

## **Supporting Information**

### **Relevance of dispersion and the electronic spin in the DFT+U approach for the description of pristine and defective TiO<sub>2</sub> anatase**

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## I. Geometry Optimization procedure

1. The volume is varied +/-15% from its original volume and 7 deformed structure calculations are performed.
2. ISIF=2 followed by ISIF=4 calculations over the preoptimized structures were performed.
3. With the computed energies at each volume an EOS fitting was performed using a Birch-Murnaghan equation at fourth order as implemented in vasppkit. (See Figure S1 a and c)
4. The equilibrium volume is extracted and used as input for the next set of calculations.
5. For optimizing the a/c ratio with constant volume a maximum physical strain  $\epsilon$  is defined as the percent variation of the a/c ratio (i.e.bn if there is a +/-5% variation in a/c then  $\epsilon$  +/- 0.05), then the a/c of the distorted structure at the maximum physical strain is determined from  $(a/c) = (a/c)\text{initial} \cdot (1+\epsilon)$ . Then 7 distorted structures were computed considering 7  $\epsilon$  values through variations of -5% to 5% of the a/c initial value with a step of 1.67%.
6. Then ISIF=2 calculations were computed for each distorted structure and the results of energy vs strain were plotted and fitted to a 4<sup>th</sup> order polynomial (See figure S1 b and d).

$$E(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + c$$

with  $x=\epsilon$  and the minimum corresponds to the derivative  $dE/dx=0$ , i.e:

$$0 = 4ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 2cx + d$$

Then by solving the equation we use this new value of  $\epsilon_{\min}$  physical strain to compute the a/c ratio and build a new structure, that will be used to optimize the ratio a/c at ISIF=2 with fixed volume followed by ISIF=7 calculation, this final structure is used to reoptimize the volume at a fixed value of the ratio a/c through an EOS fitting as explained next.

7. The step one described previously is repeated by increasing the number of deformed structures for the volume calculations to 9. The procedure is repeated by following steps 2 to 4. Then for the a/c ratio optimization 9 distorted structures were used and steps 5 to 6 were followed.
8. Finally, after completing 4 calculation cycles (1<sup>st</sup> volume optimization – 1<sup>st</sup> a/c ratio optimization - 2<sup>nd</sup> volume optimization – 2<sup>nd</sup> a/c ratio optimization) the final structure is fully relaxed by ISIF=3 calculation.
9. The convergence between the volume, lattice parameters and energy were checked at each calculation cycle and the final structure is compared to the fully relaxed structure to verify a convergence <  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  Å in the lattice parameters and <  $7 \times 10^{-4}$  eV in the energy.

The convergence data for TiO<sub>2</sub> is presented in Table S1.

Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> geometry optimization was carried out by following a similar procedure as that previously described. However, instead of a/c ratio optimization at constant volume the  $\alpha$  angle was optimized at constant volume (see figure S2 b and d). Four calculation cycles were performed (1<sup>st</sup> volume optimization (see Figure S2 a) – 1<sup>st</sup>  $\alpha$  angle optimization - 2<sup>nd</sup> volume optimization (see Figure S2 c) – 2<sup>nd</sup>  $\alpha$  angle optimization) the final structure was fully relaxed by ISIF=3 calculation. The convergence data for Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is presented in table S2.

The relaxed structure at U<sub>n-1</sub> is used as a starting structure for the next U<sub>n</sub> (u=1,2,3,4) optimization procedure. The initial structures for the TiO<sub>2</sub> and Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> U=0 geometry optimization were taken from Howard et.al.[63] and Straumanis et.al [64], respectively.

