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**Translational dependence of the geometry of metallic mono- and bilayers optimized at semi-ionic supports. The cases of Pd at  $\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3(110)$ , monoclinic  $\text{ZrO}_2(001)$ , and rutile  $\text{TiO}_2(001)$ .**

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Table S1. Pd-O distances and final  $U_{Pd}$  values in the bilayer  $Pd_{32}(111)$  slabs at the m-ZrO<sub>2</sub>(001) (Fig. S2).

| $U_{Pd} = -4.836$ | $U_{Pd} = -4.920$ |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2.125             | 2.174             |
| 2.126             | 2.164             |
| 2.208             | 2.137             |
| 2.207             | 2.138             |
| 2.125             | 2.159             |
| 2.125             | 2.150             |
| 2.208             | 2.156             |
| 2.208             | 2.164             |

Table S2. Relative stabilization energy (eV/Pd) per Pd atom  $U_{\text{Pd}}$  (1) for single atom, clusters ( $N = 24$ ), (111) monolayers with vacancies ( $N = 24-28$ ), full monolayers ( $N = 28, 30$ ), bilayer ( $N = 36$ ), and 4-layer Pd(110) ( $N = 72$ ) deposited over Al<sub>56</sub>O<sub>80</sub> model of  $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(110) (-959.173/-972.443 eV), Ti<sub>36</sub>O<sub>72</sub> model of TiO<sub>2</sub>(001) surface (-931.47/-943.070 eV) and Zr<sub>32</sub>O<sub>64</sub> model of m-ZrO<sub>2</sub>(001) surface (-902.078/-914.999 eV) optimized at PBE/PBE-D3 levels.

| System                                   | N                | -U                        |          | - $U_{\text{Pd}}$ |        | Figure |
|--|------------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------|--------|
|  |                  | PBE                       | PBE-D3   | PBE               | PBE-D3 |        |
| $\gamma$ -Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> |                  |                           |          |                   |        |        |
| Atom                                     | 1                | 964.487                   | 978.080  | 5.314             | 5.637  | S1g    |
|  |                  | 962.960                   | 976.625  | 3.787             | 4.182  | -      |
|  |                  | 962.928                   | 976.592  | 3.755             | 4.149  | -      |
|  |                  | 245.044 <sup>a)</sup>     | 248.728  | 5.159             | 5.538  | 1b     |
| 1-layer                                  | 24               | 1075.617                  | 1099.454 | 4.852             | 5.293  | 2a, b  |
|  |                  | 1076.438 <sup>b)</sup>    | 1101.163 | 4.886             | 5.364  | 2c, d  |
|  |                  | 1073.141 <sup>c)</sup>    | 1097.848 | 4.749             | 5.226  | 2e, f  |
|  |                  | 1076.671 <sup>d)</sup>    | 1101.153 | 4.896             | 5.363  | 2g, h  |
|  | 28               | 1094.895                  | 1120.937 | 4.847             | 5.303  | S4c    |
|  |                  | 1095.404 <sup>e)</sup>    | 1121.211 | 4.865             | 5.313  | -      |
|  |                  | 1095.295 <sup>f)</sup>    | 1121.491 | 4.862             | 5.323  | 3h     |
|  | 30               | 1105.119                  | 1132.106 | 4.865             | 5.322  | 3i     |
| 2-layer(100)                             | 48               | 1196.118 <sup>g)</sup>    | 1231.586 | 4.936             | 5.399  | 1c     |
|  |                  | 1196.352 <sup>e, g)</sup> | 1231.607 | 4.941             | 5.399  | -      |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>                         |                  |                           |          |                   |        |        |
| Atom                                     | 1                | 934.788                   | 946.878  | 3.318             | 3.81   | S1a    |
|  |                  | 934.581                   | 946.683  | 3.111             | 3.69   | S1b    |
|  |                  | 934.196                   | 946.370  | 2.726             | 3.39   | S1c    |
| Cluster                                  | 24               | 1034.136                  | 1056.228 | 4.278             | 4.715  | 1e     |
| 1-layer (111)                            | 24               | 1029.716                  | 1053.657 | 4.094             | 4.608  | S1d    |
|  | 24 <sup>f)</sup> | 1029.174                  | 1052.945 | 4.071             | 4.578  | S1e    |
|  | 24 <sup>h)</sup> | 1032.018                  | 1055.457 | 4.190             | 4.683  | 4f     |
|  | 27               | 1046.584                  | 1071.924 | 4.263             | 4.295  | 4d, e  |
|  | 28               | 1051.996                  | -        | 4.305             | -      | 6a     |
|  | 30               | 1072.773                  | 1099.998 | 4.710             | 5.23   | 4g, h  |
|  | 30 <sup>f)</sup> | 1062.322                  | 1089.401 | 4.362             | 4.878  | 4i, j  |
|  | 32               | 1070.756                  | -        | 4.353             | -      | S3b    |
| 2-layer(111)                             | 48               | 1153.110                  | 1187.298 | 4.618             | 5.088  | S1f    |
| 4-layer (110)                            | 72               | 1270.856                  | 1316.895 | 4.714             | 5.192  | 1f     |
| m-ZrO <sub>2</sub>                       |                  |                           |          |                   |        |        |
| Atom                                     | 1                | 906.345                   | -        | 4.267             | -      | S1h    |
| 1-layer                                  | 16               | 970.783 <sup>i)</sup>     | 991.707  | 4.294             | 4.794  | 5a     |
|  |                  | 969.970 <sup>j)</sup>     | 991.059  | 4.243             | 4.754  | -      |
|  |                  | 971.278 <sup>g)</sup>     | 992.182  | 4.325             | 4.824  | -      |
|  |                  | 971.459 <sup>k)</sup>     | 992.492  | 4.336             | 4.843  | 5b, c  |
|  |                  | 971.455 <sup>l)</sup>     | 992.485  | 4.336             | 4.843  | 5d     |
| 2-layer (111)                            | 32 <sup>m)</sup> | 597.438 <sup>g)</sup>     | 617.927  | 4.920             | 5.417  | S2b    |
|  |                  | 594.750 <sup>g)</sup>     | 614.605  | 4.836             | 5.313  | S2a    |

