

## Supplementary Materials

### Electrostatic potential-tuned *d*-band center for enhanced oxygen evolution of NiFe-based catalysts

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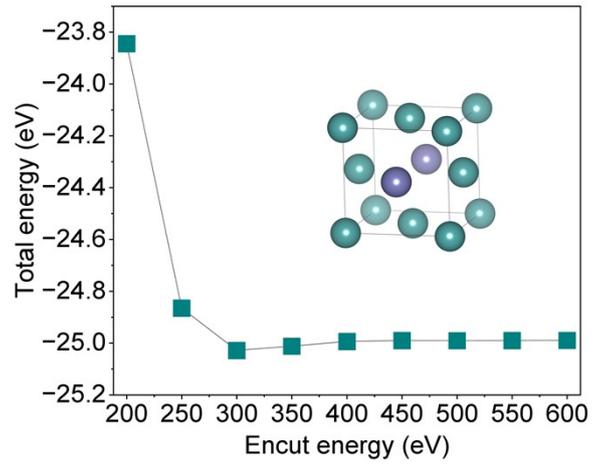
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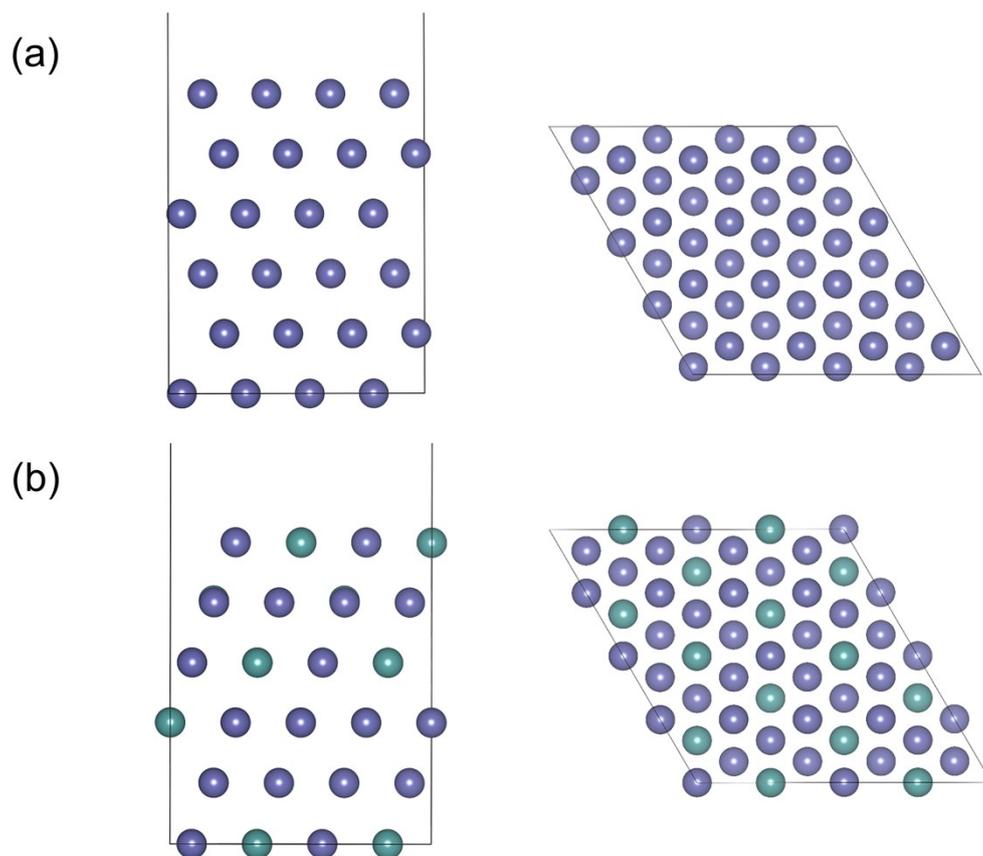
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**Figure S1. Convergence test of cutoff energy for the Ni<sub>3</sub>Fe bulk system.**



**Figure S2. Structural models of  $\text{Ni}_4$  and  $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}$ .** (a)  $\text{Ni}_4$ . (b)  $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}$ . Configurations of  $\text{Ni}_2\text{Fe}_2$  and  $\text{NiFe}_3$  are structurally analogous to  $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}$ , differing in their Ni:Fe compositional ratio.