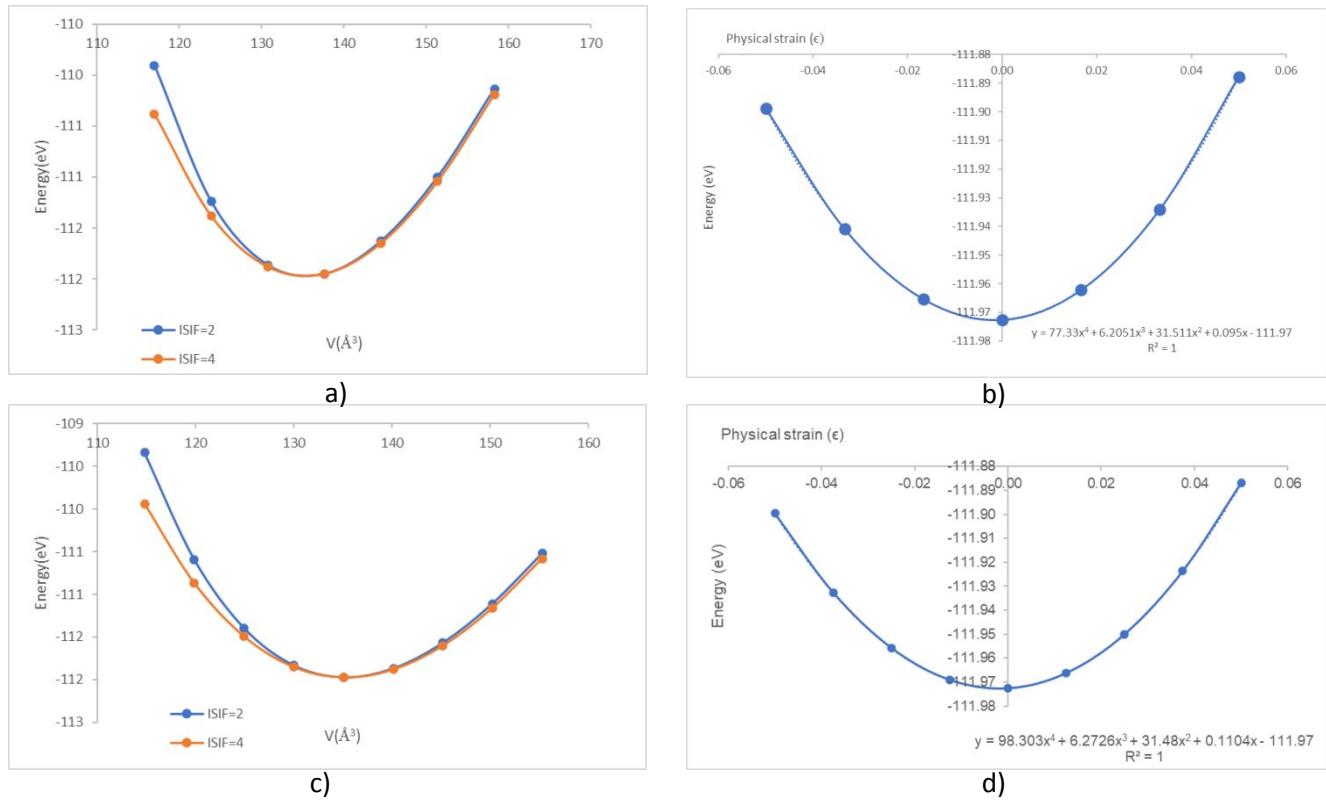


Figure S1. PBEsol U=1 Optimization steps until convergence is achieved for the geometry parameters of  $\text{TiO}_2$ . Volume optimization steps (a,c), and a/c optimization calculations (b,d).

Table S1. Convergence data and geometry parameters along each optimization step for  $\text{TiO}_2$

| Calculation | Step | $a(\text{\AA})$ | $c(\text{\AA})$ | $\Delta a(\text{\AA})$ | $\Delta c(\text{\AA})$ | $E(\text{eV})$ | $\Delta E(\text{eV})$ | $\text{Vol}(\text{\AA}^3)$ | $\Delta \text{Vol}(\text{\AA}^3)$ |
|-------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| -           | 0    | 3.7800          | 9.510           |                        |                        |                |                       | 136.2680                   |                                   |
| Vopt1       | 1    | 3.7814          | 9.459           | 1.4078E-03             | -5.0528E-02            | -111.9726      |                       | 135.2614                   | -1.0066E+00                       |
| 1_a/c       | 2    | 3.7797          | 9.455           | -3.0117E-04            | -5.4811E-02            | -111.9728      | -2.0132E-04           | 135.0780                   | -1.1900E+00                       |
| Vopt2       | 3    | 3.7820          | 9.461           | 1.9674E-03             | -4.9136E-02            | -111.9726      | 2.0413E-04            | 135.3214                   | -9.4662E-01                       |
| 2_a/c       | 4    | 3.7775          | 9.466           | -2.4759E-03            | -4.3629E-02            | -111.9730      | -3.6941E-04           | 135.0822                   | -1.1858E+00                       |
| ISIF=3      | 5    | 3.7775          | 9.466           | -2.4760E-03            | -4.3628E-02            | -111.9723      | 6.4695E-04            | 135.0822                   | -1.1858E+00                       |

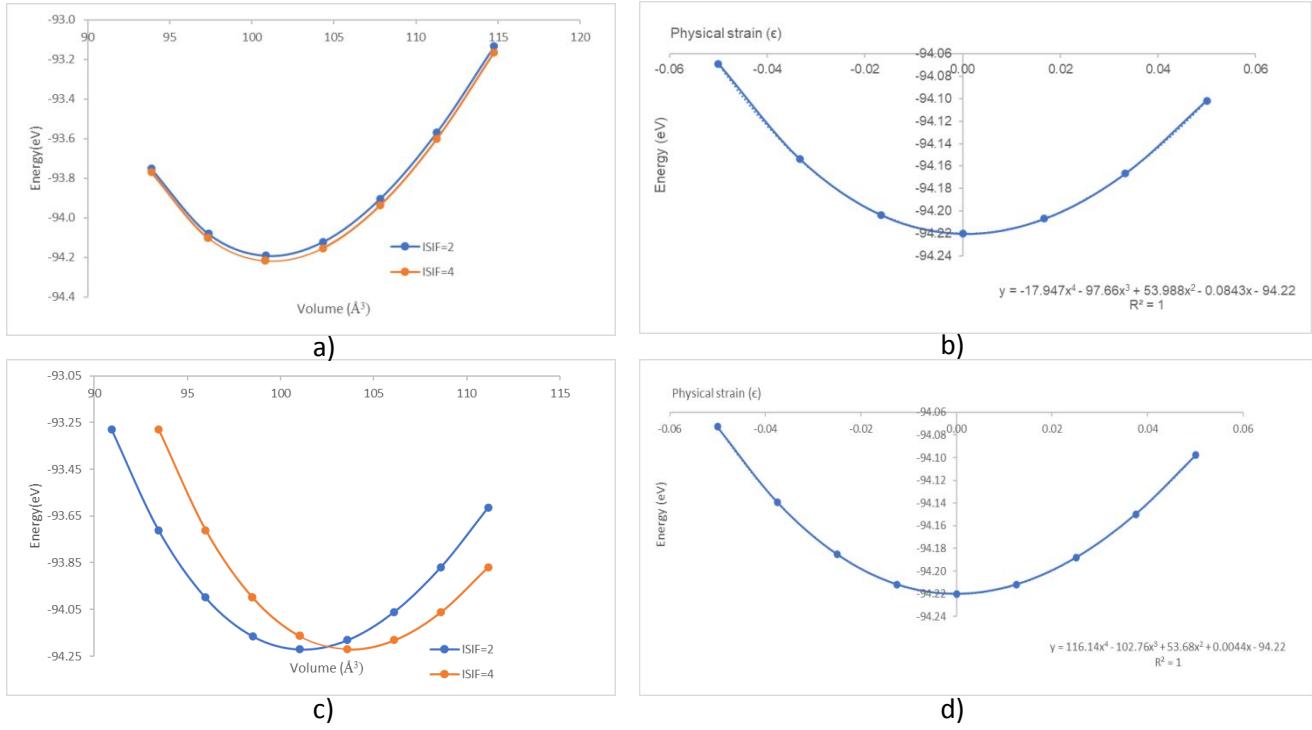


Figure S2. PBEsol U=1 Optimization steps until convergence is achieved for the geometry parameters of  $\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_3$ . Volume optimization steps (a,c), and  $\alpha$  angle optimization calculations (b,d).

