

Electronic Supplementary Material for:

## **FeS<sub>2</sub>-anchored transition metal single atoms for high-efficient overall water splitting: a DFT computational screening study**

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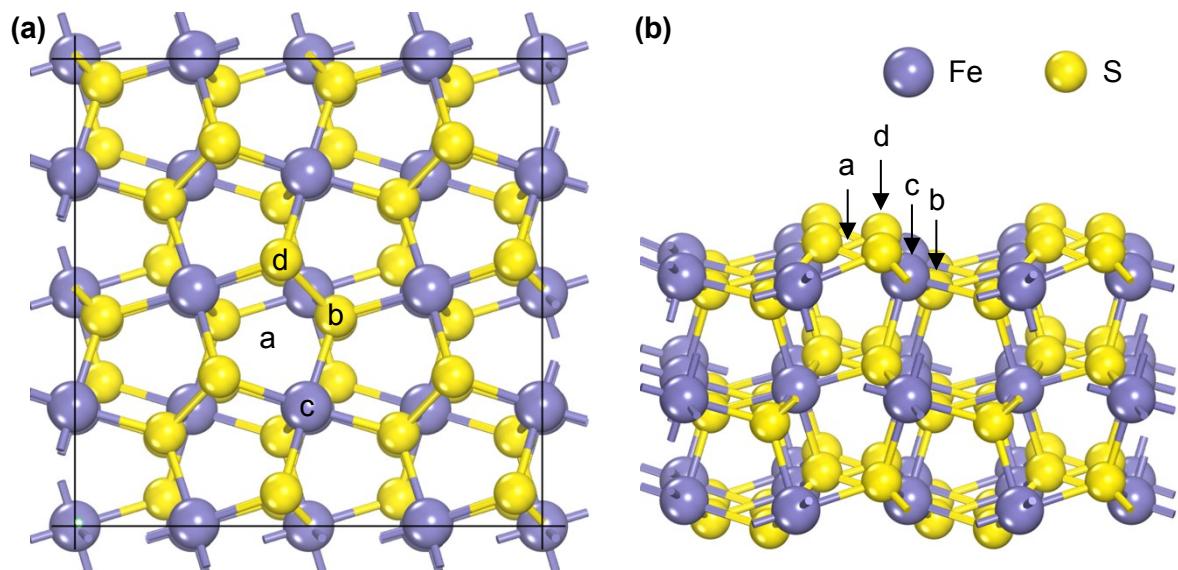