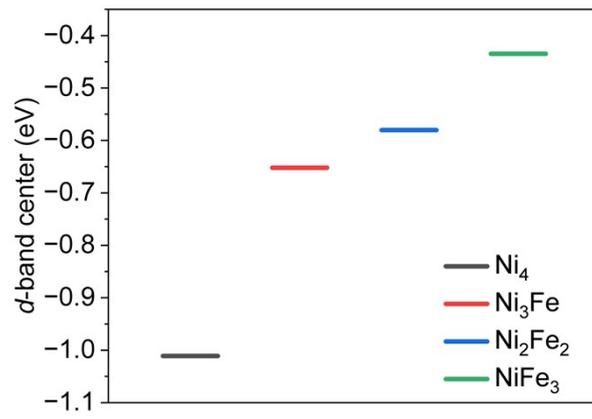
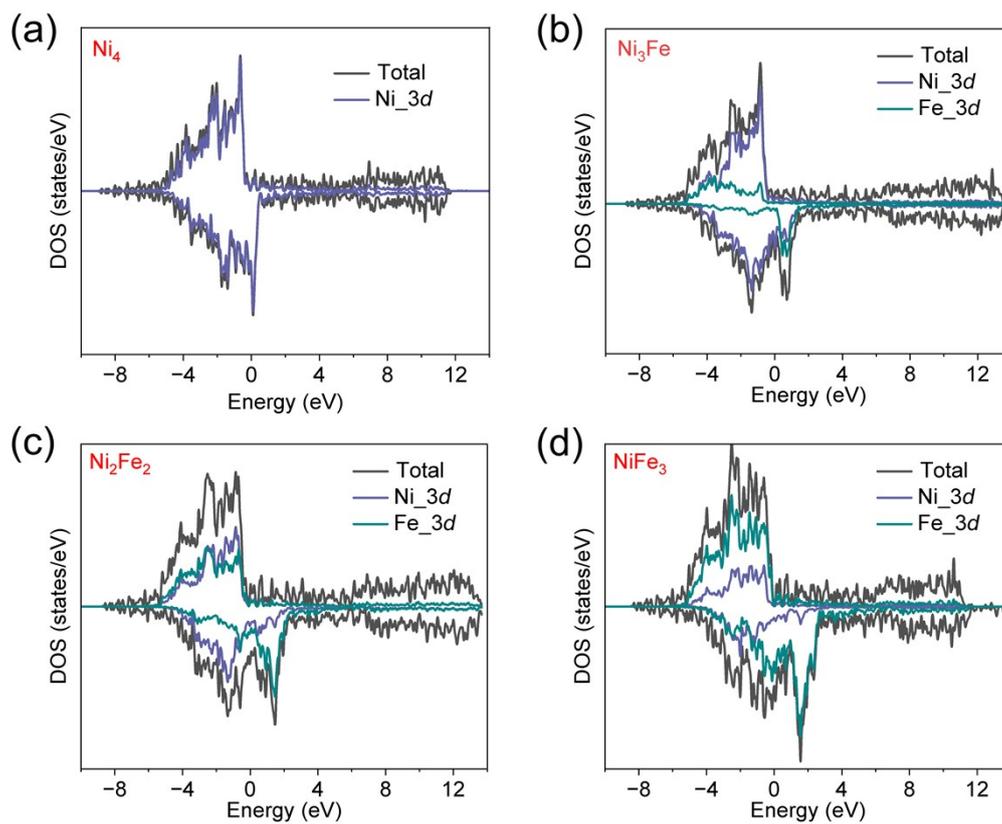
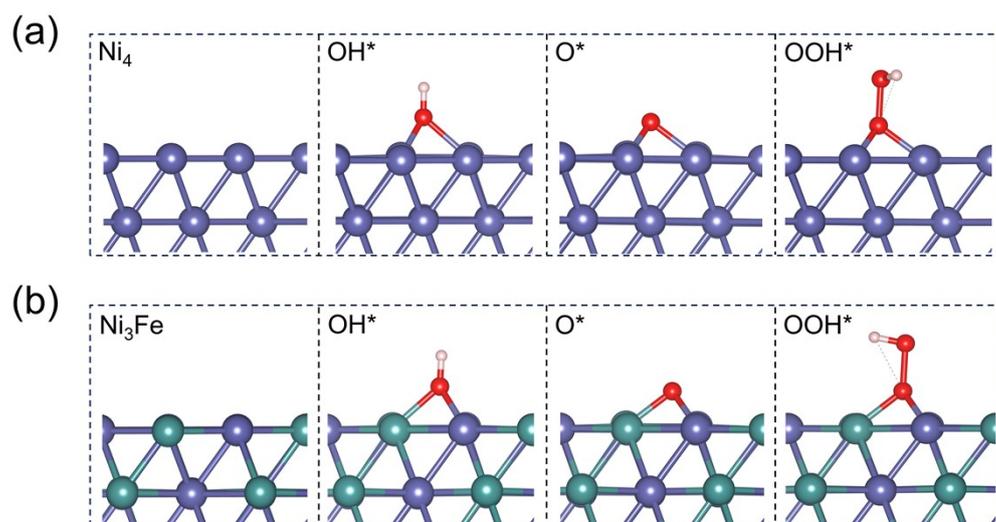


