Supporting Information for

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Figure S1: Cyclic voltammogram of 1 in neat MeCN solution of 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆.



Figure S2: Cyclic voltammogram of 2 in neat MeCN solution of 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆.



Figure S3: Cyclic voltammogram of **3** in neat MeCN solution of 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆.



Figure S4: Cyclic voltammogram of 4 in neat MeCN solution of 0.1 M Bu₄NPF_{6.}



Figure S5: Calibration plot for CO detection using a gas chromatograph with a thermal conductivity detector. Neat samples were injected directly into the chromatograph.



Figure S6: Calibration plot for H_2 detection using a gas chromatograph with a thermal conductivity detector. Neat samples were injected directly into the chromatograph.



Figure S7: Crystal structure of **1'** at 15% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. The crystal was grown via slow diffusion of hexanes into a concentrated solution in EtOH.



Figure S8: Background scans under both Ar and CO_2 in a 20% aqueous MeCN solution of 0.08 M Bu₄NPF₆. The only peak observed is the added ferrocene as the external reference.



E (V) vs Fc/Fc^+

Figure S9: Cyclic voltammograms of 1 (1.0 mM) under Ar and CO₂ in a neat MeCN solution of 0.08 M Bu₄NPF₆.

Table S1: CPE data for 1 compared to the CPE data of Ni(cyclam)Cl₂ using the same set-up.^a

| Complex | Q (C) | FE, CO (%) | FE, H ₂ (%) | TON, CO | TON, H ₂ |
|---------|--------------|------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1^b | 21.2 ± 0.7 | 80.0 ± 3.5 | 7.3 ± 0.5 | 4.5 ± 0.3 | 0.4 ± 0.0 |

| Ni(cyclam)Cl ₂ ^c | 6.7 ± 1.4 | 35.3 ± 13 | 65.7 ± 2.9 | 0.5 ± 0.1 | 1.1 ± 0.2 |
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| blank | 2.9 | 1 | 77 | - | - |

^{*a*} Performed in CO₂-saturated solutions of 20% aqueous MeCN with 0.08 M NBu₄PF₆; Solutions were electrolyzed for 30 min and headspace gases were analyzed via GC–TCD. ^{*b*}Data reported as the averages of 2 trials. ^{*c*}Data reported as the averages of 3 trials. Q = total charge passed, faradaic efficiency (FE) = $\frac{charge \ to \ form \ product}{total \ charge \ passed}$, turnover number (TON) = $\frac{mol \ product}{mol \ catalyst}$.

Table S2: Crystal data for 1 (grown via slow diffusion of Et_2O into a concentrated solution in MeCN), 2, and 3.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| molecular formula | $C_{30}H_{42}F_6N_6NiO_6S_2$ | $C_{28}H_{42}F_6N_4NiO_7S_2$ | $C_{30}H_{39}F_{12}N_5NiO_7S_2$ |
| fw, g mol ⁻¹ | 819.52 | 783.48 | 932.49 |
| space group | $R\overline{3}$ | $P2_{1}/c$ | $P\overline{1}$ |
| <i>a</i> , Å | 32.431 | 14.792 | 8.9397 |
| b, Å | 32.431 | 9.055 | 11.189 |
| <i>c</i> , Å | 9.769 | 26.136 | 19.998 |
| α , ° | 90.00 | 90.00 | 89.46 |
| β , ° | 90.00 | 99.81 | 78.41 |
| γ, ° | 120.00 | 90.00 | 89.82 |
| $V, Å^3$ | 8898.7 | 3449.9 | 1959.5 |
| Ζ | 9 | 4 | 2 |
| $ ho_{ m calcd}$, g cm ⁻³ | 1.376 | 1.508 | 1.580 |
| <i>Т</i> , К | 200 | 150 | 200 |
| final R indicies | R1 = 0.0585 | R1 = 0.0426 | R1 = 0.0476 |
| $(I > 2\sigma(I))$ | wR2 = 0.1343 | wR2 = 0.1000 | wR2 = 0.1202 |
| GOF on F^2 | 1.061 | 1.022 | 1.131 |
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