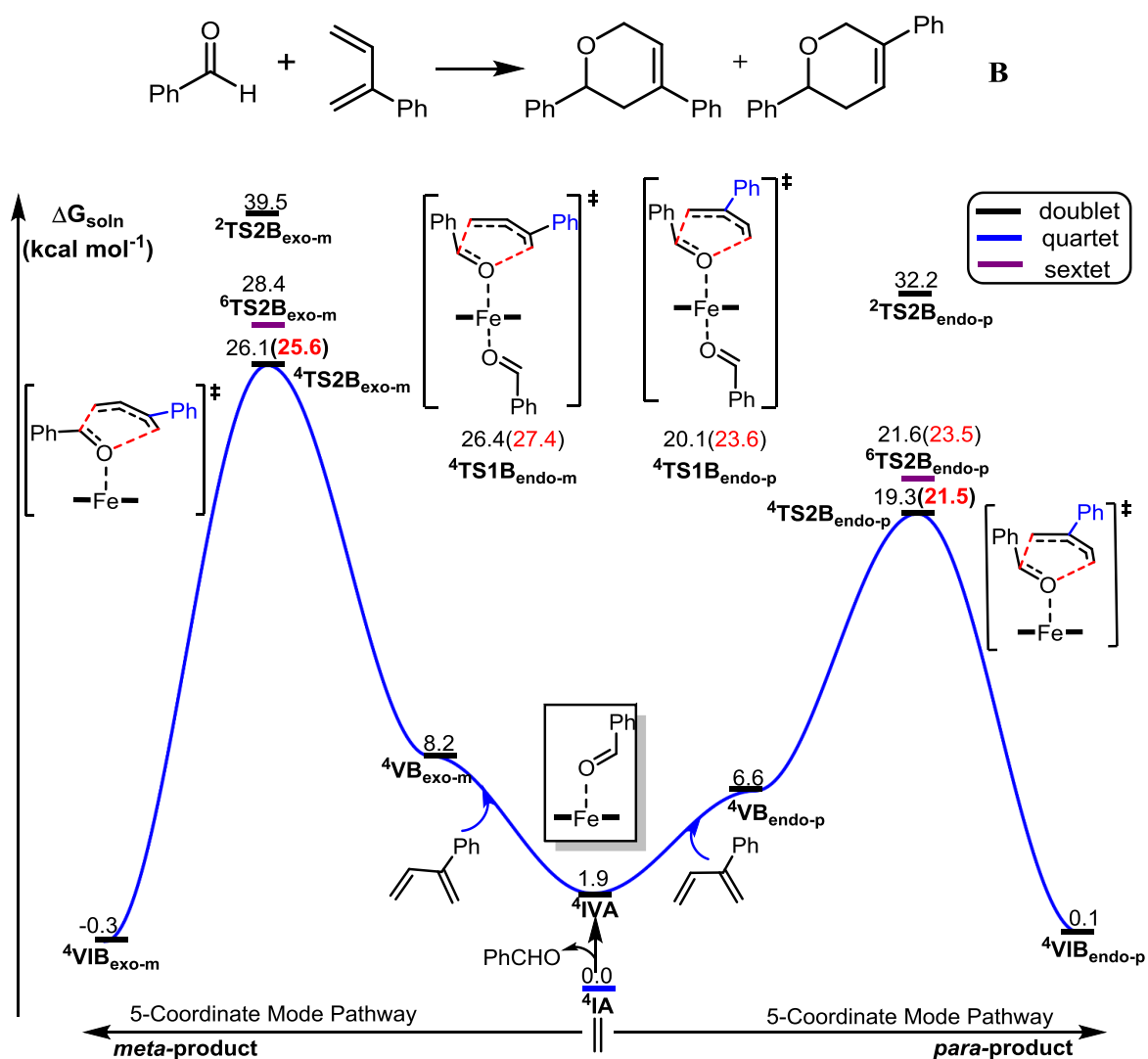
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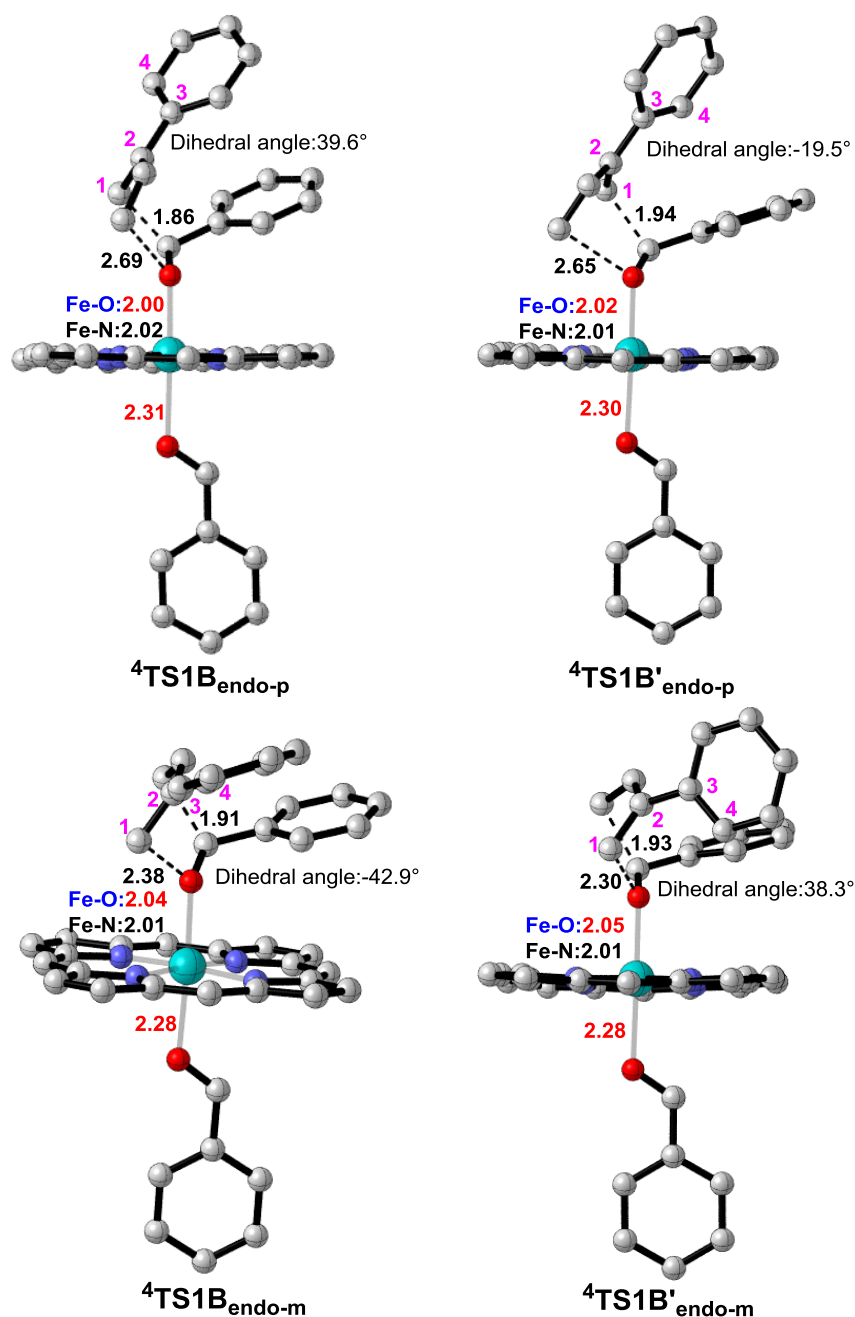
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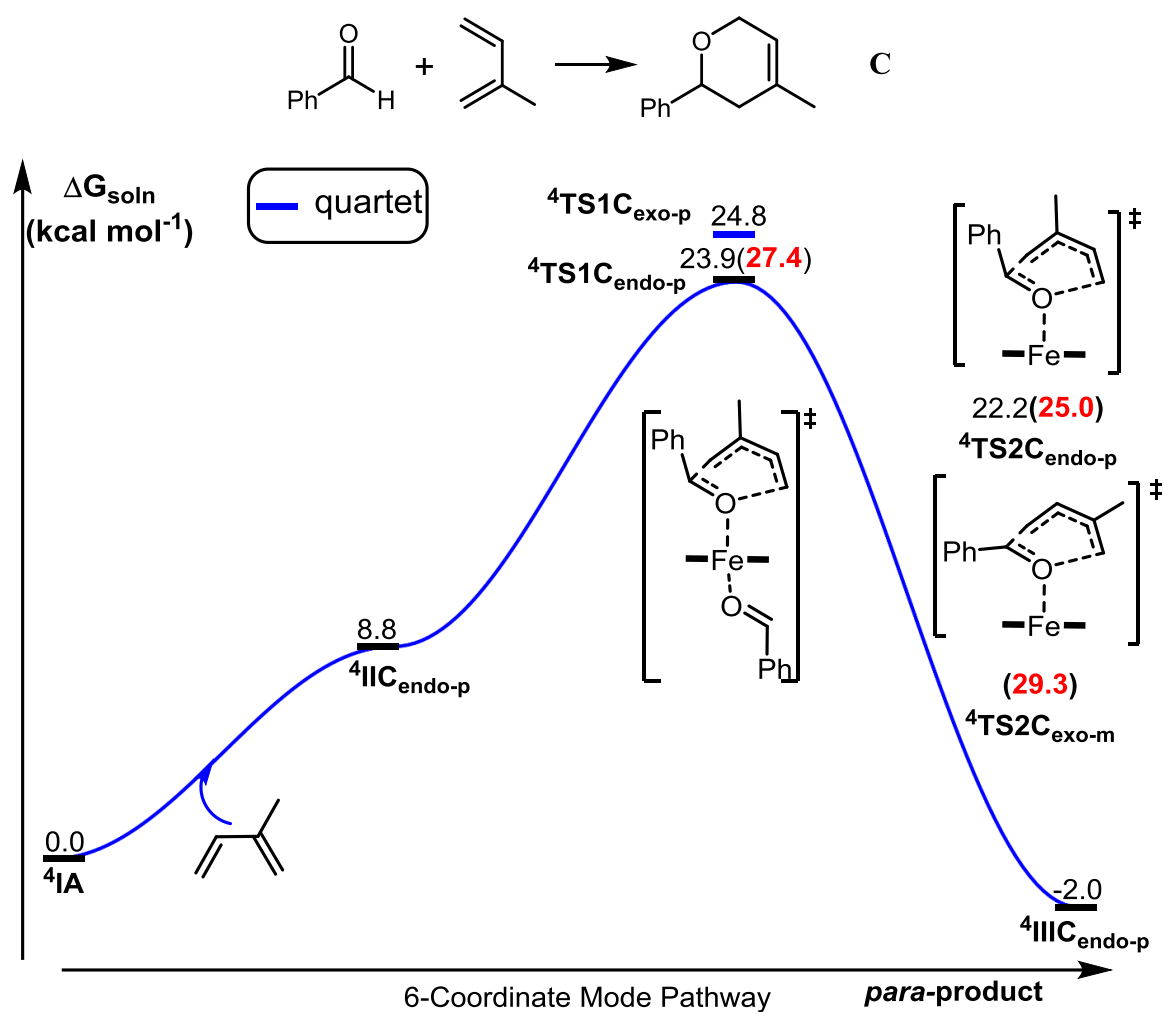
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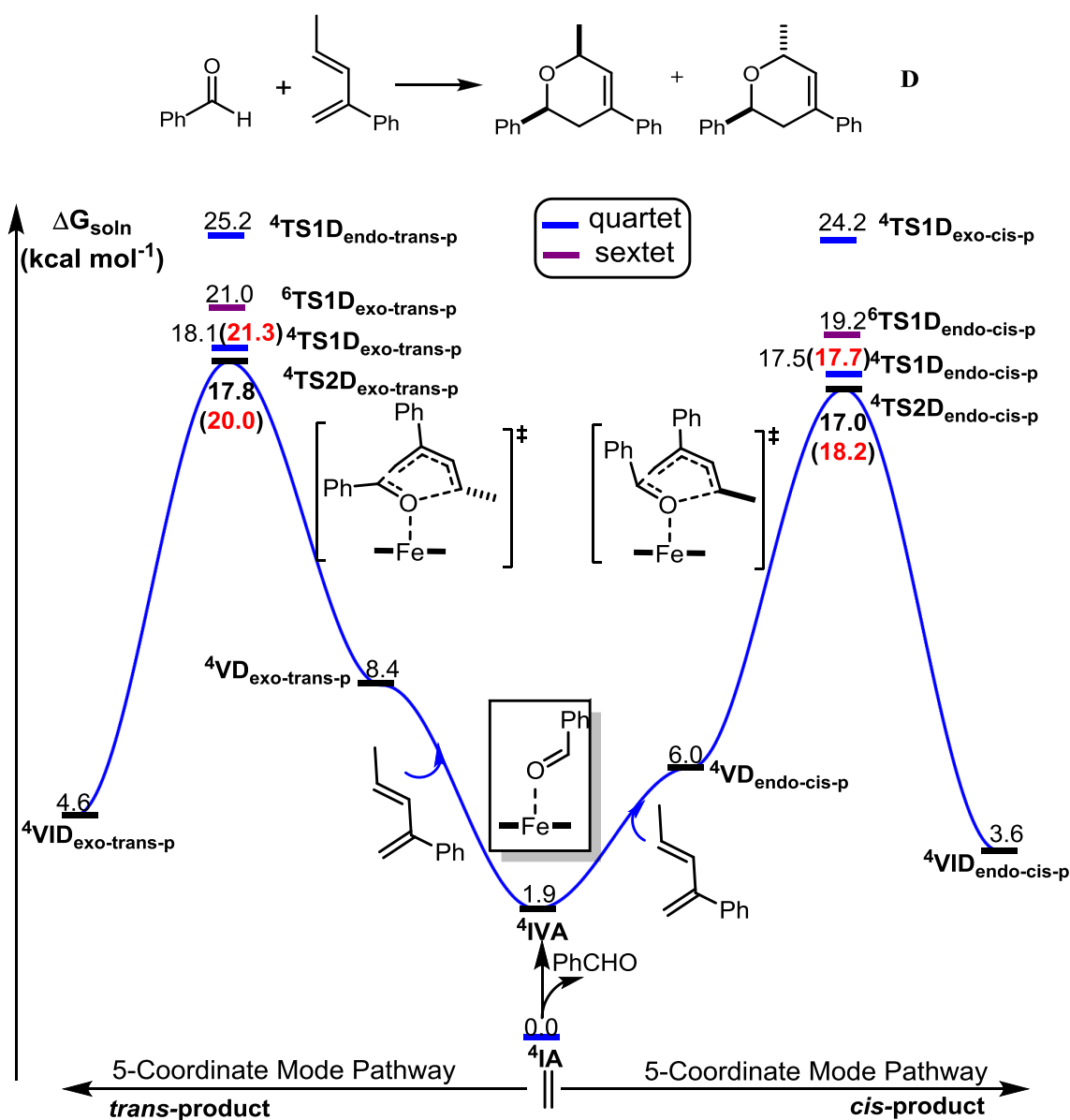
Supplementary Figure 13. Free energy profile to form product B. The most favorable pathways in three spin states in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 and SMD B3LYP-D3 (in parenthesis) methods are given. Notably, the standard state correction was not applied here.



Supplementary Figure 14. Key optimized structures for the formation of **B in the quartet state.** The structures were optimized by the B3LYP-D3 method. The key bond lengths (in angstrom) are given. The main difference between **B** and **B'** is the dihedral angle of C1-C2-C3-C4. Unimportant hydrogen atoms are not shown for clarity.

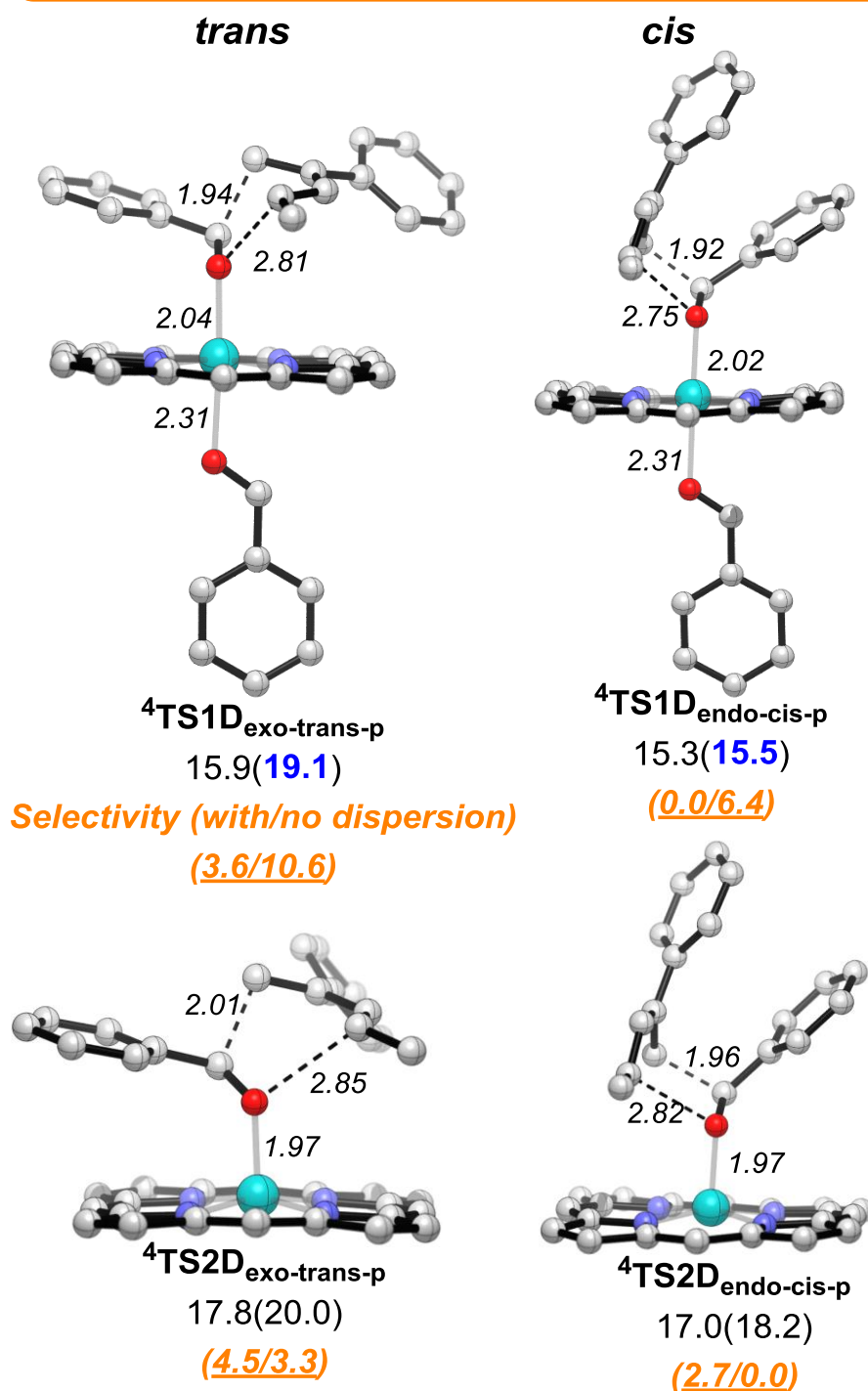


Supplementary Figure 15. Free energy profile to form product C. The favorable pathway in the quartet state in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 and SMD B3LYP-D3 (in parenthesis) methods are given. Notably, the standard state correction was not applied here.

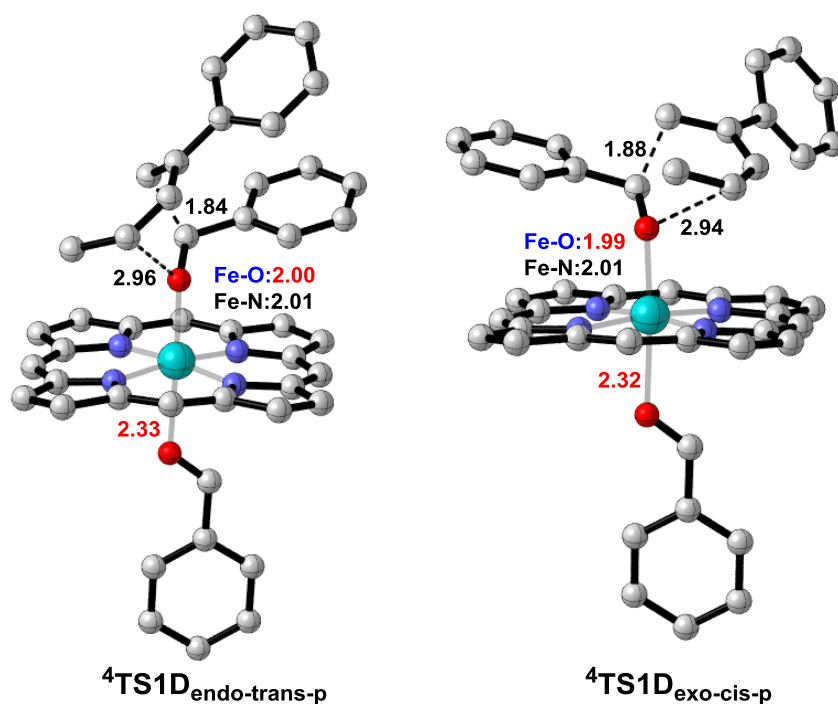


Supplementary Figure 16. Free energy profile to form product D. The key pathways in the quartet and sextet states in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 and SMD B3LYP-D3 (in parenthesis) methods are given. Notably, the standard state correction was not applied here.