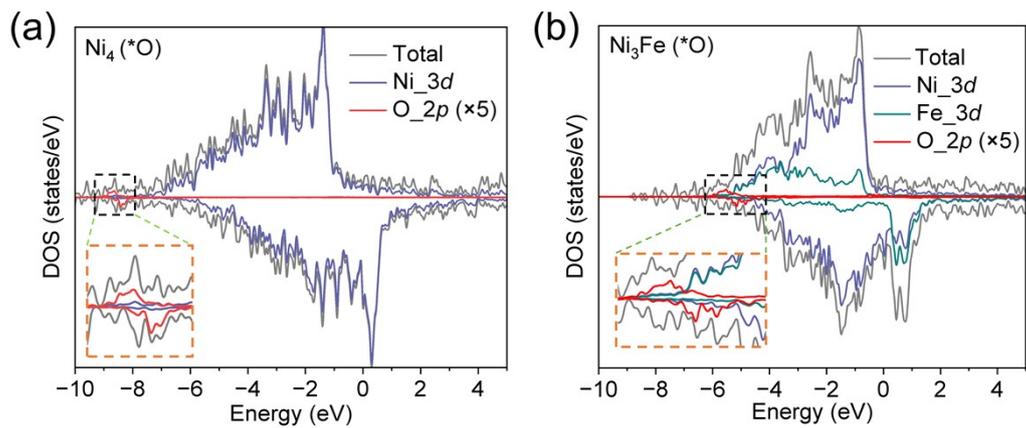
Figure S3. *d*-band centers of NiFe alloys with varying compositions on (111) surfaces.



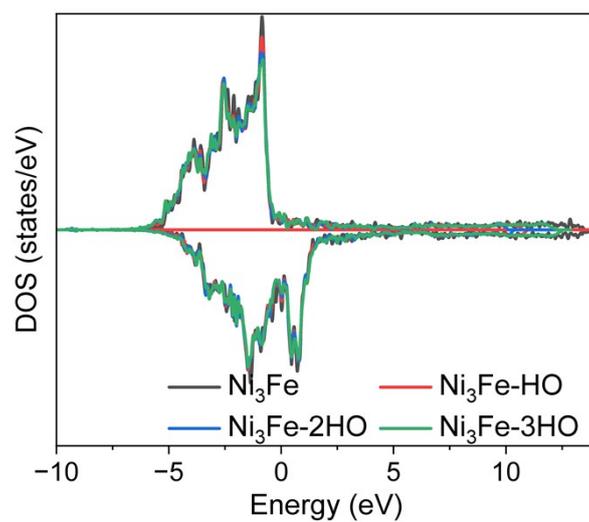
**Figure S4. Density of states (DOS) for NiFe alloys with varying compositions on (111) surfaces.**  
 (a)  $\text{Ni}_4$ . (b)  $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}$ . (c)  $\text{Ni}_2\text{Fe}_2$ . (d)  $\text{NiFe}_3$ .



