

NiCrO/MCu111 interface sites for synergistic catalysis to water splitting

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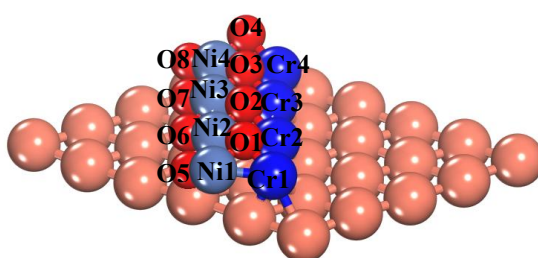


Figure S1 the labelled structure of NiCrO/Cu111.

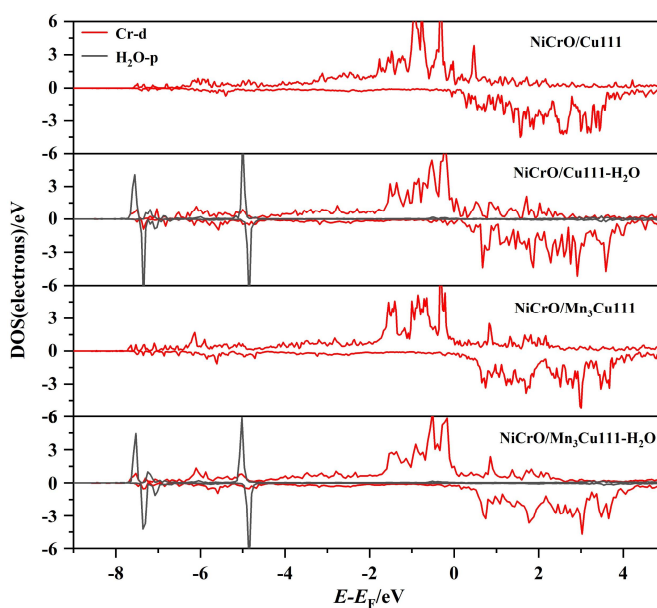


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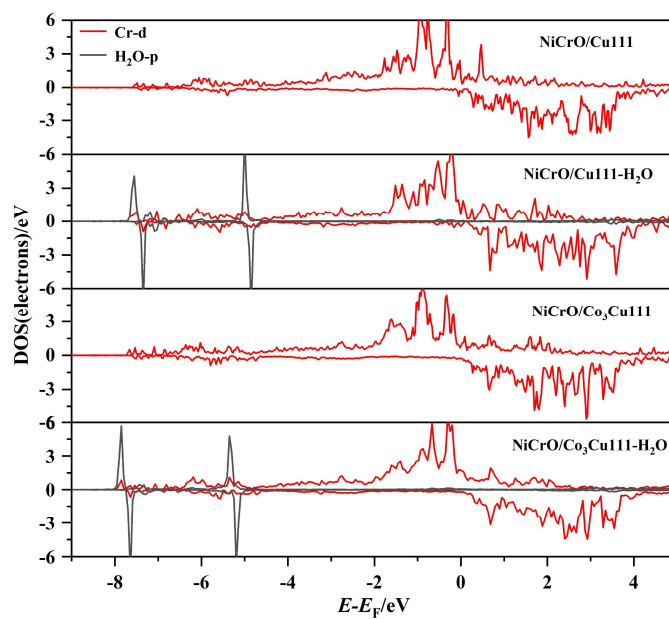