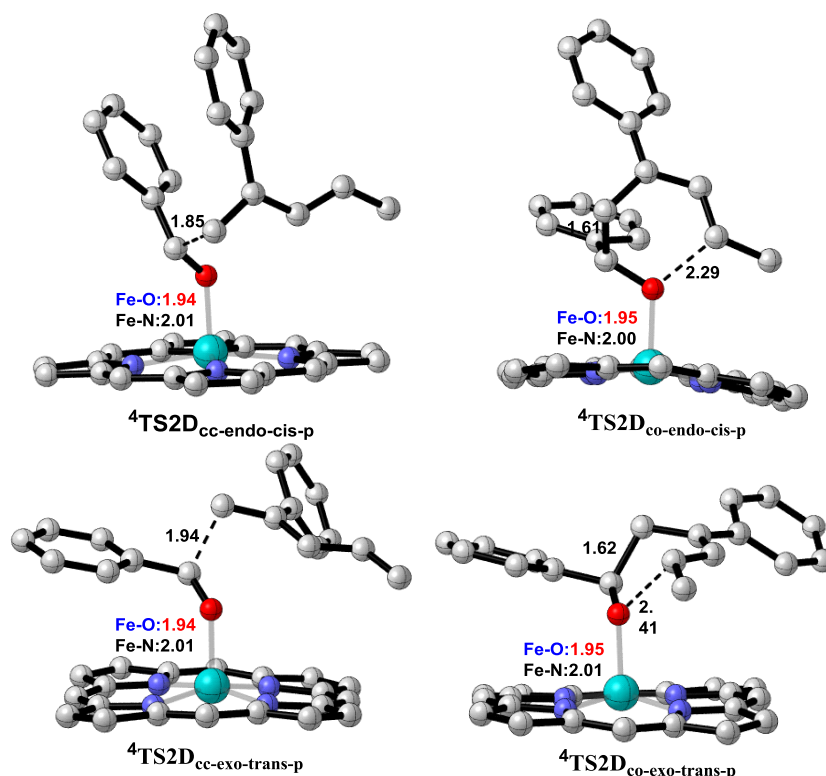
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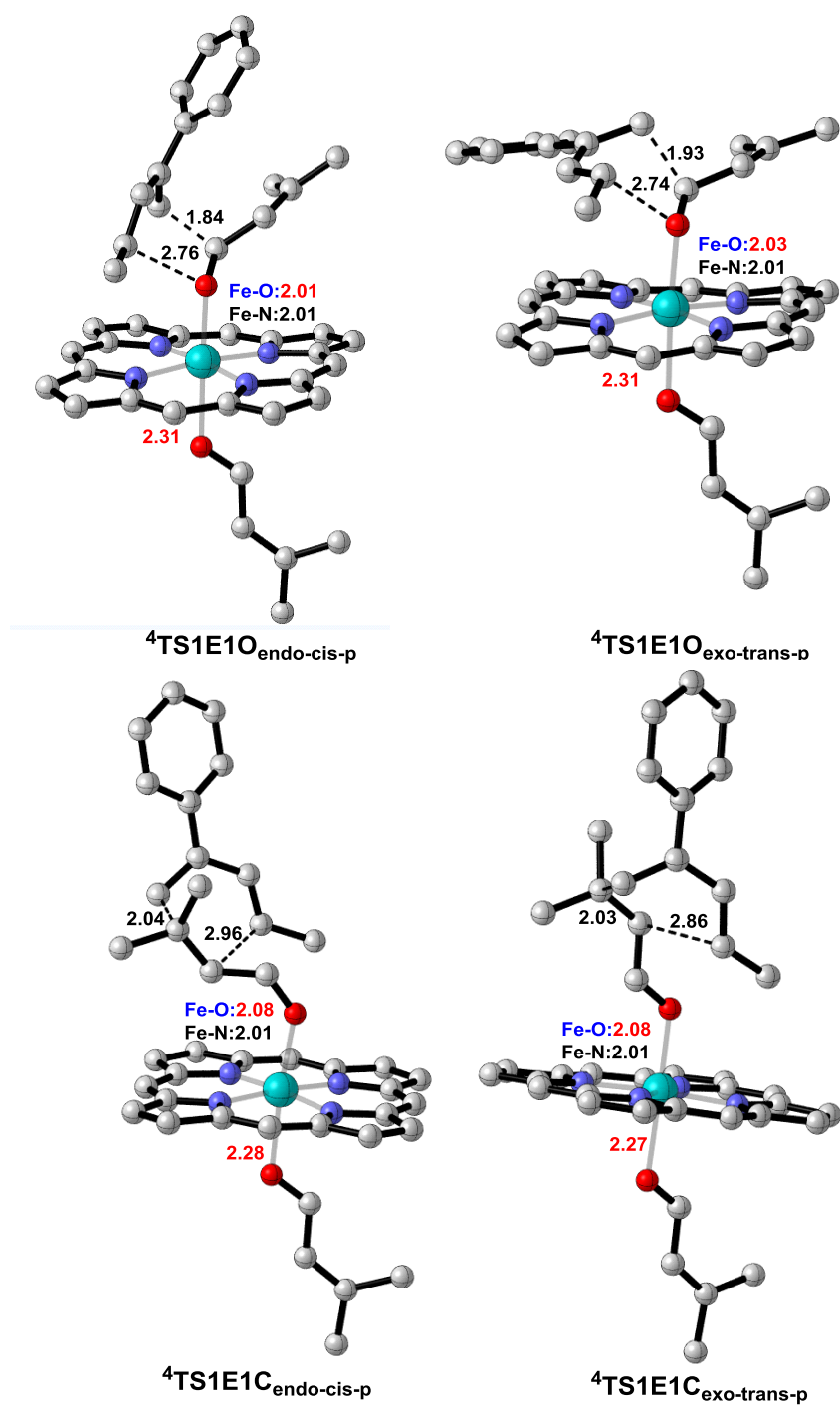
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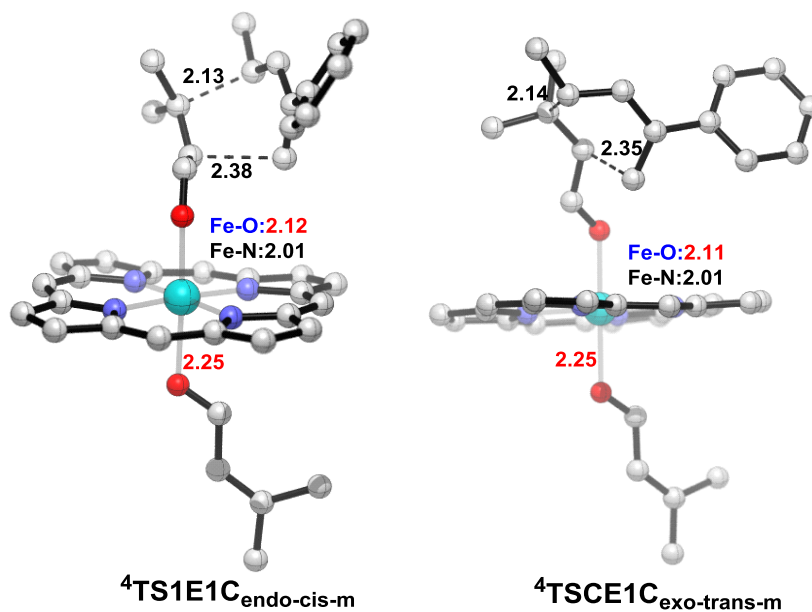
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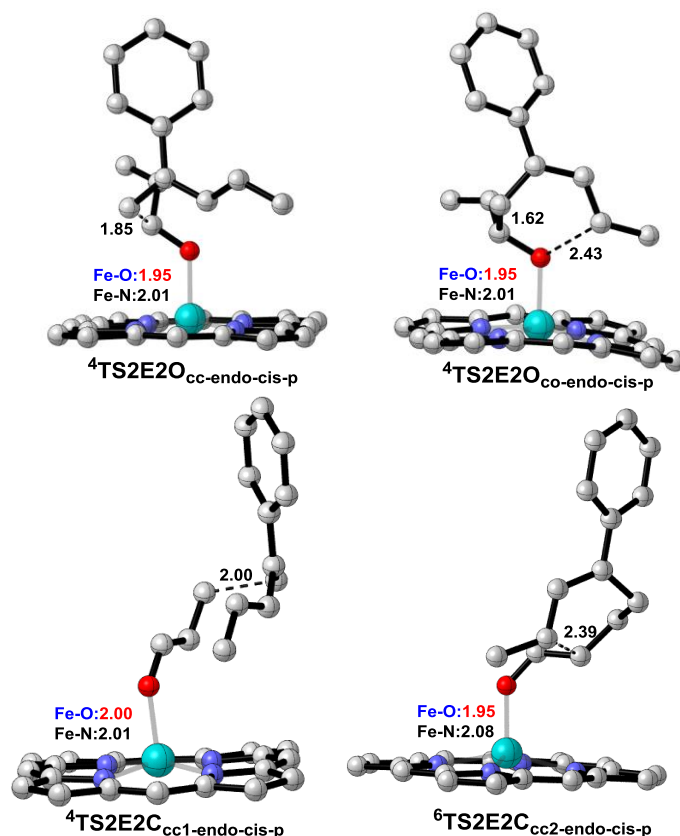
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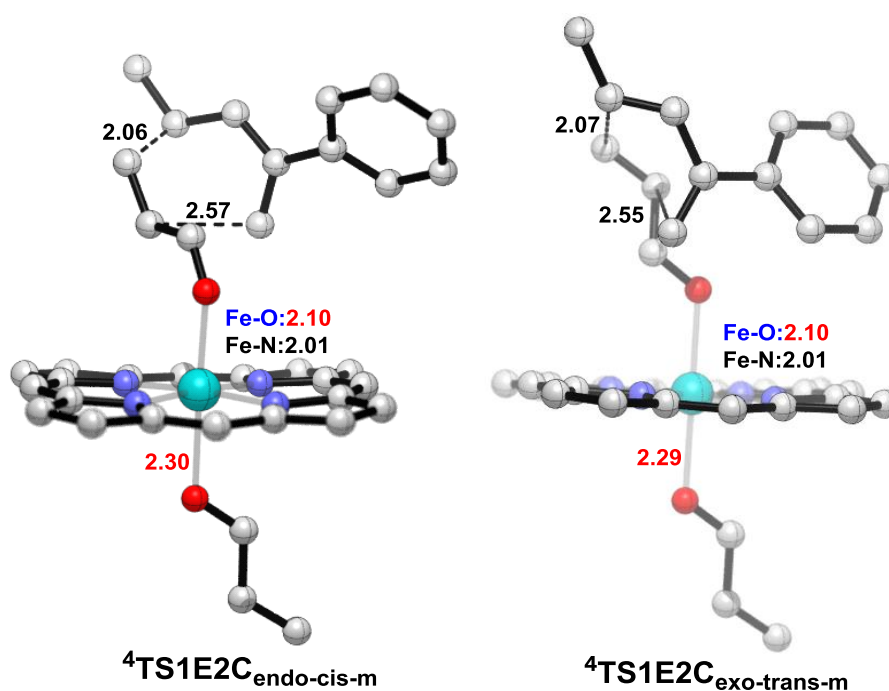
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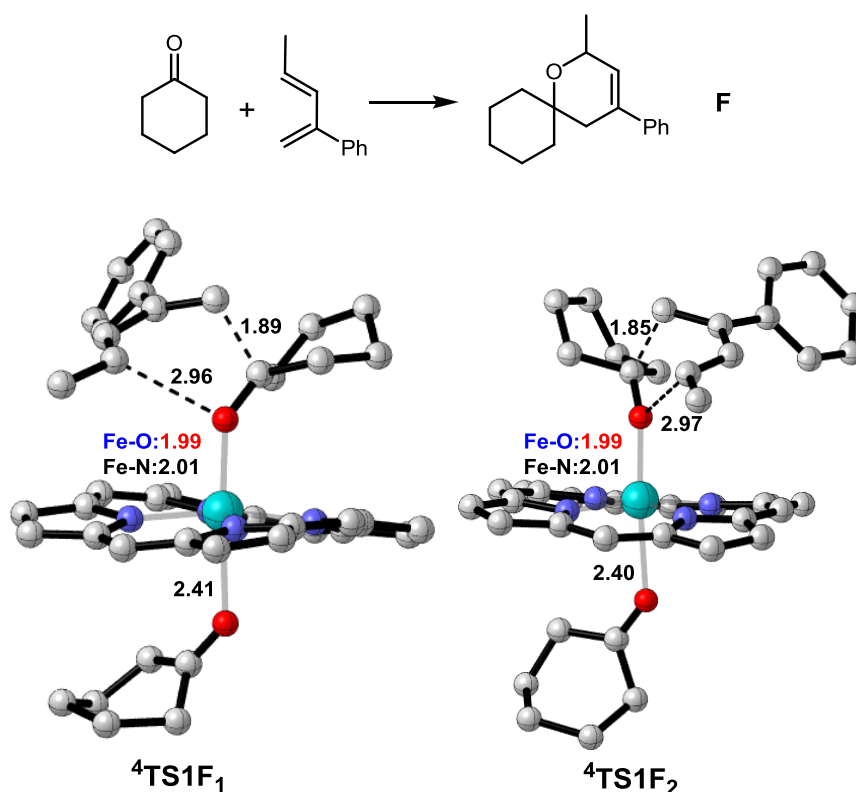
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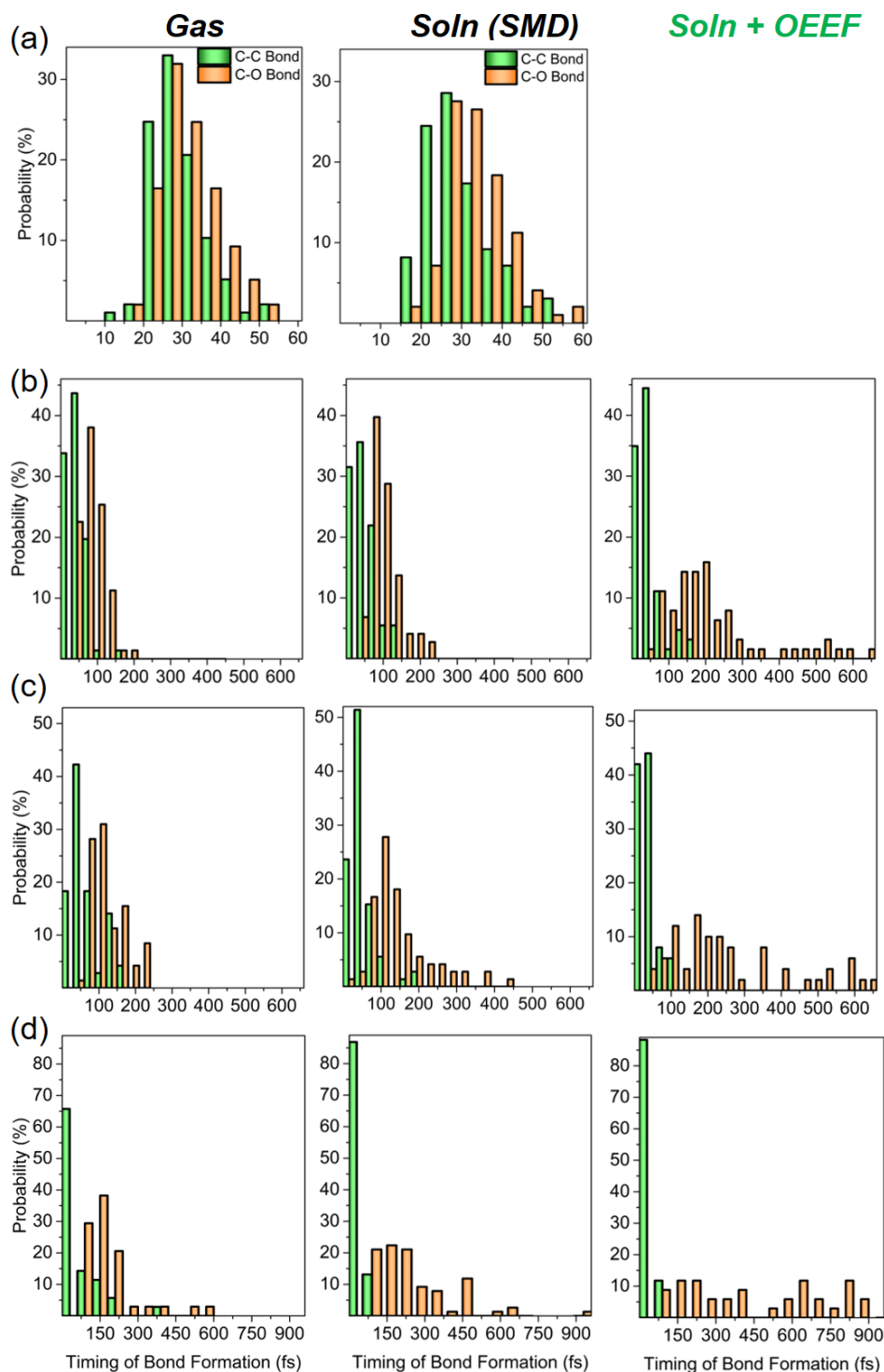
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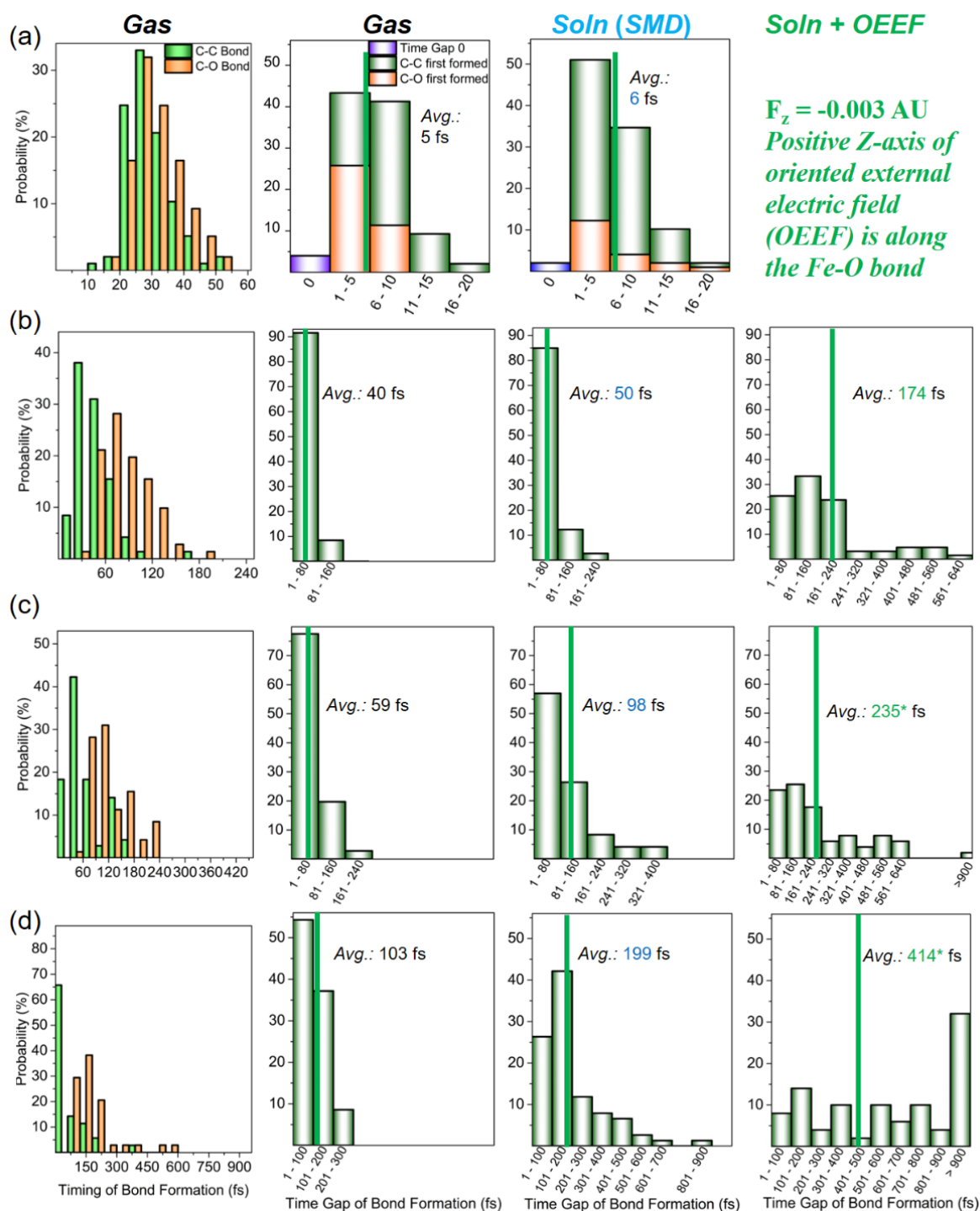
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Supplementary Figure 24. Key optimized transition states to form F in the quartet state. The structures were optimized by the B3LYP-D3 method. The key bond lengths (in angstrom) are given. Unimportant hydrogen atoms are not shown for clarity.

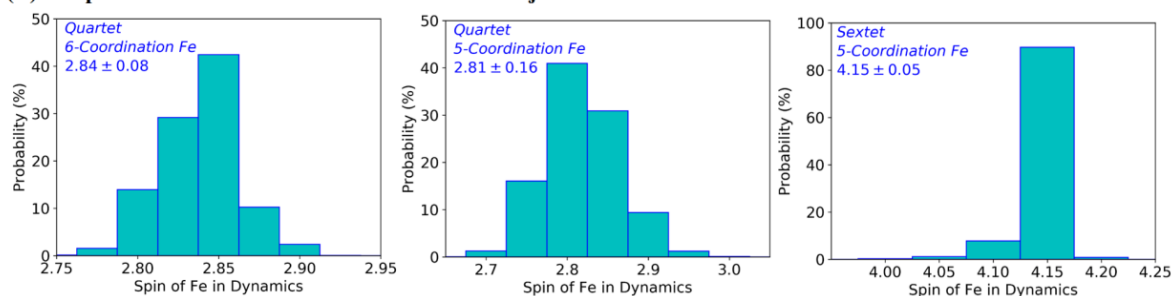


Supplementary Figure 25. Timing of the two new bond formations. Distribution of timing (in fs) of the C-C and C-O bond forms (<1.6 Å) for (a) the uncatalyzed reaction; Fe-catalyzed reaction for (b) the six-coordinate and quartet state, (c) the five-coordinate and quartet state and (d) the five-coordinate and sextet state in gas phase (left), SMD solvent (middle) and SMD solvent in the presence of an OEEF with strength of -0.003 au along the reacting Fe-O bond (right). Note that for the SMD + OEEF MD simulations, one trajectory for the five-coordinate and quartet state, and 16 trajectories of the five-coordinate sextet state do not form the C-O bond within 900 fs. Thus, these trajectories were not considered in this Figure.

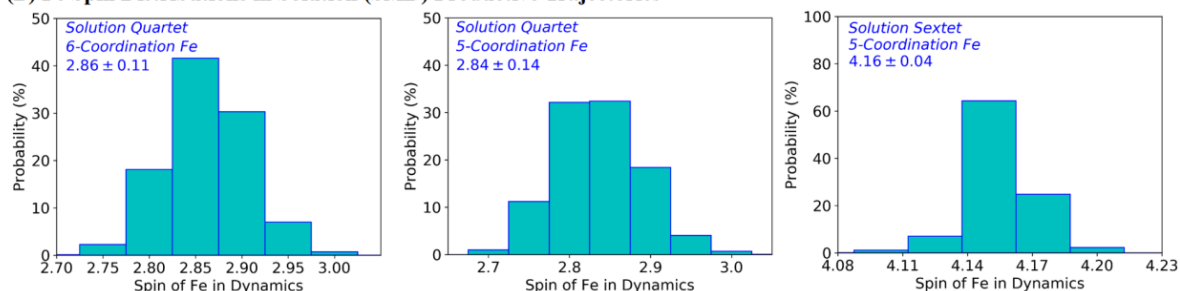


Supplementary Figure 26. Time gap between the forming C-C and C-O bonds. Distribution in the timing (in fs) of the formation of the C-C and C-O bonds (the first column) and the time gap (in fs) between C-C and C-O bond formation (the second, third and fourth columns) for (a) the uncatalyzed reaction and (b) the Fe-catalyzed reaction of the six-coordinate and quartet state, (c) the five-coordinate and quartet state and (d) the five-coordinate and sextet state in the gas phase and solution (without and with the OEEF; *some trajectories still cannot form the C-O bond (<1.6 Å) after 900 fs simulations).

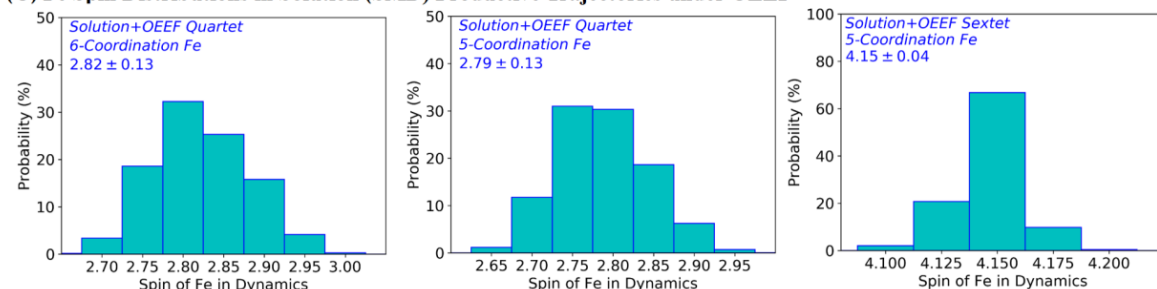
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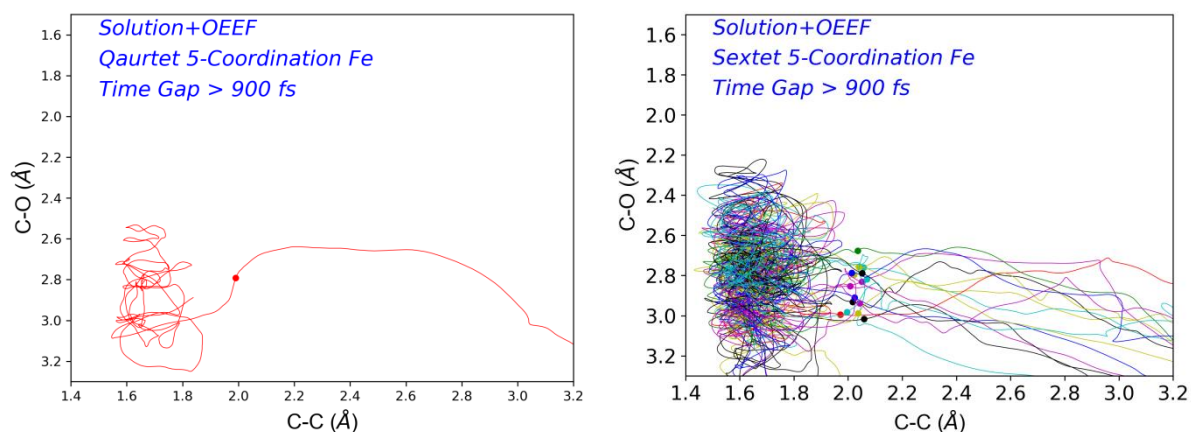
(B) Fe Spin Distributions in Solution (SMD) Productive Trajectories



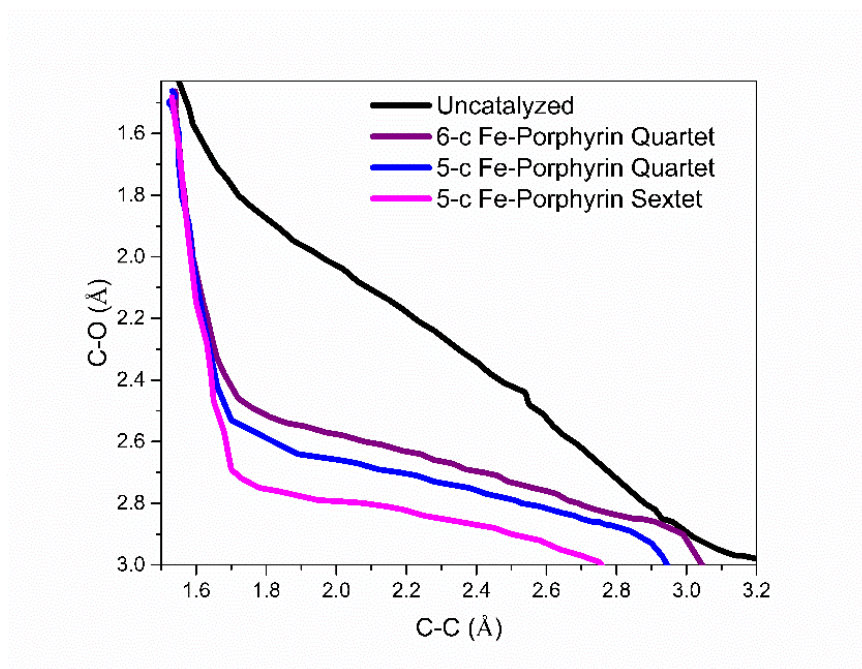
(C) Fe Spin Distributions in Solution (SMD) Productive Trajectories under OEEF



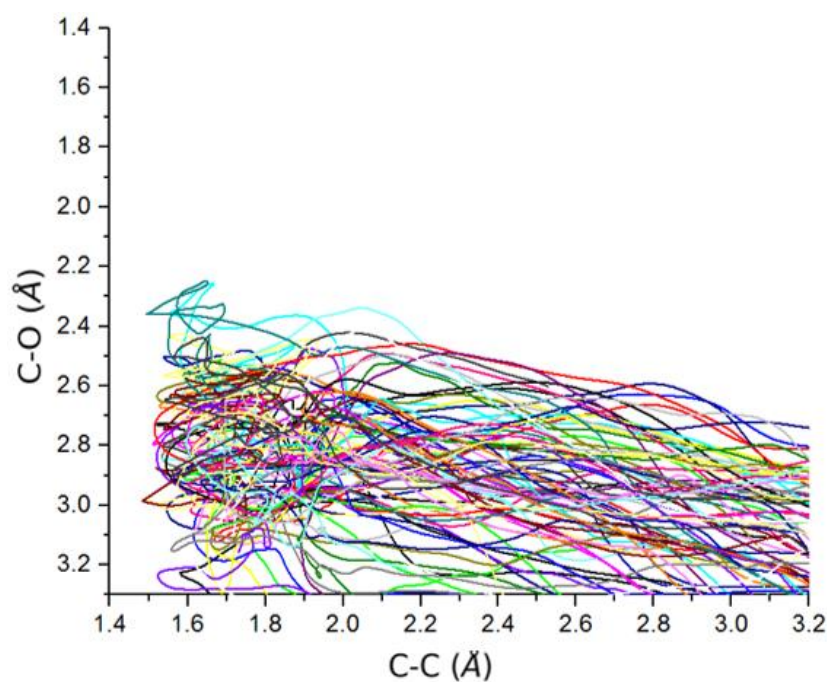
Supplementary Figure 27. Distribution of Fe spin density throughout the trajectories. Fe spin distribution in the six-coordinate quartet Fe complexes (left), five-coordinate quartet (middle) and sextet (left) Fe complexes in all the productive trajectories were plotted for the (A) gas phase simulations, solution phase (SMD) simulations (B) in absence of oriented external electric field and (C) in presence of oriented external electric field.



