

**Ab Initio Investigation of Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) Coating of TiO<sub>2</sub> (101) Surfaces.**

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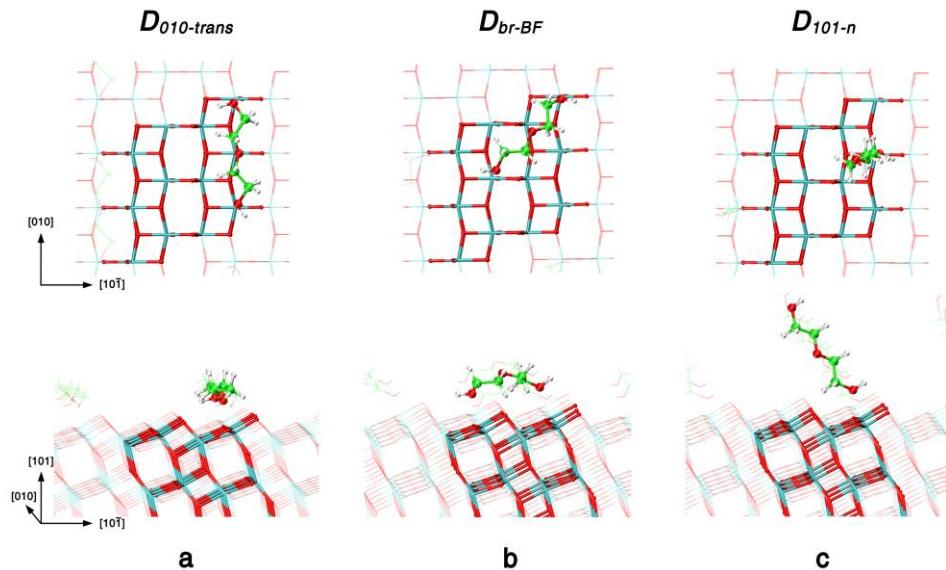
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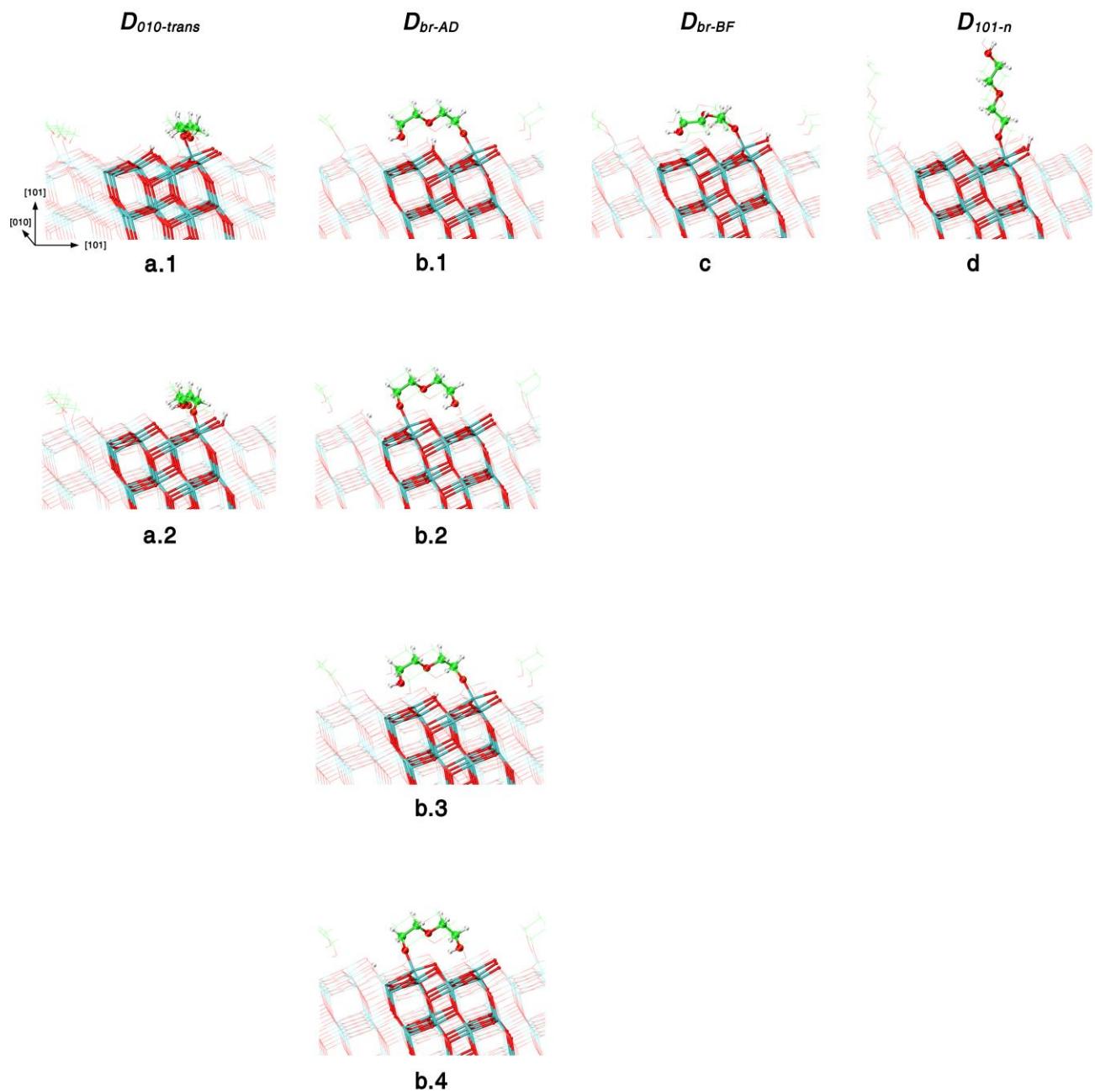
## S.1 LOW COVERAGE



