

**Nb and Ta Layer Doping Effects on the Interfacial Energetics and
Electronic Properties of LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ Heterostructure: First-
Principles Analysis**

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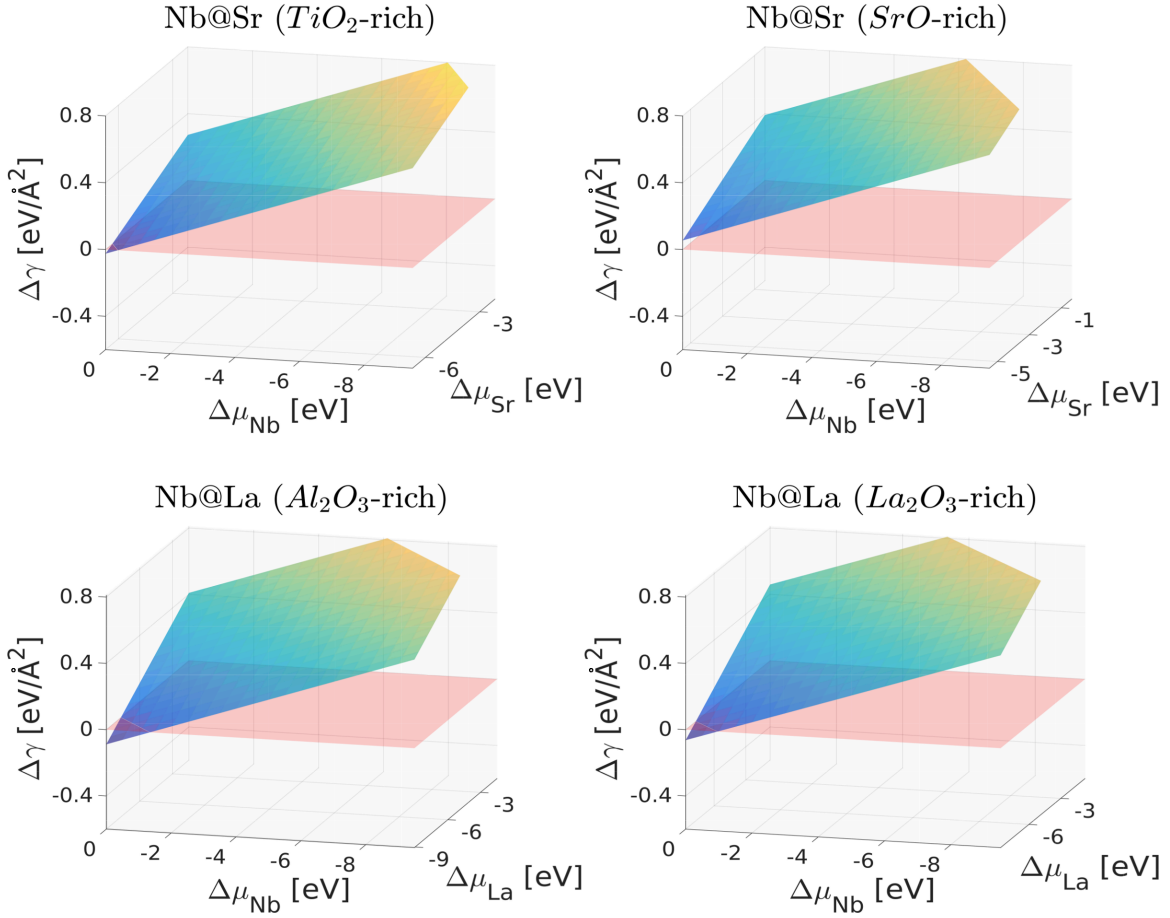


Figure 1S: Calculated change of interfacial energy between Nb@X (X=Sr and La) doped and the LAO/STO undoped HS systems. The Nb@Sr doping was considered under TiO_2 and SrO-rich conditions, respectively. The Nb@La doping was considered under Al_2O_3 and La_2O_3 -rich conditions, respectively. The translucent red plane delineates $\Delta\gamma = 0$, the value below that means that doping is energetically favorable.