<sup>a)</sup> for smaller UC such as Al<sub>14</sub>O<sub>20</sub> (-239.885/-243.190 eV, see text); <sup>b)</sup> after shift by 1 Å along OY direction; <sup>c)</sup> after shift by 2 Å along OY direction; <sup>d)</sup> after shift by 3 Å along OY direction; <sup>e)</sup> shift by 1 Å along both OX and OY directions; <sup>f)</sup> shift by 1 Å along OX direction; <sup>g)</sup> (111) model; <sup>h)</sup>

“band” type structure; <sup>i)</sup> 1/1 model; <sup>j)</sup> (100) model; <sup>k)</sup> 4R-4R model; <sup>l)</sup> “mix” model; <sup>m)</sup> thin Zr<sub>16</sub>O<sub>32</sub> support model (-440.002/-444.576 eV).

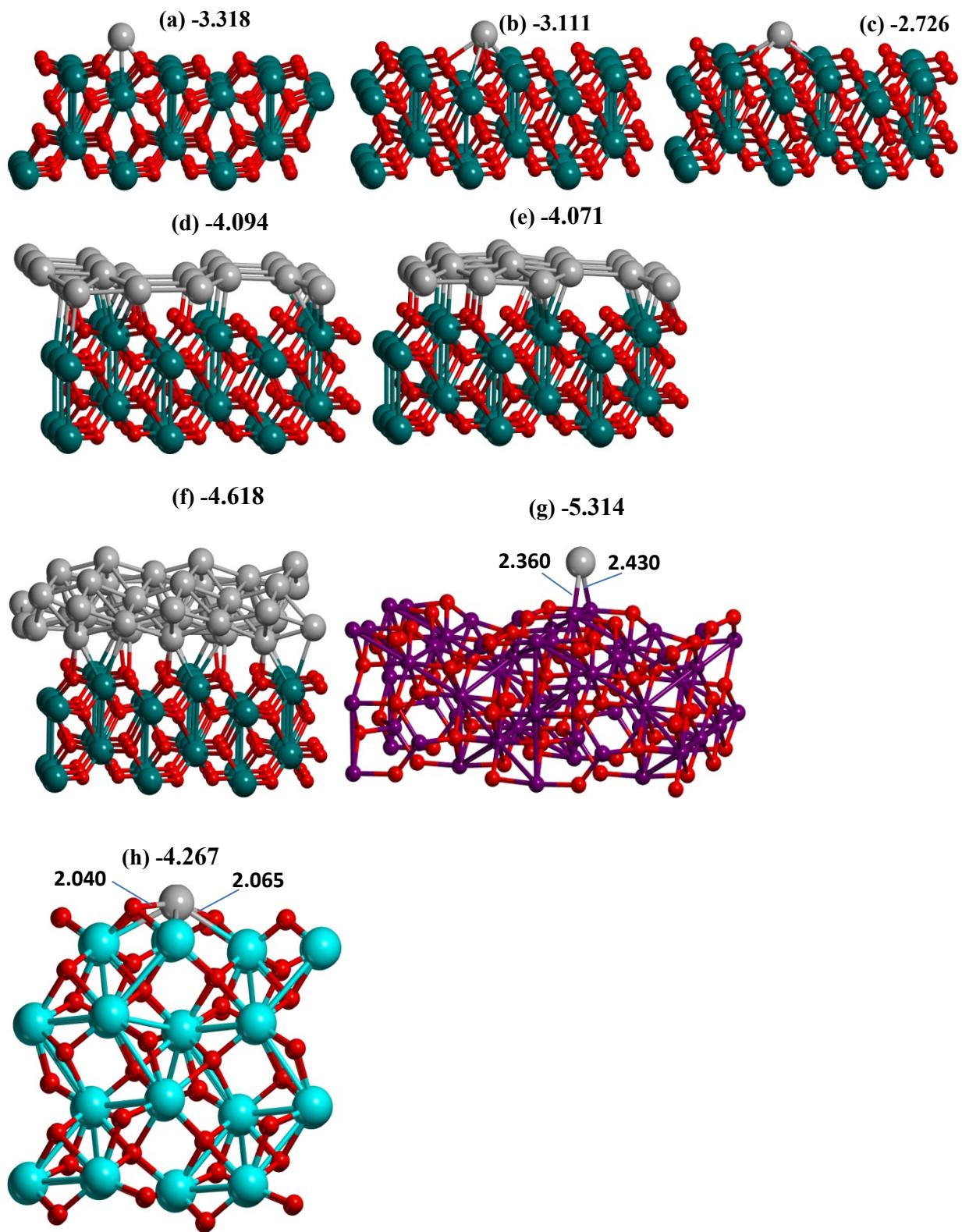
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Figure S1. (a-c, g, h) Single Pd atoms, (d-e)  $Pd_{24}$  monolayers, (f)  $Pd_{48}$  bilayer at (a-f)  $Ti_{36}O_{72}$  model of rutile  $TiO_2(001)$ , (g)  $Al_{56}O_{80}$  model of  $\gamma-Al_2O_3(110)$ , (h)  $Zr_{32}O_{64}$  model of m- $ZrO_2(001)$  surfaces optimized at the PBE