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Supporting Information

SI-Figure 1. The structure of Sn material in different low-index surfaces. The symbols *m*, *n*, and *l* denote the index of the surface in *x*, *y*, and *z* directions, respectively.

SI-Table 1. The surface energy (E_{sur}) ,	lattice constant (a, b), lattice angle (γ), and
surface area ($m{S}$) corresponding to Sn in	various low-index surfaces. The symbols a, b,
γ, and S can be found in SI-Figure 1 .	

Sn Surface	E _{sur} (meV)	a (Å)	b (Å)	r (°)	S (Ų)
(001)	45.75	5.84	5.84	90.00	34.13
(010)	40.28	3.17	5.84	90.00	18.53
(011)	36.90	5.84	6.65	90.00	38.83
(100)	37.88	5.84	3.17	90.00	18.53
(101)	36.86	6.65	5.84	90.00	38.83
(110)	47.54	3.17	8.26	90.00	26.21
(111)	41.22	6.65	6.65	76.80	43.03
(200)	36.50	5.84	3.18	90.00	18.58

		ΔG (eV) associated overpotential					
Product	Reaction process	Sn(20	С-	<i>N</i> -	0-	S-Sn(200)	Se-
		0)	Sn(200)	Sn(200)	Sn(200)		Sn(200)
	$^{*}\mathrm{CO}_{2(\mathrm{ads})} + (\mathrm{H}^{+}+\mathrm{e}^{-}) \rightarrow$		0.02				0.05
нсоон	*OCHO _(ads)						
	$^{*}OCHO_{(ads)} + (H^{+}+e^{-}) \rightarrow$	0.73		0.66	0.59	0.36	0.26
	*HCOOH _(ads)						
	$^{*}\text{HCOOH}_{(ads)} \rightarrow ^{*} +$		0.19				
	HCOOH _(g)						
	$^{*}\mathrm{CO}_{2(\mathrm{ads})} + (\mathrm{H}^{+}+\mathrm{e}^{-}) \rightarrow$	0.58	0.28		0.72	0.88	0.68
CO.	*COOH _(ads)						
CO	$^{*}\text{COOH}_{(ads)} + (\text{H}^{+}+e^{-}) \rightarrow$						
	$*CO_{(ads)} + H_2O_{(g)}$						
	$^{*}CO_{(ads)} \rightarrow CO_{(g)}$		0.29	1.62			

SI-Table 2. The change of Gibbs free energy (ΔG) at possible overpotentials during the CO_2 reduction process.



SI-Figure 2. The influence of spin-orbit coupling (SOC) on CO_2RR activity. The reduction of CO_2 to HCOOH (a) and CO (b) at Sn(200) and C-Sn(200) surfaces.



SI-Figure 3. The effect of electrode potential U on the two-electronic CO_2 reduction to form HCOOH and CO at different Sn(200) related substrates, as (a) Sn(200), (b) C-Sn(200), (c) N-Sn(200), (d) O-Sn(200), (e) S-Sn(200) and (f) Se-Sn(200). It should be mentioned that the reductions to form HCOOH and CO are denoted in red and dark blue lines, respectively.