

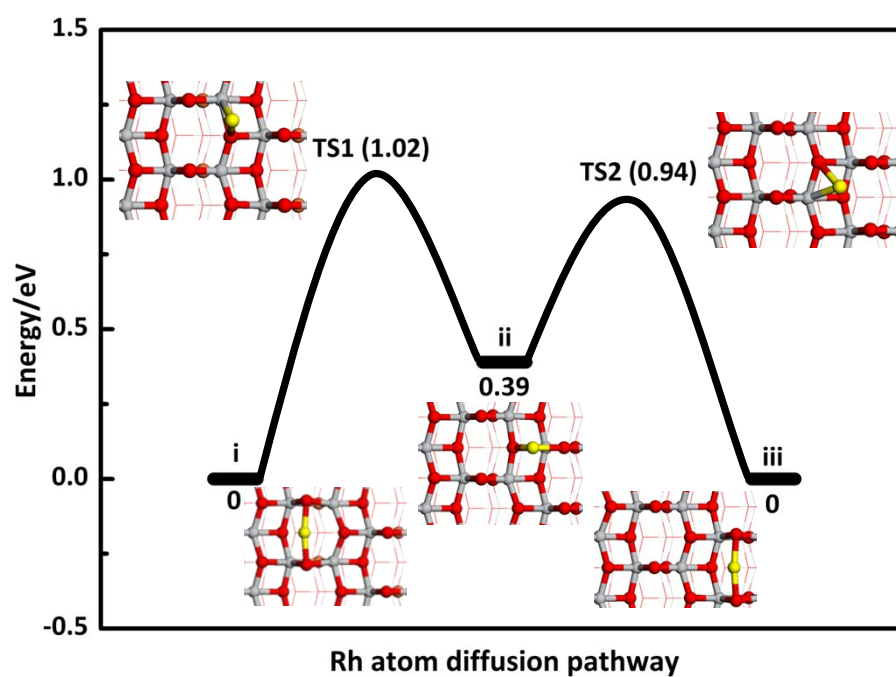
## Supporting Information

### **Elucidation of the high CO<sub>2</sub> reduction selectivity by isolated Rh supported on TiO<sub>2</sub>: a DFT study**

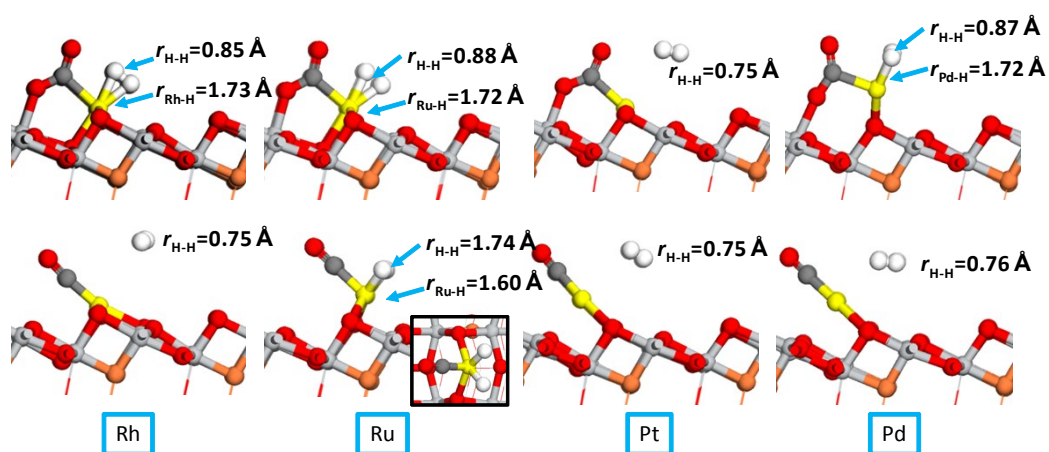
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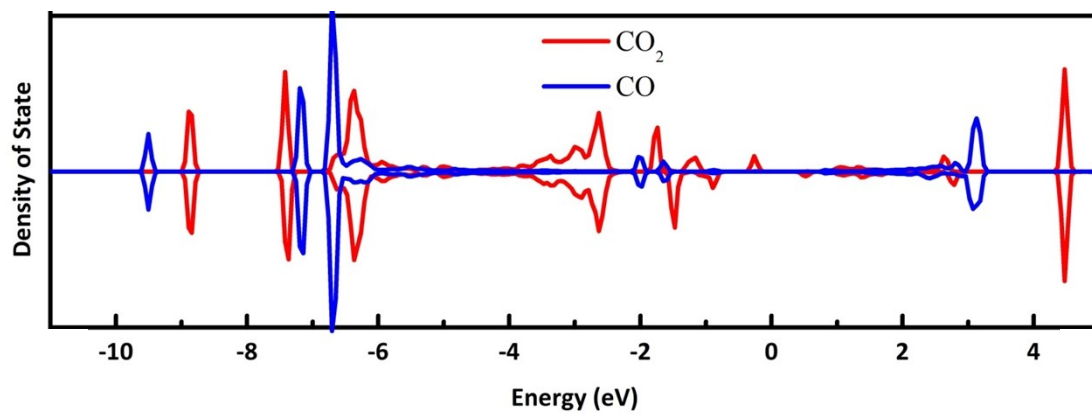