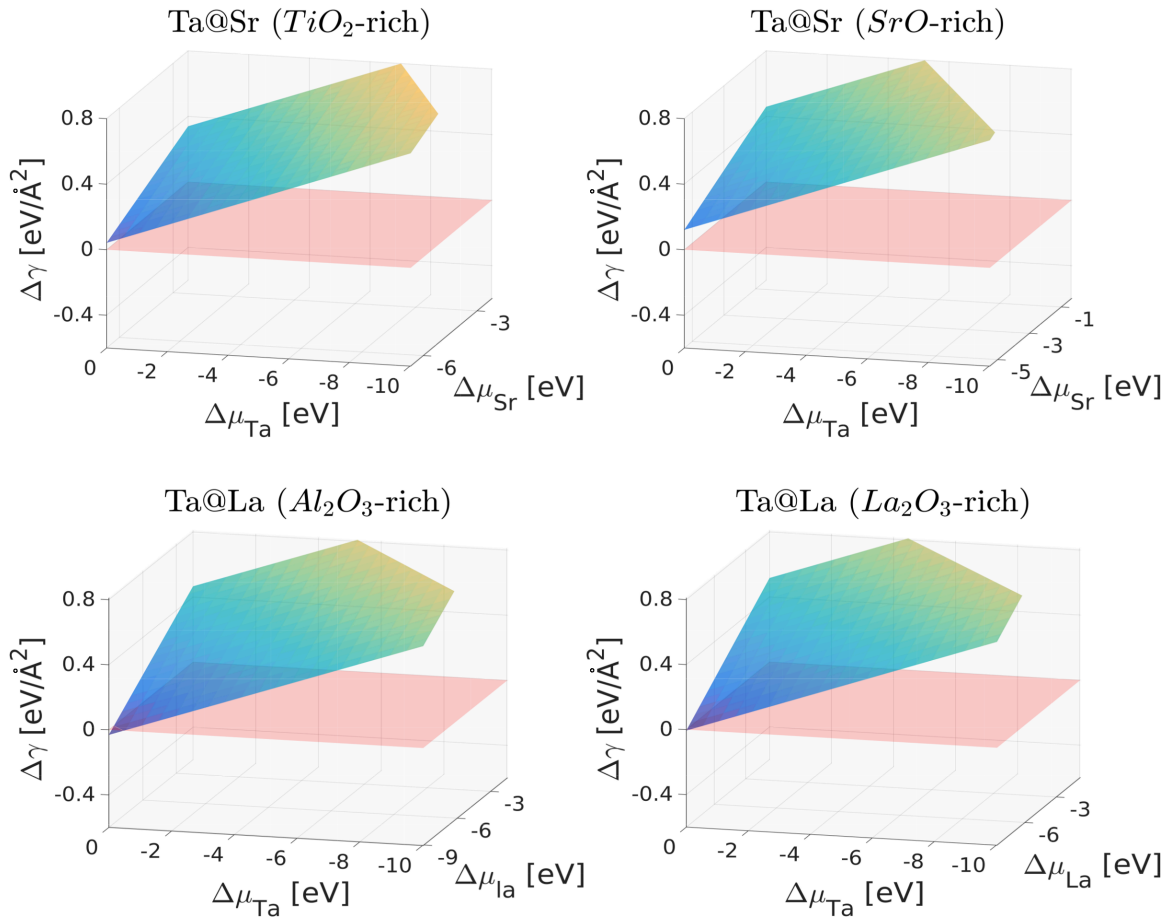


Figure 2S: Calculated change of interfacial energy between Ta@X (X=Sr and La) doped and the LAO/STO undoped HS systems.

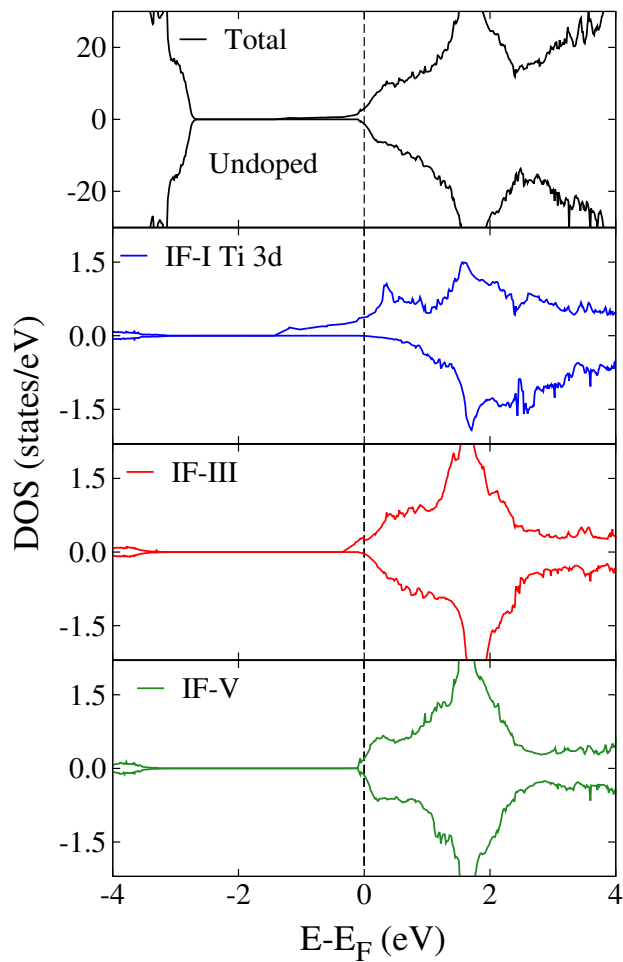


Figure 3S: Calculated spin-polarized total and Ti 3d partial DOS for undoped LAO/STO HS system. The IF-I, IF-III, and IF-V stand for the first, third, and fifth TiO_2 layers of STO near the interfacial region, respectively.