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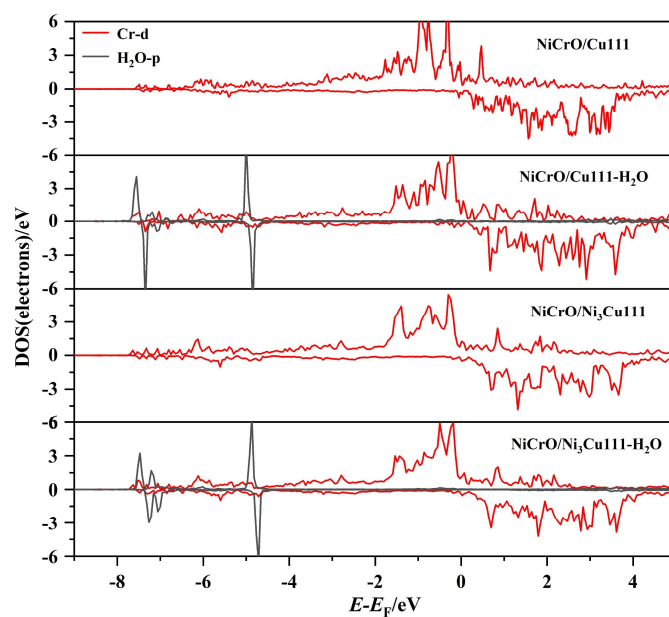


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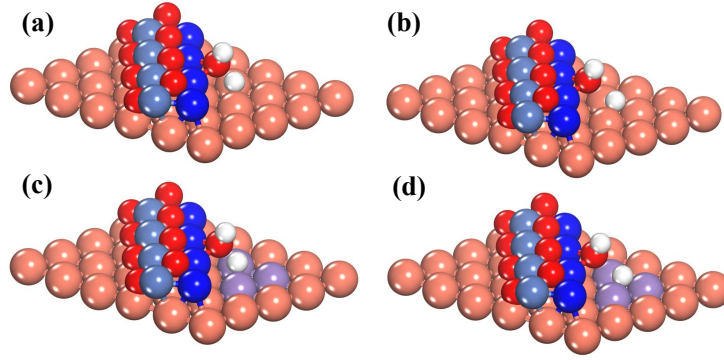


Figure S3. The H₂O dissociation transition state structures (a) and (c); The H₂O dissociation product structures (b) and (d). Red: O; White: H; Blue: Cr; Light blue: Ni and purple: transition metal atom

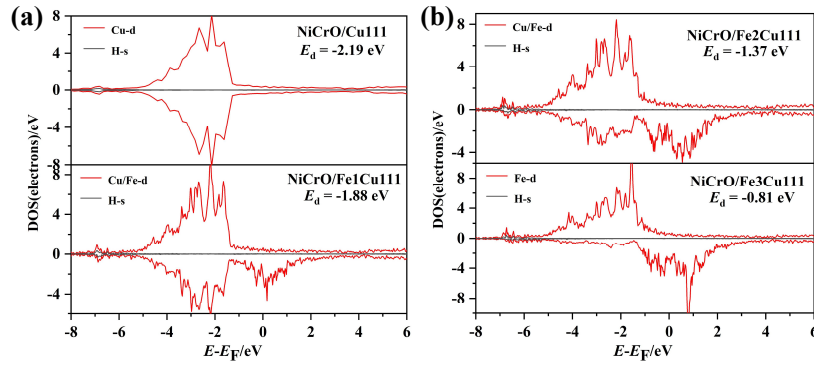


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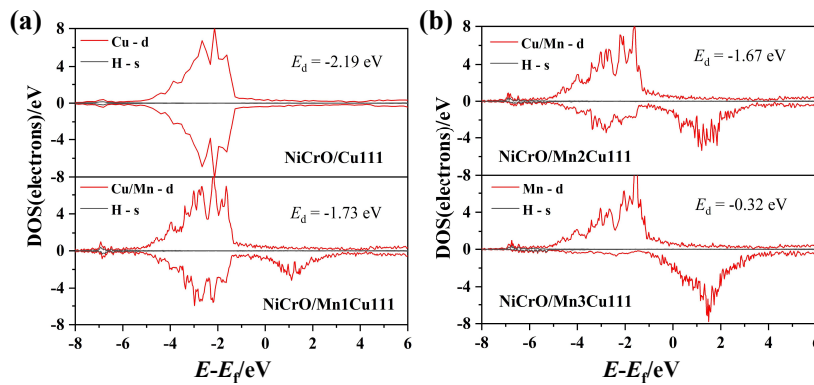


