

Electronic Supplementary Information

**First-Principles Studies of the Thermoelectric Properties of
[110]-Ge/Si Core/Shell Nanowires with Different Surface
Structures**

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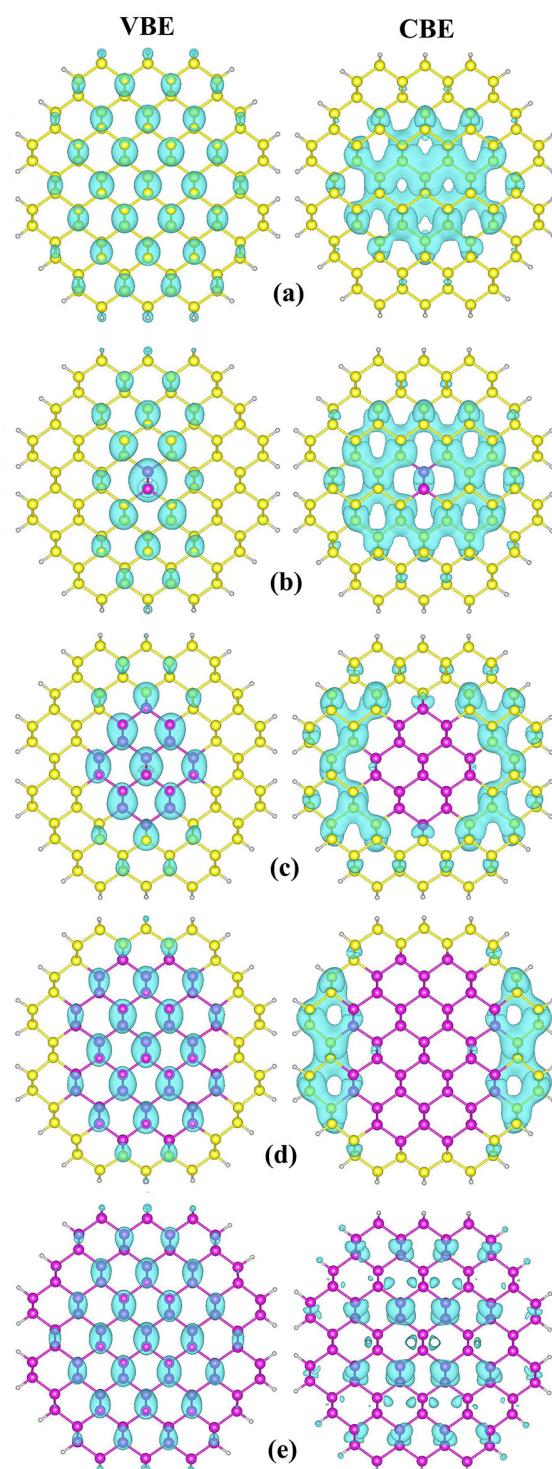


Fig. S1. Isosurface charge densities of VBE (left column) and CBE (right column) for [110]-Ge/Si core/shell NWs with S surface structure. (a) S-SiNW, (b) S-Ge/Si_#1, (c) S-Ge/Si_#2, (d) S-Ge/Si_#3, (e) S-GeNW. The yellow, magenta, and gray spheres represent Si, Ge, and H atoms, respectively. The density of isosurfaces (displayed by blue pixels) is $5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$.