**Figure S1** The diffusion pathway of Rh atom from #1 adsorption configuration to #2 adsorption configuration.



**Figure S2** The adsorption structures of  $\text{CO}_2$ , CO, the co-adsorbed  $\text{CO-H}_2$  and  $\text{CO}_2\text{-H}_2$  on  $\text{M}_1/\text{TiO}_2$

(M: Rh, Ru, Pd and Pt).



**Figure S3** The DOS of CO<sub>2</sub> and CO for CO<sub>2</sub>-Rh<sub>1</sub>/TiO<sub>2</sub> (red line) and CO-Rh<sub>1</sub>/TiO<sub>2</sub> (blue line) system.

**Table S1** The activation barriers and reaction energies of elementary steps from the three reaction pathways of RWGS on Rh<sub>1</sub>/TiO<sub>2</sub>. \* and ^ represent the different adsorption sites. O<sub>v</sub> represents the surface oxygen vacancy.

	Elementary steps	Reaction barriers/eV	Reaction energies/eV
Pathway 1	$CO_2 + H_2 + 2 * \rightarrow * CO_2 + * H_2$	0	-0.77
	$* CO_2 + * H_2 \rightarrow * COOH + * H$	0.24	-0.71
	$* COOH + * H \rightarrow * CO + H_2O + *$	1.92	0.66
	$* CO \rightarrow CO + *$	0	1.48
Pathway 2	$H_2 + * \rightarrow * H_2$	0	-0.58
	$* H_2 + ^\wedge \rightarrow * H + ^\wedge H$	0.80	-0.22
	$CO_2 + * \rightarrow * CO_2$	0	-0.43
	$* CO_2 + * H \rightarrow * COOH + *$	0.81	0
	$^\wedge H + * \rightarrow * H + ^\wedge$	1.10	-0.25
	$* COOH + * H \rightarrow * CO + H_2O + *$	1.92	0.66
Pathway 3	$* CO \rightarrow CO + *$	0	1.48
	$H_2 + * \rightarrow * H_2$	0	-0.58
	$* H_2 + ^\wedge \rightarrow * H + ^\wedge H$	0.80	-0.22
	$* H + ^\wedge H + O_{surf} \rightarrow * + ^\wedge H_2O + O_v$	1.83	0.90
	$^\wedge H_2O \rightarrow ^\wedge + H_2O$	0	0.64
	$CO_2 + ^\wedge \rightarrow ^\wedge CO_2$	0	-0.68
	$^\wedge CO_2 + O_v + * \rightarrow * CO + O_{surf} + ^\wedge$	0	-0.82
	$* CO \rightarrow CO + *$	0	1.48