

# **Metadynamics-biased ab initio Molecular Dynamics Study of Heterogeneous CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction via Surface Frustrated Lewis Pairs**

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## 1. Background into Metadynamics

In order to investigate the reaction mechanism at finite temperature, we performed ab initio molecular dynamics (AIMD) on the Born Oppenheimer surface. The computationally expensive nature of these simulations restricts them to explore the system's dynamics over short durations only, and therefore AIMD alone is unable to capture full reactions of interest. This limitation is evaded by employing metadynamics (MetaD), a recently developed approach that applies a periodic bias to the system to encourage efficient, self-avoiding exploration of the free energy landscape<sup>25,26</sup>. MetaD has proven to be a useful tool for overcoming the sampling limitations of traditional molecular dynamics on complex molecular processes.<sup>27-30</sup> In this method, a history-dependent potential is added intermittently throughout the simulation to encourage efficient sampling of the associated free energy surface. The latter is defined over a set of collective variables (CVs), carefully selected to provide a complete description of the slow degrees of freedom of the system. The Helmholtz free energy surface corresponds to simulations carried out in the canonical ensemble (N,V,T) and therefore accounts for entropic contributions to the displacement of ions. The history-dependent bias takes the form of Gaussian functions to allow the system to escape beyond high energy barriers, thus allowing for faster sampling of the reaction surface. The sum of the deposited bias potentials may be used to reconstruct the free energy surface as shown here. The free energy surface  $F(s)$  can be written as

$$F(s) = -T \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(s, t) \quad (1)$$

where T is the temperature of the system and  $N(s, t) = \int_0^t \delta_{s,s(t')} dt'$  is the histogram of the set of CVs s corresponding to the unbiased simulation. Here we employ well-tempered MetaD which includes an additional tuning parameter to represent the effective sampling temperature of the CV space.<sup>25</sup> In this method, the added Gaussian potentials are rescaled at each step to allow

for the net bias to converge more smoothly, and thus prevent the simulation from overfilling the free energy surface. The bias potential at time  $t$  takes the form:

$$V(s, t) = \Delta T \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega N(s, t)}{\Delta T} \right] \quad (2)$$

where  $V(s, t)$  is the bias potential defined over the set of CV coordinates  $s$ , where  $\Delta T$  is a tuning parameter and  $\omega$  is the initial bias deposition rate. The dynamics of the CVs approaches the thermodynamic equilibrium as the simulation proceeds such that their probability distribution in the long time limit ( $t \rightarrow \infty$ ) becomes

$$P(s, t \rightarrow \infty) \propto e^{\frac{-F(s)}{k_B(T+\Delta T)}} \quad (3)$$

and the bias potential converges to

$$V(s, t \rightarrow \infty) = \frac{-T+\Delta T}{\Delta T} F(s) + C \quad (4)$$

where  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant and  $C$  is a nonphysical constant.<sup>25</sup> Introducing the tuning parameter  $\Delta T$  limits the exploration of the free energy surface to physically interesting regions on the order of  $T+\Delta T$ , avoids the risk of overfilling the free energy surface, and guarantees convergence in the long time limit, making well-tempered MetaD a more effective method, operating between the limiting cases of standard MetaD and unbiased sampling.<sup>25</sup>

## 2. Simulation Details

In order to capture the full reaction using a feasible amount of computational resources, separate simulations were carried out for each step of the mechanism; ie. H<sub>2</sub> dissociation, CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, and H<sub>2</sub>O desorption. In the parameters described below, Sigma and Height refer to the width and height of the deposited gaussian potentials, and collective variables (CVs) refers to the defined quantities (ie. atomic distances, angles) used to define the free energy surface and/or the constraints on in the MetaD-biased AIMD simulations. The column MetaD refers to the CV(s) that were used to define the free energy surface. Constraints describe the upper and lower walls applied to the simulation, where ARG is the quantity subject to constraint, and KAPPA is the value of the force constant on the walls.

