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## Acetylene hydrogenation catalyzed by bare and Ni doped CeO<sub>2</sub>(110): The role of frustrated Lewis pairs

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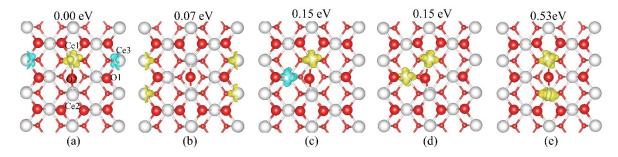


Figure S1 Calculated spin density with  $Ce^{3+}$  located at different positions for  $CeO_2(110)$ - $O_v$ . The data is the energy of each configuration relative to the most stable one (a). Color scheme: Ce, white; oxygen, red; spin density, cyan or yellow.

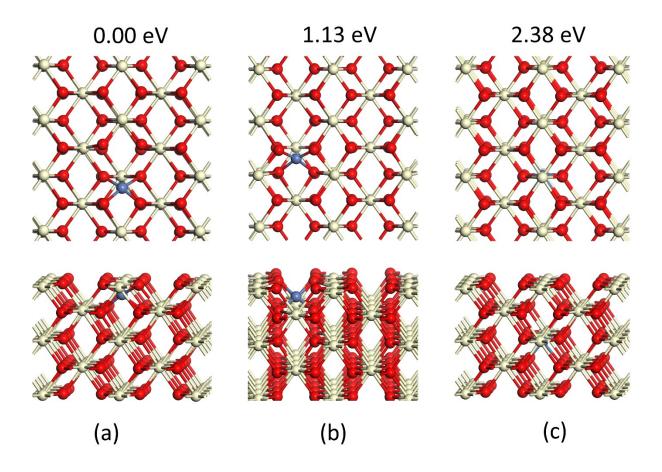


Figure S2 Top and side views of geometries of Ni doped CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) with substituted Ce located at different layers.

(a) Configuration 1 which a surface Ce (first layer) replaced by Ni; (b) Configuration 2 which a second layer Ce replaced by Ni; (c) Configuration 3 which a third layer Ce replaced by Ni. The values in the figure indicated the energies relative to that of configuration 1. Color scheme: Ni, blue; Ce, yellow; oxygen, red.

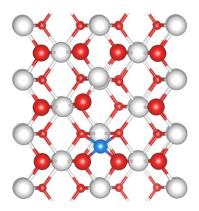


Figure S3 Calculated spin density of Ni-CeO $_2$ (110)-O $_v$ . Color scheme: Ni, blue; Ce, white; oxygen, red; spin density, cyan or yellow.

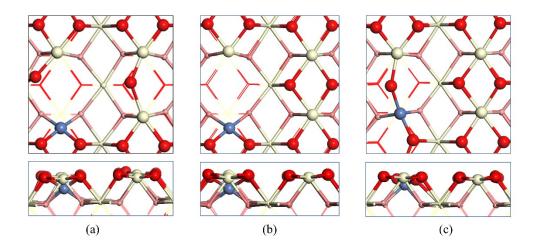


Figure S4 Top and side views of geometries of Ni-CeO<sub>2</sub>(110) with two  $O_v$ s. (a) second  $O_v$  located at O1, (b) second  $O_v$  located at O2, (c) second  $O_v$  located at O3. O1, O2 and O3 are indicated in Figure 1 (d). Color scheme: Ni, blue; Ce, yellow; oxygen, red; subsurface oxygen, light red.

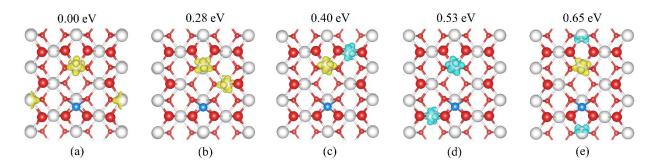


Figure S5 Calculated spin density with Ce<sup>3+</sup> located at different positions for Ni-CeO<sub>2</sub>(110)-2O<sub>v</sub>. The data of each image is the energy of each configuration relative to the most stable one. Color scheme: Ni, blue; Ce, white; oxygen, red; spin density, cyan or yellow.

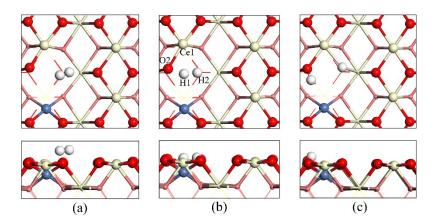


Figure S6 Top and side views of geometries related to  $H_2$  dissociation on the Ce/O CLP at Ni-CeO<sub>2</sub>(110)-O<sub>v</sub>. (a)  $H_2$  adsorption ( $H_2$ \*), (b) TS of the  $H_2$  dissociation, (c) heterolytic products (H\*–Ce + H\*–O). Color scheme: Ni, blue; Ce, yellow; oxygen, red; subsurface oxygen, light red; H, white.

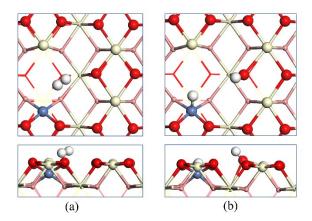


Figure S7 Top and side views of geometries of adsorbed  $H_2$  (a) and dissociated  $H_2$  (H\*-Ni+ H\*-O) (b) on Ni-CeO<sub>2</sub>(110)-2O<sub>v</sub>. Color scheme: Ni, blue; Ce, yellow; oxygen, red; subsurface oxygen, light red; H, white.