

Supplementary Information

Enhancing lithium storage performance with silicon-based anodes: a theoretical study on transition metal-integrated $\text{SiO}_x/\text{M}@\text{C}$ ($\text{M} = \text{Fe, Co, Ni}$) heterostructures

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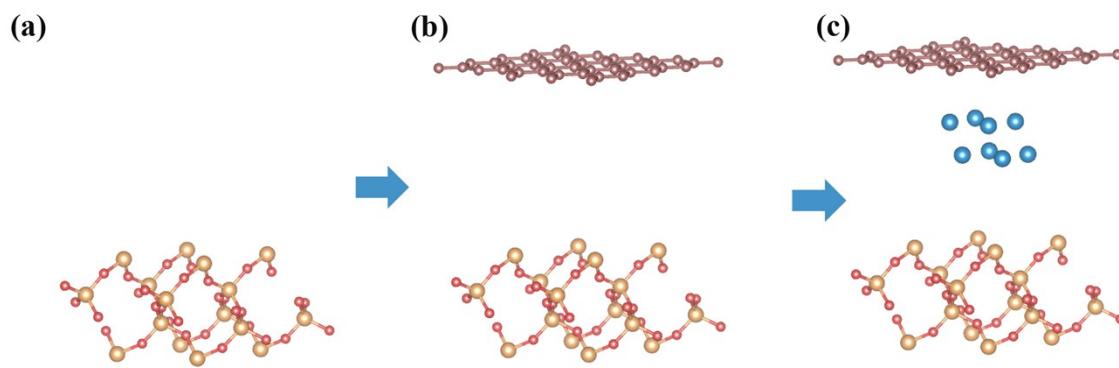


Fig. S1 Geometrically optimized structures of (a) SiO_2 ; (b) $\text{SiO}_2@\text{C}$; (c) $\text{SiO}_2/\text{M}@\text{C}$.

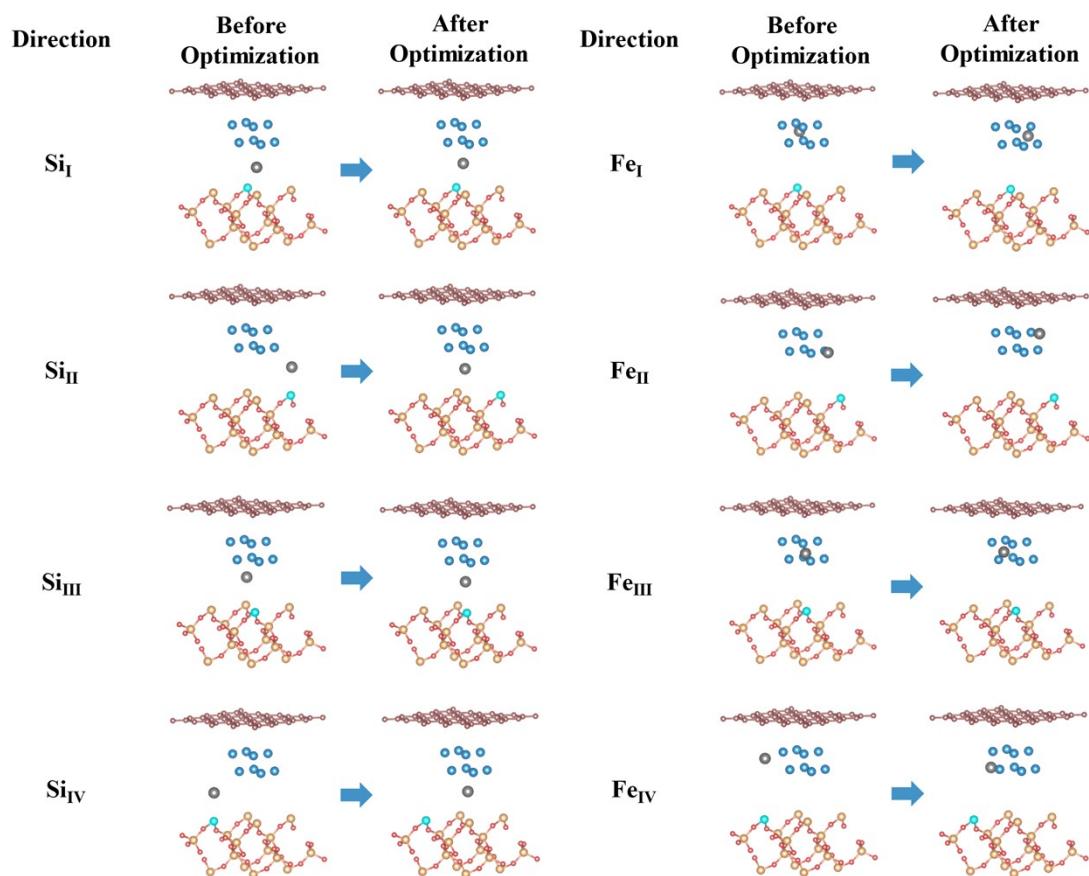


Fig. S2 Configurations before and after optimization of all directions for $\text{SiO}_x/\text{Fe}@\text{C}$.

