Polarization Effects on the Interfacial Conductivity in the LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ Heterostructure: First-Principles Study

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Figure S1: Structural model of the LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ (LAO/STO) heterostructure (HS)based slab system.



Figure S2: Calculated total DOS of the unstrained $(LAO)_n/STO$ (n=1-6) HS-based slab systems. The vertical black dashed line indicates the Fermi level at 0 eV. The dashed blue line is plotted as a guide of eye.



Figure S3: Calculated layer-resolved DOS of the Ti 3*d* orbitals from interfacial (IF-I) TiO₂ layers in the STO substrate and O 2*p* orbitals from AlO₂ surface layers for -1%, 0%, and +1% uniaxially strained (LAO)₅/STO HS-based slab systems.



Figure S4: Calculated charge density projected on the bands forming the 2DEG in the $(LAO)_5/STO$ HS-based slab systems with -1% (a), 0% (b), and +1% (c) uniaxial strains.