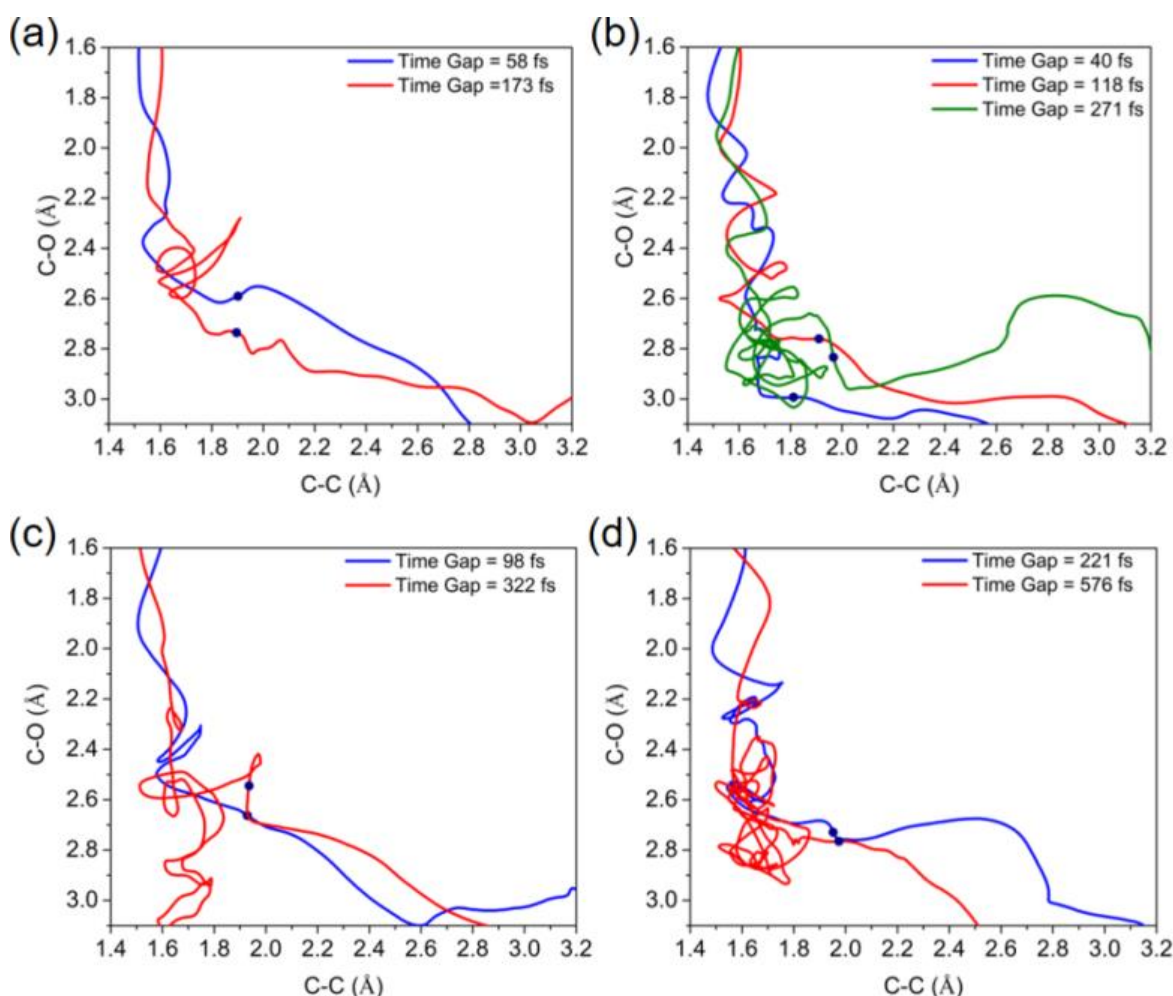
Supplementary Figure 28. Trajectories not forming the C-O bond after 900 fs. Trajectories for the quartet (left) and sextet (right) five-coordinate mode pathway in the presence of an oriented external electric field (OEEF) were plotted.



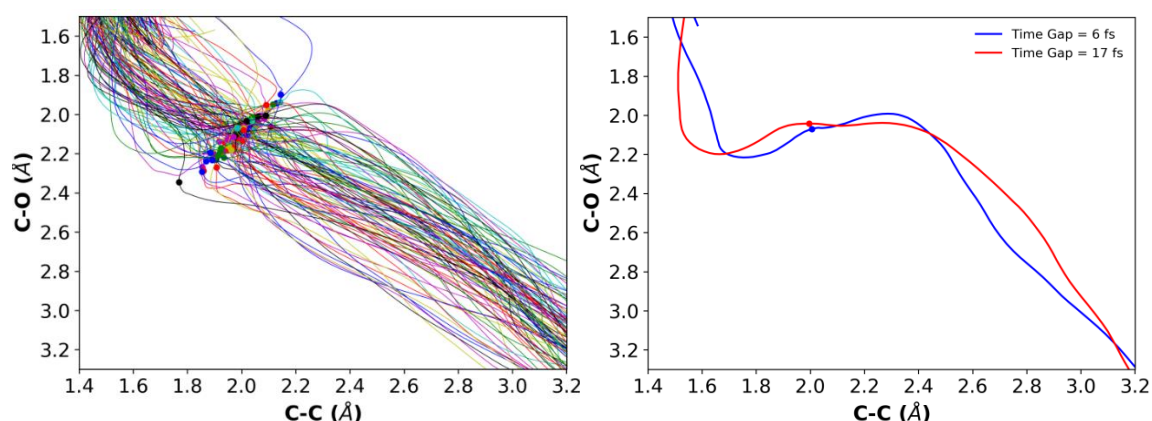
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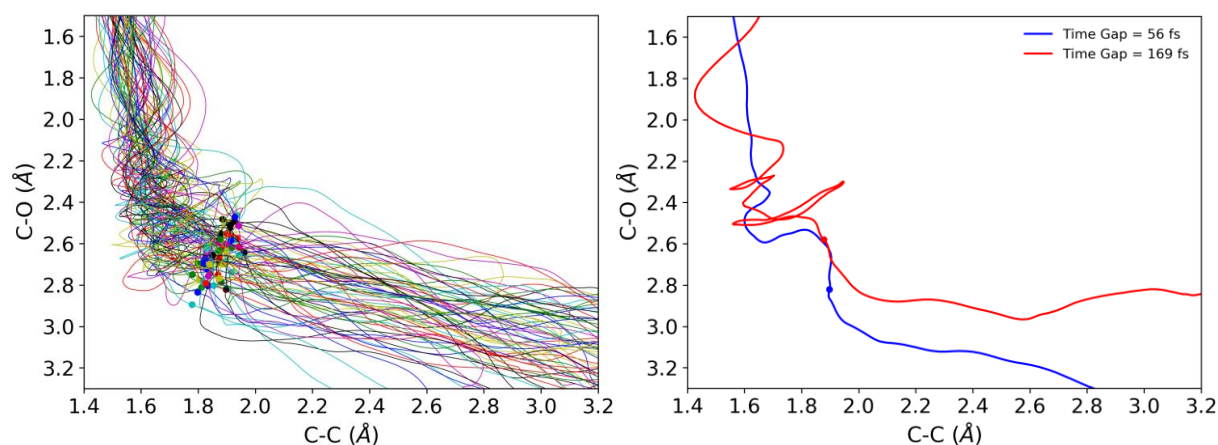
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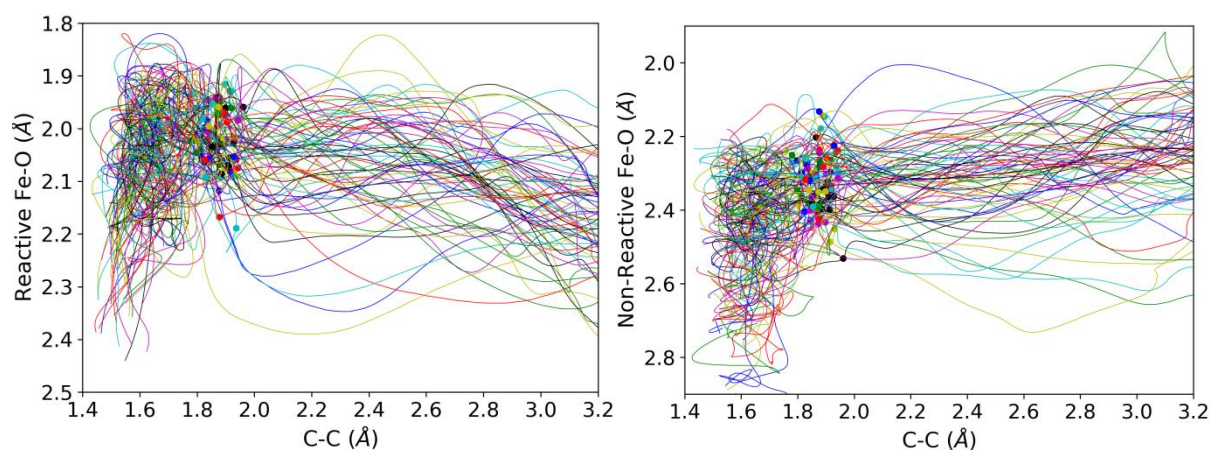
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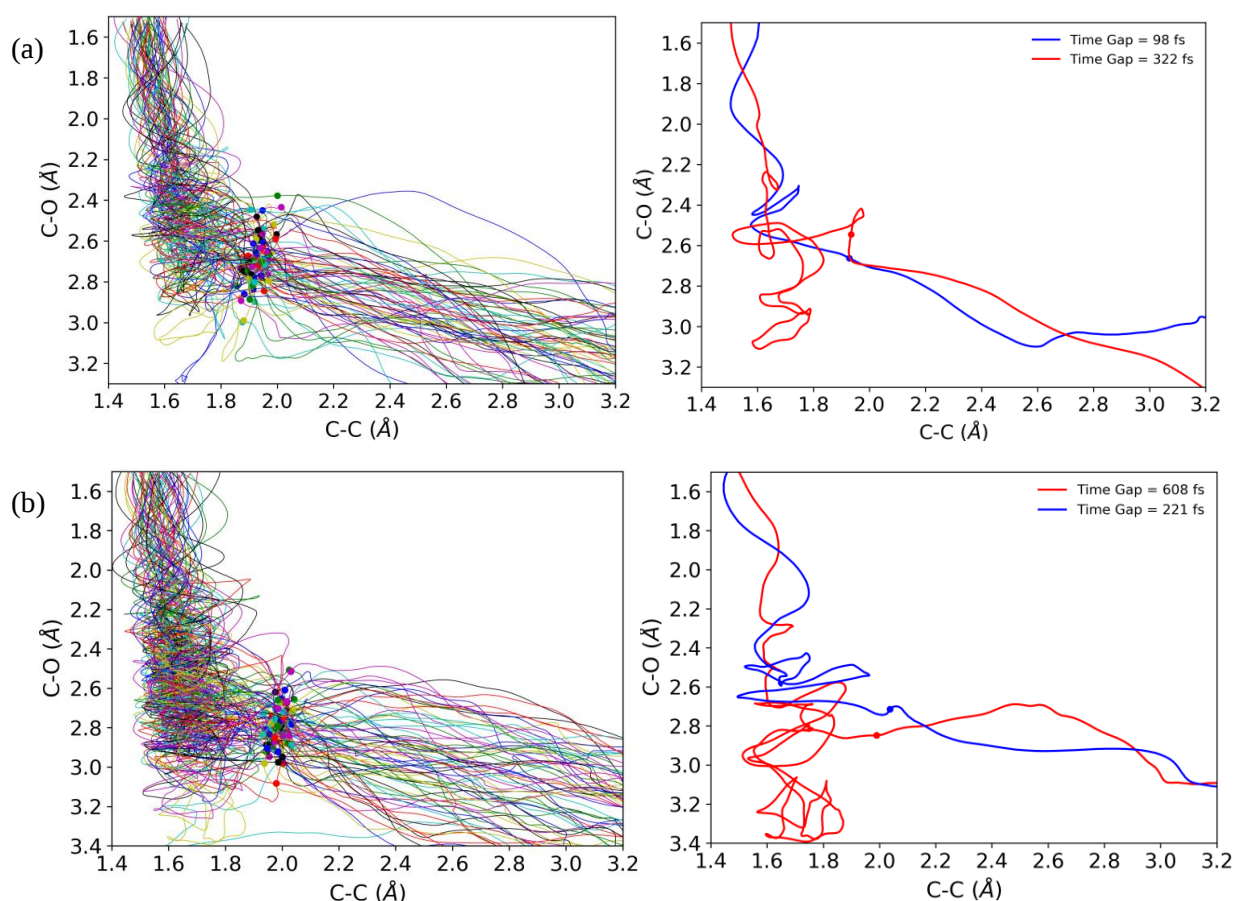
Supplementary Figure 32. Productive trajectories for the uncatalyzed ODA reaction in solution. The (left) productive and (right) two representative trajectories for the uncatalyzed ODA reaction in solution were plotted.



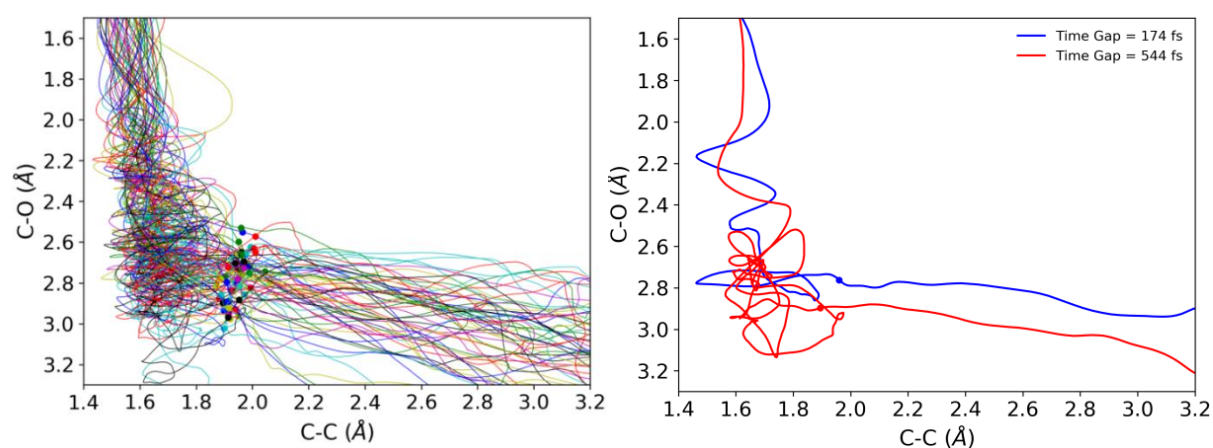
Supplementary Figure 33. Productive trajectories for the six-coordinate ^4Fe -catalyzed ODA reaction in solution. The (left) productive and (right) two representative trajectories for the six-coordinate and quartet state Fe-catalyzed ODA reaction in solution were plotted.



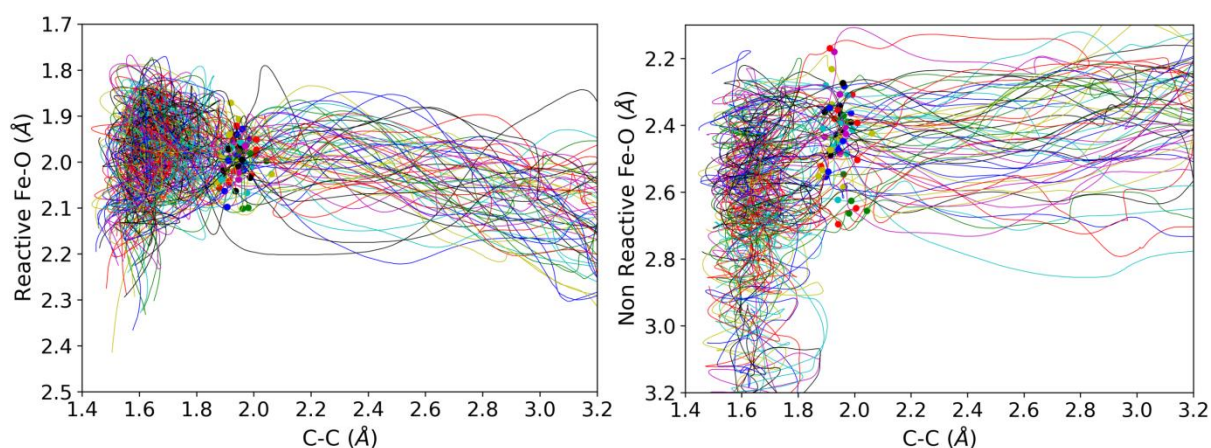
Supplementary Figure 34. Correlation between the Fe-O bond and the forming C-C bond in the six-coordinate ^4Fe -catalyzed ODA reaction trajectories in solution. The correlation between the C-C bond forming distance and (left) the reacting Fe-O or (right) the non-reacting Fe-O bond distance in the productive trajectories for the six-coordinate and quartet state Fe-catalyzed ODA reaction in solution were plotted.



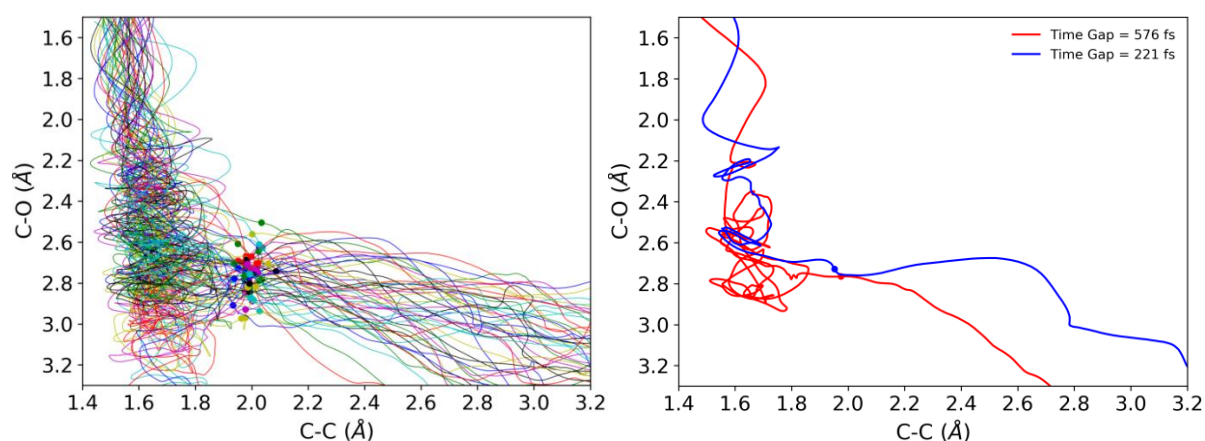
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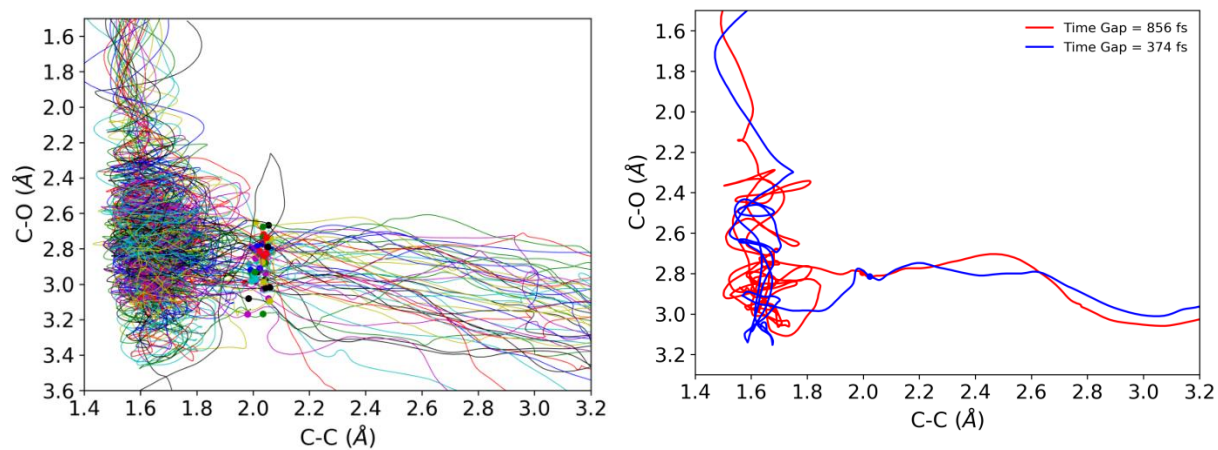
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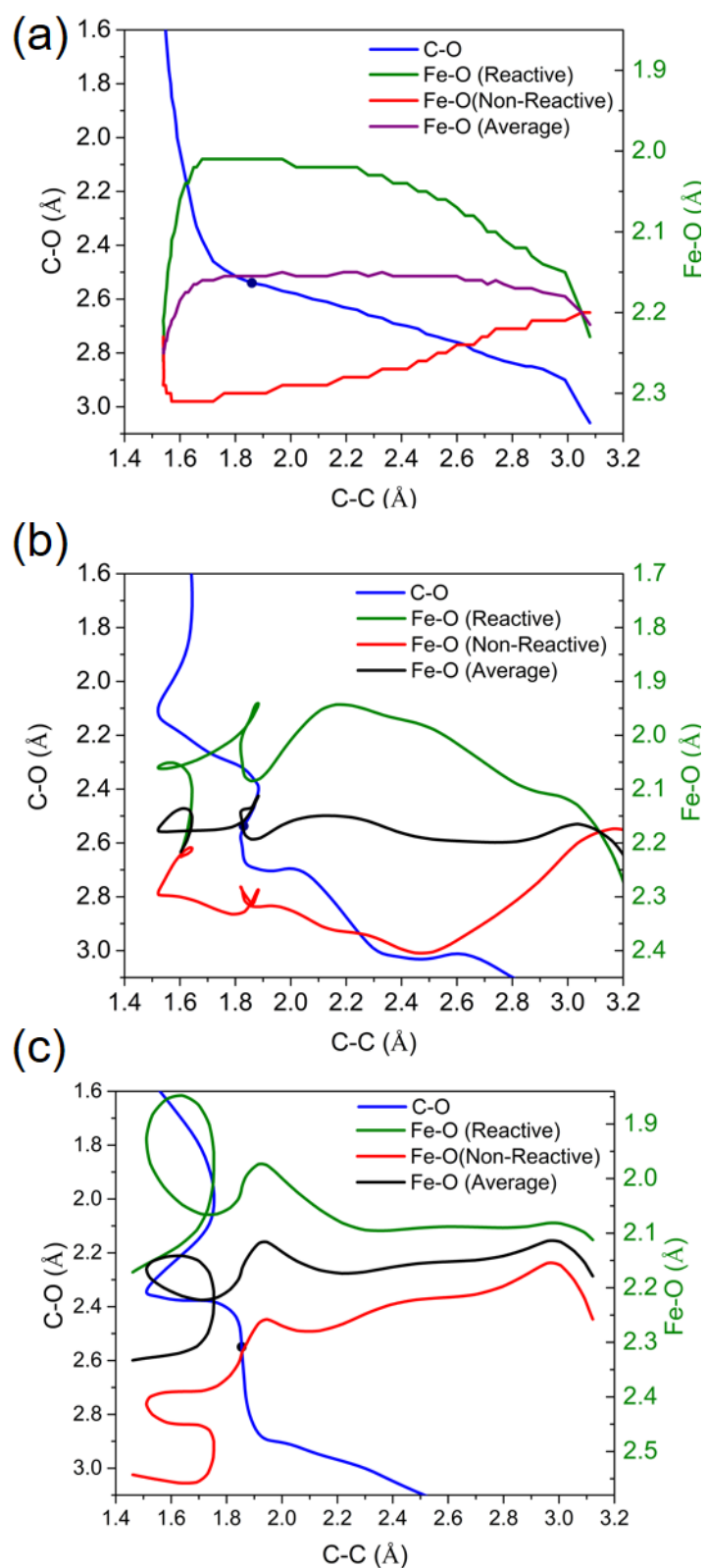
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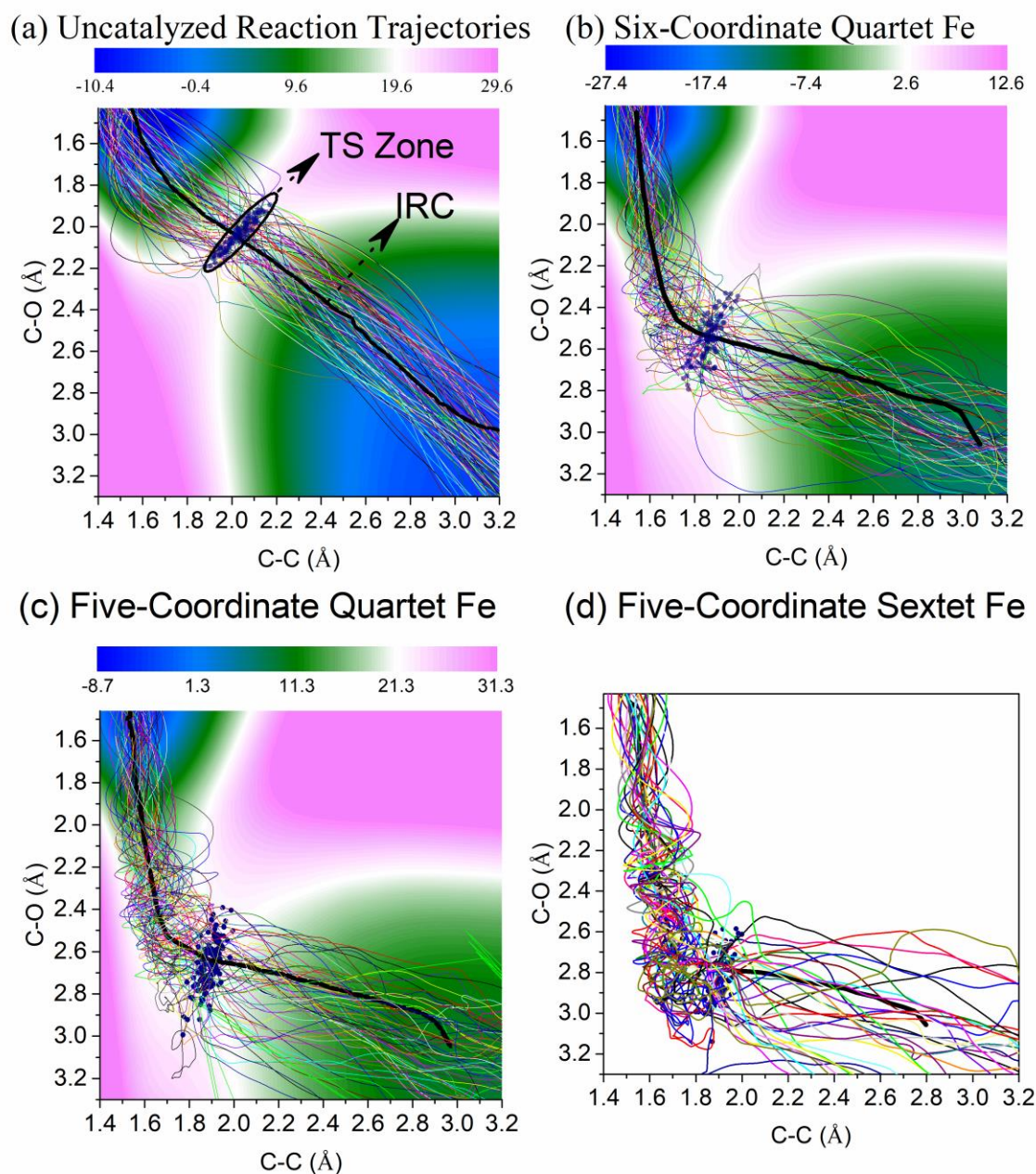
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Supplementary Figure 39. Trajectories for the five-coordinate ^6Fe -catalyzed ODA reaction in solution with an OEEF. The (left) productive and (right) two representative trajectories for the five-coordinate and sextet state Fe-catalyzed ODA reaction in solution in the presence of an OEEF (with strength of -0.003 au) were plotted.