Table S2. Convergence data and geometry parameters along each optimization step for  $\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_3$ .

| Calculation | Step | $a(\text{\AA})$ | $\alpha(^{\circ})$ | $\Delta a(\text{\AA})$ | $\Delta \alpha(^{\circ})$ | $E(\text{eV})$ | $\Delta E(\text{eV})$ | $\text{Vol}(\text{\AA}^3)$ | $\Delta \text{Vol}(\text{\AA}^3)$ |
|-------------|------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| -           | 0    | 5.4310          | 56.580             |                        |                           |                |                       | 104.3219                   |                                   |
| V1opt       | 1    | 5.4381          | 55.264             | 7.1100E-03             | -1.3158E+00               | -94.2202       |                       | 101.2000                   | -3.1219E+00                       |
| Ang1        | 2    | 5.4331          | 55.307             | -5.0000E-03            | 4.3200E-02                | -94.2203       | -1.3268E-04           | 101.0400                   | -1.6000E-01                       |
| V2opt       | 3    | 5.4363          | 55.307             | 3.1900E-03             | 0.0000E+00                | -94.2202       | 1.7444E-04            | 101.2167                   | 1.7666E-01                        |
| Ang2        | 4    | 5.4333          | 55.305             | -3.0300E-03            | -2.3000E-03               | -94.2204       | -2.2510E-04           | 101.0400                   | -1.7666E-01                       |
| ISIF=3      | 5    | 5.4333          | 55.305             | 0.0000E+00             | 0.0000E+00                | -94.2199       | 4.6883E-04            | 101.0411                   | 1.1130E-03                        |

## II. Converged geometries of TiO<sub>2</sub>

### 1. TiO<sub>2</sub> PBEsol U=0

Ti O2

1.000000000000000  
3.7729692360596809 0.000000000000000 -0.000000000000000  
-0.000000000000000 3.7729692360596809 -0.000000000000000  
0.000000000000000 -0.000000000000000 9.5561387893009861

Ti O

4 8

Direct

0.000000000000000 -0.000000000000000 -0.000000000000000  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000  
-0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.250000000000000  
0.500000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.750000000000000  
-0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.2076179618386709  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.7076179768386774  
-0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.4576179768386745  
0.500000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.9576179768386774  
0.500000000000000 -0.000000000000000 0.5423820231613226  
0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.0423820531613271  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.2923820231613255  
0.0 -0.000000000000000 0.7923820231613226

### 2. TiO<sub>2</sub> PBEsol U=1

Ti O2

1.000000000000000

3.7871192869247983 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 3.7871192869247983 0.0000000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 9.5668814005190317

Ti O

4 8

Direct

-0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 -0.0000000000000000  
 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.2500000000000000  
 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.7500000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.2076655252589770  
 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.7076655102589721  
 -0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.4576655102589722  
 0.5000000000000000 -0.0000000000000000 0.9576655102589721  
 0.5000000000000000 -0.0000000000000000 0.5423344897410279  
 -0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0423345007410251  
 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.2923344897410278  
 -0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.7923344897410279

### 3. TiO<sub>2</sub> PBEsol U=2

Ti O2

1.0000000000000000  
 3.8008914404632632 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 3.8008914404632632 0.0000000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 9.5772813666030334

Ti O

4 8

Direct

-0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000  
 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000

-0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.2500000000000000  
 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.7500000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.2077279904936862  
 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.7077279154936834  
 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.4577279154936835  
 0.5000000000000000 -0.0000000000000000 0.9577279154936834  
 0.5000000000000000 -0.0000000000000000 0.5422720845063166  
 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0422720505063137  
 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.2922720845063165  
 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.7922720845063166

#### 4. TiO<sub>2</sub> PBEsol U=3

Ti O2

1.0000000000000000  
 3.8140727059167192 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 3.8140727059167192 0.0000000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 9.5900726503956246

Ti O

4 8

Direct

-0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000  
 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000  
 -0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.2500000000000000  
 0.5000000000000000 -0.0000000000000000 0.7500000000000000  
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 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.7077590574932631  
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 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.5422409425067369  
 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0422408865067398

0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.2922409125067348  
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.7922409425067369

5. TiO<sub>2</sub> PBEsol U=4

Ti O2

1.000000000000000  
3.8265186425189275 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000  
0.0000000000000000 3.8265186425189275 -0.0000000000000000  
0.0000000000000000 -0.0000000000000000 9.6072785298340868

Ti O

4 8

Direct

0.000000000000000 -0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000  
-0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.250000000000000  
0.500000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.750000000000000  
0.000000000000000 -0.000000000000000 0.2077300525869028  
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0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.0422700104130919  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.2922700514130915  
-0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.7922700814130945

6. TiO<sub>2</sub> PBEsol U=6

Ti O2

1.000000000000000  
3.8509222545303814 0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000  
0.000000000000000 3.8509222545303814 -0.000000000000000  
0.000000000000000 -0.000000000000000 9.6449366076142251