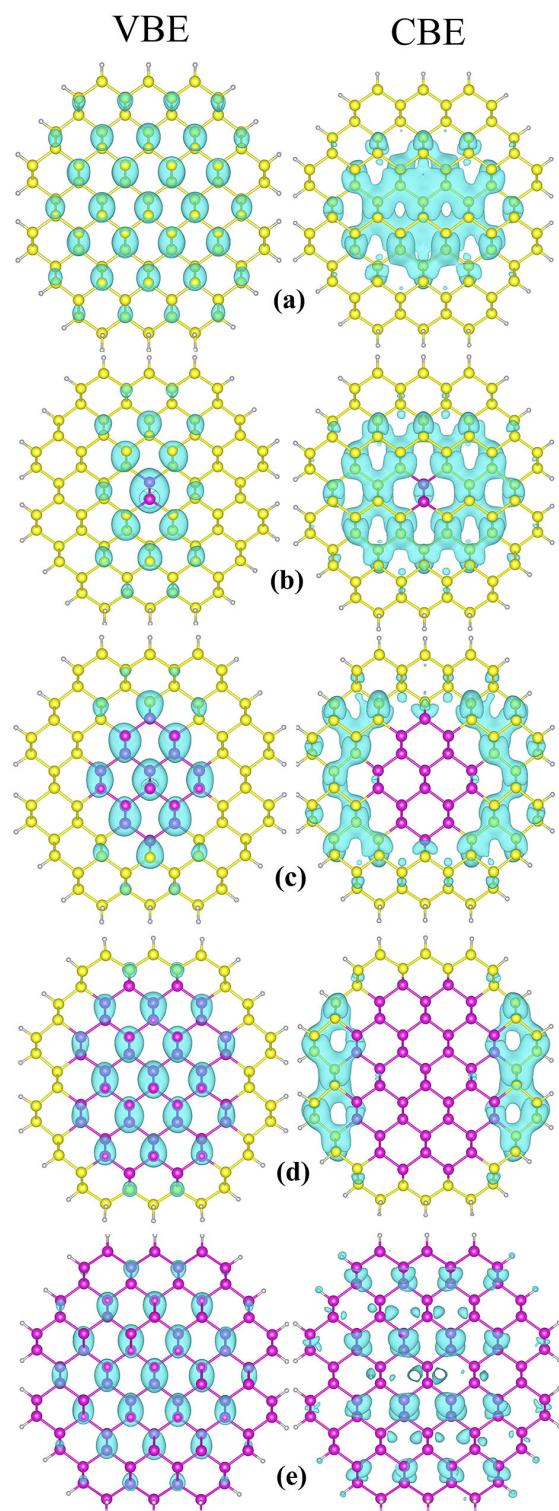


Fig. S2. Isosurface charge densities of VBE (left column) and CBE (right column) for [110]-Ge/Si core/shell NWs with C surface structure. (a) **C-SiNW**, (b) **C-Ge/Si_{#1}**, (c) **C-Ge/Si_{#2}**, (d) **C-Ge/Si_{#3}**, (e) **C-GeNW**. The yellow, magenta, and gray spheres represent Si, Ge, and H atoms, respectively. The density of isosurfaces (displayed by blue pixels) is $5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$.