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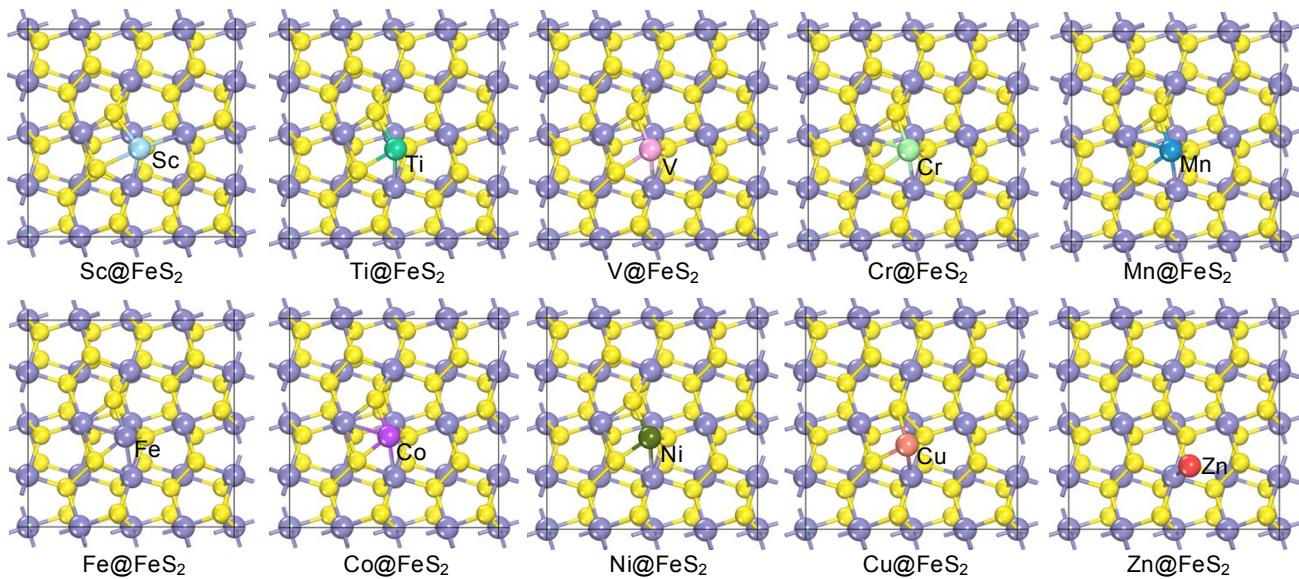
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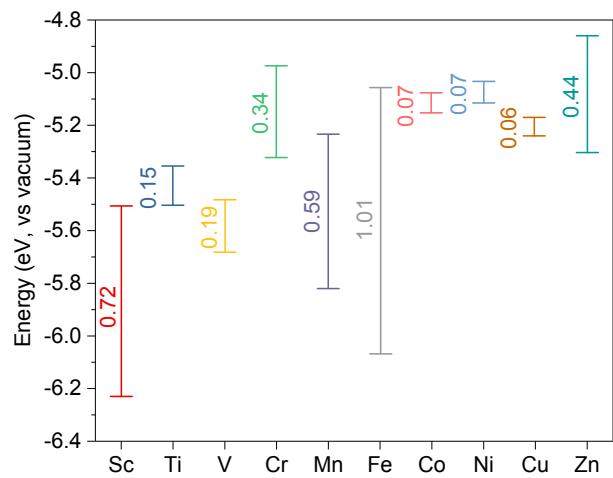
TM atoms	$E_b$ (eV)	$E_c$ (eV)	$Q$ (e)	$M$ ( $\mu_B$ )	$d_{M-S}$ (Å)	$\varepsilon_d$ (eV)
Sc	-4.93	-4.16	0.71	-0.016	2.504	-2.13
Ti	-5.54	-5.91	0.35	0.000	2.275	-2.13