## 2.1 H<sub>2</sub> Dissocation

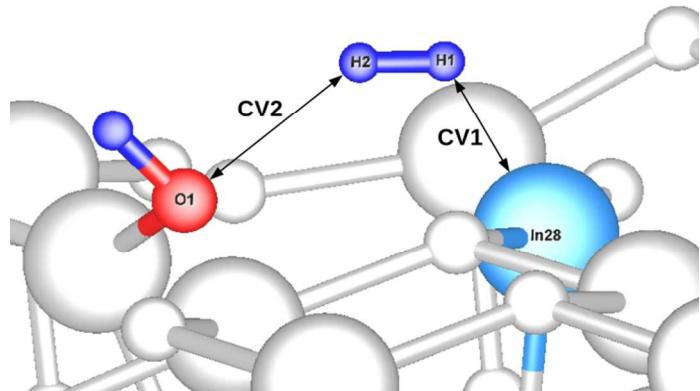
**Table S1. Parameters for PLUMED plugin used in test simulations**

Test #	Temp.	Timestep	CVs	MetaD	Sigma	Height	Constraints
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2	400 K	1.25 fs	d1: DISTANCE ATOMS=2,3 d2: DISTANCE ATOMS=1,32	d1,d2	0.02, 0.02	0.005 eV	UPPER_WALLS ARG=d1 AT=2.888 KAPPA=150.0
3	293 K	0.8 fs	d1: DISTANCE ATOMS=1,2 c1: CENTER ATOMS=1,2 WEIGHTS=1,1 c2: CENTER ATOMS=3,32 WEIGHTS=1,1 d2: DISTANCE ATOMS=c1,c2	d1, d2	0.1,0.1	0.02 eV	Run 1: LOWER_WALLS ARG=d1 AT=0.74 KAPPA=400 UPPER_WALLS ARG=d2 AT=1 KAPPA=400  Run 2: LOWER_WALLS ARG=d1 AT=0.7 KAPPA=400 UPPER_WALLS ARG=d1 AT=0.76 KAPPA=400 LOWER_WALLS ARG=d2 AT=1.3 KAPPA=400

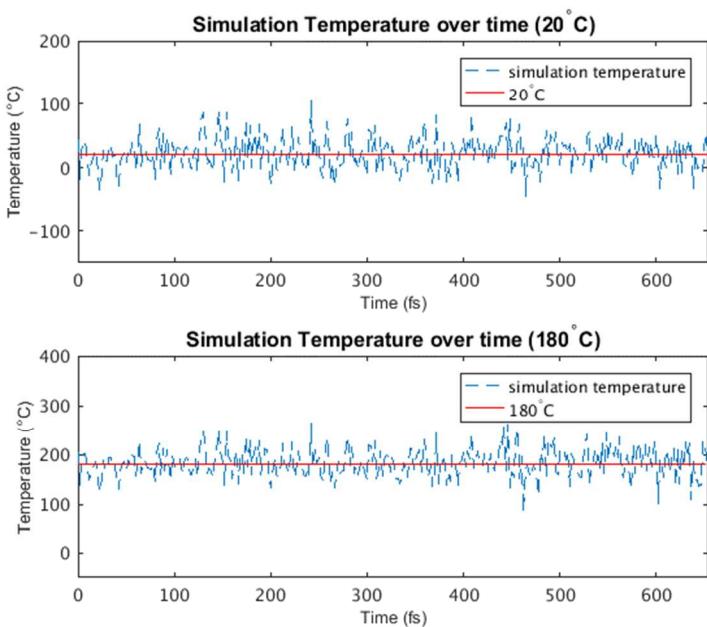
4	450 K	0.8 fs	d1: DISTANCE ATOMS=1,2 c1: CENTER ATOMS=1,2 WEIGHTS=1,1 c2: CENTER ATOMS=3,32 WEIGHTS=1,1 d2: DISTANCE ATOMS=c1,c2	d1, d2	0.1,0.1	0.02 eV	Run 1: LOWER_WALLS ARG=d1 AT=0.74 KAPPA=400 UPPER_WALLS ARG=d2 AT=1 KAPPA=400  Run 2: LOWER_WALLS ARG=d1 AT=0.7 KAPPA=400 UPPER_WALLS ARG=d1 AT=0.76 KAPPA=400 LOWER_WALLS ARG=d2 AT=1.3 KAPPA=400
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After exploring different CV and PLUMED parameter choices (see Table S1), the following variables were selected for simulating the dissociation of H<sub>2</sub> over the In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3-x</sub>(OH)<sub>y</sub> surface. The CVs used to define the free energy surface are shown in Figure S1; CV1 is defined as the distance from the In (In28) to the nearest H on the adsorbate H<sub>2</sub> molecule (H1), while CV2 is the distance from O on the surface hydroxyl group (O1) to H (H2) on the adsorbate H<sub>2</sub> molecule. No constraints were placed on the system in the first simulation, and bias potentials 0.1 eV in height were applied intermittently over the course of 640 fs. Based on the area of the free energy surface explored in the first simulation, three constraints were introduced to ensure exploration of the region relevant to the reaction: an upper wall limiting the distance from O1 to H2 to a maximum of 2 Å, a lower wall limiting the distance from H2 to In28 to a minimum of 1.8 Å, and another lower wall limiting the distance from H1 to H2 to a minimum of 0.74 Å. Gaussian bias potentials of height 0.05 eV were deposited over the course of 640 fs for the latter, at which point dissociation was visibly achieved. The free energy surface was generated by two separate simulations, both employing a tuning parameter of 7000, a bias factor of 6, Gaussian widths of 0.1, and bias potentials placed every 30 iterations. MetaD-biased AIMD simulations