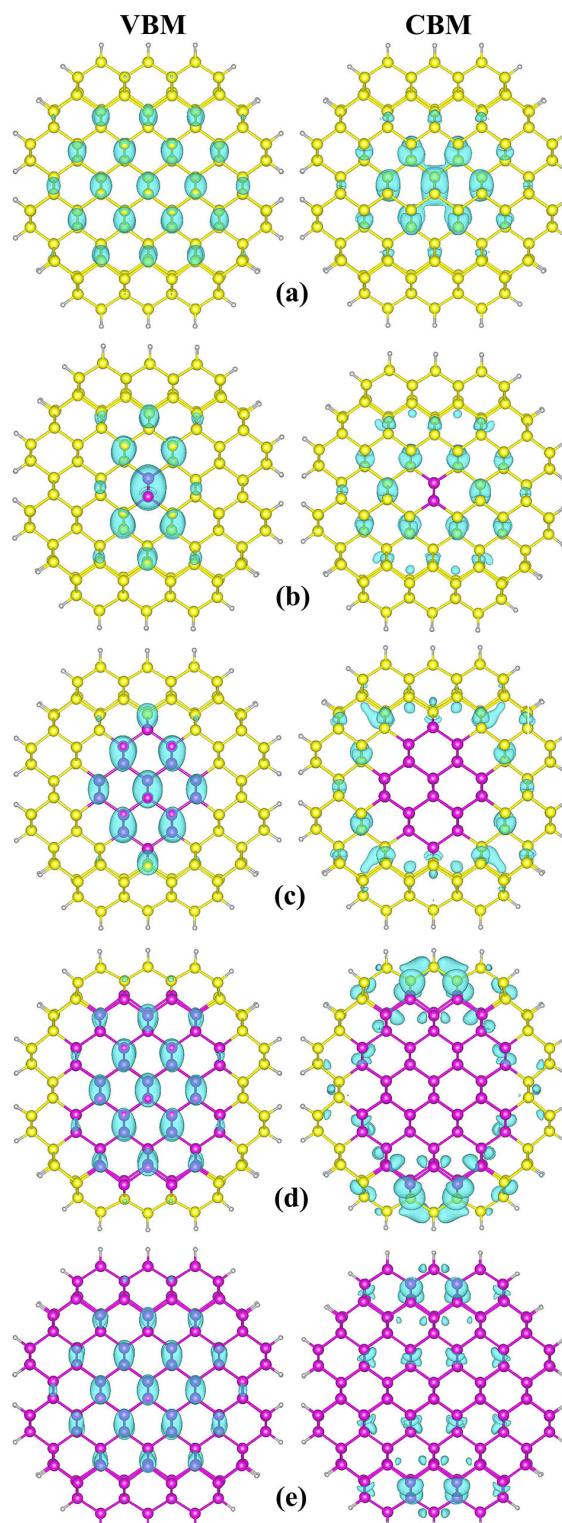


Fig. S3. Isosurface charge densities of VBE (left column) and CBE (right column) for [110]-Ge/Si core/shell NWs with **R** surface structure. (a) **R-SiNW**, (b) **R-Ge/Si_#1**, (c) **R-Ge/Si_#2**, (d) **R-Ge/Si_#3**, (e) **R-GeNW**. The yellow, magenta, and gray spheres represent Si, Ge, and H atoms, respectively. The density of isosurfaces (displayed by blue pixels) is $5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$.

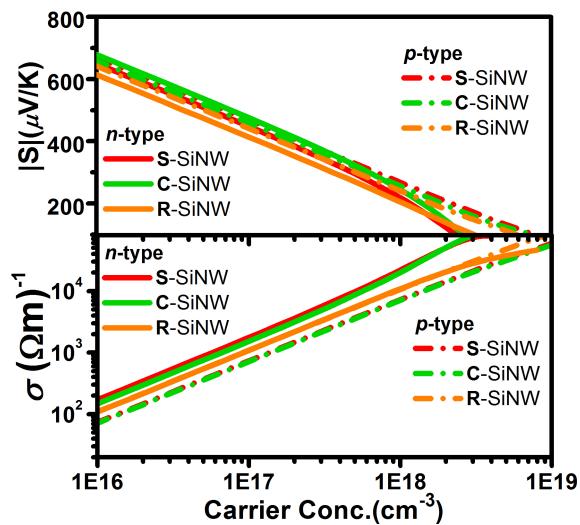


Fig. S4. Calculated S (upper panel), and σ (lower panel) as a function of carrier concentration for SiNW with three different surface structures: **S** (red), **C** (green), and **R** (orange). The solid and dash lines denote *n*-type and *p*-type, respectively.

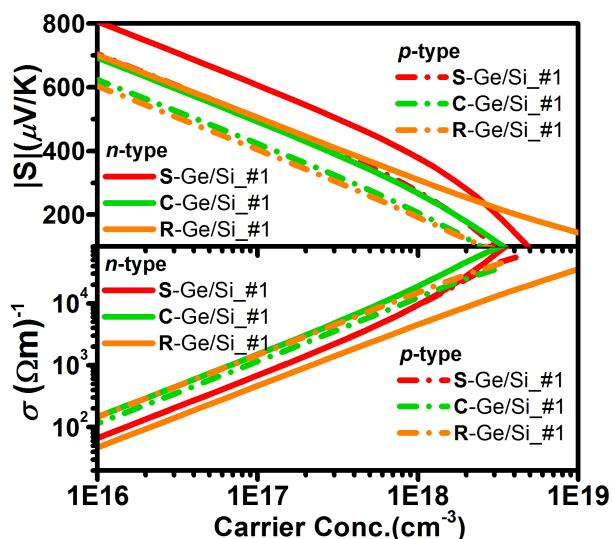


Fig. S5. Calculated S (upper panel), and σ (lower panel) as a function of carrier concentration for [110]-Ge/Si_#1 with three different surface structures: **S** (red), **C** (green), and **R** (orange). The solid and dash lines denote **n-type** and **p-type**, respectively.