Ti O

4 8

Direct

-0.000000000000000 -0.000000000000000 -0.000000000000000  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000  
-0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.250000000000000  
0.500000000000000 -0.000000000000000 0.750000000000000  
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0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.0423444813167923  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.2923444853167926  
0.0 -0.000000000000000 0.7923446343167870

7. TiO<sub>2</sub> PBEsol-D3 U=0

Ti O2

1.000000000000000  
3.763888835900000 0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000  
0.000000000000000 3.763888835900000 0.000000000000000  
0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 9.4559316634999995

Ti O

4 8

Direct

0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000  
0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.250000000000000  
0.500000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.750000000000000  
0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.2088565079999967  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.7088565230000015  
0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.4588565230000015  
0.500000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.9588565230000015  
0.500000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.5411434769999985  
0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.0411435070000010  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.2911434769999985  
0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.7911434769999985

#### 8. TiO<sub>2</sub> PBEsol-D3 U=1

Ti O2

1.000000000000000  
3.777523994400001 0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000  
0.000000000000000 3.777523994400001 0.000000000000000  
0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 9.466371536300005

Ti O

4 8

Direct

0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000  
0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.250000000000000  
0.500000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.750000000000000

0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.2089503560000026  
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 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.9589503409999978  
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 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0410496699999996  
 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.2910496590000022  
 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.7910496590000022

#### 9. TiO<sub>2</sub> PBEsol-D3 U=2

Ti O2

1.0000000000000000  
 3.7906253338000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 3.7906253338000000 0.0000000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 9.4809303283999995

Ti O

4 8

Direct

0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000  
 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.2500000000000000  
 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.7500000000000000  
 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.2089729460000029  
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 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.9589728710000003  
 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.5410271289999997  
 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0410270949999969  
 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.2910271289999997  
 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.7910271289999997

10. TiO<sub>2</sub> PBEsol-D3 U=3

Ti O2

1.000000000000000  
3.803422212600001 0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000  
0.000000000000000 3.803422212600001 0.000000000000000  
0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 9.498466491700003

Ti O

4 8

Direct

0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000  
0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.250000000000000  
0.500000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.750000000000000  
0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.208921715999999  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.708921611000010  
0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.458921641000034  
0.500000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.958921611000010  
0.500000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.541078388999999  
0.000000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.041078333000015  
0.500000000000000 0.500000000000000 0.291078358999996  
0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 0.791078388999999

11. TiO<sub>2</sub> PBEsol-D3 U=4

Ti O2

1.000000000000000

|                   |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 3.815710544599999 | 0.000000000000000 | 0.000000000000000 |
| 0.000000000000000 | 3.815710544599999 | 0.000000000000000 |
| 0.000000000000000 | 0.000000000000000 | 9.518473625200004 |

Ti O

4 8

Direct

|                   |                   |                    |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 0.000000000000000 | 0.000000000000000 | 0.000000000000000  |
| 0.500000000000000 | 0.500000000000000 | 0.500000000000000  |
| 0.000000000000000 | 0.500000000000000 | 0.250000000000000  |
| 0.500000000000000 | 0.000000000000000 | 0.750000000000000  |
| 0.000000000000000 | 0.000000000000000 | 0.2088579679999967 |
| 0.500000000000000 | 0.500000000000000 | 0.708857833999998  |
| 0.000000000000000 | 0.500000000000000 | 0.4588578640000023 |
| 0.500000000000000 | 0.000000000000000 | 0.958857833999998  |
| 0.500000000000000 | 0.000000000000000 | 0.541142166000002  |
| 0.000000000000000 | 0.500000000000000 | 0.0411420949999979 |
| 0.500000000000000 | 0.500000000000000 | 0.2911421359999977 |
| 0.000000000000000 | 0.000000000000000 | 0.791142166000002  |

## 12. TiO<sub>2</sub> PBEsol-D3 U=6

Ti O2

|                    |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1.000000000000000  |                    |                    |
| 3.8393427294256446 | 0.000000000000000  | 0.000000000000000  |
| 0.000000000000000  | 3.8393427294256446 | 0.000000000000000  |
| 0.000000000000000  | -0.000000000000000 | 9.5641177735926011 |

Ti O

4 8

Direct

|                    |                   |                    |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| -0.000000000000000 | 0.000000000000000 | -0.000000000000000 |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|

0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000  
 -0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.2500000000000000  
 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.7500000000000000  
 -0.0000000000000000 -0.0000000000000000 0.2087070713995634  
 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.7087068623995639  
 -0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.4587070113995585  
 0.5000000000000000 -0.0000000000000000 0.9587068623995639  
 0.5000000000000000 -0.0000000000000000 0.5412931376004361  
 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0412929846004412  
 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.2912929886004415  
 0.0 0.0000000000000000 0.7912931376004361

Table S3. Optimized geometries for TiO<sub>2</sub> with different U values.

| <i>Method</i><br><i>Hubbard U value</i> | <i>PBEsol</i><br><i>a(Å)</i> | <i>c(Å)</i> | <i>Vol(Å<sup>3</sup>)</i> | <i>PBEsol-D3</i><br><i>a(Å)</i> | <i>c(Å)</i> | <i>Vol(Å<sup>3</sup>)</i> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 0                                       | 3.76                         | 9.46        | 133.96                    | 3.76                            | 9.46        | 133.96                    |
| 1                                       | 3.79                         | 9.57        | 137.21                    | 3.78                            | 9.47        | 135.08                    |
| 2                                       | 3.80                         | 9.58        | 138.36                    | 3.79                            | 9.48        | 136.23                    |
| 3                                       | 3.81                         | 9.59        | 139.51                    | 3.80                            | 9.50        | 137.41                    |
| 4                                       | 3.83                         | 9.61        | 140.67                    | 3.82                            | 9.52        | 138.59                    |
| 6                                       | 3.85                         | 9.64        | 143.03                    | 3.84                            | 9.56        | 140.98                    |
| Experimental value                      | 3.78                         | 9.51        | 136.27                    | 3.78                            | 9.51        | 136.27                    |