were performed at 20 °C and 180 °C; plots of the simulation temperature over time are shown in Figure S2.



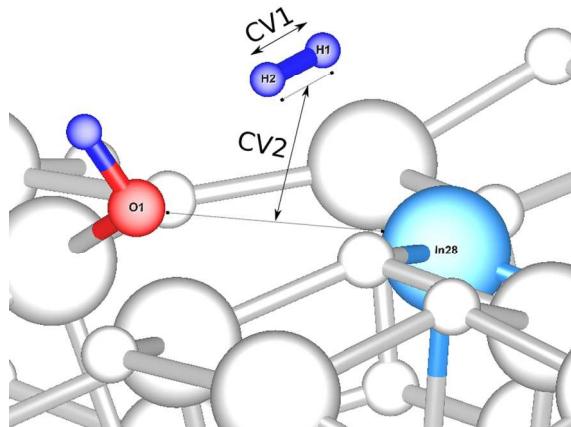
**Figure S1:** CVs used to define the free energy surface for H<sub>2</sub> dissociation over the In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3-x</sub>(OH)<sub>y</sub> surface.



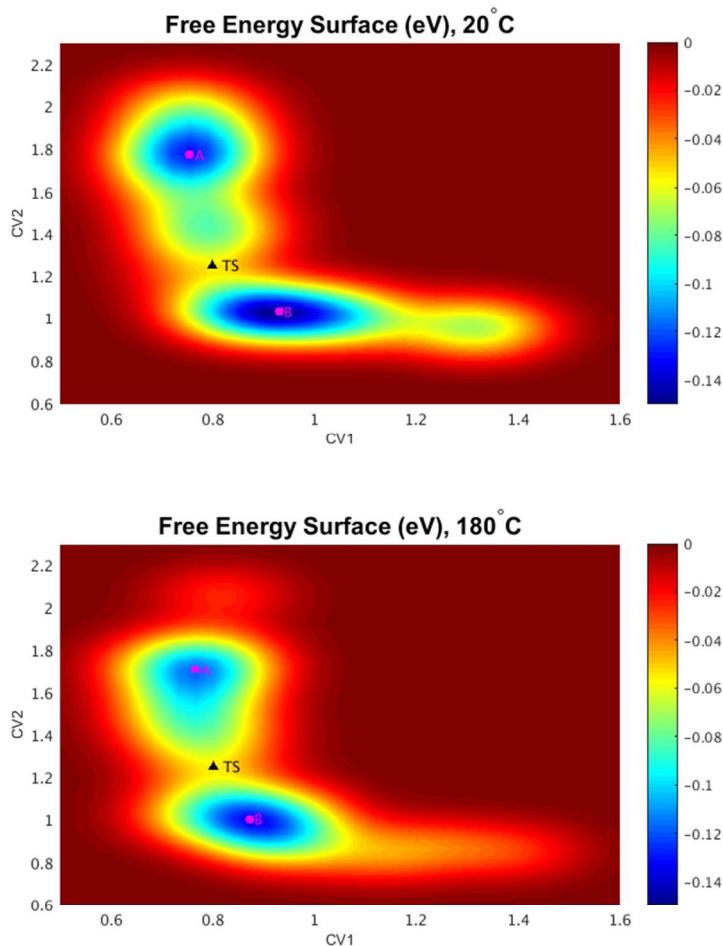
**Figure S2:** Simulation Temperature over time for of H<sub>2</sub> dissociation over the In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3-x</sub>(OH)<sub>y</sub> surface.