level. The stabilization energy per Pd atom  $U_{Pd}$  is given in eV/Pd. The atomic colors are given in red, magenta, green, cyan light, and gray for O, Al, Ti, Zr, and Pd, respectively.

Figure S2. Upper projection of  $Pd_{32}(111)$  bilayers at  $Zr_{32}O_{64}$  model of m- $ZrO_2(001)$  surfaces optimized at the PBE level. The stabilization energy  $U_{Pd}$  per Pd atom is given in eV/Pd. The atomic color agreement corresponds to Fig. S1.

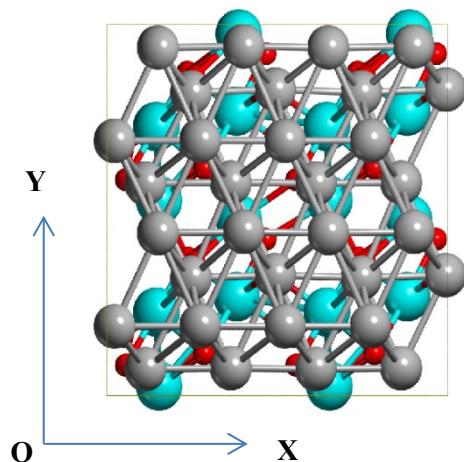
Figure S3. (a, b) Side and (c) upper projection of (a) as deposited (non-optimized)  $Pd_{32}(100)$ , optimized (b)  $Pd_{32}$  and (c)  $Pd_{28}(111)$  monolayers at  $Ti_{36}O_{72}$  model of m- $TiO_2(001)$  surfaces optimized at the PBE level. The stabilization energy  $U_{Pd}$  per Pd atom is given in eV/Pd. Di-vacancy is shown by ellipse (c). The atomic color agreement corresponds to Fig. S1.

**Figure S1**

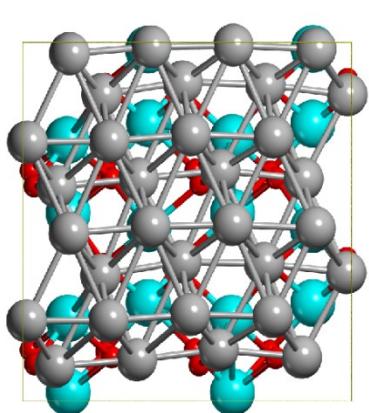


## Figure S2

(a) -4.836



(b) -4.920



**Figure S3**