### III. Converged geometries of Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

#### 1. Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> PBEsol U=0

Ti4 O6

1.000000000000000  
 5.4642519917672097 0.0013344319898459 0.0009107456149114  
 3.1343915680578145 4.4758955648586687 0.0009107456147785  
 3.1343915680578012 1.6320471772754752 4.1677408685983188

Ti O

4 6

Direct

0.3454939964066505 0.3454941024066522 0.3454941514066527  
0.1545058835933538 0.1545058735933530 0.1545058465933472  
0.6545054145933470 0.6545057235933477 0.6545060455933530  
0.8454945104066504 0.8454939934066467 0.8454941644066502  
0.9381278928058702 0.5618719931941275 0.2499999489999993  
0.5618718761941285 0.2500000349999993 0.9381279568058684  
0.2500001040000015 0.9381278468058735 0.5618720221941264  
0.0618719721941293 0.4381277678058705 0.7500001339999969  
0.4381283888058686 0.7499999389999985 0.0618719811941265  
0.7500000200000017 0.0618719981941315 0.4381278298058685

2. Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> PBEsol U=1

Ti4 O6

1.000000000000000  
5.4581862984483136 0.0004643471059587 0.0003188020878418  
3.0610642566751234 4.5190356825129410 0.0003188020879977  
3.0610642566751234 1.6239081019411896 4.2171798726059277

Ti O

4 6

Direct

0.3437001333189599 0.3437006083189602 0.3437003373189626  
0.1562995956810355 0.1562996046810398 0.1562996026810396  
0.6562999316810348 0.6562999756810385 0.6562994016810336  
0.8437003593189644 0.8437006203189611 0.8437006903189669  
0.9352501198109636 0.5647498731890394 0.2499999209999970  
0.5647500341890349 0.2499998400000010 0.9352498258109606  
0.2499998850000011 0.9352504138109666 0.5647499251890366  
0.0647502771890374 0.4352498778109647 0.7500002170000002

0.4352499328109657 0.7500004070000017 0.0647501121890344  
0.7500004540000020 0.0647501801890400 0.4352497858109642

3.  $\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_3$  PBEsol U=2

Ti4 O6

1.000000000000000  
5.4581862984483136 0.0004643471059587 0.0003188020878418  
3.0610642566751234 4.5190356825129410 0.0003188020879977  
3.0610642566751234 1.6239081019411896 4.2171798726059277

Ti O

4 6

Direct

0.3437001333189599 0.3437006083189602 0.3437003373189626  
0.1562995956810355 0.1562996046810398 0.1562996026810396  
0.6562999316810348 0.6562999756810385 0.6562994016810336  
0.8437003593189644 0.8437006203189611 0.8437006903189669  
0.9352501198109636 0.5647498731890394 0.2499999209999970  
0.5647500341890349 0.2499998400000010 0.9352498258109606  
0.2499998850000011 0.9352504138109666 0.5647499251890366  
0.0647502771890374 0.4352498778109647 0.7500002170000002  
0.4352499328109657 0.7500004070000017 0.0647501121890344  
0.7500004540000020 0.0647501801890400 0.4352497858109642

4.  $\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_3$  PBEsol U=3

Ti4 O6

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5.4399007184043562 -0.0016528807938532 -0.0011411752877801  
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2.9848464284518750 1.6107055053492030 4.2530956146294567

Ti O

4 6

Direct

0.3427942868178331 0.3427945928178371 0.3427944398178351  
0.1572055691821691 0.1572054591821671 0.1572055581821647  
0.6572059871821683 0.6572057781821687 0.6572054711821682  
0.8427944568178329 0.8427946828178303 0.8427951138178340  
0.9343294244215328 0.5656707495784674 0.2499998999999988  
0.5656712935784698 0.2499996940000031 0.9343287934215267  
0.2499998669999997 0.9343289934215291 0.5656712285784680  
0.0656715295784681 0.4343285984215283 0.7500005189999968  
0.4343287954215268 0.7500003870000000 0.0656713435784740  
0.7499999269999975 0.0656713415784739 0.4343287104215304

5. Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> PBEsol U=4

Ti4 O6

1.000000000000000  
5.4334430732223202 -0.0007976099546275 -0.0005531206441553  
2.9315567769540056 4.5747436135183728 -0.0005531206442028  
2.9315583091404851 1.6029634969998634 4.2847145148939241

Ti O

4 6

Direct

0.3424327826993722 0.3424330126993699 0.3424330096993732

0.1575670913006316 0.1575670163006289 0.1575671253006273  
 0.6575674993006299 0.6575672913006269 0.6575670073006247  
 0.8424329696993699 0.8424333866993724 0.8424332846993711  
 0.9342825119310670 0.5657175640689321 0.2499998990000023  
 0.5657181320689294 0.2499997279999988 0.9342821169310663  
 0.2499996900000028 0.9342821809310716 0.5657183430689291  
 0.0657181680689323 0.4342819049310702 0.7500007060000016  
 0.4342823229310693 0.7500003299999989 0.0657181530689346  
 0.7500002210000005 0.0657180900689330 0.4342820659310658

## 6. Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> PBEsol U=6

### Ti4 O6

1.000000000000000  
 5.4363960045795681 0.0022380481373034 0.0015626690242016  
 2.8593052092985305 4.6237193088848283 0.0015626690238983  
 2.8593067570147030 1.5944440122869035 4.3401062363304312