Supplementary Figure 40. Bond correlation in representative gas-phase trajectories. The correlation of the C-O, reacting Fe-O and non-reacting Fe-O bond distances versus the C-C bond forming distance for the (a) IRC and two trajectories with time gaps of (b) 26 fs and (c) 40 fs for the 6-coordinate quartet case in the gas phase were plotted.



Supplementary Figure 41. Gas-phase productive trajectories for the formation of product A. Trajectories for (a) the uncatalyzed reaction and the Fe-catalyzed reaction of (b) the six-coordinate and quartet state, (c) the five-coordinate and quartet state, and (d) the five-coordinate and sextet state. The contour plots (energy in units of kcal mol^{-1}) were computed with respect to the isolated reactants (it should note that the color bars of the potential energy surfaces have different scales). The intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) is shown in bold, and transition state (TS) zone is defined as a zone including the sampled TS structures.

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. Free energy profiles (in kcal mol⁻¹) of the reaction barrier and reaction energy for the *endo*-type ODA reactions without the Fe catalyst (i.e., the uncatalyzed reaction) in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method. Notably, the standard state correction was applied here.

Type	$\Delta G^{\ddagger}_{\text{soln}}$	ΔG_{soln}
A	36.0/34.7 ^g /38.4 ^h	0.8/-7.2 ^g /-7.1 ^h
B	35.1 ^a	-0.2 ^a
	35.9 ^b	0.5 ^b
C	35.7 ^a	1.8 ^a
	38.1 ^b	-0.5 ^b
D	32.3 ^c	1.1 ^c
	39.4 ^d	-1.6 ^d
E1	35.9 ^{c,e}	1.0 ^{c,e}
	43.5 ^{d,e}	
	31.6 ^{c,f}	-8.4 ^{c,f}
	40.5 ^{d,f}	
E2	33.7 ^{c,e}	-0.6 ^{c,e}
	41.0 ^{d,e}	
	22.1 ^{c,f}	-17.4 ^{c,f}
	30.7 ^{d,f}	
F	39.9	3.0

^a. the *para*-product. ^b. the *meta*-product. ^c. the *cis*-product. ^d. the *trans*-product. ^e. Reaction with the C=O bond of the dienophile. ^f. Reaction with the C=C bond of the dienophile. ^g. The results from optimization by the M06-D3 method. ^h. The results obtained from optimization with the M06-2X-D3 method.

Supplementary Table 2. The relative free (electronic) energies (in kcal mol⁻¹ at 353.15 K) for the key intermediates and transition states to form **A** in quartet (Q) and sextet (S) states optimized by other SMD DFT methods and single-point calculations by the DLPNO-CCSD(T) and B2PLYP-D3 methods in gas phase based on the SMD B3LYP-D3-optimized structures. Notably, the standard state correction was applied here.

	LCCSD(T) (ΔE) ^a ΔG ^b	B2PLYP-D3 (ΔE) ^a ΔG ^b	PBE0-D3	B3PW91-D3	PW6B95-D3	BP86-D3
⁴ IA	(0.0)0.0	(0.0)0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
⁶ IA	(-9.8)-11.2	(4.6)3.2	2.9	7.7	5.2	1.7
⁴ TS1A _{endo}	(5.5)24.4	(6.1)24.9	20.7	22.1 ^c	24.7	14.4 ^d
⁶ TS1A _{endo}	(-8.2)7.7	(7.5)23.4	19.2	21.8	25.4	26.3
⁴ TS2A _{endo}	(25.2)30.4	(23.3)28.4	20.8	21.1	24.6	13.7
⁶ TS2A _{endo}	(13.3)15.1	(25.3)27.1	18.4	20.3	28.2	26.7
	M06-L	B3LYP*-D3	OLYP-D3	TPSSH-D3	OPBE-D3	ω B97XD
⁴ IA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
⁶ IA	-4.5	15.4	6.0	8.9	4.4	6.4
⁴ TS1A _{endo}	26.3	18.2	18.7	20.9	14.6	21.6
⁶ TS1A _{endo}	19.4	28.7	19.8	27.2	17.1	24.3
⁴ TS2A _{endo}	25.0 ^e	19.9	18.4	20.1	14.3	23.2
⁶ TS2A _{endo}	18.1	31.1	21.0	28.1	17.0	21.9

^aThe relative electronic energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) in gas phase based on the SMD B3LYP-D3-optimized structures. ^b The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) in solution based on the SMD B3LYP-D3 method. ^c One additional small imaginary frequency (-6.96) exists. ^d One additional small imaginary frequency (-9.27) exists. ^e One additional small imaginary frequency (-10.92) exists.

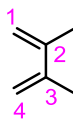
Supplementary Table 3A. The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) of the key structures in solution for the formation of **A** evaluated by the other DFT methods based on the B3LYP-D3-optimized structures. Their computed reaction energies to form **A** are also given. Notably, the standard state correction was applied here.

	B3PW91-D3	PBE0-D3	ωB97XD
6-Coordinate Mode Pathway			
² IA	10.6	12.8	8.7
⁴ IA	0.0	0.0	0.0
⁶ IA	4.8	1.3	5.4
² TS1A _{endo}	23.8	28.5	25.4
⁴ TS1A _{endo}	15.5	18.5	20.0
⁶ TS1A _{endo}	17.0	16.1	21.7
² IIIA _{endo}	-0.8	1.9	-2.4
⁴ IIIA _{endo}	-14.4	-13.8	-13.6
⁶ IIIA _{endo}	-9.3	-12.1	-7.8
² VIIA _{exo}	25.6	31.6	27.8
⁴ VIIA _{exo}	19.9	23.6	23.9
⁶ VIIA _{exo}	18.2	18.4	23.3
5-Coordinate Mode Pathway			
² TS2A _{endo}	33.0	38.0	35.5
⁴ TS2A _{endo}	17.7	19.9	20.7
⁶ TS2A _{endo}	19.3	18.1	22.1
² VIA _{endo}	7.3	9.7	6.9
⁴ VIA _{endo}	-9.1	-8.8	-9.5
⁶ VIA _{endo}	-2.2	-5.3	-2.6
² VIIIA _{exo}	30.7	36.7	33.7
⁴ VIIIA _{exo}	20.6	23.7	23.3
⁶ VIIIA _{exo}	18.3	17.6	21.6

Supplementary Table 3B. The reaction energy of formation of **A** by different SMD DFT methods in solution. Notably, the standard state correction was applied here.

B3LYP-D3	B3PW91-D3	PBE0-D3	M06-D3	M06-2X-D3
0.5	0.3	-11.5	-7.4	-6.5

Supplementary Table 4. The computed Mulliken charge of the key carbon atoms of the diene parts in the key structures for the formation of **A** in different spin states (Q: quartet; S: sextet) by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method.



		q(C1)	q(C2)	q(C3)	q(C4)
Free diene		-0.43	0.19	0.19	-0.43
TSA_{noFe}		-0.43	0.17	0.14	-0.27
TS1A_{endo}	Q	-0.42	0.20	0.16	-0.30
	S	-0.43	0.21	0.17	-0.31
III A_{endo}	Q	-0.37	0.14	0.08	-0.11
	S	-0.36	0.14	0.08	-0.11
TS2A_{endo}	Q	-0.43	0.21	0.17	-0.31
	S	-0.43	0.21	0.17	-0.32
VIA_{endo}	Q	-0.37	0.14	0.08	-0.10
	S	-0.37	0.14	0.08	-0.11

Supplementary Table 5. The computed key properties (atomic charge and orbital energy) of the key structures for the formation of **A** in different spin states (D: doublet; Q: quartet; S: sextet) by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method.

		q(Fe)/q(O)/q(C _{C=O}) ^a	q(C _{diene}) ^b	E _{LUMO,C=O}	E _{HOMO,diene}	E _{HOMO,C=O}	E _{LUMO,diene}
diene		-	-0.43/-0.43	-	-6.09 eV	-	-0.44 eV
aldehyde		-/-0.41/0.19	-	-1.62 eV	-	-6.89 eV	-
TSA_{noFe}		-/-0.49/0.10	-0.43/-0.27	-	-	-	-
IA	D	1.18/-0.45/0.21	-	-3.50 eV	-	-9.43 eV	-
	Q	1.27/-0.46/0.21	-	-3.16 eV	-	-8.18 eV	-
	S	1.39/-0.47/0.21	-	-3.29 eV	-	-8.62 eV	-
TS1A_{endo}	D	1.21/-0.55/0.07	-0.43/-0.31	-	-	-	-
	Q	1.28/-0.57/0.07	-0.42/-0.30	-	-	-	-
	S	1.39/-0.59/0.07	-0.43/-0.31	-	-	-	-
IVA	D	1.10/-0.46/0.23	-	-3.79 eV	-	-9.71 eV	-
	Q	1.16/-0.47/0.23	-	-3.60 eV	-	-9.30 eV	-
	S	1.22/-0.50/0.24	-	-3.89 eV	-	-9.72 eV	-
TS2A_{endo}	D	1.13/-0.54/0.09	-0.44/-0.32	-	-	-	-
	Q	1.18/-0.56/0.09	-0.43/-0.31	-	-	-	-
	S	1.23/-0.58/0.09	-0.43/-0.32	-	-	-	-

^a. The computed Mulliken charge of the carbonyl carbon. ^b. The computed Mulliken charge of the two terminal diene carbon atoms.

Supplementary Table 6. The computed Mulliken charge distribution on the key groups of the key structures for the formation of **A** by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 and SMD B3LYP-D3 (in parentheses) methods.

	q(diene)	q(PhCHO)	q(Fe)	q(por) ^c
TSA_{noFe}	0.23 (0.23)	-0.23 (-0.23)	N/A	N/A
⁴IA	N/A	0.15, 0.15 (0.15, 0.15)	1.27 (1.26)	-0.57 (-0.56)
⁶IA	N/A	0.18, 0.18 (0.17, 0.17)	1.39 (1.38)	-0.75 (-0.72)
⁴TS1A_{endo}	0.46 (0.41)	-0.23 ^a , 0.14 ^b (-0.18 ^a , 0.14 ^b)	1.28 (1.28)	-0.65 (-0.65)
⁶TS1A_{endo}	0.47 (0.46)	-0.20 ^a , 0.16 ^b (-0.18 ^a , 0.15 ^b)	1.39 (1.38)	-0.82 (-0.81)
⁴IIIA_{endo}	0.38 (0.38)	-0.27 ^a , 0.16 ^b (-0.27 ^a , 0.17 ^b)	1.30 (1.30)	-0.57 (-0.58)
⁶IIIA_{endo}	0.41 (0.39)	-0.27 ^a , 0.18 ^b (-0.27 ^a , 0.17 ^b)	1.42 (1.47)	-0.74 (-0.76)
⁴IVA	N/A	0.22 (0.22)	1.16 (1.17)	-0.38 (-0.39)
⁶IVA	N/A	0.25 (0.25)	1.22 (1.24)	-0.47 (-0.49)
⁴TS2A_{endo}	0.48 (0.46)	-0.16 (-0.15)	1.19 (1.19)	-0.51 (-0.50)
⁶TS2A_{endo}	0.50 (0.47)	-0.15 (-0.13)	1.23 (1.23)	-0.58 (-0.57)
⁴VIA_{endo}	0.44 (0.44)	-0.24 (-0.24)	1.22 (1.22)	-0.42 (-0.42)
⁶VIA_{endo}	0.48 (0.45)	-0.24 (-0.23)	1.29 (1.39)	-0.53 (-0.61)

^a. The group charge for the reacting PhCHO. ^b. The group charge for the nonreacting PhCHO. ^c. The group charge for the porphyrin ligand.

Supplementary Table 7. The NPA charge distribution of the key groups of the key structures for the formation of **A** in different spin states (Q: quartet; S: sextet) by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method.

		q(diene)	q(PhCHO)	q(Fe)	q(por) ^c
TSA_{noFe}		0.26	-0.26	N/A	N/A
IA	Q	N/A	0.20, 0.20	0.80	-0.20
	S	N/A	0.22, 0.22	1.11	-0.55
TS1A_{endo}	Q	0.50	-0.19 ^a , 0.17 ^b	0.77	-0.25
	S	0.52	-0.15 ^a , 0.18 ^b	1.09	-0.64
IIIA_{endo}	Q	0.40	-0.21 ^a , 0.20 ^b	0.80	-0.19
	S	0.42	-0.20 ^a , 0.22 ^b	1.10	-0.54
IVA	Q	N/A	0.24	0.91	-0.15
	S	N/A	0.26	1.25	-0.51
TS2A_{endo}	Q	0.52	-0.16	0.88	-0.24
	S	0.54	-0.16	1.22	-0.60
VIA_{endo}	Q	0.43	-0.21	0.92	-0.14
	S	0.45	-0.21	1.24	-0.48

^a. The group charge for the reacting PhCHO. ^b. The group charge for the non-reacting PhCHO. ^c. The group charge for the porphyrin ligand.

Supplementary Table 8. The computed distance of the iron atom displacement out of the porphyrin (its four N mean) plane (Δd_{4N}) of the key structures for the formation of **A** in different spin states (D: doublet; Q: quartet; S: sextet) by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 and SMD B3LYP (in parentheses) methods.

		Δd_{4N}
^aIA	D	0.00(0.00)
	Q	0.00(0.01)
	S	0.00(0.02)
^aTS1A_{endo}	D	0.04(0.05)
	Q	0.09(0.10)
	S	0.14(0.17)
^bIIIA_{endo}	D	0.04
	Q	0.02(0.02)
	S	0.05
^bIVA	D	0.21
	Q	0.19(0.16)
	S	0.35
^aTS2A_{endo}	D	0.21(0.20)
	Q	0.22(0.22)
	S	0.41(0.42)

Supplementary Table 9. The dispersion effect on the reaction barrier and reaction energy (kcal mol⁻¹) to form **A** by the SMD B3LYP-D3 (with dispersion) and SMD B3LYP (no dispersion) methods. The net approximate dispersion effect is given in parentheses. The dispersion effects on the uncatalyzed *exo*-ODA reaction are also presented for comparison. Notably, the standard state correction was applied here.

	Reaction Barrier		Reaction Energy	
	With dispersion	No dispersion	With dispersion	No dispersion
Uncatalyzed ODA Reaction				
Endo-type	37.3(-7.8)	45.1	0.5(-7.6)	8.1
Exo-type	38.5(-6.7)	45.2	-2.9(-4.7)	1.8
Fe-Catalyzed <i>endo</i>-type ODA Reaction				
6-c ⁴Fe^a	24.2(-16.9)	41.1	-2.6(-15.4)	12.8
6-c ⁶Fe^a	25.6(-16.2)	41.8	- ^c	- ^c
5-c ⁴Fe^b	24.5(-7.5)	32.0	0.4(-8.8)	9.2
5-c ⁶Fe^b	24.8(-8.3)	33.1	6.1(-7.4)	13.5

^a 6-c stands for the 6-coordinate mode pathway. ^b 5-c stands for the 5-coordinate mode pathway. ^c Not considered in our calculations.

Supplementary Table 10. The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) of the key structures for the formation of **A** in solution in the absence and presence of OEEF by the SMD B3LYP method. All computed free energies are relative to the isolated ⁴**IA** and diene without the OEEF. Notably, the standard state correction was applied here.

	No OEEF	OEEF (-0.0015 AU)	OEEF (-0.003 AU)
⁴ IIA_{endo}	6.8	5.3	4.3
⁴ TS1A_{endo}	24.2(17.4 ^a)	19.2(13.9 ^a)	16.4(12.1 ^a)
⁴ IIIA_{endo}	-2.6	-3.2	-3.7
⁴ VA_{endo}	11.5	6.8	2.6
⁴ TS2A_{endo}	24.5(13.0 ^a)	20.4(13.6)	14.8(12.2 ^a)
⁶ TS2A_{endo}	24.8(13.3 ^a)	21.7(14.9 ^a)	16.6(14.0 ^a)
⁴ VIA_{endo}	0.4	-1.0	-3.6
⁶ VIA_{endo}	6.1	3.9	0.6

^a These barrier was estimated relative to their preceding intermediate (⁴**IIA_{endo}** or ⁴**VA_{endo}**).

Supplementary Table 11. The computed Mulliken charge distribution of the key groups of the key structures for the formation of **A** in the presence of OEEF with strength of -0.0015 au and -0.003 au (in parenthesis) by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method.

	q(diene)	q(PhCHO)	q(Fe)	q(por) ^c
⁴IIA	0.01	0.15 ^a , 0.14 ^b	1.27	-0.56
	(0.02)	(0.17 ^a , 0.12 ^b)	(1.26)	(-0.56)
⁴TS1A_{endo}	0.46	-0.20 ^a , 0.12 ^b	1.27	-0.65
	(0.47)	(-0.18 ^a , 0.10 ^b)	(1.26)	(-0.65)
⁴IIIA_{endo}	0.41	-0.28 ^a , 0.14 ^b	1.30	-0.57
	(0.43)	(-0.28 ^a , 0.13 ^b)	(1.29)	(-0.58)
⁴VA	0.02	0.21	1.18	-0.41
	(0.02)	(0.23)	(1.17)	(-0.42)
⁴TS2A_{endo}	0.47	-0.14	1.18	-0.51
	(0.47)	(-0.12)	(1.17)	(-0.52)
⁶TS2A_{endo}	0.47	-0.11	1.23	-0.59
	(0.48)	(-0.08)	(1.23)	(-0.63)
⁴VIA_{endo}	0.46	-0.24	1.21	-0.42
	(0.48)	(-0.24)	(1.20)	(-0.43)
⁶VIA_{endo}	0.49	-0.24	1.29	-0.54
	(0.52)	(-0.24)	(1.27)	(-0.55)

^a. The group charge for the reacting PhCHO. ^b. The group charge for the non-reacting PhCHO. ^c. The group charge for the porphyrin ligand.

Supplementary Table 12. The main bond lengths and spin of iron for the structures to form **A** optimized in gas phase by the B3LYP-D3 method.

A		Fe-O	C-C	C-O	Fe-N _{mean}	Spin(Fe)
6-Coordinate Mode						
IIA_{endo}	D	1.96	3.16	3.34	2.00	1.04
	Q	2.19	3.18	3.28	2.00	2.88
	S	2.13	3.19	3.25	2.06	4.26
TS1A_{endo}	D	1.88	1.90	2.72	2.01	1.02
	Q	2.01	1.86	2.54	2.01	2.84
	S	1.96	1.90	2.66	2.07	4.24
IIIA_{endo}	D	1.99	1.54	1.48	2.01	1.03
	Q	2.21	1.54	1.46	2.00	2.87
	S	2.15	1.54	1.47	2.05	4.25
IIA_{exo}	D	1.96	4.19	3.62	2.01	1.05
	Q	2.22	3.44	3.25	2.01	2.88
	S	2.14	3.25	3.20	2.06	4.26
TS1A_{exo}	D	1.89	1.93	2.83	2.01	1.02
	Q	2.01	1.82	2.66	2.01	2.82
	S	1.96	1.90	2.77	2.07	4.24
IIIA_{exo}	D	2.00	1.54	1.47	2.00	1.03
	Q	2.24	1.54	1.46	2.00	2.88
	S	2.17	1.54	1.46	2.06	4.25
VIIA_{exo}	D	1.81	1.54	-	2.02	0.95
	Q	1.91	1.56	-	2.02	2.73
	S	1.85	1.57	-	2.09	4.18
5- Coordinate Mode						
VA_{endo}	D	1.95	3.09	3.25	2.00	1.14
	Q	2.07	3.14	3.24	2.00	2.84
	S	2.02	3.08	3.18	2.06	4.18
TS2A_{endo}	D	1.85	1.94	2.77	2.00	1.09
	Q	1.95	1.89	2.64	2.01	2.79
	S	1.92	1.89	2.78	2.08	4.17
VIA_{endo}	D	1.97	1.54	1.48	2.00	1.14
	Q	2.09	1.54	1.46	2.01	2.84
	S	2.04	1.54	1.47	2.06	4.17
VA_{exo}	D	1.96	4.19	3.62	2.00	1.05
	Q	2.22	3.44	3.25	2.00	2.88
	S	2.14	3.25	3.20	2.07	4.26
TS2A_{exo}	D	1.89	1.93	2.83	2.00	1.02
	Q	1.95	1.90	2.75	2.01	2.82

	S	1.96	1.90	2.77	2.08	4.24
VIA_{exo}	D	2.00	1.54	1.47	2.01	1.03
	Q	2.12	1.54	1.47	1.99	2.88
	S	2.17	1.54	1.46	2.07	4.25
VIIIA_{exo}	D	1.79	1.54	-	2.01	1.02
	Q	1.83	1.57	-	2.02	2.69
	S	1.83	1.54	-	2.09	4.14

Supplementary Table 13. Experimental results of KIE for the formation of A .

Entry	Product (mmol)	Yield (%)	Conversion (%)	KIE
1	0.281	48	60	0.918
2	0.271	45	60	0.924
3	0.271	46	59	0.936

The average value of KIE is 0.926, with a standard deviation of 0.007. (95% confidence interval: ± 0.008).

Supplementary Table 14. Computed secondary deuterium (k_H/k_D) KIE and EIE results for the formation of A in quartet (Q) and sextet (S) states optimized by other DFT methods and SMD method in solution at 353.15 K.

	B3LYP-D3	PBE0-D3	B3PW91-D3
EIE			
⁴IA → ⁴IVA	1.069	1.082	1.080
KIE			
⁴TS1A_{endo}	0.905	0.902	0.918 ^b
⁶TS1A_{endo}	0.902	0.887	0.914
⁴TS2A_{endo}	0.985	0.975	0.992
⁶TS2A_{endo}	N/A ^a	0.950	0.972
	M06-L	B3LYP*-D3	OLYP-D3
EIE			
⁴IA → ⁴IVA	1.103	1.068	1.079
KIE			
⁴TS1A_{endo}	0.900	0.877	0.888
⁶TS1A_{endo}	0.880	0.877	0.887
⁴TS2A_{endo}	0.951 ^c	0.975	0.951
⁶TS2A_{endo}	0.934	0.962	N/A ^a

^a. A significant numerical problem was found. ^b. One additional small imaginary frequency (-6.96) exists. ^c. One additional small imaginary frequency (-10.92) exists.