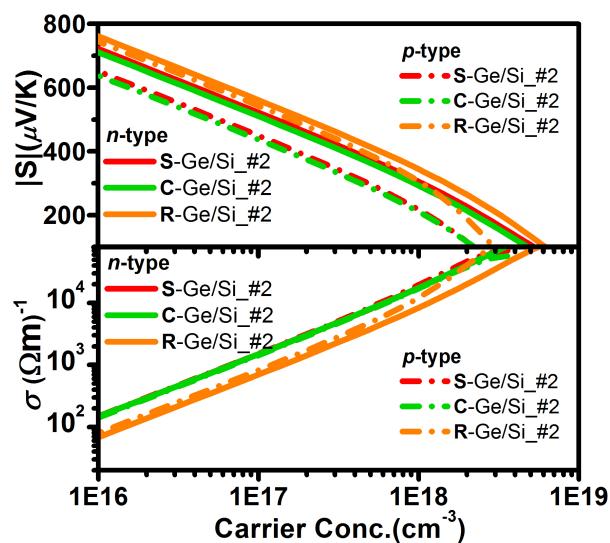


Fig. S6. Calculated S (upper panel), and σ (lower panel) as a function of carrier concentration for [110]-Ge/Si_{#2} with three different surface structures: **S** (red), **C** (green), and **R** (orange). The solid and dash lines denote *n*-type and *p*-type, respectively.

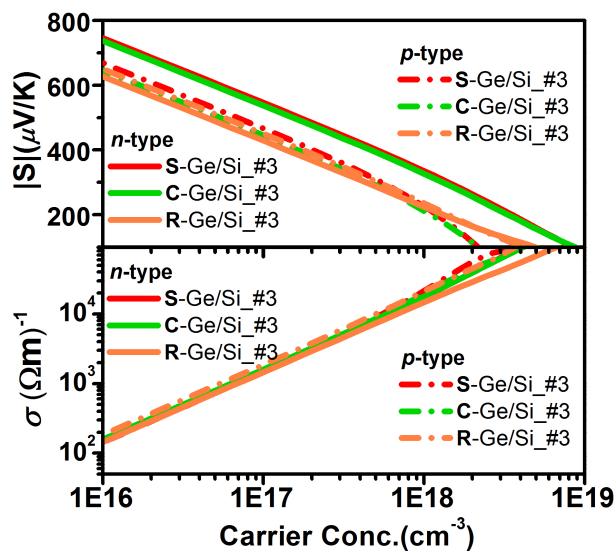


Fig. S7. Calculated S (upper panel), and σ (lower panel) as a function of carrier concentration for [110]-Ge/Si_#3 with three different surface structures: **S** (red), **C** (green), and **R** (orange). The solid and dash lines denote *n*-type and *p*-type, respectively.

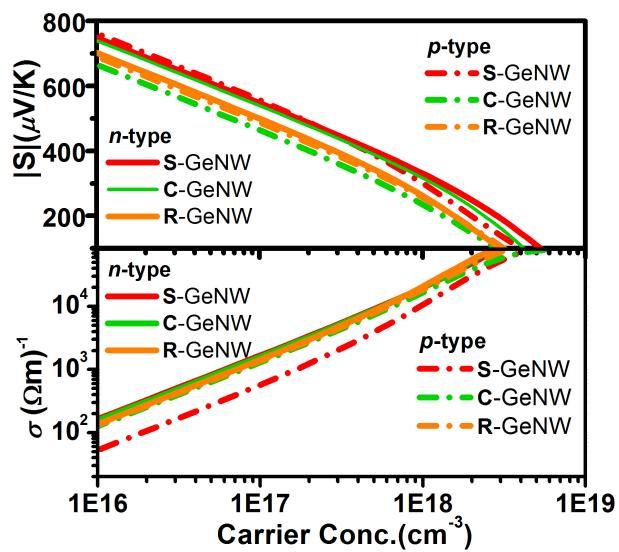


Fig. S8. Calculated S (upper panel), and σ (lower panel) as a function of carrier concentration for [110]-GeNW with three different surface structures: **S** (red), **C** (green), and **R** (orange). The solid and dash lines denote *n*-type and *p*-type, respectively.