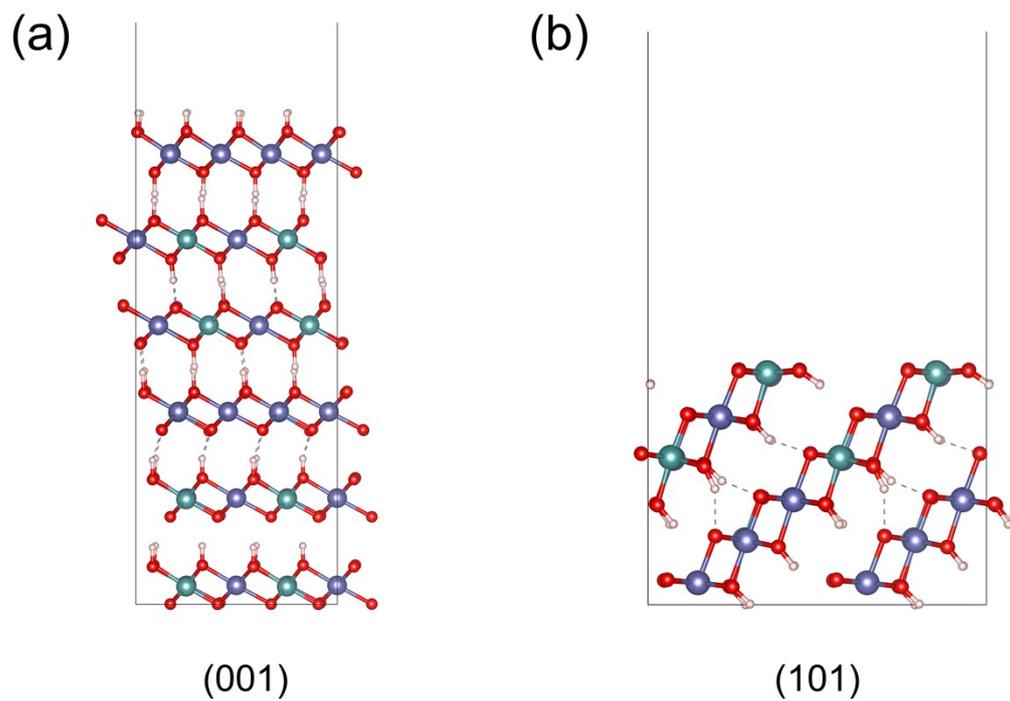
**Figure S5. Schematic models of OER processes.** (a)  $\text{Ni}_4$ . (b)  $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}$ . Atomic color codes: Purple spheres for Ni, dark cyan spheres for Fe, red spheres for O, white spheres for H.



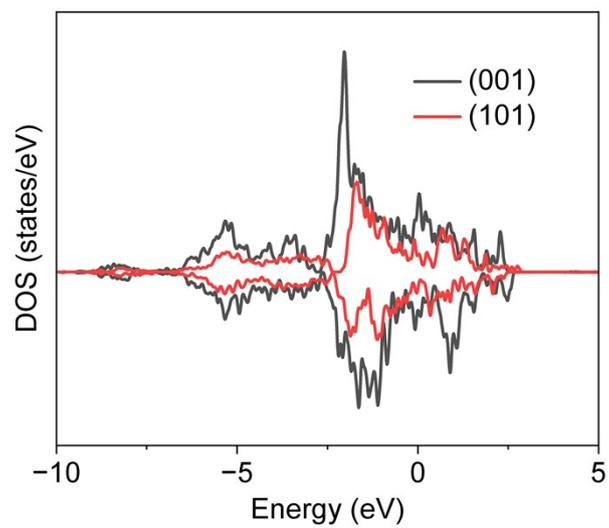
**Figure S6. DOS for alloy systems after single oxygen atom adsorption. (a)  $\text{Ni}_4$ . (b)  $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}$ . Insets highlight local DOS features.**