Supplementary Table 15. The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) for the transition states to form **A** in the doublet and quartet states catalyzed by the cationic Ru porphyrin complex in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method. Notably, the standard state correction was applied here.

IA_{Ru}	D	0.0
	Q	40.1
TS1A_{endo,Ru}	D	23.5
	Q	59.4
TS1A_{exo,Ru}	D	24.6

Supplementary Table 16. The relative energies (in kcal mol⁻¹ at 298.15 K) of the key structures to form **A** with replacing one PhCHO ligand by 5-methyl-1H-imidazole (his) ligand (see Supplementary Figure 9) in diethylether solution^a by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method. Notably, the standard state correction was applied here.

	$\Delta E_{\text{ZPE}}/\Delta G^b$	$\Delta E_{\text{ZPE-PBE0}}^c$	$\Delta E_{\text{ZPE-}\omega\text{B97XD}}^d$
² IA_{his}	0.9/4.0	3.1	-1.0
⁴ IA_{his}	0.0/0.0	0.0	0.0
⁶ IA_{his}	4.8/4.8	-0.3	3.9
² TS1A_{endo, his}	7.5/22.6	8.0	5.3
⁴ TS1A_{endo, his}	9.3/21.7	7.5	9.6
⁶ TS1A_{endo, his}	11.8/24.8	5.1	10.9
² IIIA_{endo, his}	-16.3/-0.2	-22.3	-26.8
⁴ IIIA_{endo, his}	-20.6/-6.7	-28.8	-28.7
⁶ IIIA_{endo, his}	-15.3/-1.7	-28.5	-24.2

^a. Diethylether (its dielectric constant of ~4.2) was used to mimics hydrophobic enzymatic environment. ^b. These results were obtained by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method. ^c. These results were obtained by the SMD PBE0-D3//SMD B3LYP-D3 method. ^d. These results were obtained by the SMD ω B97XD//SMD B3LYP-D3 method.

Supplementary Table 17. The relative free (electronic) energies (in kcal mol⁻¹ at 298.15 K) of the cationic Fe(III) complexes with replacing PhCHO by acetone (see Supplementary Figure 10) in acetone solution by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method and other methods based on the SMD B3LYP-D3 optimized structures.

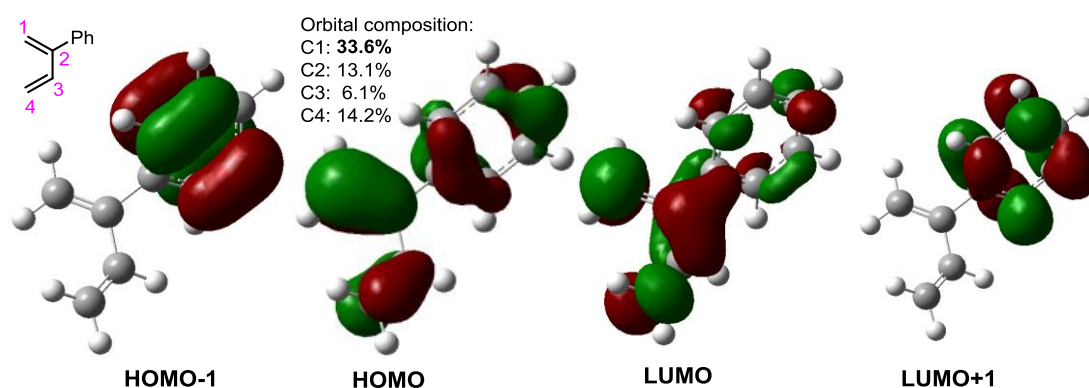
	B3LYP-D3	LCCSD(T)^a (ΔE)	LCCSD(T)^b ΔG	PBE0-D3	B3PW91-D3
²IG	13.9	-	-	16.1	14.4
⁴IG	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0
⁶IG	6.4	(-10.4)	-11.8	1.3	4.9
²IG_{4Ph}	13.4	-	-	17.1	14.7
⁴IG_{4Ph}	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0
⁶IG_{4Ph}	5.8	-	-	0.8	4.5
	PW6B95D3	M06L	OLYP-D3	OPBE-D3	wB97XD
²IG	14.8	12.9	16.8	16.0	11.6
⁴IG	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
⁶IG	4.4	-3.8	6.6	5.5	5.4
²IG_{4Ph}	16.3	16.1	13.9	14.9	14.8
⁴IG_{4Ph}	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
⁶IG_{4Ph}	4.1	-4.4	6.3	5.3	5.4

^aThe relative electronic energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) in gas phase based on the SMD B3LYP-D3-optimized structures. ^b The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) in solution based on the SMD B3LYP-D3 method.

Supplementary Table 18. The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) of the transition states (the most favorable ones highlighted in blue) to form **B** in solution by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 and SMD B3LYP-D3 (in parenthesis) methods. Notably, the standard state correction was not applied here.

B	coordinate	TS	Doublet	Quartet	Sextet
<i>para</i>	6-c	TS1B_{endo-p}	27.6	20.1(23.6)	22.5
		TS1B' _{endo-p}	-	21.3	-
		TS1B _{exo-p}	30.1	21.3	23.9
		TS1B' _{exo-p}	-	21.2	-
	5-c	TS2B_{endo-p}	32.2	19.3(21.5)	21.6(23.5)
		TS2B' _{endo-p}	33.3	21.0(24.2)	23.9
		TS2B _{exo-p}	33.0	20.3	20.8
		TS2B' _{exo-p}	-	20.7	-
<i>meta</i>	6-c	TS1B_{endo-m}	-	26.4(27.4)	-
		TS1B' _{endo-m}	34.7	27.0	30.4
		TS1B _{exo-m}	36.8	27.2	30.1
		TS1B' _{exo-m}	-	29.7	-
	5-c	TS2B _{endo-m}	40.0	28.1	29.9
		TS2B' _{endo-m}	-	26.7	-
		TS2B_{exo-m}	39.5	26.1(25.6)	28.4
		TS2B' _{exo-m}	-	28.5	-

Supplementary Table 19. The computed Mulliken charge and orbital analysis of the diene part in the key structures to form **B** in different spin states (Q: quartet; S: sextet) by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method.



		q(C1)	q(C2)	q(C3)	q(C4)
Free diene		-0.42	0.14	-0.11	-0.37
TS2B _{endo-p}	Q	-0.44	0.18	-0.13	-0.28
	S	-0.45	0.18	-0.13	-0.29
TS2B _{exo-m}	Q	-0.30	0.13	-0.07	-0.38
	S	-0.31	0.13	-0.07	-0.38

Supplementary Table 20. The main bond lengths and spin of iron for the structures to form **B** optimized in gas phase by the B3LYP-D3 method. (D: doublet; Q: quartet; S: sextet)

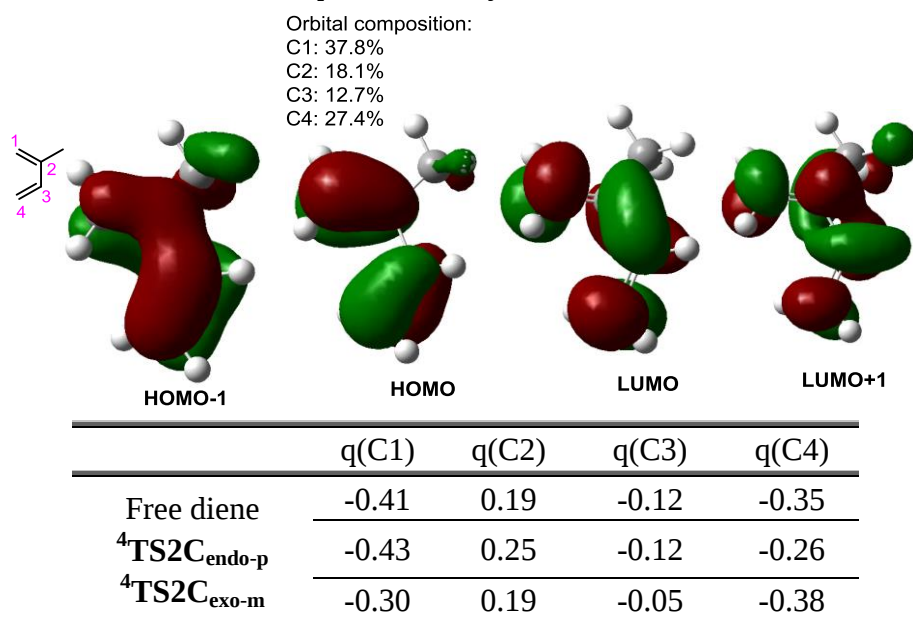
B		Fe-O	C-C	C-O	Spin(Fe)
<i>para-product</i>					
IIB_{endo-p}	D	1.95	2.98	3.46	1.04
	Q	2.18	3.04	3.39	2.88
	S	2.12	3.56	4.17	4.26
TS1B_{endo-p}	D	1.88	1.92	2.86	1.02
	Q	2.00	1.86	2.69	2.82
	S	1.95	1.94	2.83	4.24
IIIB_{endo-p}	D	1.99	1.54	1.48	1.03
	Q	2.22	1.54	1.46	2.87
	S	2.16	1.54	1.47	4.25
TS1B'_{endo-p}	Q	2.02	1.94	2.65	2.83
IIB_{exo-p}	D	1.97	3.81	3.96	1.04
	Q	2.21	3.67	3.24	2.88
	S	2.15	3.37	3.12	4.26
TS1B_{exo-p}	D	1.89	2.00	2.82	1.02
	Q	2.02	1.91	2.70	2.83
	S	1.97	1.97	2.77	4.24
IIIB_{exo-p}	D	2.00	1.55	1.48	1.04
	Q	2.25	1.55	1.46	2.88
	S	2.19	1.55	1.47	4.25
TS1B'_{exo-p}	Q	2.00	1.89	2.72	2.83
VB'_{endo-p}	D	1.93	3.24	3.73	1.17
	Q	2.07	3.09	3.53	2.84
	S	2.01	3.05	3.54	4.18
TS2B'_{endo-p}	D	1.87	2.07	2.74	1.10
	Q	1.96	2.00	2.71	2.79
	S	1.91	2.04	2.77	4.16
VIB'_{endo-p}	D	1.97	1.54	1.49	1.14
	Q	2.10	1.54	1.48	2.84
	S	2.04	1.54	1.49	4.17
VB_{endo-p}	Q	2.06	3.10	3.51	2.85
TS2B_{endo-p}	D	1.88	2.00	2.76	1.10
	Q	1.95	1.93	2.77	2.79
	S	1.91	2.06	2.79	4.16

VIB_{endo-p}	Q	2.09	1.54	1.48	2.84
VB_{exo-p}	D	1.92	4.44	3.86	1.19
	Q	2.08	4.38	3.94	2.84
	S	2.02	4.31	3.85	4.18
TS2B_{exo-p}	D	1.88	2.04	2.80	1.11
	Q	1.95	1.95	2.77	2.78
	S	1.91	2.01	2.83	4.17
VIB_{exo-p}	D	1.99	1.54	1.48	1.14
	Q	2.12	1.54	1.47	2.84
	S	2.06	1.54	1.48	4.17
TS2B'_{exo-p}	Q	1.97	1.96	2.77	2.79

<i>meta-product</i>					
TS1B_{endo-m}	Q	2.04	1.91	2.38	2.85
IIB'_{endo-m}	D	1.96	3.47	4.34	1.05
	Q	2.18	3.29	4.23	2.88
	S	2.11	3.22	4.01	4.26
TS1B'_{endo-m}	D	1.88	1.87	2.55	1.02
	Q	2.05	1.93	2.30	2.85
	S	1.97	1.89	2.40	4.24
IIIB'_{endo-m}	D	1.99	1.55	1.48	1.03
	Q	2.22	1.55	1.46	2.87
	S	2.16	1.55	1.47	4.25
IIB_{exo-m}	D	1.95	4.25	3.50	1.05
	Q	2.23	3.14	3.45	2.89
	S	2.15	3.17	3.50	4.26
TS1B_{exo-m}	D	1.90	1.85	2.67	1.02
	Q	2.06	1.86	2.42	2.85
	S	1.98	1.84	2.56	4.24
IIIB_{exo-m}	D	2.01	1.55	1.47	1.04
	Q	2.25	1.55	1.45	2.88
	S	2.23	1.55	1.46	4.25
TS1B'_{exo-m}	Q	2.04	1.81	2.49	2.84
VB_{endo-m}	D	1.95	3.24	5.33	1.25
	Q	2.10	3.28	5.42	2.84
	S	2.04	3.23	5.40	4.17
TS2B_{endo-m}	D	1.87	1.93	2.59	1.10

VIB_{endo-m}	Q	1.98	1.88	2.47	2.80
	S	1.92	1.86	2.63	4.16
	D	2.00	1.55	1.47	1.14
	Q	2.12	1.55	1.47	2.84
	S	2.05	1.55	1.47	4.17
TS2B'_{endo-m}	Q	1.96	1.87	2.49	2.80
VB_{exo-m}	D	1.95	4.18	3.45	1.21
	Q	2.07	3.09	3.43	2.84
	S	2.01	3.07	3.43	4.16
TS2B_{exo-m}	D	1.88	1.90	2.70	1.12
	Q	1.97	1.86	2.53	2.80
	S	1.92	1.86	2.67	4.17
VIB_{exo-m}	D	2.24	1.55	1.47	2.00
	Q	2.15	1.54	1.46	2.85
	S	2.07	1.54	1.47	4.17
TS2B'_{exo-m}	Q	1.96	1.82	2.60	2.78

Supplementary Table 21. The computed Mulliken charge and orbital analysis of the diene of the key structures to form **C** in the quartet state by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method.



Supplementary Table 22. The main bond lengths and spin of iron for the key structures in the quartet state to form **C** optimized in gas phase by the B3LYP-D3 method.

C	Fe-O	C-C	C-O	Spin(Fe)
HC_{endo-p}	2.22	3.04	3.07	2.89
TS1C_{endo-p}	2.01	1.86	2.56	2.84
HC_{endo-p}	2.22	1.54	1.45	2.88
TS2C_{endo-p}	1.95	1.88	2.67	2.79
TS1C_{exo-p}	2.01	1.81	2.64	2.88

Supplementary Table 23. The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) of the key structures (the favorable ones highlighted in blue) to form **D** in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 and SMD B3LYP-D3 (in parenthesis) methods. Notably, the standard state correction was not applied here.

D			Quartet	Sextet
cis	6-c	TS1D_{endo-cis-p}	17.5(17.7)	19.2
		TS1D_{exo-cis-p}	24.2	-
	5-c	TS2D_{endo-cis-p}	17.0(18.2)	19.0(21.8)
trans	6-c	TS1D_{endo-trans-p}	25.2	-
		TS1D_{exo-trans-p}	18.1(21.3)	21.0
	5-c	TS2D_{exo-trans-p}	17.8(20.0)	18.9(20.5)
Stepwise pathway				
cis	5-c	TS2D_{cc-endo-cis-p}	16.6(19.9)	18.1(21.3)
		TS2D_{co-endo-cis-p}	17.3(19.1)	17.9
trans	5-c	TS2D_{cc-exo-trans-p}	18.5(19.8)	19.2(20.1)
		TS2D_{co-exo-trans-p}	18.2	18.5

Supplementary Table 24. The main bond lengths (in angstrom) and spin of iron of the key structures to form **D** optimized in gas phase by the B3LYP-D3 method. (Q: quartet; S: sextet)

D		Fe-O	C-C	C-O	Spin(Fe)
IID_{endo-cis-p}	Q	2.18	3.00	3.30	2.87
TS1D_{endo-cis-p}	Q	2.02	1.92	2.75	2.83
	S	1.97	1.97	2.83	4.24
IID_{endo-cis-p}	Q	2.33	1.54	1.48	2.83
TS2D_{endo-cis-p}	Q	1.97	1.96	2.82	2.78
	S	1.93	2.02	2.87	4.17
IID_{exo-trans-p}	Q	2.18	4.17	5.10	2.88
TS1D_{exo-trans-p}	Q	2.04	1.94	2.81	2.83
	S	1.98	2.01	2.85	4.24
IID_{exo-trans-p}	Q	2.39	1.56	1.47	2.88
TS2D_{exo-trans-p}	Q	1.97	2.02	2.88	2.80
	S	1.92	2.13	2.86	4.16

Supplementary Table 25. The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) of the key structures (reaction with the C=O or C=C bond) to form **E1O** or **E1C** in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 and SMD B3LYP-D3 (in parenthesis) methods. (p: The *para* position of the benzene ring relative to oxygen) The intermediates with the carbon-carbon bond forming in the stepwise process are marked in gray. The favorable structures are highlighted in blue. Notably, the standard state correction was not applied here.

E1			Quartet	Sextet
Reaction with the C=O bond	6-c	TS1E1O_{endo-cis-p}	23.4(25.1)[1.6 ^a]	25.4
		VIIIE1O_{endo-cis-p}	(26.7)	(26.4)
		TS1E1O_{endo-trans-p}	-	31.1
		TS1E1O_{exo-cis-p}	29.2	29.9
		TS1E1O_{exo-trans-p}	24.4	26.9
	5-c	TS2E1O_{endo-cis-p}	24.2(24.5)	25.4
Reaction with the C=C bond	6-c	TS1E1C_{endo-cis-p}	27.8	30.2
		TS1E1C_{endo-trans-p}	34.1	(39.0)
		TS1E1C_{exo-cis-p}	34.8	37.5
		TS1E1C_{exo-trans-p}	25.6(28.6)[-5.1 ^a]	29.6
		VIIIE1C_{exo-trans-p}	(32.4)	33.3(39.0)
	5-c	TS2E1C_{exo-trans-p}	27.8(29.3)	30.5

^a. Reaction energies

Supplementary Table 26. The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) of the less favorable *meta*-type transition states to form **E1C** in the quartet state in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3. (m: The *meta* position of the benzene ring relative to oxygen) Notably, the standard state correction was not applied here.

E1			Quartet
Reaction with C=C	6-c	TS1E1C_{endo-cis-m}	34.2
		TS1E1C_{endo-trans-m}	39.3
		TS1E1C_{exo-cis-m}	40.1
		TS1E1C_{exo-trans-m}	35.9
	5-c	TS2E1C_{endo-cis-m}	35.3
		TS2E1C_{endo-trans-m}	41.0
		TS2E1C_{exo-cis-m}	43.3
		TS2E1C_{exo-trans-m}	38.5

Supplementary Table 27. The main bond lengths (in angstrom) and spin of iron for the key structures to form **E1O** and **E1C** optimized in gas phase by the B3LYP-D3 method. (Q: quartet; S: sextet)

E1		Fe-O	C-C	C-O	Spin(Fe)
Reaction with the C=O bond					
II E1O _{endo-cis-p}	Q	2.17	3.11	3.28	2.87
TS1 E1O _{endo-cis-p}	Q	2.01	1.84	2.76	2.81
	S	1.96	1.90	2.86	4.23
III E1O _{endo-cis-p}	Q	2.25	1.53	1.45	2.87
TS2 E1O _{endo-cis-p}	Q	1.96	1.90	2.90	2.78
	S	1.96	1.90	2.86	4.23
TS1 E1O _{exo-trans-p}	Q	2.03	1.93	2.74	2.82
	S	1.97	1.99	2.85	4.23
Reaction with the C=C bond					
				C-C	
TS1 E1C _{endo-cis-p}	Q	2.08	2.04	2.96	2.85
	S	1.99	2.05	3.07	4.24
II E1C _{exo-trans-p}	Q	2.17	4.09	3.99	2.87
TS1 E1C _{exo-trans-p}	Q	2.08	2.03	2.86	2.84
	S	2.04	2.05	2.92	4.25
III E1C _{exo-trans-p}	Q	2.23	1.55	1.56	2.87
TS2 E1C _{exo-trans-p}	Q	2.00	2.06	2.95	2.81
	S	2.02	2.05	2.92	4.25

Supplementary Table 28. The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) of the key structures (via reaction with the C=O or C=C bond) to form **E2O** or **E2C** in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 and SMD B3LYP-D3 (in parenthesis) methods. (p: The *para* position of the benzene ring relative to oxygen). The favorable structures are highlighted in blue. Notably, the standard state correction was not applied here.

E2			Quartet	Sextet
Reaction with the C=O bond	6-c	TS1 E2O _{endo-cis-p}	20.7(22.7)[-3.3 ^a]	22.9
		TS1 E2O _{exo-trans-p}	21.0[3.1 ^a]	24.1
	5-c	TS2 E2O _{endo-cis-p}	18.7(18.3)	20.8
Reaction with the C=C bond	6-c	TS1 E2C _{endo-cis-p}	16.0(18.1)[-16.0 ^a]	19.9
		TS1 E2C _{exo-trans-p}	16.1(18.2)[-15.9 ^a]	19.7
	5-c	TS2 E2C _{endo-cis-p}	17.8(16.2)	18.0
Stepwise-TS				
Reaction with the C=O bond	5-c	TS2 E2O _{cc-endo-cis-p}	19.7(19.7)	20.9
		TS2 E2O _{co-endo-cis-p}	19.8(19.3)	19.9
Reaction with	5-c	TS2 E2C _{cc1-endo-cis-p}	18.8(20.9)	20.7

the C=C bond		TS2E2C_{cc2-endo-cis-p}	-	8.5
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^a. Reaction energies

Supplementary Table 29. The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) of the less favorable *meta*-type transition states (via reaction with the C=C bond) to form **E2C** in the quartet state in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3. (m: The *meta* position of the benzene ring relative to oxygen) Notably, the standard state correction was not applied here.

E2			Quartet
Reaction with the C=C bond	6-c	TS1E2C_{endo-cis-m}	24.1
		TS1E2C_{endo-trans-m}	26.9
		TS1E2C_{exo-cis-m}	27.9
		TS1E2C_{exo-trans-m}	22.8
	5-c	TS2E2C_{endo-cis-m}	21.4
		TS2E2C_{endo-trans-m}	26.3
		TS2E2C_{exo-cis-m}	28.0
		TS2E2C_{exo-trans-m}	25.5

Supplementary Table 30. The main bond lengths (in angstrom) and spin of iron for the structures to form **E2O** or **E2C** optimized in gas phase by the B3LYP-D3 method. (Q: quartet; S: sextet)

E2		Fe-O	C-C	C-O	Spin(Fe)
Reaction with the C=O bond					
TS1E2O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	2.03	1.90	2.81	2.82
	S	1.98	1.97	2.88	4.24
IIIE2O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	2.19	1.53	1.46	2.88
TS2E2O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	1.98	1.96	2.85	2.78
	S	1.94	2.03	2.90	4.17
TS1E2O_{exo-trans-p}	Q	2.04	1.96	2.77	2.83
	S	1.99	2.04	2.86	4.24
IIIE2O_{exo-trans-p}	Q	2.35	1.50	1.46	2.88
Reaction with the C=C bond					
				C-C	
TS1E2C_{endo-cis-p}	Q	2.10	2.12	3.06	2.87
	S	2.02	2.16	3.20	4.25
IIIE2C_{endo-cis-p}	Q	2.24	1.57	1.51	2.88
TS2E2C_{endo-cis-p}	Q	2.02	2.18	3.17	2.82
	S	1.97	2.27	3.27	4.17
TS1E2C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	2.10	2.12	2.91	2.86
	S	2.04	2.18	2.97	4.25
IIIE2C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	2.23	1.59	1.54	2.88

Supplementary Table 31. The relative free energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) of the key transition states (the favorable structures highlighted in blue) to form **F** in solution at 353.15 K by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method. Notably, the standard state correction was applied here.

F			Quartet	Sextet
	6-c	TS1F₁	28.3	29.2
		TS1F₂	29.1	28.7
	5-c	TS2F₁	28.4	27.1
		TS2F₂	28.8	27.4

Supplementary Table 32. The main bond lengths (in angstrom) and spin of iron of the transition states to form **F** optimized in gas phase by the B3LYP-D3 method. (Q: quartet; S: sextet)

F		Fe-O	C-C	C-O	Spin(Fe)
TS1F₁	Q	1.99	1.89	2.96	2.81
	S	1.93	1.99	3.00	4.21
TS1F₂	Q	1.99	1.85	2.97	2.80
	S	1.93	1.97	3.02	4.22
TS2F₁	Q	1.95	1.95	2.98	2.76
	S	1.89	2.04	2.99	4.15
TS2F₂	Q	1.94	1.93	3.00	2.76
	S	1.88	2.02	3.02	4.15

Supplementary Table 33. Comparison of the number of the trajectories (N) and the productive trajectories (N_p), average time of the product formation (T_f, fs) and time gap of the two bond formation (T_g, fs) for the uncatalyzed and Fe-catalyzed *endo*-ODA reaction in the gas phase, solution (in parenthesis) and solution in the presence of an OEEF (with strength of -0.003 au, in square brackets) by the B3LYP-D3 and SMD B3LYP-D3 methods.

	N			N _p			T _f (fs)			T _g (fs)		
	Gas	Soln	Soln+O EEF	Gas	Soln	Soln+ OEEF	Gas	Soln	Soln+ OEEF	Gas	Soln	Soln+ OEEF
Uncatalyzed	100	100	--	97	98	--	32	34	--	5	6	--
Fe-Catalyzed Reaction												
6-c ⁴ Fe ^a	100	130	130	71	73	63	87	103	220	40	50	174
5-c ⁴ Fe ^b	130	130	130	71	72	50 ^c	123	151	276 ^c	59	98	235 ^c
5-c ⁶ Fe ^b	100	130	130	35	76	34 ^d	182	240	452 ^d	103	199	414 ^d

^a. 6-c stands for the 6-coordinate mode pathway. ^b. 5-c stands for the 5-coordinate mode pathway. ^c. one trajectory does not form the C-O bond (<1.6 Å) after 900 fs, and thus the time should be longer than this value. ^d. 16 trajectories do not form the C-O bond (<1.6 Å) after 900 fs, and thus the time should be much longer than this value.