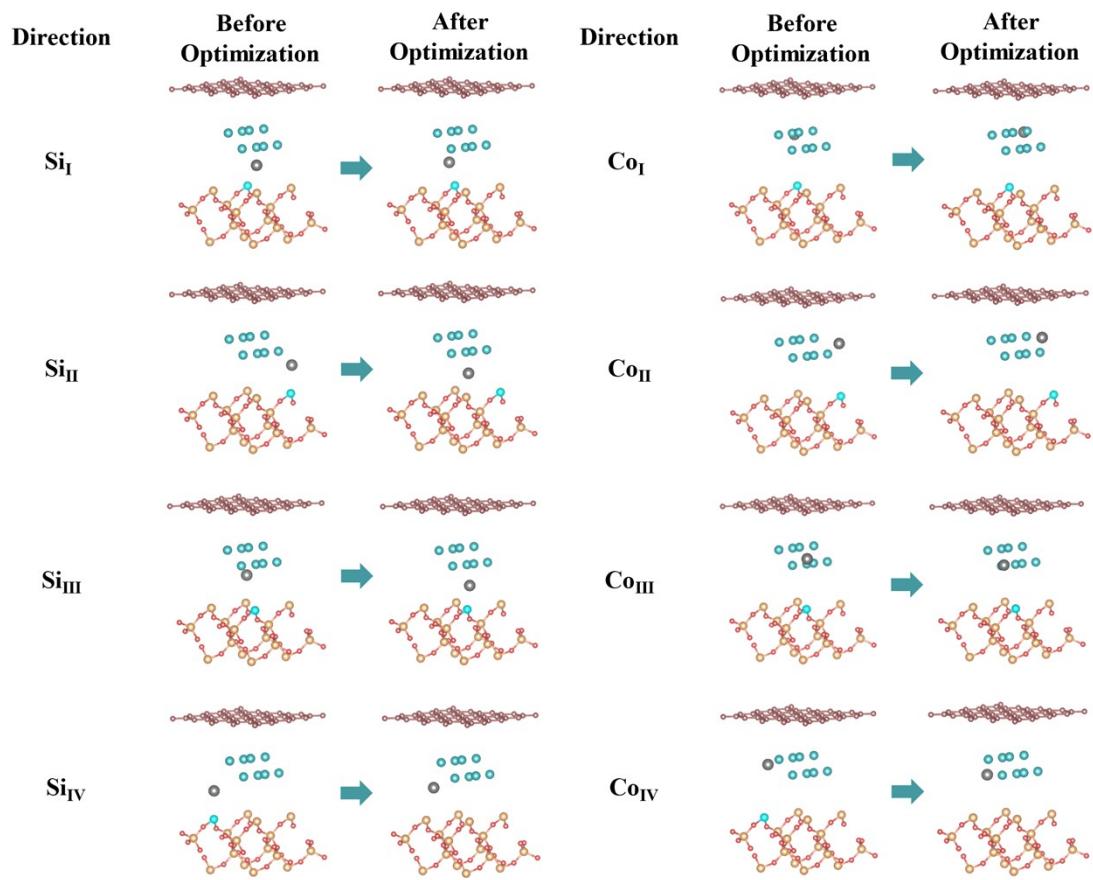


Fig. S3 Configurations before and after optimization of all directions for $\text{SiO}_x/\text{Co}@\text{C}$.