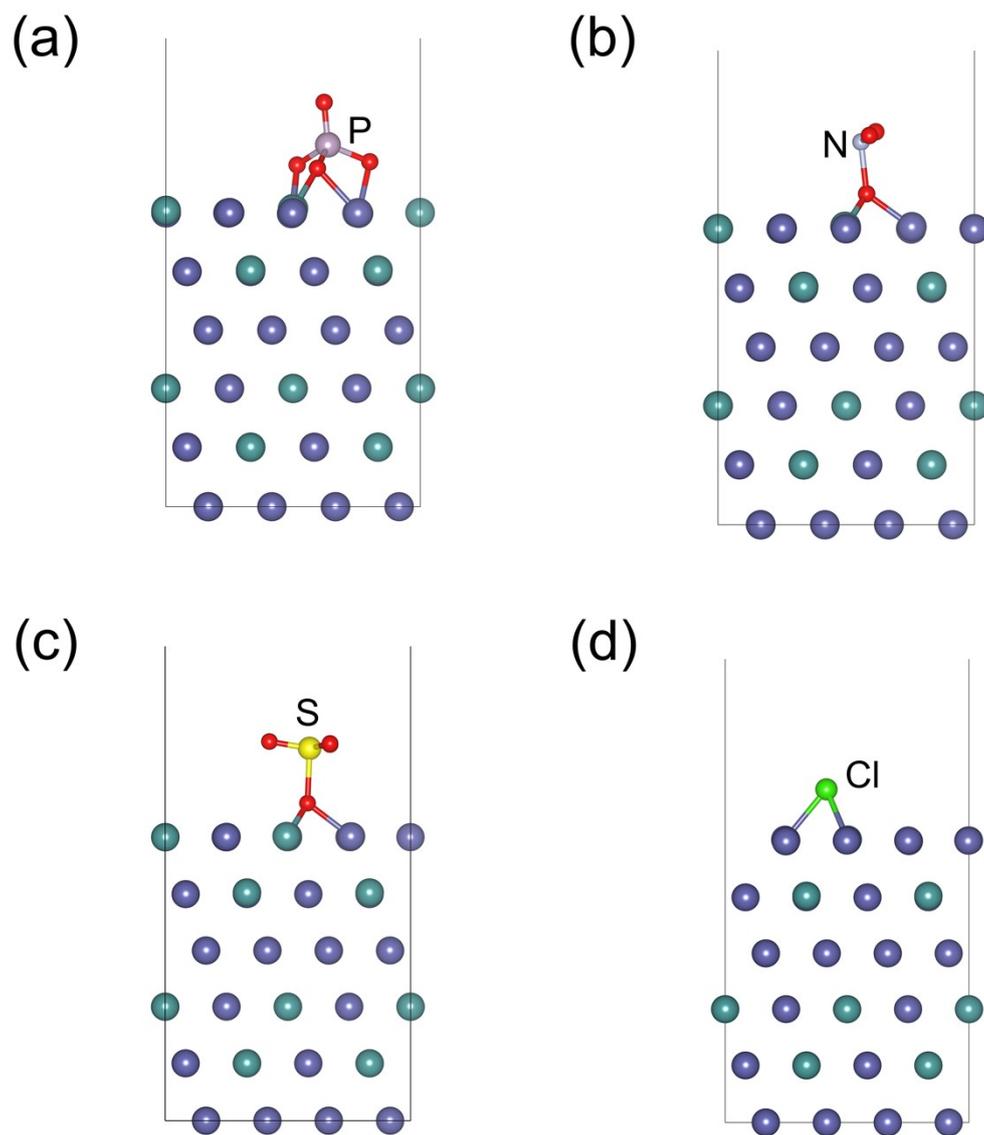
**Figure S7. DOS for Ni<sub>3</sub>Fe (111) surfaces across varying coverages of O/OH adsorbates.**