Supplementary Table 34. Percentage (%) of dynamics stepwise trajectories for each reactions in gas phase, solution (Soln) and solution phase in the presence of an OEEF.

Reaction	Gas (%)	Soln (%)	Soln+OEEF (%)
Uncatalyzed	0	0	--
6-c $^4\text{Fe}^a$	21	26	86
5-c $^4\text{Fe}^b$	39	54	88
5-c $^6\text{Fe}^b$	74	87	96

^a6-c stands for the 6-coordinate mode pathway. ^b5-c stands for the 5-coordinate mode pathway.

Supplementary Table 35. The absolute and relative energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) for the distortion and interaction of the key transition states by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method. (Q: quartet; S: sextet)

		$E^{\ddagger}_{\text{dist,ML}}$	$E^{\ddagger}_{\text{dist,diene}}$	$\Delta E^{\ddagger}$	$\Delta E^{\ddagger}_{\text{dist,ML}}$	$\Delta E^{\ddagger}_{\text{dist,diene}}$	$\Delta E^{\ddagger}_{\text{int}}$
TS1A _{endo}	Q	-2943.317981	-234.612128	4.8	22.0	18.5	35.6
	S	-2943.308346	-234.617145	1.4	20.5	15.3	34.5
TS1A _{exo}	Q	-2943.313848	-234.613599	4.4	24.6	17.6	37.8
	S	-2943.307408	-234.620220	1.1	21.1	13.4	33.4
TS2A _{endo}	Q	-2597.702489	-234.616019	1.9	20.4	16.0	34.5
	S	-2597.691312	-234.617414	-1.8	20.1	15.2	37.1
TS2A _{exo}	Q	-2597.701905	-234.619633	1.5	20.8	13.8	33.1
	S	-2597.694388	-234.623081	-2.3	18.2	11.6	32.1
TS1B _{endo-p}	Q	-2943.318995	-387.046755	2.0	21.4	14.5	33.8
	S	-2943.310688	-387.050964	-1.1	19.0	11.9	32.0
TS2B _{endo-p}	Q	-2597.707666	-387.049202	-0.8	17.2	13.0	31.0
	S	-2597.698087	-387.051239	-4.7	15.9	11.7	32.3
TS1B _{endo-m}	Q	-2943.321036	-387.039420	7.1	20.1	19.1	32.1
TS2B _{exo-m}	Q	-2597.698778	-387.046919	3.2	22.7	14.4	33.9
	S	-2597.687897	-387.045807	-0.2	22.3	15.1	37.5
TS1C _{endo-p}	Q	-2943.317600	-195.290965	5.9	22.2	19.2	35.5
TS2C _{endo-p}	Q	-2597.701114	-195.295656	2.6	21.3	16.2	34.9
TS1D _{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2943.322350	-426.372917	-2.0	19.3	12.9	34.2
	S	-2943.312654	-426.375301	-5.4	17.8	11.4	34.6
TS2D _{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2597.706671	-426.374632	-5.2	17.8	11.8	34.8
	S	-2597.697900	-426.376533	-8.8	16.0	10.6	35.4
TS1D _{exo-trans-p}	Q	-2943.323281	-426.374476	-1.2	18.7	11.9	31.8
	S	-2943.313907	-426.377585	-4.5	17.0	10.0	31.5
TS2D _{exo-trans-p}	Q	-2597.707361	-426.378237	-4.8	17.4	9.6	31.7
	S	-2597.703015	-426.382000	-9.0	12.8	7.2	28.9

TS1E1O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2793.273655	-426.368967	2.7	24.0	15.4	36.7
	S	-2793.266505	-426.372727	-1.1	21.6	13.0	35.7
TS2E1O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2522.681683	-426.371975	-1.0	21.3	13.5	35.8
	S	-2522.674688	-426.374860	-5.7	18.4	11.7	35.8
TS1E1C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-2793.284808	-426.370217	4.4	17.0	14.6	27.2
	S	-2793.274341	-426.372309	2.3	16.7	13.3	27.7
TS2E1C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-2522.689922	-426.372523	1.8	16.1	13.1	27.4
	S	-2522.681373	-426.375649	-1.6	14.2	11.2	27.0
TS1E2O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2635.972961	-426.372519	1.0	22.1	13.1	34.2
	S	-2635.964033	-426.375933	-2.8	19.9	11.0	33.7
TS2E2O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2444.031843	-426.375249	-2.7	19.2	11.4	33.3
	S	-2444.022872	-426.377555	-7.5	16.7	10.0	34.2
TS1E2C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-2635.983079	-426.377111	-3.3	15.7	10.3	29.3
	S	-2635.994167	-426.379783	-5.2	1.0	8.6	14.8
TS2E2C_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2444.047982	-426.380982	-6.4	9.1	7.8	23.3
	S	-2444.038952	-426.383612	-10.7	6.6	6.2	23.5
TS1F₁	Q	-2871.942895	-426.371463	8.6	29.5	13.8	34.7
	S	-2871.934178	-426.376776	2.7	25.9	10.5	33.7
TS2F₁	Q	-2562.011133	-426.373733	4.4	27.2	12.4	35.1
	S	-2562.004712	-426.376776	-1.8	23.9	10.5	36.3

Supplementary Table 36. The absolute energies (in Hartree) of the optimized structures to form **A** by the B3LYP-D3 method. (D: doublet; Q: quartet; S: sextet)

A		E	E+ZPE	G	E_{soln}	G(80°C)
C₆H₁₀		-234.636726	-234.493747	-234.523969	-234.641577	-234.531228
PhCHO		-345.581538	-345.471263	-345.501762	-345.591491	-345.508927
6-Coordinate mode						
IA	D	-2943.279196	-2942.776879	-2942.842978	-2943.343568	-2942.862383
	Q	-2943.289382	-2942.789111	-2942.858994	-2943.353050	-2942.879289
	S	-2943.277375	-2942.778881	-2942.849062	-2943.341033	-2942.869460
IVA	D	-2597.651090	-2597.262097	-2597.318421	-2597.713191	-2597.334436
	Q	-2597.673519	-2597.284741	-2597.343099	-2597.735012	-2597.359525
	S	-2597.661562	-2597.274551	-2597.334148	-2597.723399	-2597.350867
IIA_{endo}	D	-3177.933627	-3177.287084	-3177.363595	-3177.998743	-3177.386776
	Q	-3177.944507	-3177.300078	-3177.380724	-3178.009762	-3177.404872
	S	-3177.933311	-3177.290512	-3177.371152	-3177.998246	-3177.395333
TS1A_{endo}	D	-3177.916460	-3177.269442	-3177.343925	-3177.981292	-3177.366444
	Q	-3177.921773	-3177.276385	-3177.354635	-3177.986910	-3177.377988
	S	-3177.914715	-3177.271311	-3177.349892	-3177.980423	-3177.373393
IIIA_{endo}	D	-3177.957341	-3177.304992	-3177.376748	-3178.022187	-3177.398610
	Q	-3177.970326	-3177.320232	-3177.396524	-3178.035516	-3177.419435
	S	-3177.958308	-3177.309862	-3177.386096	-3178.023565	-3177.409036
IIA_{exo}	D	-3177.930531	-3177.284483	-3177.361483	-3177.995618	-3177.384805
	Q	-3177.941608	-3177.297358	-3177.379130	-3178.007010	-3177.403510
	S	-3177.929655	-3177.287241	-3177.369547	-3177.994995	-3177.394078
TS1A_{exo}	D	-3177.916672	-3177.269512	-3177.341832	-3177.980508	-3177.363910
	Q	-3177.922776	-3177.277085	-3177.352826	-3177.987664	-3177.375678
	S	-3177.916116	-3177.272339	-3177.349151	-3177.980913	-3177.372284
IIIA_{exo}	D	-3177.956226	-3177.303622	-3177.374700	-3178.020572	-3177.396413
	Q	-3177.970949	-3177.320496	-3177.396050	-3178.035957	-3177.418795
	S	-3177.958644	-3177.309913	-3177.385427	-3178.023389	-3177.408210
VIIA_{exo}	D	-3177.916651	-3177.267604	-3177.339323	-3177.981401	-3177.361271
	Q	-3177.913551	-3177.267421	-3177.344633	-3177.979230	-3177.369456
	S	-3177.914643	-3177.270724	-3177.346542	-3177.980466	-3177.369424
5-Coordinate mode						
VA_{endo}	D	-2832.307678	-2831.774322	-2831.840473	-2832.369866	-2831.860135
	Q	-2832.329140	-2831.796198	-2831.865033	-2832.391594	-2831.885251
	S	-2832.318081	-2831.786833	-2831.856636	-2832.380298	-2831.877087
TS2A_{endo}	D	-2832.292594	-2831.758672	-2831.821484	-2832.355581	-2831.840079
	Q	-2832.310540	-2831.776881	-2831.843131	-2832.373524	-2831.862563
	S	-2832.304309	-2831.772019	-2831.838251	-2832.367797	-2831.857736

VIA_{endo}	D	-2832.331752	-2831.792981	-2831.855530	-2832.394338	-2831.874128
	Q	-2832.353966	-2831.815335	-2831.879361	-2832.417076	-2831.898258
	S	-2832.341900	-2831.805333	-2831.867504	-2832.405194	-2831.886001
VA_{exo}	D	-2832.304355	-2831.771630	-2831.838918	-2832.359910	-2831.857822
	Q	-2832.326006	-2831.793546	-2831.862927	-2832.388817	-2831.883298
	S	-2832.315738	-2831.784760	-2831.855680	-2832.378023	-2831.876365
TS2A_{exo}	D	-2832.294327	-2831.760225	-2831.822837	-2832.356038	-2831.841534
	Q	-2832.312278	-2831.778600	-2831.843284	-2832.374209	-2831.862408
	S	-2832.306076	-2831.774144	-2831.840493	-2832.368645	-2831.860009
VIA_{exo}	D	-2832.329557	-2831.793727	-2831.857359	-2832.391556	-2831.876268
	Q	-2832.354906	-2831.816160	-2831.879352	-2832.417349	-2831.898075
	S	-2832.343792	-2831.806974	-2831.870546	-2832.406067	-2831.889418
VIIIA_{exo}	D	-2832.297263	-2831.760963	-2831.822158	-2832.360621	-2831.840546
	Q	-2832.306274	-2831.771235	-2831.835253	-2832.369728	-2831.855850
	S	-2832.307165	-2831.772925	-2831.837666	-2832.371297	-2831.856847

Supplementary Table 37. The absolute single-point energies (in Hartree) of the B3LYP-optimized structures to form **A** in solution by other DFT methods and SMD method. (D: doublet; Q: quartet; S: sextet)

A		B3PW91-D3	PBE0-D3	ωB97XD
C₆H₁₀		-234.553068	-234.338147	-234.550734
PhCHO		-345.457767	-345.184015	-345.462792
IA	D	-2942.657723	-2941.125054	-2942.676089
	Q	-2942.667932	-2941.138689	-2942.683188
	S	-2942.658120	-2941.134518	-2942.672340
TS1A_{endo}	D	-3177.213991	-3175.462347	-3177.224337
	Q	-3177.220958	-3175.472038	-3177.226674
	S	-3177.216141	-3175.473370	-3177.221529
IIIA_{endo}	D	-3177.261849	-3175.513501	-3177.277307
	Q	-3177.275799	-3175.530618	-3177.287448
	S	-3177.266027	-3175.526290	-3177.276561
VIIA_{exo}	D	-3177.216427	-3175.462807	-3177.225943
	Q	-3177.214293	-3175.464204	-3177.220803
	S	-3177.218094	-3175.473718	-3177.222972
IVA	D	-2597.159780	-2595.901497	-2597.172023
	Q	-2597.183278	-2595.928032	-2597.195244
	S	-2597.172896	-2595.922966	-2597.185001
TS2A_{endo}	D	-2831.720165	-2830.241838	-2831.724016
	Q	-2831.739999	-2830.266050	-2831.743066
	S	-2831.736062	-2830.267649	-2831.739442
VIA_{endo}	D	-2831.766255	-2830.291989	-2831.774818
	Q	-2831.790524	-2830.319621	-2831.799046
	S	-2831.779681	-2830.314262	-2831.788279
VIIIA_{exo}	D	-2831.728114	-2830.248152	-2831.731112
	Q	-2831.737827	-2830.262468	-2831.741459
	S	-2831.741391	-2830.272165	-2831.744027

Supplementary Table 38. The absolute energies (in Hartree) of the optimized structures to form **A** catalyzed by the Ru(III) complex by the B3LYP-D3 method. (D: doublet; Q: quartet)

A		E	E+ZPE	G	E_{soln}	G(80°C)
IA_{Ru}	D	-1542.220916	-1541.825016	-1541.883665	-1542.281989	-1541.900551
	Q	-1542.152821	-1541.760588	-1541.820632	-1542.212592	-1541.837896
TS1A_{endo,Ru}	D	-1776.851245	-1776.310023	-1776.376923	-1776.911136	-1776.396913
	Q	-1776.787976	-1776.250861	-1776.319050	-1776.848182	-1776.339389
TS1A_{exo,Ru}	D	-1776.852454	-1776.310859	-1776.375948	-1776.911823	-1776.395560

Supplementary Table 39. The absolute energies (in Hartree) of the optimized structures to form **B** by the B3LYP-D3 method. (D: doublet; Q: quartet; S: sextet)

B		E	E+ZPE	G	E_{soln}	G(80°C)
C₁₀H₁₀		-387.060399	-386.892820	-386.926515	-387.069886	-386.934794
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IIB_{endo-p}	D	-3330.362876	-3329.691552	-3329.770329	-3330.430953	-3329.794289
	Q	-3330.373466	-3329.704200	-3329.787178	-3330.441867	-3329.812118
	S	-3330.362477	-3329.694898	-3329.779972	-3330.430280	-3329.805356
TS1B_{endo-p}	D	-3330.346527	-3329.674450	-3329.751951	-3330.414386	-3329.775404
	Q	-3330.351211	-3329.680906	-3329.762340	-3330.419687	-3329.786676
	S	-3330.344426	-3329.675907	-3329.758453	-3330.412694	-3329.783061
IIIB_{endo-p}	D	-3330.381414	-3329.703792	-3329.778343	-3330.451244	-3329.801045
	Q	-3330.394579	-3329.719004	-3329.797851	-3330.464817	-3329.821535
	S	-3330.382499	-3329.708661	-3329.787675	-3330.452694	-3329.811439
TS1B'_{endo-p}	Q	-3330.350332	-3329.680029	-3329.760946	-3330.418448	-3329.785182
IIB_{exo-p}	D	-3330.362995	-3329.691642	-3329.770357	-3330.430838	-3329.794342
	Q	-3330.372604	-3329.703679	-3329.788494	-3330.440309	-3329.813838
	S	-3330.357463	-3329.690307	-3329.773769	-3330.425467	-3329.798877
TS1B_{exo-p}	D	-3330.346616	-3329.674215	-3329.749531	-3330.413342	-3329.772536
	Q	-3330.353344	-3329.682684	-3329.761941	-3330.420872	-3329.785843
	S	-3330.346186	-3329.677384	-3329.757531	-3330.413666	-3329.781671
IIIB_{exo-p}	D	-3330.384058	-3329.705989	-3329.780004	-3330.452360	-3329.802559
	Q	-3330.398191	-3329.722170	-3329.800014	-3330.466879	-3329.823471
	S	-3330.385803	-3329.711608	-3329.790455	-3330.454339	-3329.814155
TS1B'_{exo-p}	Q	-3330.352889	-3329.682338	-3329.761447	-3330.420955	-3329.785323
VB'_{endo-p}	D	-2984.733655	-2984.175793	-2984.242948	-2984.799216	-2984.263014
	Q	-2984.755217	-2984.197486	-2984.268915	-2984.821529	-2984.289986
	S	-2984.744821	-2984.188729	-2984.261068	-2984.810440	-2984.282367
TS2B'_{endo-p}	D	-2984.719674	-2984.161027	-2984.228796	-2984.784471	-2984.250447
	Q	-2984.739318	-2984.180734	-2984.249592	-2984.804397	-2984.269891
	S	-2984.733391	-2984.176263	-2984.244627	-2984.798830	-2984.264877
VIB'_{endo-p}	D	-2984.756797	-2984.192562	-2984.258006	-2984.823499	-2984.277430
	Q	-2984.779056	-2984.215107	-2984.278612	-2984.846237	-2984.297531
	S	-2984.767037	-2984.205079	-2984.269559	-2984.834487	-2984.288738
VB_{endo-p}	Q	-2984.758297	-2984.200506	-2984.271310	-2984.823925	-2984.292255
TS2B_{endo-p}	D	-2984.724188	-2984.164975	-2984.231922	-2984.789399	-2984.251816
	Q	-2984.740654	-2984.182018	-2984.251585	-2984.806220	-2984.272015
	S	-2984.735082	-2984.177895	-2984.247619	-2984.800845	-2984.268131

VIB_{endo-p}	Q	-2984.778135	-2984.214183	-2984.280901	-2984.845924	-2984.300482
VB_{exo-p}	D	-2984.736301	-2984.177917	-2984.246504	-2984.801223	-2984.266979
	Q	-2984.759170	-2984.201096	-2984.271067	-2984.824490	-2984.291846
	S	-2984.749054	-2984.192804	-2984.264093	-2984.813794	-2984.285186
TS2B_{exo-p}	D	-2984.724202	-2984.165159	-2984.231227	-2984.789073	-2984.250954
	Q	-2984.743007	-2984.184205	-2984.251068	-2984.808039	-2984.270964
	S	-2984.737015	-2984.180014	-2984.249282	-2984.802442	-2984.269719
VIB_{exo-p}	D	-2984.758204	-2984.193712	-2984.258149	-2984.824734	-2984.277366
	Q	-2984.780929	-2984.216630	-2984.282690	-2984.847996	-2984.302246
	S	-2984.769096	-2984.206757	-2984.273480	-2984.836142	-2984.293236
TS2B'_{exo-p}	Q	-2984.742921	-2984.183886	-2984.250643	-2984.807838	-2984.270512

<i>meta-product</i>						
TS1B_{endo-m}	Q	-3330.342265	-3329.671669	-3329.751714	-3330.411634	-3329.775738
IIB'_{endo-m}	D	-3330.363103	-3329.692007	-3329.771653	-3330.430782	-3329.795814
	Q	-3330.374144	-3329.704962	-3329.787203	-3330.442063	-3329.812019
	S	-3330.362787	-3329.695322	-3329.778212	-3330.430464	-3329.803193
TS1B'_{endo-m}	D	-3330.335881	-3329.663586	-3329.740486	-3330.404037	-3329.763769
	Q	-3330.343878	-3329.673301	-3329.751941	-3330.412452	-3329.775695
	S	-3330.335591	-3329.666763	-3329.746030	-3330.404424	-3329.769962
IIIB'_{endo-m}	D	-3330.383040	-3329.704968	-3329.778604	-3330.452159	-3329.801089
	Q	-3330.396422	-3329.720691	-3329.799108	-3330.465860	-3329.822686
	S	-3330.384180	-3329.710208	-3329.788713	-3330.453524	-3329.812356
IIB_{exo-m}	D	-3330.360278	-3329.689646	-3329.769888	-3330.428364	-3329.794205
	Q	-3330.370660	-3329.701570	-3329.785532	-3330.438490	-3329.810685
	S	-3330.358290	-3329.690865	-3329.774981	-3330.426036	-3329.800202
TS1B_{exo-m}	D	-3330.336488	-3329.663774	-3329.738036	-3330.404238	-3329.760783
	Q	-3330.345505	-3329.674721	-3329.752677	-3330.413116	-3329.776283
	S	-3330.337274	-3329.668168	-3329.746989	-3330.405677	-3329.770813
IIIB_{exo-m}	D	-3330.385248	-3329.707312	-3329.780123	-3330.453269	-3329.802450
	Q	-3330.400432	-3329.724699	-3329.801631	-3330.468587	-3329.824919
	S	-3330.387081	-3329.712952	-3329.790192	-3330.454726	-3329.813585
TS1B'_{exo-m}	Q	-3330.339242	-3329.668686	-3329.747293	-3330.408151	-3329.771031
VB_{endo-m}	D	-2984.737250	-2984.179130	-2984.247028	-2984.802201	-2984.267387
	Q	-2984.759636	-2984.201830	-2984.272102	-2984.824828	-2984.292956
	S	-2984.747928	-2984.191926	-2984.262740	-2984.813515	-2984.283757
TS2B_{endo-m}	D	-2984.710438	-2984.151408	-2984.218267	-2984.776952	-2984.238113

	Q	-2984.731256	-2984.172161	-2984.238552	-2984.796555	-2984.258291
	S	-2984.725213	-2984.167588	-2984.234354	-2984.791637	-2984.254234
VIB_{endo-m}	D	-2984.755834	-2984.191372	-2984.256274	-2984.822130	-2984.275582
	Q	-2984.778579	-2984.214324	-2984.281070	-2984.845733	-2984.300755
	S	-2984.766957	-2984.204665	-2984.272449	-2984.834199	-2984.292407
TS2B'_{endo-m}	Q	-2984.730622	-2984.171881	-2984.239503	-2984.796922	-2984.259521
VB_{exo-m}	D	-2984.734007	-2984.176486	-2984.246275	-2984.799194	-2984.267053
	Q	-2984.754295	-2984.196694	-2984.268833	-2984.819586	-2984.290052
	S	-2984.743512	-2984.187350	-2984.258306	-2984.808584	-2984.279334
TS2B_{exo-m}	D	-2984.715074	-2984.155720	-2984.220475	-2984.780642	-2984.239897
	Q	-2984.734436	-2984.175444	-2984.241703	-2984.799782	-2984.261437
	S	-2984.727878	-2984.170399	-2984.237509	-2984.793541	-2984.257467
VIB_{exo-m}	D	-2984.760702	-2984.198939	-2984.263107	-2984.825115	-2984.282363
	Q	-2984.783981	-2984.219597	-2984.284197	-2984.849402	-2984.303462
	S	-2984.772345	-2984.209733	-2984.275067	-2984.837896	-2984.294537
TS2B'_{exo-m}	Q	-2984.728324	-2984.169559	-2984.236762	-2984.794502	-2984.256691

Supplementary Table 40. The absolute energies (in Hartree) of the optimized structures to form **C** by the B3LYP-D3 method. (Q: quartet)

C		E	E+ZPE	G	E_{soln}	G(80°C)
C₅H₈		-195.317180	-195.202860	-195.231240	-195.321515	-195.237894
IIC_{endo-p}	Q	-3138.618484	-3138.002964	-3138.082967	-3138.682868	-3138.106749
TS1C_{endo-p}	Q	-3138.600405	-3137.983629	-3138.059745	-3138.665126	-3138.082427
IIIC_{endo-p}	Q	-3138.648082	-3138.025883	-3138.101000	-3138.713118	-3138.123355
TS2C_{endo-p}	Q	-2792.989269	-2792.484085	-2792.549040	-2793.052320	-2792.567950
TS1C_{exo-p}	Q	-3138.601373	-3137.984227	-3138.058696	-3138.665927	-3138.081038

Supplementary Table 41. The absolute energies (in Hartree) of the optimized structures to form **D** by the B3LYP-D3 method. (Q: quartet; S: sextet)

D		E	E+ZPE	G	E_{soln}	G(80°C)
C₁₁H₁₂		-426.382528	-426.186714	-426.222603	-426.393467	-426.231620
IID_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3369.697684	-3369.000059	-3369.085223	-3369.767322	-3369.110891
TS1D_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3369.681242	-3368.982586	-3369.064438	-3369.749698	-3369.089163
	S	-3369.674415	-3368.977484	-3369.061055	-3369.743152	-3369.086161
IIID_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3369.713139	-3369.009612	-3369.090427	-3369.783444	-3369.114800
VD_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3024.082761	-3023.496454	-3023.569151	-3024.149082	-3023.590751
TS2D_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3024.070786	-3023.483601	-3023.552922	-3024.136721	-3023.573595
	S	-3024.065287	-3023.479648	-3023.549826	-3024.130868	-3023.570722
VID_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3024.097548	-3023.505538	-3023.573205	-3024.165047	-3023.593397
TS1D_{endo-trans-p}	Q	-3369.669302	-3368.970416	-3369.052177	-3369.737775	-3369.076856
TS1D_{exo-cis-p}	Q	-3369.673291	-3368.974296	-3369.054768	-3369.741055	-3369.079216
IID_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3369.697060	-3368.999666	-3369.084783	-3369.766508	-3369.110475
TS1D_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3369.679722	-3368.981189	-3369.063207	-3369.748399	-3369.087982
	S	-3369.672967	-3368.976168	-3369.058430	-3369.741732	-3369.083307
IIID_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3369.715557	-3369.011265	-3369.089942	-3369.784595	-3369.113862
VD_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3024.077332	-3023.491296	-3023.564442	-3024.144370	-3023.586154
TS2D_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3024.070726	-3023.483669	-3023.552321	-3024.136065	-3023.572880
	S	-3024.065627	-3023.480431	-3023.550137	-3024.131145	-3023.570975
VID_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3024.099782	-3023.507052	-3023.573077	-3024.166195	-3023.592908
Stepwise-TS						
TS2D_{cc-endo-cis-p}	Q	-3024.067634	-3023.480549	-3023.550376	-3024.134157	-3023.573651
	S	-3024.063326	-3023.477877	-3023.547966	-3024.129754	-3023.571291
TS2D_{co-endo-cis-p}	Q	-3024.075258	-3023.486106	-3023.553340	-3024.140881	-3023.573457
	S	-3024.070059	-3023.482497	-3023.551009	-3024.136677	-3023.571467
TS2D_{cc-exo-trans-p}	Q	-3024.069073	-3023.482197	-3023.551233	-3024.134376	-3023.571874
	S	-3024.064401	-3023.479250	-3023.549600	-3024.129924	-3023.570570
TS2D_{co-exo-trans-p}	Q	-3024.075613	-3023.486033	-3023.551885	-3024.141462	-3023.571731
	S	-3024.072590	-3023.484129	-3023.550702	-3024.138998	-3023.570741