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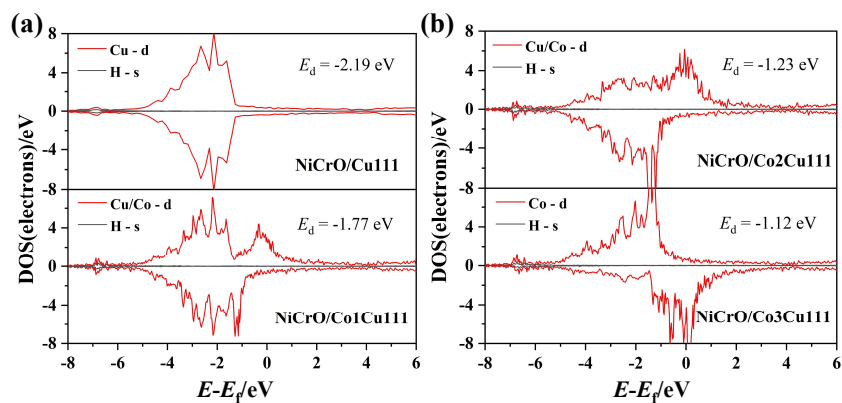


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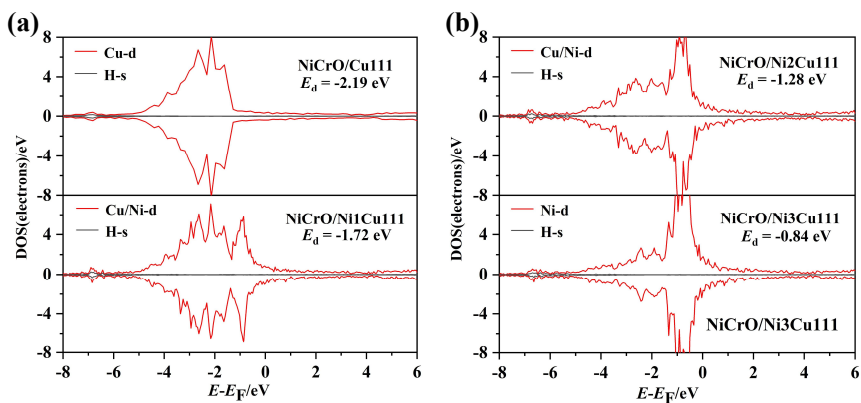


Figure S4-4 PDOS plot of the s orbital of H and the 3d orbital of Cr atoms. (a) NiCrO/Cu111 and NiCrO/Ni1Cu111; (b) NiCrO/Ni2Cu111 and NiCrO/Ni3Cu111

Table S1 The net charge results of NiCrO/Cu111.

| Atoms | Bader charge/ e |
|-------|-----------------|
| O1 | -1.034 |
| O2 | -1.032 |
| O3 | -1.029 |
| O4 | -1.043 |
| O5 | -0.815 |
| O6 | -0.815 |
| O7 | -0.814 |
| O8 | -0.814 |
| Cr1 | 0.942 |
| Cr2 | 0.936 |
| Cr3 | 0.931 |
| Cr4 | 0.931 |
| Ni1 | 0.841 |
| Ni2 | 0.842 |
| Ni3 | 0.840 |
| Ni4 | 0.840 |

Table S2-1 Bader charge and d-band center of NiCrO/MCu111 (M=Mn, Fe, Co and Ni)