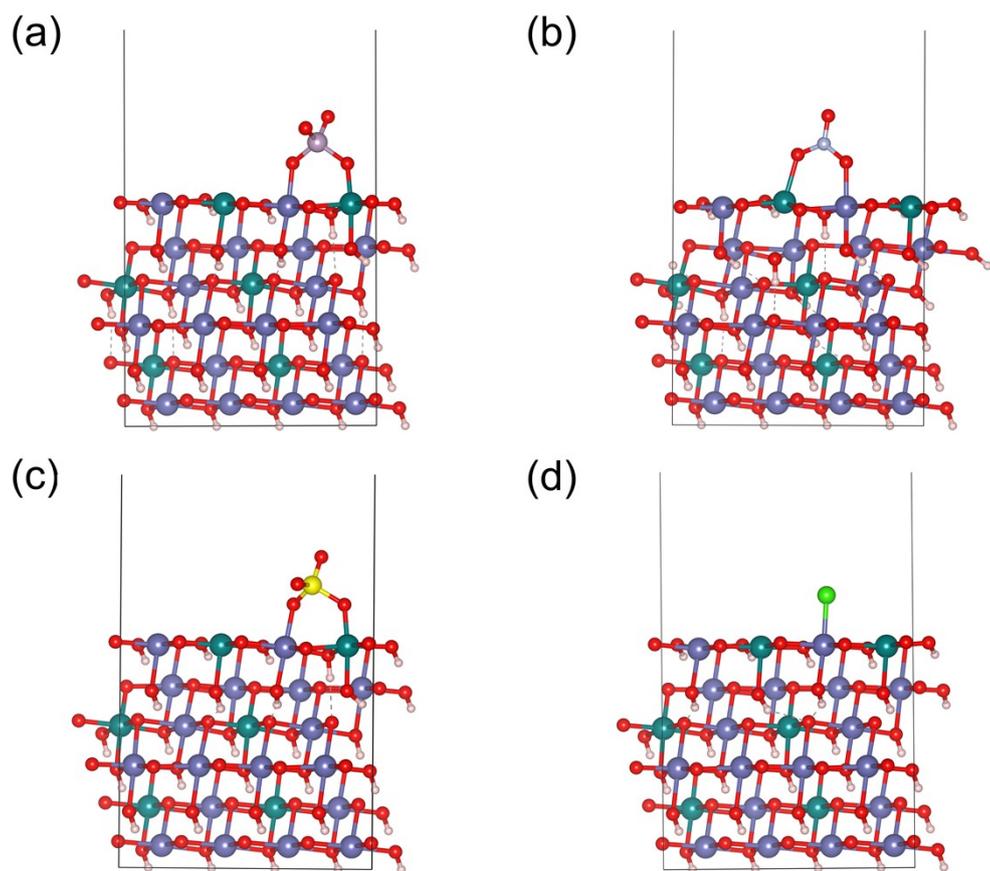
**Figure S8. Structural models of NiFeOOH surface.** (a) (001) surface. (b) (101) surface. Atomic color scheme: Purple spheres for Ni atoms, dark cyan spheres for Fe atoms, red spheres for O atoms, white spheres for H atoms.