### Ti O

4 6

### Direct

0.3424307268039963 0.3424309358039958 0.3424309688039950  
 0.1575691641960054 0.1575690691960082 0.1575692151960061  
 0.6575696441960095 0.6575692911960052 0.6575690691960081  
 0.8424308468039921 0.8424313178039919 0.8424312648039911  
 0.9348931415645642 0.5651069104354330 0.2499998990000023  
 0.5651074574354321 0.2499996829999986 0.9348928205645625  
 0.2499997039999968 0.9348926075645626 0.5651077334354336  
 0.0651075054354363 0.4348924655645648 0.7500008020000024  
 0.4348928515645612 0.7500003239999984 0.0651075564354370  
 0.7500001619999992 0.0651074684354368 0.4348927465645632

7. Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> PBEsol-D3 U=0

Ti4 O6

1.000000000000000  
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3.113367690900001 4.448185119099997 0.000000000000000  
3.113367690900001 1.621100249099999 4.142268078699999

Ti O

4 6

Direct

0.3456154570000010 0.3456155630000026 0.3456156120000031  
0.1543844230000033 0.1543844130000025 0.1543843859999967  
0.6543839539999965 0.6543842629999972 0.6543845850000025  
0.8456159710000009 0.8456154539999972 0.8456156250000006  
0.937598712999999 0.5624011729999978 0.249999489999993  
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0.250001040000015 0.9375986670000032 0.5624012019999967  
0.062401151999996 0.4375985880000002 0.750001339999969  
0.4375992089999983 0.749999389999985 0.0624011609999968  
0.750000200000017 0.0624011780000018 0.4375986499999982

8. Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> PBEsol-D3 U=1

Ti4 O6

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3.041694450400001 4.491262964599997 0.000000000000000  
3.041694450400001 1.613632334200001 4.191376111400003

Ti O

4 6

Direct

0.3438728029999965 0.3438732779999967 0.3438730069999991  
0.1561269259999989 0.1561269350000032 0.1561269330000030  
0.6561272619999983 0.6561273060000019 0.6561267319999970  
0.8438730499999991 0.8438733099999993 0.8438733030000023  
0.9346486880000029 0.5653512820000017 0.2499999209999970  
0.5653514660000027 0.2499998930000018 0.9346483639999974  
0.2499999140000000 0.9346490579999980 0.5653513869999998  
0.0653517590000021 0.4346484360000034 0.7500001599999990  
0.4346484710000027 0.7500004070000017 0.0653515739999975  
0.7500004640000029 0.0653516530000005 0.4346482959999989

9. Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> PBEsol-D3 U=2

Ti4 O6

1.000000000000000  
5.424329280900003 0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000  
3.041694450400001 4.491262964599997 0.000000000000000  
3.041694450400001 1.613632334200001 4.191376111400003

Ti O

4 6

Direct

0.3438728029999965 0.3438732779999967 0.3438730069999991  
0.1561269259999989 0.1561269350000032 0.1561269330000030  
0.6561272619999983 0.6561273060000019 0.6561267319999970  
0.8438730499999991 0.8438733099999993 0.8438733030000023  
0.9346486880000029 0.5653512820000017 0.2499999209999970  
0.5653514660000027 0.2499998930000018 0.9346483639999974

0.2499999140000000 0.9346490579999980 0.5653513869999998  
0.0653517590000021 0.4346484360000034 0.7500001599999990  
0.4346484710000027 0.7500004070000017 0.0653515739999975  
0.7500004640000029 0.0653516530000005 0.4346482959999989

10. Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> PBEsol-D3 U=3

Ti4 O6

1.000000000000000  
5.4080031974775018 -0.0130688330168708 -0.0090055760720658  
2.9796361468976977 4.5131405707170336 -0.0090055760721928  
2.9796350979098336 1.5986109013787804 4.2205387941581103

Ti O

4 6

Direct

0.3430037870810937 0.3430040920810941 0.3430038890810951  
0.1569960909189033 0.1569959789189012 0.1569960689189015  
0.6569965129189028 0.6569963429189030 0.6569959429189054  
0.8430039500810964 0.8430042160810971 0.8430045120811003  
0.9335776354012127 0.5664225365987873 0.2499998870000013  
0.5664231265987864 0.2499997629999982 0.9335769124012133  
0.2499999560000035 0.9335772484012127 0.5664229775987847  
0.0664233025987867 0.4335768724012171 0.7500004529999984  
0.4335770154012183 0.7500004429999976 0.0664231175987820  
0.749999939999995 0.0664231265987863 0.4335769114012168

11. Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> PBEsol-D3 U=4

Ti4 O6

1.000000000000000

5.4005017281000001 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000

2.9144510441000002 4.5465804761999999 0.0000000000000000

2.9144525576000002 1.5936101455000000 4.2581441859000000

Ti O

4 6

Direct

0.3426854120000016 0.3426856789999988 0.3426856230000013

0.1573144780000035 0.1573144030000009 0.1573145119999992

0.657314904999998 0.6573146969999968 0.6573143379999991

0.8426855829999980 0.8426860000000005 0.8426858979999992

0.9335881089999987 0.5664119670000005 0.2499998990000023

0.5664125549999994 0.2499997480000005 0.9335876580000004

0.2499996900000028 0.9335877780000033 0.5664127459999975

0.0664125899999988 0.4335875220000034 0.7500006499999969

0.4335879200000008 0.7500003299999989 0.0664125560000031

0.7500003190000015 0.0664125030000022 0.4335876350000021

12. Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> PBEsol-D3 U=6

Ti4 O6

1.000000000000000

5.6212225725637550 -0.0003204180604673 -0.0002179030404288

3.2663941973264299 4.5748018822344862 -0.0002179030404364

3.2663936431801330 1.6812220375613252 4.2546795023393162

Ti O

4 6

Direct

0.3517274588797734 0.3517278208797749 0.3517279588797721

0.1482721911202261 0.1482721561202268 0.1482723321202271  
 0.6482725691202289 0.6482722661202287 0.6482722591202246  
 0.8517277898797759 0.8517282418797707 0.8517284598797745  
 0.9508552520878701 0.5491449609121297 0.2499998859999977  
 0.5491450459121332 0.2499996139999965 0.9508552690878680  
 0.2499993260000011 0.9508550480878675 0.5491453949121301  
 0.0491451809121338 0.4508548580878730 0.7500007800000006  
 0.4508549770878722 0.7500003019999966 0.0491452749121273  
 0.7500000750000027 0.0491451649121324 0.4508550470878709