Supplementary Table 42. The absolute energies (in Hartree) of the optimized structures to form **E1O** and **E1C** by the B3LYP-D3 method. (Q: quartet; S: sextet)

E1		E	E+ZPE	G	E_{soln}	G(80°C)
C₅H₈O		-270.558638	-270.440208	-270.471117	-270.566830	-270.478529
IE1	Q	-2793.251495	-2792.734786	-2792.806612	-2793.311976	-2792.827593
	S	-2793.240494	-2792.725401	-2792.796688	-2793.300971	-2792.817598
para-product						
IIE1O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3219.660426	-3218.945902	-3219.028688	-3219.725710	-3219.054013
TS1E1O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3219.636129	-3218.920465	-3219.003192	-3219.701137	-3219.028347
	S	-3219.631151	-3218.917090	-3218.999897	-3219.696113	-3219.025134
IIIE1O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3219.678290	-3218.957125	-3219.037454	-3219.744393	-3219.061981
TS2E1O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2949.046893	-2948.451076	-2948.520712	-2949.110708	-2948.541573
	S	-2949.042874	-2948.448669	-2948.518674	-2949.106648	-2948.539662
TS1E1O_{endo-trans-p}	S	-3219.624073	-3218.909992	-3218.991885	-3219.688213	-3219.016925
TS1E1O_{exo-cis-p}	Q	-3219.629952	-3218.913887	-3218.995160	-3219.693973	-3219.020026
	S	-3219.624958	-3218.910795	-3218.993385	-3219.689338	-3219.018579
TS1E1O_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3219.638341	-3218.922821	-3219.003576	-3219.701794	-3219.028360
	S	-3219.632685	-3218.918721	-3218.999431	-3219.696201	-3219.024256
TS1E1C_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3219.633395	-3218.916739	-3218.996835	-3219.698359	-3219.021386
	S	-3219.625829	-3218.910898	-3218.992741	-3219.690667	-3219.017672
TS1E1C_{endo-trans-p}	Q	-3219.619122	-3218.902900	-3218.985224	-3219.685094	-3219.010241
TS1E1C_{exo-cis-p}	Q	-3219.618288	-3218.901929	-3218.983951	-3219.684608	-3219.008903
	S	-3219.611285	-3218.896648	-3218.979284	-3219.677700	-3219.004407
IIE1C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3219.660514	-3218.945854	-3219.032113	-3219.725971	-3219.058255
TS1E1C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3219.632653	-3218.916457	-3218.999024	-3219.698409	-3219.024073
	S	-3219.625052	-3218.910500	-3218.992725	-3219.690827	-3219.017765
IIIE1C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3219.685181	-3218.964251	-3219.045433	-3219.753822	-3219.070069
VIIE1C_{exo-trans-p}	S	-3219.618341	-3218.902680	-3218.984571	-3219.686248	-3219.009609
TS2E1C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-2949.041713	-2948.445380	-2948.514520	-2949.106174	-2948.535210
	S	-2949.035734	-2948.441052	-2948.510232	-2949.099972	-2948.530998
meta-product(reaction with C=C)						
TS1E1C_{endo-cis-m}	Q	-3219.620383	-3218.903863	-3218.985024	-3219.686701	-3219.009794
TS1E1C_{endo-trans-m}	Q	-3219.614251	-3218.897430	-3218.977579	-3219.680126	-3219.002128
TS1E1C_{exo-cis-m}	Q	-3219.609922	-3218.893153	-3218.975182	-3219.676609	-3219.000084
TS1E1C_{exo-trans-m}	Q	-3219.616411	-3218.900244	-3218.981787	-3219.683252	-3219.006633
TS2E1C_{endo-cis-m}	Q	-2949.027676	-2948.431114	-2948.501278	-2949.093183	-2948.522120

TS2E1C_{endo-trans-m}	Q	-2949.022658	-2948.425514	-2948.493101	-2949.087862	-2948.513429
TS2E1C_{exo-cis-m}	Q	-2949.017130	-2948.420294	-2948.488679	-2949.082939	-2948.509169
TS2E1C_{exo-trans-m}	Q	-2949.023404	-2948.427060	-2948.496052	-2949.089287	-2948.516685

Supplementary Table 43. The absolute energies (in Hartree) of the optimized structures to form **E2O** and **E2C** by the B3LYP-D3 method. (Q: quartet; S: sextet)

E2		E	E+ZPE	G	E_{soln}	G(80°C)
C₃H₄O		-191.914757	-191.853097	-191.879369	-191.920068	-191.885316
IE2	Q	-2635.950647	-2635.547086	-2635.609997	-2636.008104	-2635.628052
	S	-2635.937886	-2635.536143	-2635.599677	-2635.995721	-2635.617896
para-product						
TS1E2O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3062.337975	-3061.735751	-3061.810548	-3062.400055	-3061.833003
	S	-3062.331515	-3061.730974	-3061.806653	-3062.393686	-3061.829330
IIIE2O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3062.382594	-3061.774893	-3061.848195	-3062.445763	-3061.870169
TS2E2O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2870.397239	-2869.858163	-2869.924907	-2870.460224	-2869.944616
	S	-2870.392046	-2869.854665	-2869.921628	-2870.454926	-2869.941443
TS1E2O_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3062.340960	-3061.738626	-3061.811431	-3062.402024	-3061.833465
	S	-3062.334371	-3061.733692	-3061.806700	-3062.395271	-3061.828833
IIIE2O_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3062.377105	-3061.769328	-3061.840359	-3062.438426	-3061.861856
TS1E2C_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3062.344191	-3061.741462	-3061.815582	-3062.407727	-3061.838978
	S	-3062.336189	-3061.734930	-3061.809307	-3062.399522	-3061.832999
IIIE2C_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3062.397922	-3061.790320	-3061.865115	-3062.464146	-3061.887370
TS2E2C_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2870.402324	-2869.862925	-2869.926390	-2870.466062	-2869.945263
	S	-2870.395985	-2869.858263	-2869.924960	-2870.459997	-2869.944683
TS1E2C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3062.343313	-3061.740808	-3061.8162631	-3062.406903	-3061.838803
	S	-3062.334005	-3061.733351	-3061.810208	-3062.397548	-3061.833080
IIIE2C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3062.397002	-3061.789324	-3061.864201	-3062.463876	-3061.886467
Stepwise-TS						
TS2E2O_{cc-endo-cis-p}	Q	-2870.395404	-2869.856531	-2869.923153	-2870.458543	-2869.942852
	S	-2870.391299	-2869.854094	-2869.921171	-2870.454368	-2869.941025
TS2E2O_{co-endo-cis-p}	Q	-2870.401986	-2869.860806	-2869.924484	-2870.464471	-2869.943404
	S	-2870.398280	-2869.858350	-2869.923569	-2870.461180	-2869.942846
TS2E2C_{cc1-endo-cis-p}	Q	-2870.398167	-2869.858466	-2869.924362	-2870.461829	-2869.943846
	S	-2870.393288	-2869.855098	-2869.921231	-2870.456856	-2869.940817
TS2E2C_{cc2-endo-cis-p}	S	-2870.413481	-2869.873062	-2869.939174	-2870.478728	-2869.958588
meta-product(reaction with C=C)						
TS1E2C_{endo-cis-m}	Q	-3062.333688	-3061.731456	-3061.803680	-3062.397935	-3061.825433
TS1E2C_{endo-trans-m}	Q	-3062.326584	-3061.723812	-3061.798722	-3062.390641	-3061.821133
TS1E2C_{exo-cis-m}	Q	-3062.323898	-3061.721146	-3061.796364	-3062.388701	-3061.818834
TS1E2C_{exo-trans-m}	Q	-3062.331141	-3061.728829	-3061.804283	-3062.396021	-3061.826817

TS2E2C_{endo-cis-m}	Q	-2870.391025	-2869.851637	-2869.918335	-2870.456344	-2869.937971
TS2E2C_{endo-trans-m}	Q	-2870.384326	-2869.844656	-2869.911039	-2870.449298	-2869.930616
TS2E2C_{exo-cis-m}	Q	-2870.380587	-2869.840913	-2869.907631	-2870.446183	-2869.927275
TS2E2C_{exo-trans-m}	Q	-2870.386981	-2869.847887	-2869.911997	-2870.452833	-2869.930993

Supplementary Table 44. The absolute energies (in Hartree) of the optimized structures to form **F** by the B3LYP-D3 method. (Q: quartet; S: sextet)

F		E	E+ZPE	G	E_{soln}	G(80°C)
C₆H₁₀O		-309.897194	-309.745481	-309.776418	-309.907390	-309.783738
IF	Q	-2871.926857	-2871.343712	-2871.412294	-2871.989947	-2871.432448
	S	-2871.912448	-2871.331978	-2871.403021	-2871.975441	-2871.423742
TS1F₁	Q	-3298.303946	-3297.521400	-3297.599721	-3298.369656	-3297.623816
	S	-3298.298921	-3297.518328	-3297.597861	-3298.364644	-3297.622273
TS1F₂	Q	-3298.302137	-3297.519508	-3297.597685	-3298.368613	-3297.621750
	S	-3298.298694	-3297.518269	-3297.598336	-3298.364705	-3297.622859
TS2F₁	Q	-2988.377016	-2987.747783	-2987.814806	-2988.440829	-2987.835053
	S	-2988.375539	-2987.748065	-2987.816592	-2988.439261	-2987.837201
TS2F₂	Q	-2988.376170	-2987.746839	-2987.813975	-2988.440232	-2987.834246
	S	-2988.375214	-2987.747559	-2987.815653	-2988.439468	-2987.836171

Supplementary Table 45. The absolute energies (in Hartree) for the key intermediates and transition states optimized in solution by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method. (D: doublet; Q: quartet; S: sextet)

		E_{soln}	$(E+ZPE)_{\text{soln}}$	G_{soln}	$G_{\text{soln}}^{\circ} \text{ C}$
A					
C₆H₁₀		-234.641583	-234.498997	-234.529433	-234.537124
PhCHO		-345.591507	-345.481207	-345.511842	-345.520033
IA	D	-2943.343757	-2942.841073	-2942.905545	-2942.926854
	Q	-2943.354579	-2942.853856	-2942.922593	-2942.945025
	S	-2943.342673	-2942.844051	-2942.913251	-2942.935364
TS1A_{endo}	D	-3177.981439	-3177.334162	-3177.40749	-3177.432150
	Q	-3177.987685	-3177.341614	-3177.417297	-3177.440125
	S	-3177.980679	-3177.336486	-3177.412675	-3177.437872
TS2A_{endo}	D	-2832.356082	-2831.821285	-2831.883539	-2831.905361
	Q	-2832.37385	-2831.840099	-2831.904616	-2831.923099
	S	-2832.368099	-2831.836329	-2831.903023	-2831.922615
IIIA_{endo}	Q	-3178.035812	-3177.385359	-3177.460233	-3177.48285
VIA_{endo}	Q	-2832.417261	-2831.87856	-2831.942547	-2831.961427
VIIA_{exo}	D	-3177.981824	-3177.332506	-3177.40389	-3177.425746
	Q	-3177.97984	-3177.3352	-3177.4106	-3177.4334
	S	-3177.98109	-3177.336682	-3177.410598	-3177.433086
VIIIA_{exo}	D	-2832.360896	-2831.824194	-2831.885251	-2831.903599
	Q	-2832.370235	-2831.836226	-2831.899878	-2831.918768
	S	-2832.371636	-2831.837098	-2831.901055	-2831.920046
VIIA_{endo}	Q	-3177.97427	-3177.329985	-3177.405669	-3177.428414
	S	-3177.971868	-3177.328994	-3177.404187	-3177.426869
VIIIA_{endo}	Q	-2832.364763	-2831.829512	-2831.895017	-2831.91346
	S	-2832.363698	-2831.831546	-2831.894263	-2831.912868
Catalyzed by Ru(III)					
IA_{Ru}	D	-1542.282148	-1541.885797	-1541.943717	-1541.960428
	Q	-1542.212659	-1541.819918	-1541.878786	-1541.895791
TS1A_{endo,Ru}	D	-1776.91134	-1776.369964	-1776.436917	-1776.456888
	Q	-1776.848571	-1776.311584	-1776.379005	-1776.399187
TS1A_{exo,Ru}	D	-1776.912069	-1776.369973	-1776.433894	-1776.453236
B					
C₁₀H₁₀		-387.069894	-386.902256	-386.935891	-386.944156
TS1B_{endo-p}	Q	-3330.42002	-3329.749098	-3329.827755	-3329.851541
TS2B_{endo-p}	Q	-2984.806732	-2984.247448	-2984.314834	-2984.334816
	S	-2984.801378	-2984.243385	-2984.311559	-2984.331727
TS2B'_{endo-p}	Q	-2984.80443	-2984.245872	-2984.311087	-2984.330516
TS1B_{endo-m}	Q	-3330.4119	-3329.741284	-3329.821411	-3329.845454
TS2B_{exo-m}	Q	-2984.799971	-2984.241073	-2984.308427	-2984.328385
C					

C₅H₈		-195.321521	-195.20731	-195.235678	-195.242331
TS1C_{endo-p}	Q	-3138.665653	-3138.048317	-3138.121527	-3138.143613
TS2C_{endo-p}	Q	-2793.052114	-2792.546763	-2792.609151	-2792.627543
TS2C_{exo-m}	Q	-2793.046155	-2792.540414	-2792.602316	-2792.620605
D					
C₁₁H₁₂		-426.393482	-426.19772	-426.23368	-426.242715
TS1D_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3369.750144	-3369.051853	-3369.134595	-3369.1595
TS2D_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3024.137077	-3023.549681	-3023.618217	-3023.638725
	S	-3024.131156	-3023.545961	-3023.612900	-3023.633025
TS1D_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3369.748794	-3369.049689	-3369.129535	-3369.153864
TS2D_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3024.136361	-3023.548612	-3023.615659	-3023.635868
	S	-3024.13147	-3023.545794	-3023.614455	-3023.635060
Stepwise					
TS2D_{cc-endo-cis-p}	Q	-3024.134222	-3023.546945	-3023.615518	-3023.636050
	S	-3024.129895	-3023.544295	-3023.614326	-3023.633735
TS2D_{co-endo-cis-p}	Q	-3024.141221	-3023.551641	-3023.617456	-3023.637243
TS2D_{cc-exo-trans-p}	Q	-3024.13501	-3023.547785	-3023.615684	-3023.636080
	S	-3024.130448	-3023.545314	-3023.614871	-3023.635688
E1					
C₅H₈O		-270.566864	-270.448398	-270.479434	-270.48687
IE1	Q	-2793.31214	-2792.795459	-2792.866102	-2792.886853
TS1E1O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3219.701736	-3218.985578	-3219.065135	-3219.089645
TS2E1O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2949.110925	-2948.514811	-2948.583109	-2948.603689
TS1E1C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3219.69882	-3218.981776	-3219.059848	-3219.08397
TS1E1C_{endo-trans-p}	S	-3219.679273	-3218.963976	-3219.043043	-3219.067411
TS2E1C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-2949.106822	-2948.509356	-2948.575863	-2948.595986
VIIIE1O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3219.696323	-3218.980152	-3219.061968	-3219.087029
	S	-3219.694552	-3218.979699	-3219.062194	-3219.087427
VIIIE1C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3219.689712	-3218.97251	-3219.053222	-3219.077986
	S	-3219.676291	-3218.960584	-3219.042407	-3219.067442
E2					
C₃H₄O		-191.920089	-191.85833	-191.884567	-191.890502
IE2	Q	-2636.008174	-2635.604665	-2635.666552	-2635.684401
TS1E2O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3062.400404	-3061.798164	-3061.869295	-3061.890866
TS2E2O_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2870.460382	-2869.921456	-2869.987816	-2870.007452
TS1E2C_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-3062.40793	-3061.804264	-3061.876379	-3061.898211
TS1E2C_{exo-trans-p}	Q	-3062.407483	-3061.804148	-3061.87627	-3061.898108
TS2E2C_{endo-cis-p}	Q	-2870.466414	-2869.926676	-2869.991546	-2870.010831
Stepwise					
TS2E2O_{cc-endo-cis-p}	Q	-2870.45885	-2869.919876	-2869.985649	-2870.00517
TS2E2O_{co-endo-cis-p}	Q	-2870.464772	-2869.92348	-2869.986983	-2870.00587
TS2E2C_{cc1-endo-cis-p}	Q	-2870.462188	-2869.92239	-2869.984686	-2870.003307

Supplementary Table 46. The absolute gibbs free energies (in Hartree) for the key intermediates and transition states for **A** optimized in solution by other methods. (Q: quartet; S: sextet)

		PBE0-D3 $G_{\text{soln}-80}^{\circ \text{C}}$	B3PW91-D3 $G_{\text{soln}-80}^{\circ \text{C}}$	PW6B95-D3 $G_{\text{soln}-80}^{\circ \text{C}}$	BP86-D3 $G_{\text{soln}-80}^{\circ \text{C}}$	M06-L $G_{\text{soln}-80}^{\circ \text{C}}$
C₆H₁₀		-234.232792	-234.448219	-234.828150	-234.527064	-234.482404
PhCHO		-345.111890	-345.386156	-345.954621	-345.518676	-345.465606
IA	Q	-2940.726386	-2942.259719	-2945.779668	-2943.150245	-2942.616059
	S	-2940.721805	-2942.247387	-2945.771324	-2943.147610	-2942.623161
TS1A_{endo}	Q	-3174.922689	-3176.669262	-3180.564935	-3177.650904	-3177.053013
	S	-3174.925042	-3176.669658	-3180.563759	-3177.631901	-3177.064074
TS2A_{endo}	Q	-2829.814075	-2831.288090	-2834.613923	-2832.136865	-2831.593000
	S	-2829.817948	-2831.289425	-2834.608298	-2832.116028	-2831.603963

		B3LYP*-D3 $G_{\text{soln}-80}^{\circ \text{C}}$	OLYP-D3 $G_{\text{soln}-80}^{\circ \text{C}}$	TPSSH-D3 $G_{\text{soln}-80}^{\circ \text{C}}$	OPBE-D3 $G_{\text{soln}-80}^{\circ \text{C}}$	ωB97XD $G_{\text{soln}-80}^{\circ \text{C}}$
C₆H₁₀		-234.398689	-234.448725	-234.551132	-234.451620	-234.445809
PhCHO		-345.391724	-345.425174	-345.538846	-345.389235	-345.390480
IA	Q	-2942.403293	-2942.781961	-2943.064564	-2942.589705	-2942.268036
	S	-2942.378807	-2942.772401	-2943.050358	-2942.582675	-2942.257806
TS1A_{endo}	Q	-3176.769394	-3177.197311	-3177.578862	-3177.014521	-3176.675910
	S	-3176.752751	-3177.195690	-3177.568863	-3177.010569	-3176.671638
TS2A_{endo}	Q	-2831.378476	-2831.776206	-2832.044873	-2831.629305	-2831.286426
	S	-2831.360742	-2831.772080	-2832.031996	-2831.624925	-2831.288469

Supplementary Table 47. The absolute single-point energies (in Hartree) in gas phase by DLPNO-CCSD(T) and B2PLYP methods based on the SMD B3LYP-D3-optimized structures to form **A** in solution. (Q: quartet; S: sextet)

		DLPNO-CCSD(T)	B2PLYP-D3
C₆H₁₀		-234.083718	-234.516789
PhCHO		-344.837364	-345.464362
IA	Q	-2938.723110	-2942.472010
	S	-2938.738756	-2942.464730
TS1A_{endo}	Q	-3172.797990	-3176.979100
	S	-3172.819840	-3176.976830
TS2A_{endo}	Q	-2827.929240	-2831.487350
	S	-2827.948330	-2831.484150

Supplementary Table 48. The absolute and relative Gibbs free energies (in Hartree) for the key intermediates and transition states with the neutral Fe(III) complexes (see **Supplementary Figure 11**) optimized in solution by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method. (D: doublet; Q: quartet; S: sextet).

		E_{soln}	$(E+ZPE)_{\text{soln}}$	G_{soln}	$G_{\text{soln}-80^\circ\text{C}}$	$\Delta G_{\text{soln}-80^\circ\text{C}}$
Fe(III)Cl complex						
IVA(Cl)	D	-2712.507668	-2712.22979	-2712.276031	-2712.291746	15.4
	Q	-2712.527632	-2712.250088	-2712.297404	-2712.314112	1.3
	S	-2712.527784	-2712.251840	-2712.300162	-2712.316221	0.0
IA(Cl)	D	-3058.122934	-3057.731720	-3057.789253	-3057.805813	19.1
	Q	-3058.133045	-3057.744082	-3057.803900	-3057.821150	9.5
	S	-3058.130714	-3057.743154	-3057.803329	-3057.820553	9.9
TS1A_{endo}(Cl)	Q	-3292.756029	-3292.222505	-3292.290300	-3292.315960	33.8
	S	-3292.753262	-3292.221261	-3292.288500	-3292.312460	36.0
Fe(III)OTf complex						
IVA(OTf)	D	-3213.725261	-3213.420210	-3213.476301	-3213.493332	15.4
	Q	-3213.747663	-3213.442821	-3213.500565	-3213.517873	0.0
	S	-3213.741920	-3213.438970	-3213.497970	-3213.515619	1.4
IA(OTf)	D	-3559.343687	-3558.924665	-3558.991300	-3559.014920	14.4
	Q	-3559.357785	-3558.941575	-3559.011100	-3559.031730	3.9
	S	-3559.34854	-3558.934337	-3559.003000	-3559.031940	3.7
TS1A_{endo}(OTf)	Q	-3793.984849	-3793.422845	-3793.500200	-3793.523840	29.9
	S	-3793.977665	-3793.417160	-3793.495200	-3793.519010	33.0

Supplementary Table 49. The absolute Gibbs free energies (in Hartree) for the key intermediates and transition states used acetone instead of PhCHO with diene to form **G** optimized in solution by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method. (D: doublet; Q: quartet; S: sextet)

		E_{soln}	$(E+ZPE)_{\text{soln}}$	G_{soln}
IG	D	-2638.506766	-2638.057053	-2638.115820
	Q	-2638.522448	-2638.074656	-2638.138018
	S	-2638.510061	-2638.064240	-2638.127856
IG_{4Ph}	D	-3562.775876	-3562.002013	-3562.090231
	Q	-3562.793890	-3562.022279	-3562.111553
	S	-3562.781641	-3562.012533	-3562.102293

Supplementary Table 50. The absolute single-point energies (in Hartree) for the key intermediates and transition states used acetone instead of PhCHO with diene to form **G** in solution by other DFT methods and SMD method. (D: doublet; Q: quartet; S: sextet)

		LCCSD(T)	PBE0-D3	B3PW91-D3	OLYP-D3
IG	D	-	-2636.642659	-2637.944737	-2638.393915
	Q	-2634.572862	-2636.661752	-2637.961101	-2638.414207
	S	-2634.589484	-2636.657388	-2637.951114	-2638.401401
IG_{4Ph}	D	-	-3559.811441	-3561.870091	-3562.403091
	Q	-	-3559.835342	-3561.890259	-3562.421925
	S	-	-3559.831031	-3561.880170	-3562.408855
		PW6B95-D3	M06-L	OPBE-D3	ωB97XD
IG	D	-2640.925028	-2638.224145	-2638.247592	-2637.966376
	Q	-2640.942059	-2638.238216	-2638.266541	-2637.978406
	S	-2640.932797	-2638.242084	-2638.255535	-2637.967608
IG_{4Ph}	D	-3566.425894	-3562.320507	-3562.204901	-3561.885443
	Q	-3566.448534	-3562.342804	-3562.225392	-3561.905691
	S	-3566.439073	-3562.346798	-3562.213921	-3561.894157

Supplementary Table 51. The absolute energies (in Hartree) of the reaction Energy of ODA by some methods and SMD method in solution.