Selecting the In-H1 distance, as well as the O-H2 distance allowed us to capture the H-H bond separation in a more reasonable amount of simulation time by guiding the reaction to the CV space most relevant to the adsorbate-surface interaction. The various H-H distances are still captured by the selected CVs whereas they ensure the molecule will interact with the surface and

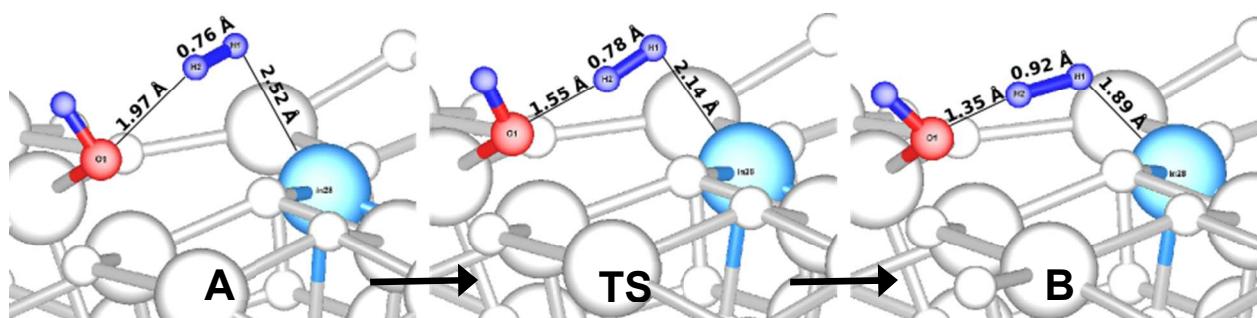
adsorb to atoms which have been suggested to very likely participate in any dissociation from previous studies<sup>19</sup> as well as informed conjectures. It should be noted that selecting one set of CVS does not neglect any other possible CVs, some portion of the domain of almost all CVs is explored in the process of exploring other CVs' domain (as ultimately almost all CVs can be reduced to relationships based on atomic positions) and for such a simple variable as H-H distance most of the relevant distances would certainly be sampled. We provide further justification for our choice of CVs by performing the same calculation by taking the H-H distance as CV1, and the distance from the midpoint of the H1 and H2 atoms to the midpoint of the surface In and the O on surface bound hydroxyl group as CV2. PLUMED plugin parameters are provided in Table S1 and correspond to test simulations #3 and #4, for 20 °C and 180 °C, respectively. The collective variable definitions definitions are shown in Figure S3.



**Figure S3: CV1 and CV2 used in MetaD-biased AIMD test simulations #3 and #4.**



**Figure S4:** Free Energy surface for hydrogen dissociation over  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_{3-x}(\text{OH})_y$  at 20 °C (top) and 180 °C (bottom) generated from MetaD-biased AIMD test simulations #3 and #4.



**Figure S5:** Atomic configurations corresponding to states A, TS, and B shown in the Free Energy surface in Figure S4.

The free energy surfaces are shown in Figure S4, with the reactant, transition, and product states indicated by points A, TS, and B, respectively; the atomic configurations corresponding to these states are shown in Figure S5. We find that this choice of collective variables instead favours exploration of the region of the Free Energy surface corresponding to adsorption of the H<sub>2</sub> molecule immediately prior to splitting. The H<sub>2</sub> molecule begins at a distance relatively far from the surface site, and then approaches the surface almost independently of the H1-H2 bond distance. The product state of the reaction, in which the In-H bond is 1.89 Å appears to coincide with the reactant state of the simulation carried out with our original choice of collective variables, in which H2 is already interacting with the surface In atom (In-H bond is 1.85 Å). These new results offer confirmation of our original choice of collective variables, as the O-H bond distance appears to be a significant quantity in driving the splitting of the H<sub>2</sub> molecule.