| Systems | Site | Bader charge/ e | <i>d</i> -band center/eV |
|-------------|------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| NiCrO/Cu | Cu | 0.006 | -2.191 |
| | Cu | 0.053 | |
| | Cu | 0.027 | |
| NiCrO/Fe1Cu | Cu | -0.024 | -1.885 |
| | Fe | 0.381 | |
| | Cu | -0.061 | |
| NiCrO/Fe2Cu | Fe | 0.218 | -1.368 |
| | Fe | 0.305 | |
| | Cu | -0.090 | |
| NiCrO/Fe3Cu | Fe | 0.179 | -0.811 |
| | Fe | 0.209 | |
| | Fe | 0.264 | |
| NiCrO/Cu | Cu | 0.006 | -2.191 |
| | Cu | 0.053 | |
| | Cu | 0.027 | |
| NiCrO/Mn1Cu | Cu | -0.087 | -1.732 |
| | Mn | 0.598 | |
| | Cu | -0.133 | |
| NiCrO/Mn2Cu | Mn | 0.533 | -1.166 |
| | Mn | 0.503 | |
| | Cu | -0.211 | |
| NiCrO/Mn3Cu | Mn | 0.451 | -0.319 |
| | Mn | 0.404 | |
| | Mn | 0.410 | |

Table S2-2 Bader charge and d-band center of NiCrO/MCu111 (M=Mn, Fe, Co and Ni)

| Systems | Site | Bader charge/ e | <i>d</i> -band center/eV |
|-------------|------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| NiCrO/Cu | Cu | 0.006 | -2.191 |
| | Cu | 0.053 | |
| | Cu | 0.027 | |
| NiCrO/Co1Cu | Cu | 0.031 | -1.771 |
| | Co | 0.083 | |
| | Cu | 0.011 | |
| NiCrO/Co2Cu | Co | -0.066 | -1.235 |
| | Co | -0.044 | |
| | Cu | 0.006 | |
| NiCrO/Co3Cu | Co | 0.027 | -1.117 |
| | Co | 0.062 | |
| | Co | 0.108 | |
| NiCrO/Cu | Cu | 0.006 | -2.191 |
| | Cu | 0.053 | |
| | Cu | 0.027 | |
| NiCrO/Ni1Cu | Cu | -0.002 | -1.721 |
| | Ni | 0.026 | |
| | Cu | -0.024 | |
| NiCrO/Ni2Cu | Ni | 0.015 | -1.283 |
| | Ni | 0.045 | |
| | Cu | -0.058 | |
| NiCrO/Ni3Cu | Ni | 0.045 | -0.842 |
| | Ni | 0.011 | |
| | Ni | 0.005 | |

Table S3 The net charge data of H₂O adsorbed on bridge of NiCrO/Cu111.

| Atoms | Bader charge/ e |
|-------|-----------------|
| O1 | -1.040 |
| O2 | -1.049 |
| O3 | -1.041 |
| O4 | -1.061 |
| O5 | -0.816 |
| O6 | -0.810 |
| O7 | -0.814 |
| O8 | -0.814 |
| O9 | -1.332 |
| Cr1 | 0.889 |
| Cr2 | 1.035 |
| Cr3 | 1.041 |
| Cr4 | 0.880 |
| Ni1 | 0.840 |
| Ni2 | 0.844 |
| Ni3 | 0.846 |
| Ni4 | 0.839 |
| H1 | 0.696 |
| H2 | 0.630 |

Table S4. The structure parameters of adsorbed *OH, *H in product states and the dissociation reaction energies (ΔE).

| Systems | dO-Cr1/Å | dO-Cr2/Å | dH-O1/Å | dH-O2/Å | ΔE_{reac} /eV |
|-------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|------------------------------|
| NiCrO/Mn1Cu | 1.938 | 1.976 | 0.979 | 2.814 | -0.79 |
| NiCrO/Fe1Cu | 1.939 | 1.972 | 0.979 | 2.851 | -0.84 |
| NiCrO/Co1Cu | 1.948 | 1.938 | 0.979 | 2.774 | -0.97 |
| NiCrO/Ni1Cu | 1.963 | 1.963 | 0.979 | 2.712 | -0.83 |
| NiCrO/Mn2Cu | 1.960 | 1.956 | 0.979 | 2.789 | -1.02 |
| NiCrO/Fe2Cu | 1.982 | 1.978 | 0.980 | 2.792 | -0.96 |
| NiCrO/Co2Cu | 1.947 | 1.952 | 0.981 | 2.454 | -1.10 |
| NiCrO/Ni2Cu | 1.948 | 1.955 | 0.978 | 2.670 | -0.93 |
| NiCrO/Mn3Cu | 1.984 | 1.983 | 0.978 | 2.657 | -1.21 |
| NiCrO/Fe3Cu | 1.982 | 1.981 | 0.979 | 2.634 | -1.07 |
| NiCrO/Co3Cu | 1.959 | 1.940 | 0.978 | 2.731 | -1.25 |
| NiCrO/Ni3Cu | 1.944 | 1.948 | 0.980 | 2.870 | -1.05 |
| NiCrO/Cu | 1.967 | 1.965 | 0.979 | 2.749 | -0.68 |