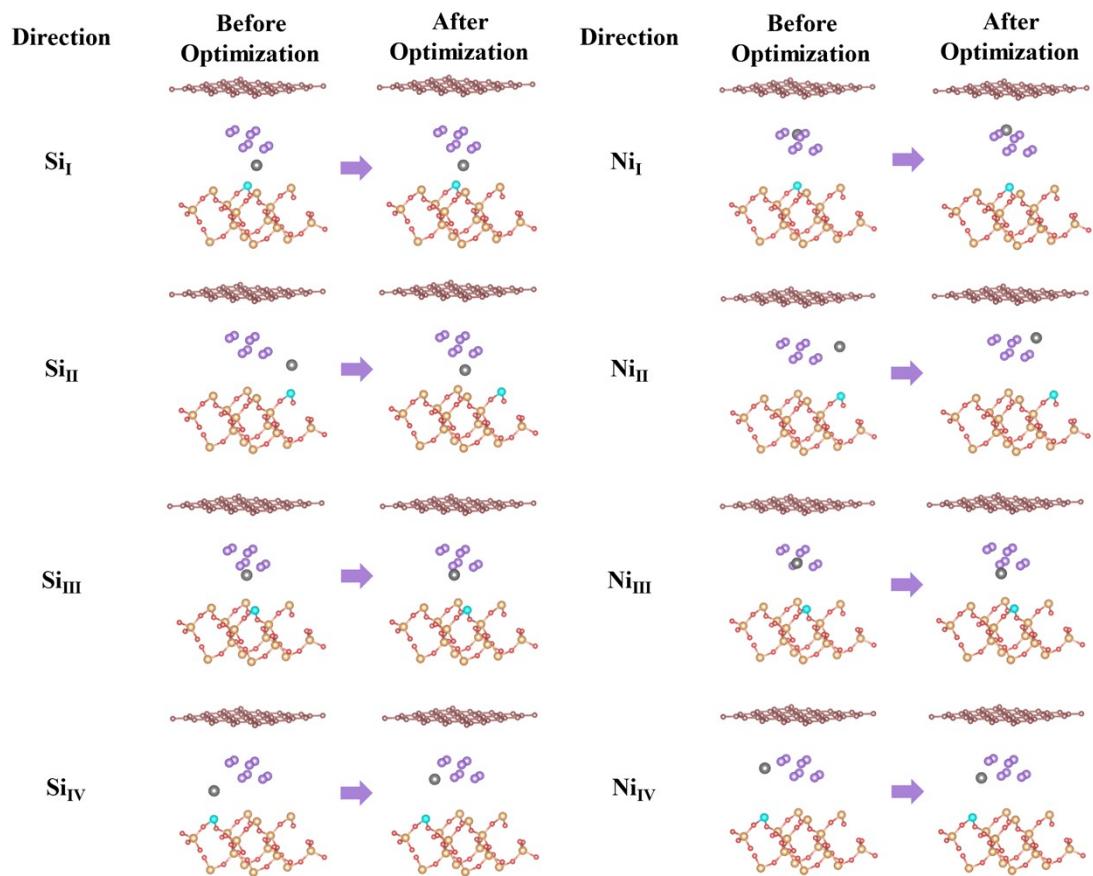


Fig. S4 Configurations before and after optimization of all directions for $\text{SiO}_x/\text{Ni}@\text{C}$.

Table S1 The energies of $E(SiO_x/M@C)$, $E(SiO_x@C)$, and $E(M)$.

Compound	Energy/eV
SiO _x /Fe@C	-24099.0845
SiO _x /Co@C	-25524.3973
SiO _x /Ni@C	-28019.2597
SiO _x @C	-17200.865
Fe	-6913.93799
Co	-8327.92068
Ni	-6901.50753
Li	-188.143764

Table S2 The energies of $E(Li + SiO_x/M@C)$.

Material	Direction	$\Delta E_a/\text{eV}$	Direction	$\Delta E_a/\text{eV}$
Li+SiO _x /Fe@C	Si _I	-24289.6282	Fe _I	-24289.5908
	Si _{II}	-24289.6282	Fe _{II}	-24289.3222
	Si _{III}	-24289.6281	Fe _{III}	-24289.6031
	Si _{IV}	-24289.6288	Fe _{IV}	-24289.6031
Li+SiO _x /Co@C	Si _I	-25714.9522	Co _I	-25714.9236
	Si _{II}	-25715.0467	Co _{II}	-25714.9237
	Si _{III}	-25715.0462	Co _{III}	-25714.9239
	Si _{IV}	-25714.6591	Co _{IV}	-25714.9218
Li+SiO _x /Ni@C	Si _I	-28210.2236	Ni _I	-28209.6864
	Si _{II}	-28210.1111	Ni _{II}	-28209.9026
	Si _{III}	-28209.8913	Ni _{III}	-28209.8906
	Si _{IV}	-28209.9019	Ni _{IV}	-28209.9022