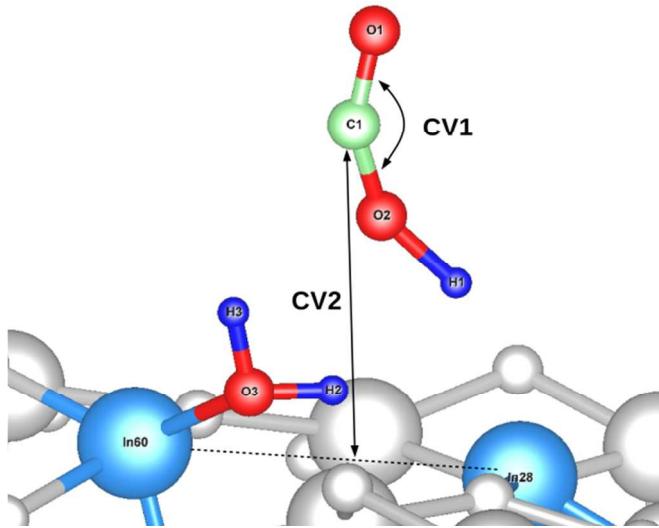
## 2.2 CO<sub>2</sub> Adsorption and Dissociation

**Table S2: Parameters for PLUMED plugin used in test simulations**

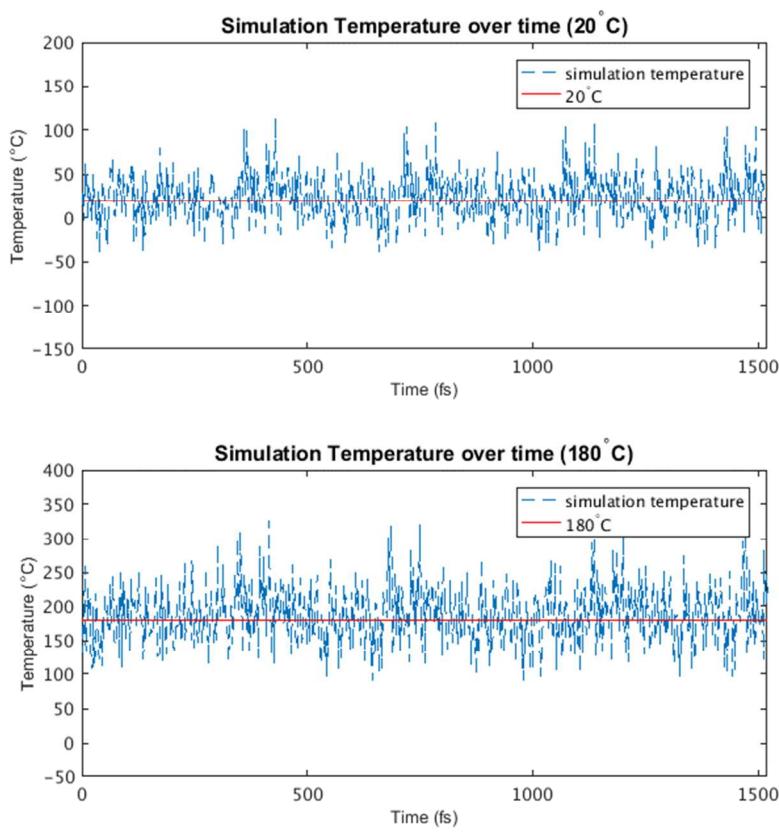
Test #	Temp.	Timestep	CVs	MetaD	Sigma	Height	Constraints
1	400 K	1.25 fs	c1: CENTER ATOMS=35,67 WEIGHTS=1,1 d1: DISTANCE ATOMS=c1,3	d1	0.02	0.005 eV	LOWER_WALLS ARG=d1 AT=1.1 KAPPA=150.0
2	400 K	0.766 fs	d1: DISTANCE ATOMS=2,3 d2: DISTANCE ATOMS=3,4	d1	0.02	0.033 eV	UPPER_WALLS ARG=d2 AT=1.1 KAPPA=150.0
3	400 K	0.766 fs	d1: DISTANCE ATOMS=2,3 d2: DISTANCE ATOMS=3,4	d1	0.02	0.01 eV	UPPER_WALLS ARG=d1 AT=2.888 KAPPA=150.0
4	520 K	1.25 fs	d1: DISTANCE ATOMS=2,3 d2: DISTANCE ATOMS=3,4	d1,d2	0.02, 0.02	0.1 eV	UPPER_WALLS ARG=d2 AT=1.0 KAPPA=150.0
5	520 K	0.8 fs	d1: DISTANCE ATOMS=2,3 d2: DISTANCE	d1,d2	0.02, 0.02	0.05 eV	UPPER_WALLS ARG=d2 AT=1.0 KAPPA=150.0

