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Supporting Information

The Electronic Structure of Diatomic Nickel Oxide

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Method	Basis set	State	Electronic Energy	R (Å) (opt)
CASSCF	awQ-DK	Triplet	-1594.020236	1.680
CASSCF	awQ-DK	Quintet	-1594.025192	1.780
icMRCI+Q	awT-DK	Triplet	-1594.617182	1.602
icMRCI+Q	awQ-DK	Triplet	-1594.649092	1.600
icMRCI+Q	awQ-DK	Quintet	-1594.642726	1.680
icMRCI+Q (BDE calc.)	awT-DK	Triplet	-1594.616654	1.602
icMRCI+Q (BDE calc.)	awT-DK	Triplet	-1594.468467	6.000ª
icMRCI+Q (BDE calc.)	awQ-DK	Triplet	-1594.648711	1.600
icMRCI+Q (BDE calc.)	awQ-DK	Triplet	-1594.496842	6.000 ^a
icMRCI+Q (BDE calc.)	CBS awn-DK	Triplet	-1594.667214	1.599
icMRCI+Q (BDE calc.)	CBS awn-DK	Triplet	-1594.513218	6.00 ^a
CCSD(T) NiO	aD-DK	Triplet	-1594.530630	1.636
CCSD(T) NiO	aT-DK	Triplet	-1594.648699	1.625
CCSD(T) NiO	aQ-DK	Triplet	-1594.693755	1.623
CCSD(T) NiO	awT-DK	Triplet	-1595.114970	1.625
CCSD(T) NiO	awQ-DK	Triplet	-1595.198462	1.624
CCSD(T) NiO	CBS awn-DK	Triplet	-1595.246651	1.624 ^b
RKS-CCSD(T) NiO	awT-DK	Triplet	-1595.111563	1.615
RKS-CCSD(T) NiO	awQ-DK	Triplet	-1595.194258	1.614
RKS-CCSD(T) NiO	CBS awn-DK	Triplet	-1595.241987	1.614 ^b
CCSD(T) NiO	awT-DK	Quintet	-1595.057724	1.685
CCSD(T) NiO	awQ-DK	Quintet	-1595.139342	1.684
CCSD(T) NiO	CBS awn-DK	Quintet	-1595.186449	1.683 ^b
CCSD(T) O	aT-DK	Triplet	-75.04261954	
CCSD(T) O	aQ-DK	Triplet	-75.07747370	
CCSD(T) O	CBS an-DK	Triplet	-75.09759026	
CCSD(T) Ni	awT-DK	Triplet	-1519.924437	
CCSD(T) Ni	awQ-DK	Triplet	-1519.972133	
CCSD(T) Ni	CBS awn-DK	Triplet	-1519.999662	

Table S1. Absolute energies (Hartrees) of Ni, O, and NiO at the icMRCI+Q/awn-DK, CCSD(T)/an-DK, CCSD(T)/awn-DK, and RKS-CCSD(T)/awn-DK levels.

^a Separated atoms for BDE calculation. ^b Value obtained from extrapolated energies with subsequent curve refitting.

Functional	Electronic Energy	R _e
B1B95	-244.776736	1.605
B1LYP	-244.672414	1.612
B3LYP	-244.819987	1.611
B3P86	-245.362026	1.601
B3PW91	-244.816634	1.605
B971	-244.711421	1.651
B972	-244.958305	1.608
B98	-244.749661	1.650
BP86	-244.932610	1.616
BMK	-244.050022	1.603
CAM-B3LYP	-244.670260	1.647
HSE06	-244.660065	1.602
HS06	-244.660416	1.602
HSE03	-244.948340	1.603
LC-ωPBE	-244.769096	1.590
M052X	-244.748685	1.621
M05	-244.844554	1.623
M062X	-244.757015	1.625
M06	-244.788893	1.599
M06HF	-244.709253	1.673
M08HX	-244.611761	1.632
M11	-244.705945	1.618
MN12SX	-243.221620	1.595
MN15	-244.890237	1.624
mPW1LYP	-244.672156	1.611
mPW1PBE	-244.739963	1.605
mPW1PW91	-244.791719	1.602
mPW3PBE	-244.774328	1.603
N12SX	-244.253231	1.645
O3LYP	-245.006141	1.616
PBE1PBE	-244.656418	1.602
PBEh1PBE	-244.661570	1.602
PBE	-244.755298	1.617
PBE0	-244.436199	1.600
PW91	-244.887901	1.617
SOGGA11X	-244.645748	1.663
SVWN5	-243.983381	1.586
τ-ΗСΤΗ	-245.436178	1.621
TPSSh	-244.733401	1.611
ωB97	-244.813024	1.596
ωB97X	-244.708437	1.644
ωB97XD	-244.712788	1.652
X3LYP	-244.735765	1.610

Table S2. Absolute energies (Hartrees) and bond distances (Å) of NiO at the DFT Level