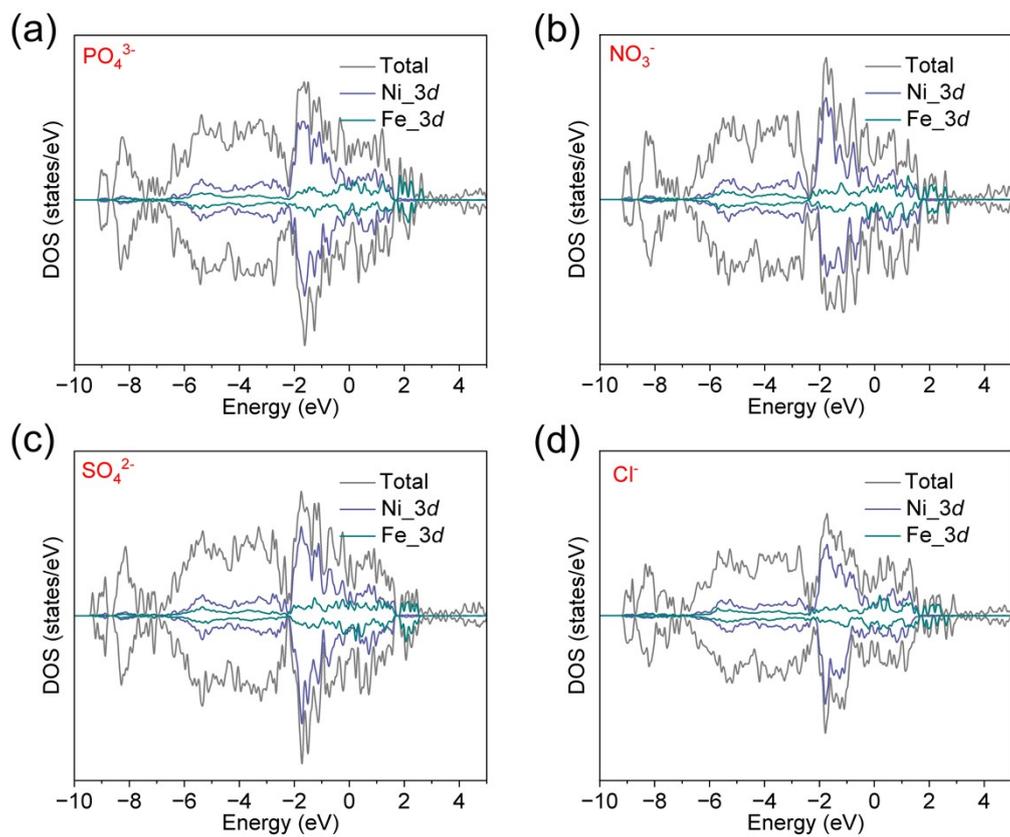
**Figure S9. 3d-orbital PDOS for NiFeOOH (001) and (101) surfaces.**



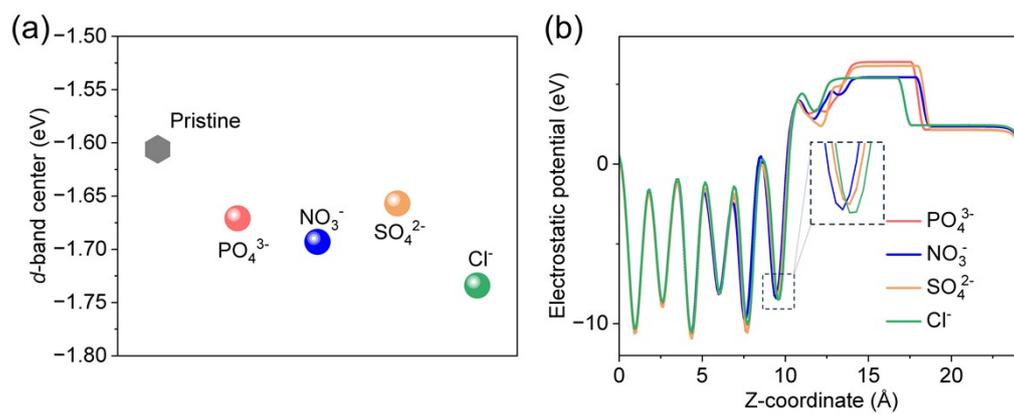
**Figure S10. Surface models of Ni<sub>3</sub>Fe(111) with adsorbed ions. (a)  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ . (b)  $\text{NO}_3^-$ . (c)  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ . (d)  $\text{Cl}^-$ .**