Table S4. Optimized geometries for  $\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_3$  with different U values.

| <i>Method</i><br><i>Hubbard U</i><br><i>value</i> | <i>a</i> ( $\text{\AA}$ ) | <i>PBEsol</i><br><i><math>\alpha</math></i> ( $^\circ$ ) | <i>Vol</i> ( $\text{\AA}^3$ ) | <i>a</i> ( $\text{\AA}$ ) | <i>PBEsol-D3</i><br><i><math>\alpha</math></i> ( $^\circ$ ) | <i>Vol</i> ( $\text{\AA}^3$ ) |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0                                                 | 5.46                      | 54.98                                                    | 100.04                        | 5.43                      | 55.01                                                       | 100.04                        |
| 1                                                 | 5.43                      | 55.01                                                    | 101.90                        | 5.43                      | 55.31                                                       | 101.04                        |
| 2                                                 | 5.46                      | 55.88                                                    | 104.01                        | 5.42                      | 55.89                                                       | 102.11                        |
| 3                                                 | 5.44                      | 56.74                                                    | 105.26                        | 5.41                      | 56.71                                                       | 103.33                        |
| 4                                                 | 5.43                      | 57.36                                                    | 106.52                        | 5.40                      | 57.34                                                       | 104.55                        |
| 6                                                 | 5.44                      | 58.24                                                    | 109.04                        | 5.40                      | 58.29                                                       | 107.02                        |
| Experimental value                                | 5.43                      | 56.58                                                    | 104.32                        | 5.43                      | 56.58                                                       | 104.32                        |

#### IV. Calculation parameters

INCAR  $\text{TiO}_2$  U=3

Full optimization after preoptimization by following the procedure described in section I.

# Basic setup:

ISPIN = 2

ISTART = 1

ICHARG = 1

# Accuracy controls:

PREC = Accurate

```
# Electronic loop controls:
```

```
ALGO = Fast
```

```
EDIFF = 0.000001
```

```
ENCUT = 600
```

```
NELM = 200
```

```
NELMIN = 5
```

```
NELMDL = -10
```

```
MAXMIX = -100
```

```
ISMEAR = 0
```

```
SIGMA = 0.05
```

```
# Relaxation control:
```

```
IBRION = 1 # Conjugate gradients
```

```
NSW = 50
```

```
ISIF = 3 # Ions
```

```
EDIFFG = -0.01
```

```
# Properties:
```

```
LCHARG = .TRUE.
```

```
LWAVE = .TRUE.
```

```
LELF = .FALSE.
```

```
LVTOT = .FALSE.
```

```
LVHAR = .FALSE.
```

```
GGA = PS
```

```
LDAU = .TRUE.
```

```
# HUBBARD
```

```
LDAUU = 3.00 0.00
```

```
LDAUJ = 0.00 0.00
```

```
LDAUL = 2 -1
```

```
LDAUPRINT = 1
```

LMAXMIX = 4

LASPH = .TRUE.

**V. TiO<sub>2</sub> (001) anatase surface**

Ti O

1.000000000000000  
15.213699999999993 0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000  
0.000000000000000 15.213699999999993 0.000000000000000  
0.000000000000000 0.000000000000000 29.000000000000000

Ti O

64 128

Selective dynamics

Direct

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0.000000000000000 0.2499998170000026 0.2750532313799594 T T T  
0.000000000000000 0.4999996339999981 0.2750532313799594 T T T  
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0.2499998170000026 0.7499994499999971 0.2750532313799594 T T T  
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0.1249999079999995 0.3749997250000021 0.1119448770623885 T T T

|                    |                    |                    |   |   |   |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|---|---|
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| 0.1249999079999995 | 0.2499998170000026 | 0.1944816089138053 | T | T | T |

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|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---|---|---|
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| 0.1249999079999995 | 0.7499994499999971  | 0.1944816089138053 | T | T | T |
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| 0.3749997250000021 | 0.4999996339999981  | 0.1944816089138053 | T | T | T |
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| 0.6249995419999976 | 0.7499994499999971  | 0.1944816089138053 | T | T | T |
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| 0.4999996339999981 | 0.2499998170000026  | 0.0167046872410026 | F | F | F |
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| 0.7499994499999971 | 0.7499994499999971  | 0.0167046872410026 | F | F | F |
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| 0.1249999079999995 | 0.3749997250000021  | 0.1803623868732818 | T | T | T |