Table S5 Adsorption energies of H*(ΔE_{H^*}) and d-band centers of active sites at different NiCrO/MCu111 interfaces

| Systems | H* adsorbed site | $\Delta E_{H^*}/\text{eV}$ | d-band center/eV |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| NiCrO/Mn1Cu | fcc | -0.42 | -1.733 |
| NiCrO/Fe1Cu | fcc | -0.57 | -1.166 |
| NiCrO/Co1Cu | fcc | -0.62 | -0.319 |
| NiCrO/Ni1Cu | fcc | -0.56 | -1.885 |
| NiCrO/Mn2Cu | fcc | -0.63 | -1.368 |
| NiCrO/Fe2Cu | fcc | -0.68 | -0.811 |
| NiCrO/Ni2Cu | fcc | -0.73 | -1.235 |
| NiCrO/Mn3Cu | fcc | -0.73 | -1.117 |
| NiCrO/Fe3Cu | fcc | -0.81 | -1.721 |
| NiCrO/Co3Cu | fcc | -0.72 | -1.283 |
| NiCrO/Ni3Cu | fcc | -0.84 | -0.842 |
| NiCrO/Cu | fcc | -0.36 | -2.191 |

Table S6 Adsorption energies ΔE_{ads} (eV), H-O-H bond angles θ ($^\circ$), O-Cr bond lengths and H-OH bond lengths (\AA) for H₂O adsorption states on NiMnO/Cu111,

| Slab | $d_{\text{O-Cr1}}/\text{\AA}$ | $d_{\text{O-Cr2}}/\text{\AA}$ | $d_{\text{H-O1}}/\text{\AA}$ | $d_{\text{H-O2}}/\text{\AA}$ | $\theta_{(\text{H-O-H})}/^\circ$ | $\Delta E_{\text{H2O}^*}/\text{eV}$ | ϵ_d |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| NiMnO/Cu | 2.44 | 2.38 | 0.98 | 0.99 | 108.89 | -0.93 | -0.62 |
| NiFeO/Cu | 2.31 | 2.29 | 0.98 | 0.99 | 110.18 | -0.79 | -1.13 |
| NiCoO/Cu | 2.28 | 2.29 | 0.98 | 0.99 | 109.54 | -0.64 | -1.17 |

NiFeO/Cu111 and NiCoO/Cu111

Table S7 Geometric parameters and the imaginary frequency (cm^{-1}) of the H₂O dissociation transition states on NiMnO/Cu111, NiFeO/Cu111 and NiCoO/Cu111.

| Slab | $d_{\text{O-Cr1}}/\text{\AA}$ | $d_{\text{O-Cr2}}/\text{\AA}$ | $d_{\text{H-O1}}/\text{\AA}$ | $d_{\text{H-O2}}/\text{\AA}$ | $\theta_{(\text{H-O-H})}/^\circ$ | $f/i/\text{cm}^{-1}$ | $\Delta E_{\text{HO}^*}/\text{eV}$ |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| NiMnO/Cu | 2.15 | 2.16 | 0.98 | 1.40 | 113.50 | 1106.46 | -0.88 |
| NiFeO/Cu | 2.11 | 2.11 | 0.98 | 1.38 | 116.16 | 1169.87 | -0.78 |
| NiCoO/Cu | 2.08 | 2.07 | 0.98 | 1.40 | 115.34 | 1122.82 | -0.47 |