## **Supplementary information**

## Direct versus hydrogen-assisted CO dissociation over stepped Ni and Ni<sub>3</sub>Fe surfaces: a computational investigation

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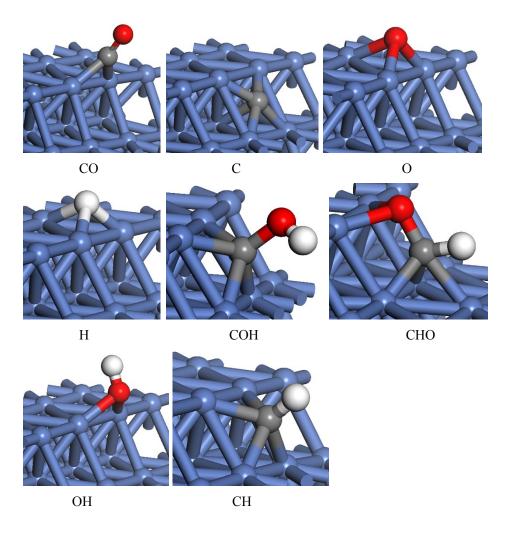
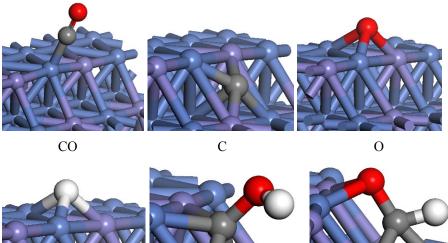
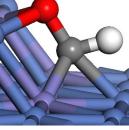


Figure S1. Favored adsorption configurations of CO and relevant species on Ni(211)



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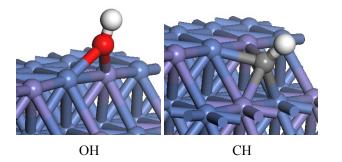


Figure S2. Favored adsorption configurations of CO and relevant species on Ni<sub>3</sub>Fe(211)-AB

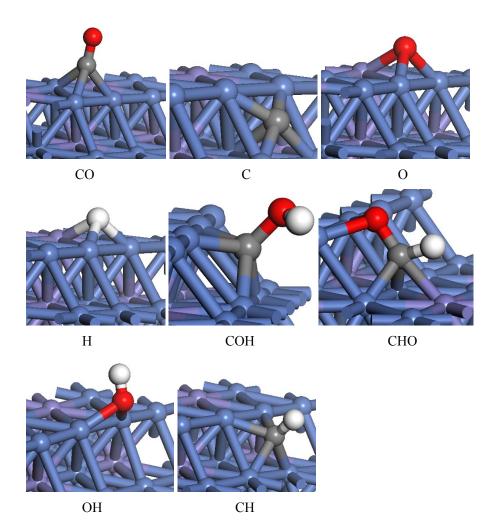


Figure S3. Favored adsorption configurations of CO and relevant species on  $Ni_3Fe(211)$ -AA

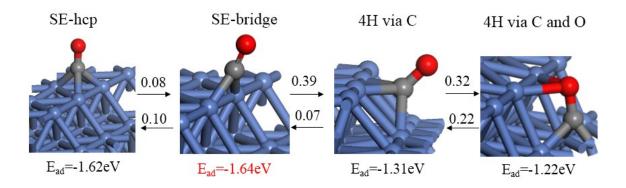


Figure S4. The diffusion of CO between several typical adsorption geometries on Ni(211). The adsorption sites and corresponding adsorption energies are labeled over and below the figures; the diffusion barriers (eV) are marked above the arrows.

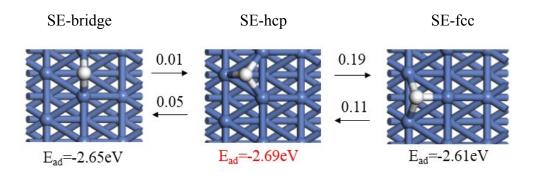


Figure S5. The diffusion of H between several typical adsorption geometries on Ni(211). The adsorption sites and corresponding adsorption energies are labeled over and below the figures; the diffusion barriers (eV) are marked above the arrows.