V	-5.79	-7.11	0.09	0.000	2.165	-1.77
Cr	-5.57	-7.44	-0.11	2.976	2.107	-1.47
Mn	-5.15	-6.77	-0.22	0.000	2.085	-1.64
Fe	-4.61	-6.30	0.32	1.701	2.072	-1.59
Co	-4.22	-5.68	-0.32	0.000	2.084	-1.88
Ni	-3.34	-4.68	-0.03	-0.026	2.141	-1.72
Cu	-1.96	-3.53	0.10	0.002	2.327	-2.36
Zn	-0.78	-0.46	0.31	0.001	2.505	-6.21



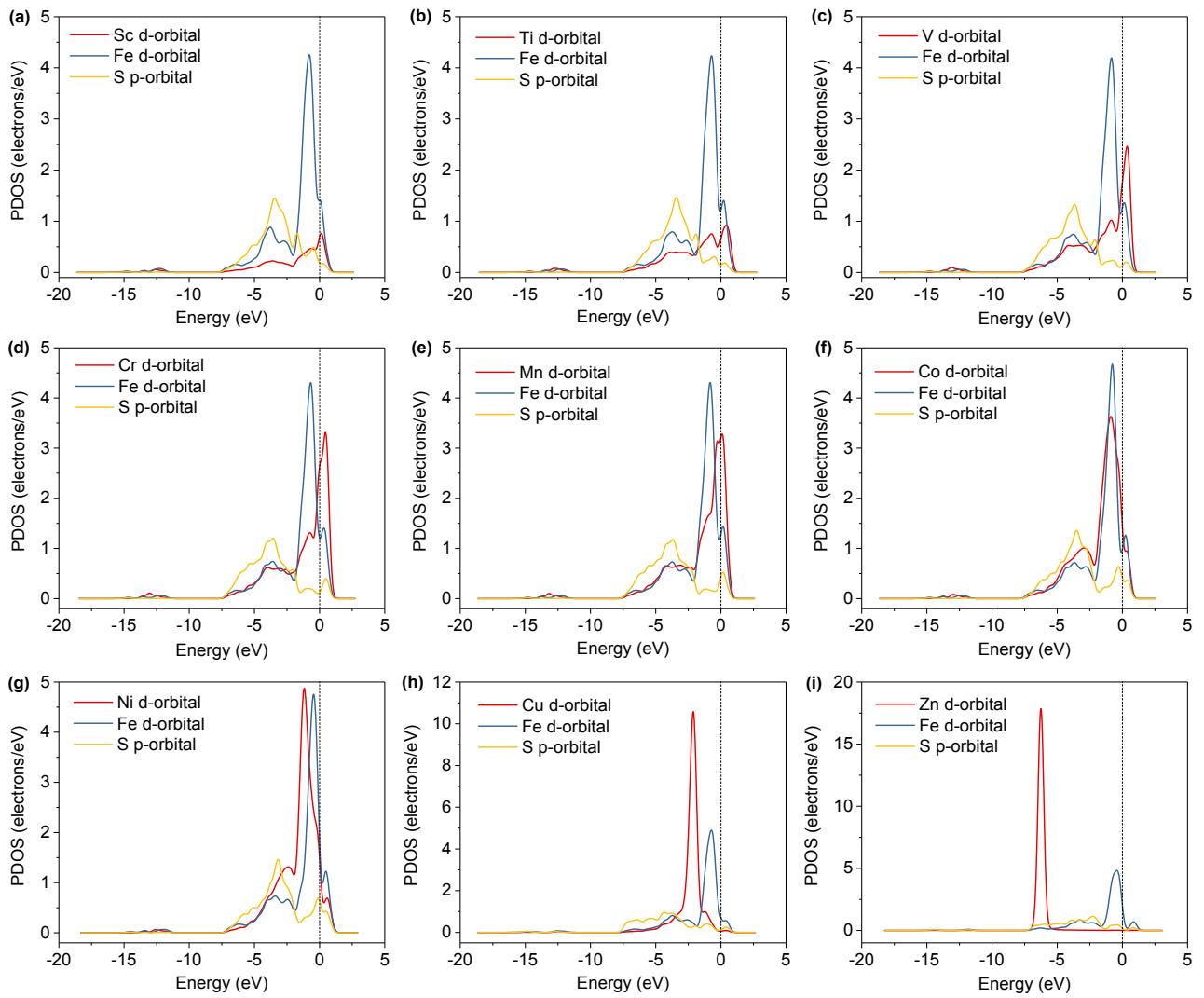
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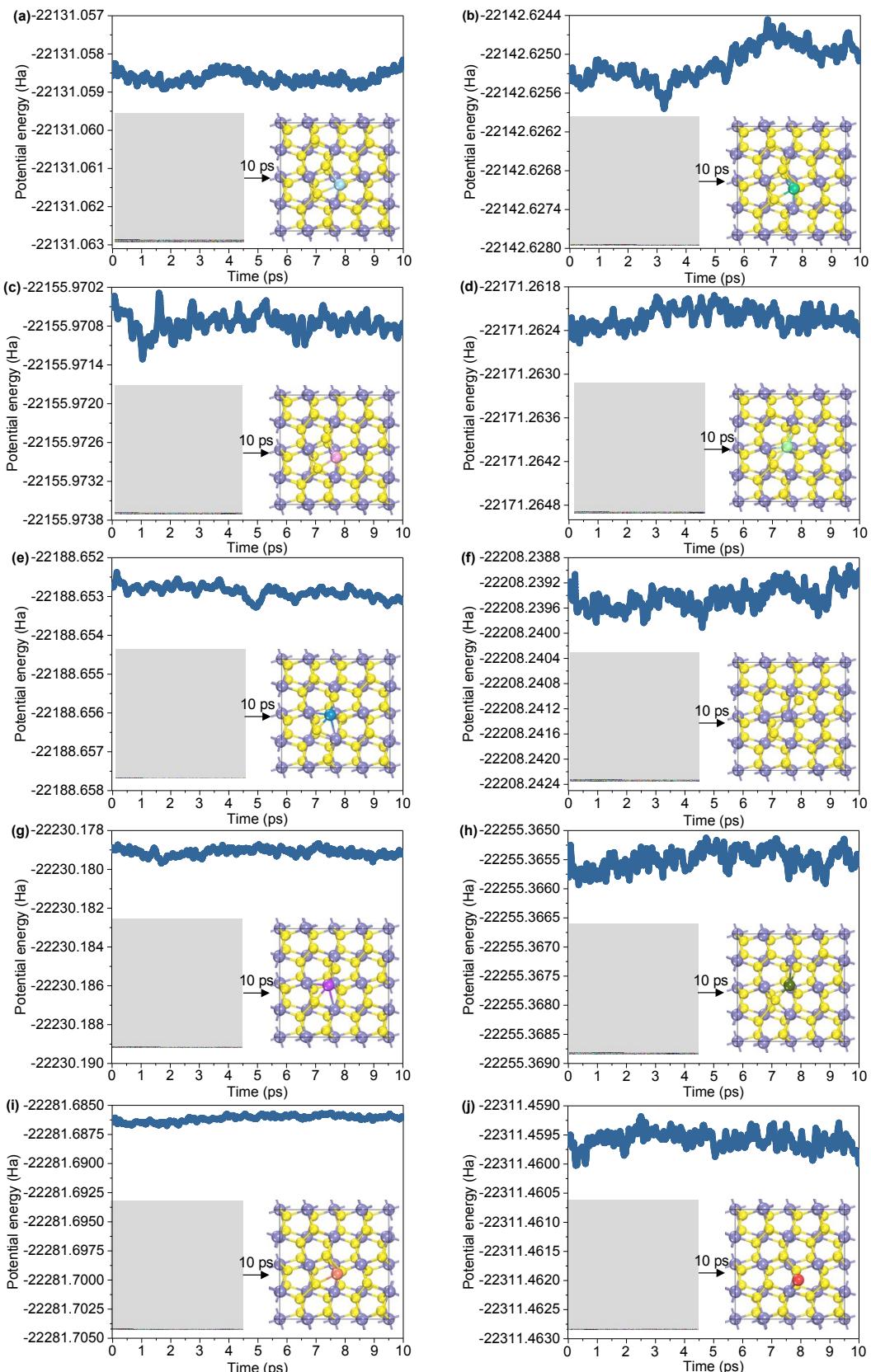


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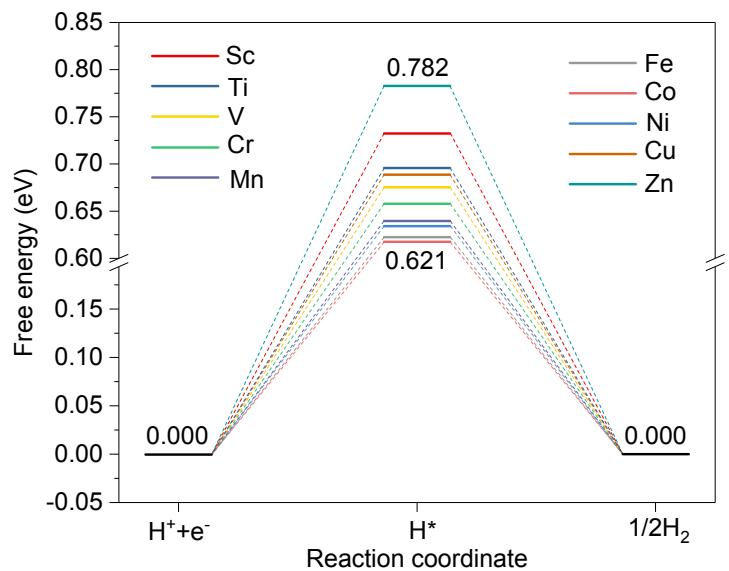


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