	E _{soln}	(E+ZPE) _{soln}	G _{soln}	G _{soln} -80 °C
B3LYP-D3				
C₆H₁₀	-234.641583	-234.498997	-234.529433	-234.537124
PhCHO	-345.591507	-345.481207	-345.511842	-345.520033
Product-A	-580.259732	-580.000336	-580.040399	-580.052801
B3PW91-D3				
C₆H₁₀	-234.553113	-234.410445	-234.440891	-234.448219
PhCHO	-345.457803	-345.347281	-345.377947	-345.386156
Product-A	-580.039551	-579.779773	-579.819947	-579.830373
PBE0-D3				
C₆H₁₀	-234.338278	-234.195031	-234.225466	-234.232792
PhCHO	-345.184132	-345.073031	-345.103682	-345.111890
Product-A	-579.570408	-579.309263	-579.349171	-579.359526
M06-D3				
C₆H₁₀	-234.431510	-234.290092	-234.320617	-234.327979
PhCHO	-345.337550	-345.227680	-345.258262	-345.265455
Product-A	-579.808987	-579.550843	-579.591220	-579.601688
M06-2X-D3				
C₆H₁₀	-234.504378	-234.361221	-234.392133	-234.399584
PhCHO	-345.430369	-345.319061	-345.349729	-345.356932
Product-A	-579.973947	-579.712580	-579.752866	-579.763312

Supplementary Table 52. The absolute energies (in Hartree) for the key complexes and transition states optimized in solution and in the presence of an OEEF field by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method. (D: doublet; Q: quartet; S: sextet)

		E_{soln}	$(E+ZPE)_{\text{soln}}$	G_{soln}	$G_{\text{soln}-80}^{\circ}\text{C}$
A					
OEEF ($F_z = -0.0015$ AU) along the reacting Fe-O bond					
IIA	Q	-3178.010108	-3177.365194	-3177.443087	-3177.466663
TS1A_{endo}	Q	-3177.990484	-3177.345315	-3177.421533	-3177.444518
IIIA_{endo}	Q	-3178.03525	-3177.384414	-3177.457928	-3177.480257
VA	Q	-2832.39766	-2831.86469	-2831.93145	-2831.951263
TS2A_{endo}	Q	-2832.37974	-2831.84609	-2831.9105	-2831.929576
	S	-2832.37585	-2831.84348	-2831.90831	-2831.927506
VIA_{endo}	Q	-2832.42072	-2831.88195	-2831.94501	-2831.963702
	S	-2832.40969	-2831.87277	-2831.93688	-2831.955859
OEEF ($F_z = -0.003$ AU) along the reacting Fe-O bond					
IIA	Q	-3178.01190	-3177.36703	-3177.44469	-3177.46822
TS1A_{endo}	Q	-3177.99473	-3177.34961	-3177.42600	-3177.44902
IIIA	Q	-3178.03605	-3177.38532	-3177.45873	-3177.48104
VA	Q	-2832.40433	-2831.87143	-2831.93811	-2831.95790
TS2A_{endo}	Q	-2832.38715	-2831.85394	-2831.91923	-2831.93849
	S	-2832.38363	-2831.85136	-2831.91641	-2831.93565
VIA_{endo}	Q	-2832.42516	-2831.88640	-2831.94928	-2831.96793
	S	-2832.41500	-2831.87818	-2831.94217	-2831.96116

Supplementary Table 53. The absolute energies (in Hartree) for the key intermediates and transition states for the formation of **A** with the replacement of the 5-methyl-1H-imidazole(his) ligand with PhCHO optimized in diethylether solution by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method. (D: doublet; Q: quartet; S: sextet)

		E_{soln}	$(E+ZPE)_{\text{soln}}$	G_{soln}
C₆H₁₀		-234.641635	-234.499248	-234.529757
IA_{his}	D	-2863.339981	-2862.84821	-2862.91051
	Q	-2863.339258	-2862.84969	-2862.91683
	S	-2863.329882	-2862.84198	-2862.90912
TS1A_{endo, his}	D	-3097.973359	-3097.33692	-3097.40712
	Q	-3097.968834	-3097.33406	-3097.40847
	S	-3097.963921	-3097.33016	-3097.4035
IIIA_{endo, his}	D	-3098.016912	-3097.37489	-3097.44345
	Q	-3098.021127	-3097.38175	-3097.45382
	S	-3098.01124	-3097.37331	-3097.44586

Supplementary Methods

A cationic Fe(III)-porphine was used as our model catalyst. All calculations were carried out with Gaussian 09 (except DLPNO-CCSD(T)/def2-TZVP(-f) with RIJCOSX and RI-B2PLYP-D3/def2-TZVP methods using ORCA 4.01).¹⁻³ The B3LYP-D3⁴⁻⁶ method combined with the 6-31G* basis set was used to optimize all the structures in the gas phase for all atoms, except def2-TZVP⁷⁻⁸ (augmented with the corresponding effective core potential for the Ru atom) basis set applied for Fe and Ru atoms. Then, vibration frequency calculations were carried out at the same level of theory. Intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations⁹ were also carried out for the key reaction step to connect the reactant and product adducts, as well as obtain the minimum energy path (MEP). The effect of the solvent (benzene) was then included by single-point calculations with an implicit solvent model (SMD method, denoted as the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method).¹⁰ The geometries of the key structures were also further optimized in solution and verified by vibration frequency calculations with the SMD B3LYP-D3 method and the same basis sets. All mechanistic conclusions can be supported by these two computational approaches. The effect of the OEEF on the reactivity in solution was also considered by optimizing structures with the SMD B3LYP-D3 method and adding an OEEF along the reacting Fe-O bond as the OEEF positive z-axis (Fz , with a strength of -0.0015 or -0.0030 au).¹¹⁻¹⁶ Furthermore, the effect of a biological histidine ligand as the axial ligand on the reaction was also examined by using a 5-methyl-1H-imidazole ligand to replace PhCHO for the 6-coordinate pathway optimized by SMD B3LYP-D3 method in diethylether solution. Diethylether (its dielectric constant of ~4.2) was used to mimic hydrophobic enzymatic environment. Moreover, to examine the effect of the DFT functional, M06-D3, M06-2X-D3, B3PW91-D3, PBE0-D3 and ω B97XD methods¹⁷⁻¹⁹ were used for the single-point energy or geometry optimization calculations in the key reaction steps. We have also performed additional energy calculations of the key intermediates and transition states to form **A** by the DLPNO-CCSD(T), B2PLYP-D3 PW6B95-D3, OLYP-D3, TPSSh-D3 and OPBE-D3 methods.²⁰⁻²⁵ In addition, a Fe(III) porphyrin complex coordinating with two acetone as axial ligands which was recently experimentally found to have admixed spin states was used to test different DFT and

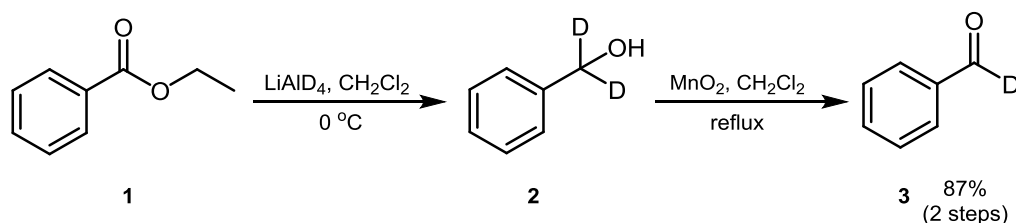
DLPNO-CCSD(T) methods in our additional calculations.

A standard-state concentration ($RT\ln(24.5)$, or $2.2 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$) was applied to correct the relative free energy in solution in the text, when the number of molecules is changed.²⁶ All energies presented are relative Gibbs free energies in solution (at 353.15 K in kcal mol^{-1}) above the most stable Fe(III)-porphine complex coordinated to two carbonyl molecules²⁷ by the SMD B3LYP-D3//B3LYP-D3 method, unless otherwise stated. Furthermore, the secondary deuterium kinetic isotope effect (KIE) and equilibrium isotope effect (EIE) for the formation of **A** were evaluated using the DFT-computed harmonic frequencies and the Bigeleisen-Mayer equation via PyQuiver code.²⁸ The 3D geometries were illustrated by CYLview.²⁹

On-the-fly quasi-classical DFT MD simulations were first initiated by normal mode sampling at 353.15 K from the optimized transition states for the reaction of benzaldehyde with 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene by using ProgDyn code developed by Singleton.³⁰ When the total energy of the initial geometry did not agree (within $1.0 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$) with the desired energy, the normal mode sampling was rejected and resampled again. Each trajectory was then propagated in both the forward and backward directions with a time step of 1 fs until either the cycloaddition product formed (the formed C-C and C-O bonds $< 1.6 \text{ \AA}$) or the two reactants separated from each other by more than $\sim 3.3 \text{ \AA}$. If the trajectory did not meet either of these two stopping criteria, it could be propagated in one direction only up to 900 fs. The motions of the atomic nucleus were integrated using the Velocity-Verlet algorithm. The energy and force of all structures at each step were calculated on-the-fly by the abovementioned B3LYP-D3 (gas phase) and SMD B3LYP-D3 (benzene solution) methods. A total of 100-130 trajectories were propagated in the four key cases in the gas and solution phases. Furthermore, 130 trajectories were propagated to investigate the effect of the OEEF (-0.003 au) on the reaction dynamics in solution in the three key Fe-catalyzed cases. In total, 1310 quasi-classical DFT trajectories were performed. Only productive trajectories without recrossing events were used for our analysis and discussion.

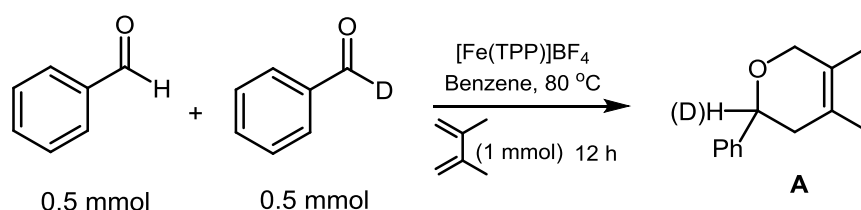
Preparation of [Fe(TPP)]BF₄. Fe(TPP)Cl (0.5 mmol, 352 mg) and AgBF₄ (0.5 mmol, 97 mg) was dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and stirred for 6 h in dry flask. The reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated to dryness. The complex was used without further purification.

Preparation of deuterated benzaldehyde.



To a solution of the above ester **1** (1.00 g) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) were added LiAlD₄ (0.336 g, 8 mmol, 1.2 eq.) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at same temperature, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride. The aqueous phase was extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂ (2×20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (30 mL), dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in vacuo, which was used for the next step without further purification. To a solution of the above mixture including **2** in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL), MnO₂ (13 g 25 eq.) was added, heat up to reflux temperature. After stirring for 2.5 h at the same temperature, the mixture was filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (2% EtOAc in hexane) to afford **3** (0.620 g, 87% for 2 steps) as a colorless oil.

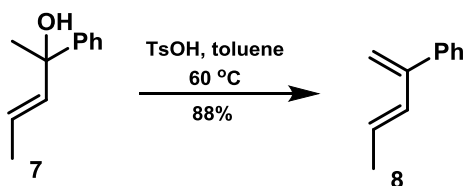
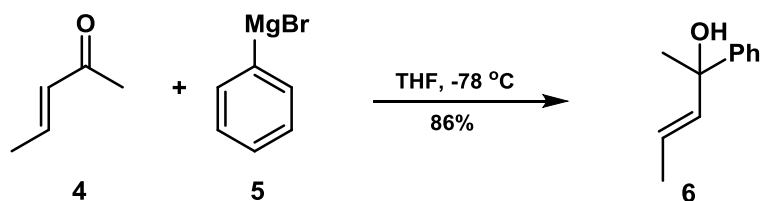
Procedure for the cycloaddition of aldehydes with dienes.



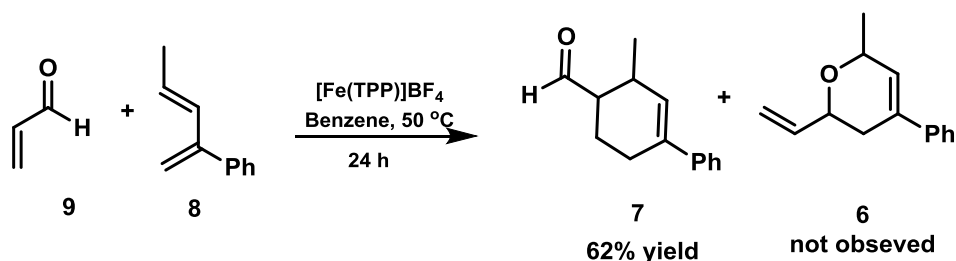
To a flask [Fe(TPP)]BF₄ (0.050 mmol, 45 mg) was added, followed by the aldehyde (1 mmol, 1:1), the diene (82 mg, 1.0 mmol) and dry benzene (2.0 mL) under the protection of argon. The flask was sealed and stirred under the indicated conditions. The reaction mixture was diluted with hexane (10 mL), passed through a short silica gel pad and washed with

hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, concentrated in vacuo. The crude H-1 NMR was determined with CDCl₃. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using basic Al₂O₃ (hexane/ethyl acetate, 100:1).

Procedure for the cycloaddition of acrolein with dienes.



Procedure for the cycloaddition of acrolein with dienes.



To a flask was added [Fe(TPP)]BF₄ (0.050 mmol, 45 mg), followed by the aldehyde 9

(56 mg, 1.0 mmol), the diene **8** (144 mg, 1.0 mmol) and dry benzene (4.0 mL) under the protection of argon. The flask was sealed and stirred under the indicated condition. The reaction mixture was diluted with hexane (10 mL), purified by flash column chromatography using basic Al₂O₃ (hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford **7** in 62% yield.

Supplementary Discussion

For the formation of A product, considerable charge transfer from the electron-rich diene substrate to the carbonyl substrate was also found to occur in the uncatalyzed transition state ($\Delta q_{(\text{diene})}$: 0.23) and, to a greater extent, in the Fe-catalyzed transition states ($\Delta q_{(\text{diene})}$: 0.46-0.50), based on Mulliken charge analysis ($\Delta q_{(\text{PhCHO})}$: -0.38~-0.40 in $^{4,6}\text{TS1A}_{\text{endo}}$ and $^{4,6}\text{TS2A}_{\text{endo}}$; see Supplementary Table 7). Therefore, the reacting carbonyl oxygen becomes more negatively charged and can interact with the cationic Fe(III) metal more strongly in these transition states with some zwitterionic character. Such bond strengthening is analogous to the enhanced hydrogen bonds in DA or ODA transition states observed in previous works.³¹⁻³³ Moreover, our Mulliken charge analysis further showed ~15-27 % charge transfer from the diene to the porphyrin ligand in $^{4,6}\text{TS1A}_{\text{endo}}$ and $^{4,6}\text{TS2A}_{\text{endo}}$ ($\Delta q_{(\text{por})}$: -0.07~-0.13; see Supplementary Table 6), but almost no transfer to the metal was observed ($\Delta q_{(\text{Fe})}$: 0.00~0.03). These charge transfer features were also supported by the NPA charge analysis (see Supplementary Table 7). Hence, the porphyrin ligand acts as an auxiliary electron reservoir during the ODA reaction.

The enhanced Fe-O axial interaction could partly render the iron atom displacement out of the porphyrin (its four N mean) plane in these transition states relative to their catalyst complexes ($\Delta d_{4\text{N}}$: 0.09-0.14 Å in $^{4,6}\text{TS1A}_{\text{endo}}$ and 0.03-0.06 Å in $^{4,6}\text{TS2A}_{\text{endo}}$). Also, the Fe(III) atom was essentially positioned in the porphyrin plane in the six-coordinate $^{4,6}\text{IA}$ ($\Delta d_{4\text{N}}$: 0.00-0.02 Å), while the Fe(III) atom was significantly displaced 0.16-0.35 from the four N mean plane in the five-coordinate $^{4,6}\text{IVA}$. Such structural features are analogous to the Fe(II) six-coordinate oxy form and five-coordinate deoxy form in heme/porphyrin systems.³⁴⁻³⁵

In contrast to the structures optimized in solution by the SMD B3LYP-D3 (with dispersion) method, the bond between the Fe-O elongated in $^{4,6}\text{IA}$ (by 0.03 Å) and in $^{4,6}\text{IVA}$ (by 0.01-0.03 Å) by the SMD B3LYP (no dispersion) method; the bond between the Fe and the reacting carbonyl O was also elongated in $^{4,6}\text{TS1A}_{\text{endo}}$ (by 0.02-0.05 Å) and $^{4,6}\text{TS2A}_{\text{endo}}$ (by 0.03-0.04 Å) as well as the bond between the Fe and nonreacting carbonyl O elongated in $^{4,6}\text{TS1A}_{\text{endo}}$ (by 0.10-0.12 Å) (see Supplementary Figure 3B). In addition, the new C-C bond

distance in ${}^4,6\text{TS1A}_{\text{endo}}$ and ${}^4,6\text{TS2A}_{\text{endo}}$ was found to be shorter by 0.02-0.14 Å by the SMD B3LYP (no dispersion) method than that by the SMD B3LYP-D3 (with dispersion) method, whereas the new C-O bond distances were longer by 0.14-0.24 Å. In the uncatalyzed reaction, the new C-C bond distance was not changed, and the new C-O bond distance was elongated by 0.03 Å (see Supplementary Figure 3B).

Our distortion/interaction analysis³⁶⁻³⁷ further indicated that a smaller total distortion energy ($\sim 35.8\text{-}40.5\text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$) and, especially, a larger interaction energy were vital in lowering the reaction barrier for the Fe-catalyzed reaction compared to the uncatalyzed reaction (see Supplementary Figure 4).

Moreover, the inclusion of an oriented external electric field (OEEF)³⁸⁻⁴¹ along the reacting Fe-O bond axis (as the OEEF positive z-axis (F_z) with a strength of -0.0015 or -0.0030 au) could further reduce the reaction barrier to roughly 14.8-21.7 kcal mol⁻¹ by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method (Supplementary Table 10 and Supplementary Figure 5), primarily due to favorable electrostatic interactions with the OEEF.

Additionally, a [Ru(TBPP)(CO)]SbF₆ complex was also reported to catalyze the cycloaddition of an aldehyde with a diene, but in a lower yield than the [Fe(TPP)]SbF₆ complex.⁴²⁻⁴³ Our calculations suggest that the ground-state Ru(III) complex (${}^2\text{IA}_{\text{Ru}}$) is doublet state, but its ODA barrier to form **A** is much higher (23.5 kcal mol⁻¹, Supplementary Figure 6b). Extraordinarily, in contrast to the related ${}^2\text{IA}$ Fe(III) complex, a very small spin density on the metal center (-0.02) and substantial spin density on the porphyrin ligand (1.01) in ${}^2\text{IA}_{\text{Ru}}$, as well as a considerable increase in spin density on the Ru metal (0.61) in ${}^2\text{TS1A}_{\text{endo,Ru}}$ were found in our study. These results indicate significant Ru(II) character in this formal Ru(III) complex with a strong π -accepting CO ligand, which could qualitatively account for the higher barrier. Such an electronic feature of the Ru(II) metal with a porphyrin radical cation, which is analogous to Compound I in the P450 enzyme can maximize back-donation from the two filled d_{xz} and d_{yz} orbitals from the d6 Ru(II) center to the two vacant π^* orbitals of the CO ligand (see Supplementary Figure 6c).

No natural or artificial biocatalyst has been reported to catalyze this challenging ODA

reaction with unactivated substrates so far, even though some natural or artificial enzymes (Diels-Alderase) were found or developed to catalyze DA reactions.⁴⁴⁻⁴⁷ Three examples (one antibody and two natural enzymes) were reported to catalyze ODA reaction only with an activated/unstable carbonyl substrate.⁴⁸⁻⁵⁰ In this connection, effects of using one axial 5-methyl-1H-imidazole (histidine) ligand for the six-coordinate mode pathway were also examined by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method. Our predicted free-energy barrier for the ODA reaction using this biological ligand in the quartet and doublet states is roughly 21.7-22.6 kcal mol⁻¹ (see Supplementary Table 16). As to the abovementioned OEEF-enhanced reactivity, the reaction barrier should be further reduced by including negative electrostatic potential around the diene substrate. Also, if the precursor (**IIA**-like) complex can be stabilized by non-covalent interactions in an enzymatic pocket, the unfavorable entropy cost and, thus, the overall barrier should be significantly diminished. Therefore, we believe and propose that combination of the cationic iron(III) porphyrin catalyst with rational design or directed evolution of artificial metalloenzymes⁴⁸⁻⁵⁰ as well as the inclusion of favorable electrostatic interactions in the active site should be the key elements to realize the first biocatalyst for this challenging ODA reaction with unactivated substrates.

For the admixture spin states, additional calculations have been done by other methods. However, compared to the experimental observation (admixture quartet and sextet states), the DLPNO-CCSD(T) method was found to significantly over-stabilize the high spin state ($\Delta G_{S-Q} = \sim -11.8$ kcal mol⁻¹, see Supplementary Table 17). Recently, Harvey and coworkers performed their multireference approach CASPT2/CC to calculate the quintet-triplet gaps of a series of non-heme Fe(IV)=O species.⁵¹⁻⁵² Their works also concluded that “current implementations of the local coupled-cluster method are not sufficiently accurate. DLPNO-CCSD(T) systematically overstabilizes the quintet state”. Unfortunately, the practical, advanced and state-of-the-art DLPNO-CCSD(T) method predicted the wrong ground state. Furthermore, Radoń performed CCSD(T) calculations on simplified heme-type Fe(III) complexes and compared with different DFT methods.⁵³ This study summarized that “Although the DFT results are highly functional-dependent, it is shown that the spin-state energetics of a full heme model and its simplified mimic remain in a good linear correlation.”

PBE0 method was shown to be the best method for energy gap between the quartet and sextet states for the heme-like Fe(III) cases in this study. It is also in agreement with our new calculations on the Fe(III) porphyrin complex coordinating with two acetone that the PBE0-D3 method qualitatively reproduce the observed admixture states (see Supplementary Table 17). Our PBE0-D3 results did support our B3LYP-D3 results that the key transition states have the similar energy for the quartet and sextet states (see Supplementary Table 2).

2-Phenyl-1,3-butadiene was then employed to examine the mechanism of the regioselective formation of product **B**. Our SMD B3LYP-D3 results indicated that the lowest-energy pathway via ${}^4\text{TS2B}_{\text{endo-p}}$, to form desired *para*-product ${}^4\text{VIB}_{\text{endo-p}}$ has a lower barrier ($21.5 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$) than that via ${}^4\text{TS2B}_{\text{exo-m}}$ to form *meta*-product ${}^4\text{VIB}_{\text{exo-m}}$ by about $4.1 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$. The regioselectivity in the formation of **B** in the Fe(III)-catalyzed reaction is much higher than that in the uncatalyzed reaction ($0.8 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$). Similarly, when 2-methyl-1,3-butadiene was used, our DFT study supported a high kinetic preference for the formation of desired *para*-product **C** (${}^4\text{VIC}_{\text{endo-p}}$) over *meta*-product ${}^4\text{VIC}_{\text{exo-m}}$ by approximately $4.3 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$. These DFT results are in agreement with the experimental observations. The presence of a Ph or Me group on C2 of the diene was found to increase the HOMO coefficient and the negative charge on C1 of the diene, which enhance the regioselective addition of the electrophilic carbonyl carbon to this electron-rich C1 atom of the diene. Moreover, in the Fe-catalyzed asynchronous transition states, the significant C-C bond formation that leads to the pronounced charge transfer from the diene substrate to the carbonyl group makes the *para*-carbon more electron-deficient by $\sim 0.04\text{-}0.07$. Therefore, an electron-donating methyl or conjugated phenyl group can stabilize the relatively electron-deficient *para*-carbon, favoring the formation of *para*-form product **B** or **C** due to favorable electrostatic matching and larger orbital overlap of the diene (HOMO-type) with the carbonyl (LUMO-type).

Additional calculations were also carried out to understand the *cis*-stereoselective formation of product **D** from the reaction with 2-phenyl-1,3-pentadiene. As summarized in Figure S12, the lowest barrier to form the *cis*-product via ${}^4\text{TS1D}_{\text{endo-cis-p}}$ is approximately $15.5 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$, which is smaller than that to form the *trans*-product via ${}^4\text{TS1D}_{\text{exo-trans-p}}$ by 3.6 kcal

mol⁻¹ by the SMD B3LYP-D3 method. In fact, the *cis*-product was derived from the commonly favorable *endo*-cycloaddition, while the *exo*-cycloaddition, leading to the *trans*-product, requires a higher barrier due to the absence of secondary orbital interactions.⁵⁴⁻⁵⁶ Dispersion interactions not only reduce the reaction barriers for the formation of the *cis*- and *trans*-products, they can also slightly increase the kinetic preference for the *cis*-stereoselectivity.

In short, our systematic DFT static simulations revealed that iron has pronounced effects on the reactivity, mechanism and secondary deuterium KIE of the ODA reaction. The Lewis-acid Fe(III) metal activates the carbonyl substrate by lowering its LUMO energy, facilitating it to react with the electron-rich diene. During the reaction, along with substantial charge transfer from the diene substrate to the metal-ligated carbonyl, the porphyrin ligand also functions as an auxiliary electron reservoir: a redox-inactive noninnocent ligand. The Fe(III)-catalyzed ODA reaction was suggested to follow a concerted asynchronous pathway in the quartet and sextet states with five- or six-coordination mode (two-mode reactivity with admixed spin states) based on the computed energies and computed/measured secondary KIE values. Surprisingly, the secondary KIE values was computed to be abnormally large, even though substantial C-C bond formation occurs in the five-coordinate transition states, due to a noticeable and possibly unrecognized EIE resulted from the change in the coordination of the metal. Moreover, the iron can adapt and change its coordinate mode or other Fe-ligand bonding features to activate the carbonyl substrate. Also, dispersion interactions and an OEEF can reduce the ODA reaction barriers. Interestingly, compared to the ground-state quartet Fe(III) catalyst, the ground-state electronic structure of the related formal Ru(III) catalyst with one CO ligand was shown to become a closed-shell Ru(II) center with doublet porphyrin radical cation character, which increases the reaction barrier. Our combined computational and experimental studies further indicated that steric and electronic effects are the key elements in the unique chemoselectivity for the C=O bond of α,β -unsaturated aldehydes.

Compared to the static geometry optimization methods (usually at 0 K), MD simulations with sufficient trajectories include thermal and entropy effects and, thus, should give more realistic ensemble structure. Moreover, MD simulations can give us branching ratio of

different products in bifurcate pathways/reactions, while the static geometry optimization cannot. In addition, driven by the thermal effect (and possibly non-equilibrium effect), reaction trajectories do not have to follow minimum energy path (derived from the static geometry optimization) and have shown unusual mechanistic details (e.g. roaming) in some post-transition state dynamics.⁵⁷⁻⁵⁸ Broader entrance channel was observed in our Fe-catalyzed ODA trajectories which should be related to deviate from the minimum energy path.

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