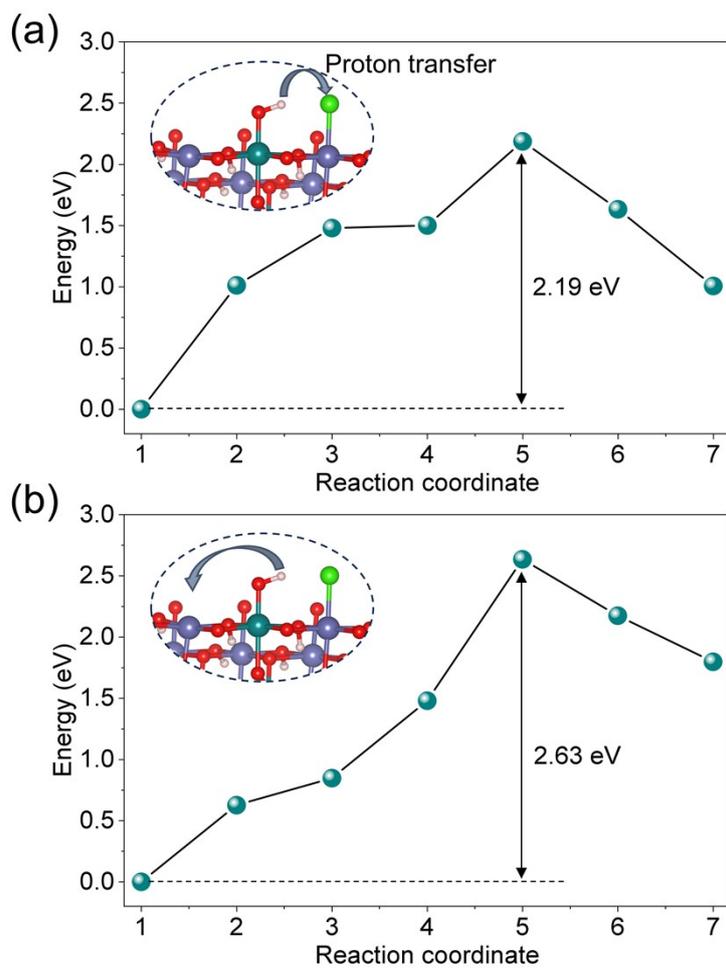
**Figure S11. Surface models of NiFeOOH (111) with adsorbed ions.** (a)  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ . (b)  $\text{NO}_3^-$ . (c)  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ . (d)  $\text{Cl}^-$ .



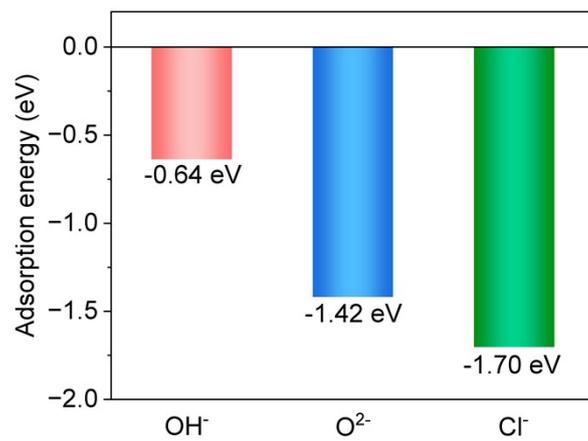
**Figure S12. DOS of NiFeOOH (101) surface by adsorbed ionic species. (a)  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ . (b)  $\text{NO}_3^-$ . (c)  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ . (d)  $\text{Cl}^-$ .**



**Figure S13. Electronic modifications of NiFeOOH (101) surface by adsorbed ionic species. (a)  $d$ -band center shifts. (b) ESP maps for different systems.**



**Figure S14. Energy barrier for proton transfer via two different pathways.** (a) Transfer from OH\* to a Cl atom; (b) Transfer from OH\* to an adjacent Ni atom.



**Figure S15.** Comparison of adsorption energies of OH<sup>-</sup>, O<sup>2-</sup>, and Cl<sup>-</sup>.