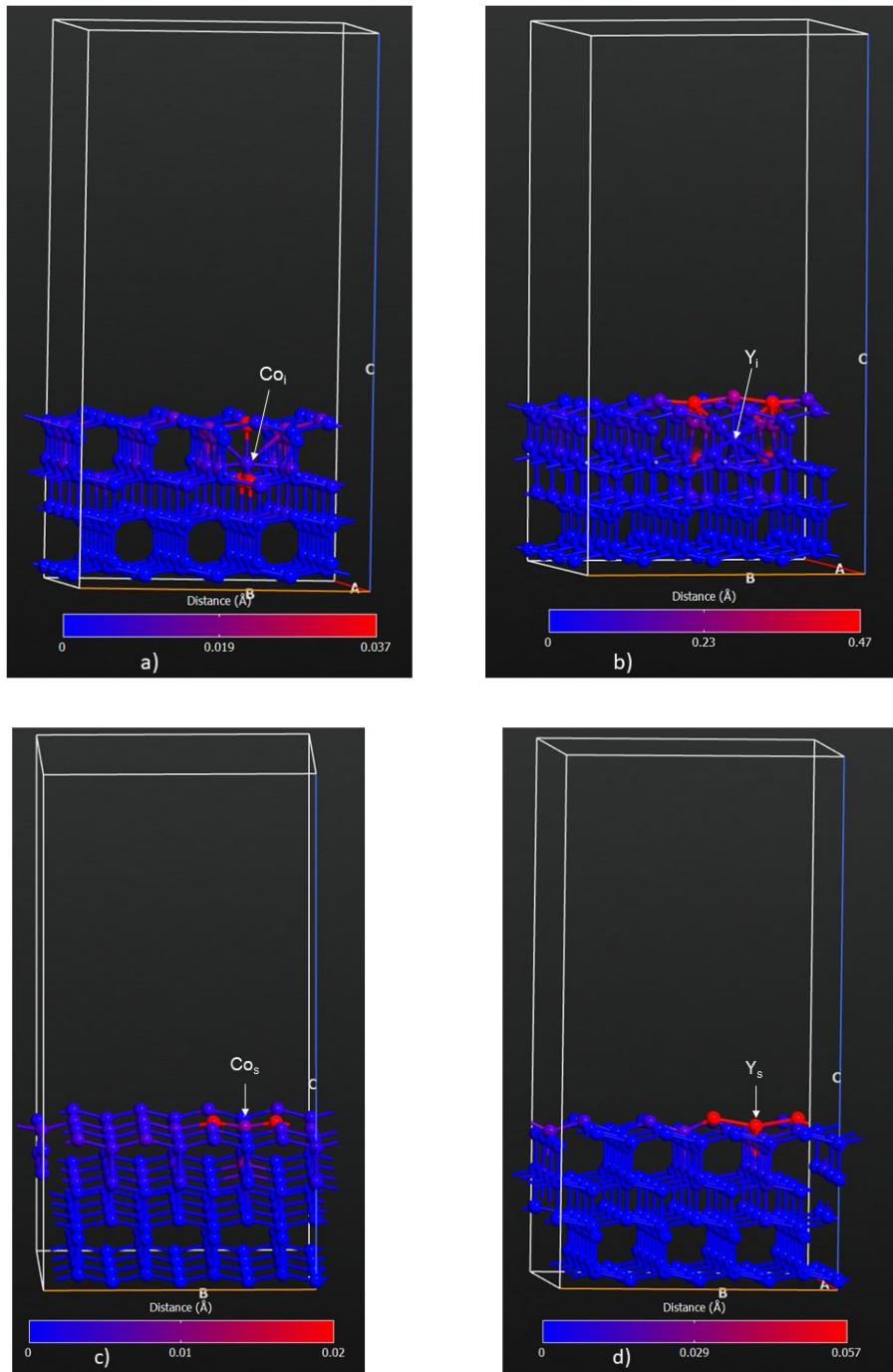
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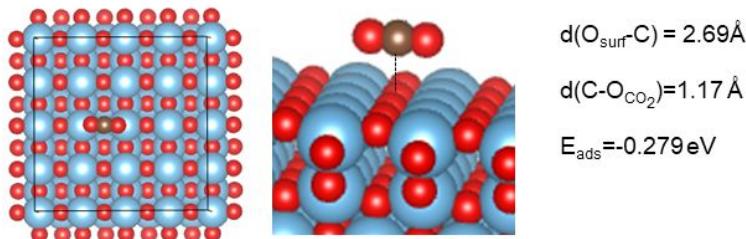
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## VI. Geometries comparison



**Figure S3.** Geometries comparison between  $U=0$  and  $U=3$  optimized geometries for cobalt and yttrium interstitially doped (a and b, respectively)  $\text{TiO}_2$ (001) anatase surface. The substitutional Co and Y doped structures are shown in c and d. Red in the color gradient and in the  $\text{TiO}_2$  surface shows the highest change in the bond distances.

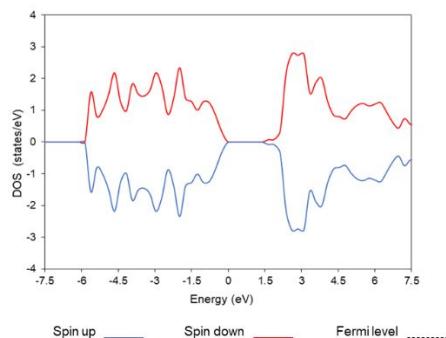
## VII. CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption energy over the TiO<sub>2</sub>(001) anatase surface



**Figure S4.** Adsorption of a CO<sub>2</sub> molecule over a TiO<sub>2</sub> (001) surface, some geometry parameters are presented.

The adsorption energy ( $E_{ads}$ ) of a CO<sub>2</sub> molecule over a TiO<sub>2</sub> (001) surface was computed at PBEsol-D3(BJ) with U=3 in a similar configuration as that reported by Araujo et al.<sup>1</sup> The adsorption energy is in agreement with that previously reported by Araujo et al.<sup>1</sup> and Huygh et al.<sup>2</sup>

## VIII. DOS plot of the pristine TiO<sub>2</sub>(001) anatase



**Figure S5.** Density of states plot of the TiO<sub>2</sub> (001) anatase pristine surface.

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