			ATOMS=3,4				
6	520 K	0.8 fs	d1: DISTANCE ATOMS=2,3 d2: DISTANCE ATOMS=3,4	d1,d2	0.02, 0.02	0.005 eV	UPPER_WALLS ARG=d1 AT=2.888 KAPPA=150.0

After exploring different CVs and PLUMED parameter choices (see Table S2), the following variables were selected for simulating the dissociation of CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption and dissociation over the In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3-x</sub>(OH)<sub>y</sub> surface. The CVs used to define the free energy surface are shown in Figure S6. CV1 is defined as the angle formed by O1, C1, and O2, and CV2 is the distance from C1 to the midpoint between In28 and In60. In the first simulation, bias potentials of height 0.3 eV were deposited with the distances from O2 to H1 constrained to a maximum of 1.2 Å. In the second, bias potentials of height 0.1 eV were deposited with an additional constraint forcing the distance from O2 to the surface to a maximum of 3.2 Å. In the third and fourth simulations, Gaussian bias potentials of height 0.1 eV were also deposited; however, the constraint on the distance from O2 to the surface was decreased to 2.8 Å. A final run was performed with no constraints placed on the system using 0.1 eV bias potentials. The combination of the various simulations modeled the reaction over a total of 1520 fs at both 20 °C and 180 °C. Bias potentials were placed every 30 iterations for all runs. Gaussian widths of 0.1, a bias factor of 6.0, and a tuning parameter of 10,000 were employed for all simulations. MetaD-biased AIMD simulations were performed at 20 °C and 180 °C; plots of the simulation temperature over time are shown in Figure S7.



**Figure S6:** CVs used to define the free energy surface of the adsorption and reduction of  $\text{CO}_2$  over the  $\text{In}_{2-\text{x}}\text{O}_\text{x}(\text{OH})_\text{y}$  surface.



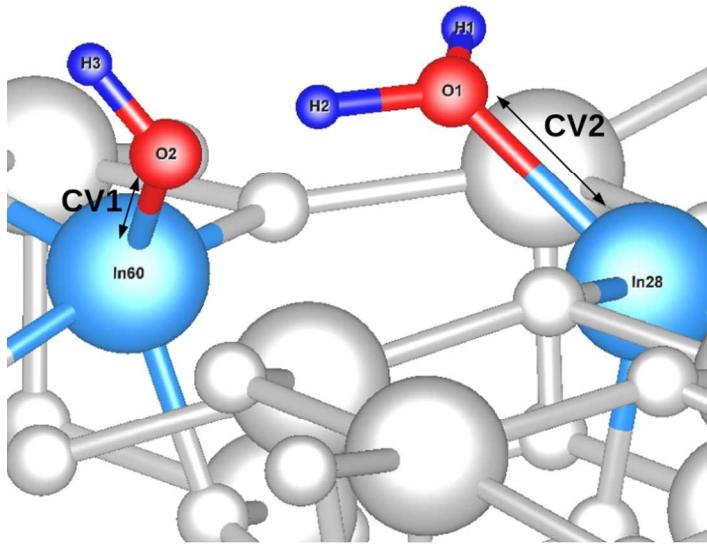
**Figure S7:** Simulation Temperature over time for the adsorption and reduction of  $\text{CO}_2$  over the  $\text{In}_{2-\text{x}}\text{O}_\text{x}(\text{OH})_\text{y}$  surface.

## 2.3 Dissociative adsorption of H<sub>2</sub>O

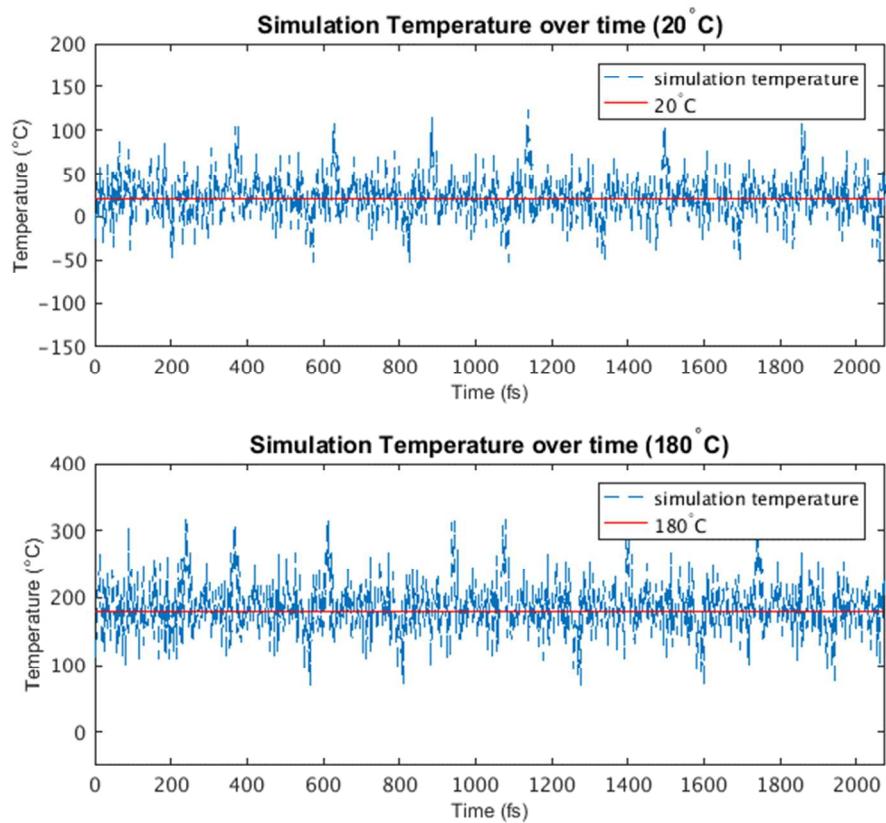
**Table S3: Parameters for PLUMED plugin used in test simulation**

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After exploring different CVs and PLUMED parameter choices (see Table S3), the following variables were selected for simulating the dissociation of CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption and dissociation over the In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3-x</sub>(OH)<sub>y</sub> surface. The CVs used to define the free energy surface are shown in Figure S8. CV1 is defined as the distance from In60 on the surface to O2, while CV2 is the distance from In28 to O1. Four simulations were performed to capture the diffusive behavior of H<sub>2</sub>O at the surface. In the first simulation, Gaussian bias potentials of height 0.3 eV were deposited, with no force constraints applied to the system. In the second, forces limiting the distance from O1 to In28 to 2.08 Å, and the distance from O1 to H2 to 1.22 Å, were introduced. In the third and fourth simulations, the height of the Gaussian potentials was reduced to 0.1 eV, and the constraint on the distance between O1 and H2 was increased to 2.75 Å. The combination of the simulations modeled the reaction over the course of 2075 fs at both 20 °C and 180 °C. Gaussian bias potentials of width 0.1 were deposited every 30 iterations and a bias factor of 6 and a tuning parameter of 10,000 were applied in all simulations. MetaD-biased AIMD simulations were performed at 20 °C and 180 °C; plots of the simulation temperature over time are shown in Figure S9.



**Figure S8:** CVs used to define the free energy surface.



**Figure S9:** Simulation Temperature over time for the dissociative adsorption of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  over the  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3-\text{x}(\text{OH})_y$  surface.

### 3. Atomic Coordinates

*3.1 Input atomic coordinates for MetaD-biased AIMD simulations of H<sub>2</sub> dissociation (for simulations at both 20 °C and 180 °C):*

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### *3.2 Input coordinates for MetaD-biased AIMD simulations of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction (for simulations at both 20 °C and 180 °C)*

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ATOMIC_POSITIONS angstrom
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*3.3 Input coordinates for MetaD-biased AIMD simulations for the motion of product H<sub>2</sub>O (for simulations at both 20 °C and 180 °C):*

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CELL_PARAMETERS (alat= 26.78406211)
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-0.025295741 -0.000637859 -1.078012610

ATOMIC_POSITIONS angstrom
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H -13.352500939 13.401999033 -19.083978296
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