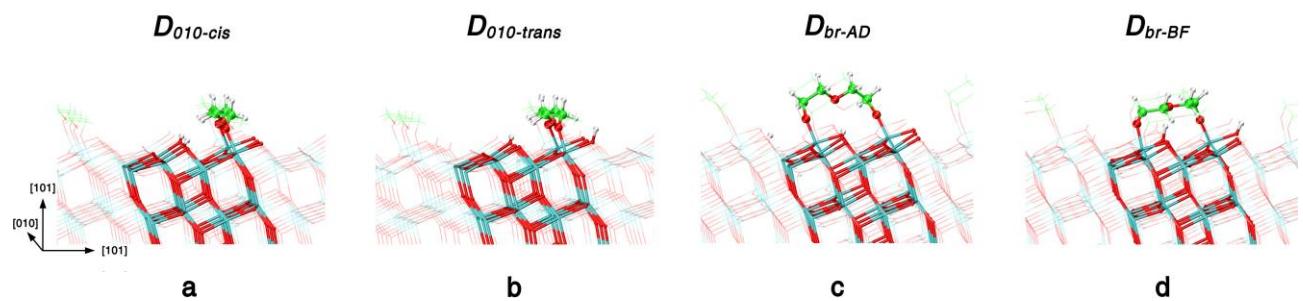
**Figure 1S.** Optimized structures of a)  $D_{010\text{-}trans}$ , b)  $D_{br\text{-}BF}$  and c)  $D_{101\text{-}n}$  PEG dimer molecule adsorption on the  $\text{TiO}_2$  (101) anatase surface. These are the less stable configurations obtained in the low coverage regime. See Table 1S and Table 2.

**Table 1S.** Total adsorption energy and adsorption energy per site (expressed in eV) for molecular, mono- and bi-dissociated PEG dimer molecules adsorbed onto TiO<sub>2</sub> (101) anatase surface in the low coverage regime. This table integrates Table 2 in the main text. See Fig. 2, Fig 4, Fig. 2S and Fig. 3S for the corresponding equilibrium structures.

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	Molecular		Monodissociated			Bidissociated			
	Fig.	$\Delta E_{ads}$	$\Delta E_{ads}^{site}$	Fig.	$\Delta E_{ads}$	$\Delta E_{ads}^{site}$	Fig.	$\Delta E_{ads}$	$\Delta E_{ads}^{site}$
D <sub>010-cis</sub>	2a	-1.88	-0.63	4a	-1.79	-0.60	3Sa	-1.68	-0.56
D <sub>010-trans</sub>	1Sa	-1.82	-0.61	2Sa.1	-1.77	-0.59	3Sb	-1.68	-0.56
				2Sa.2	-1.74	-0.58			
D <sub>br-AD</sub>	2b	-1.82	-0.91	2Sb.1	-1.94	-0.97	4b	-1.98	-0.99
				2Sb.2	-1.74	-0.87	3Sc	-1.19	-0.59
				2Sb.3	-1.50	-0.75			
				2Sb.4	-1.65	-0.82			
D <sub>br-BF</sub>	1Sb	-1.23	-0.61	2Sc	-1.18	-0.59	3Sd	-1.18	-0.59
D <sub>101-f</sub>	2c	-0.99	-0.99	4c	-0.78	-0.78		N.A.	N.A.
D <sub>101-n</sub>	1Sc	-0.88	-0.88	2Sd	-0.74	-0.74		N.A.	N.A.

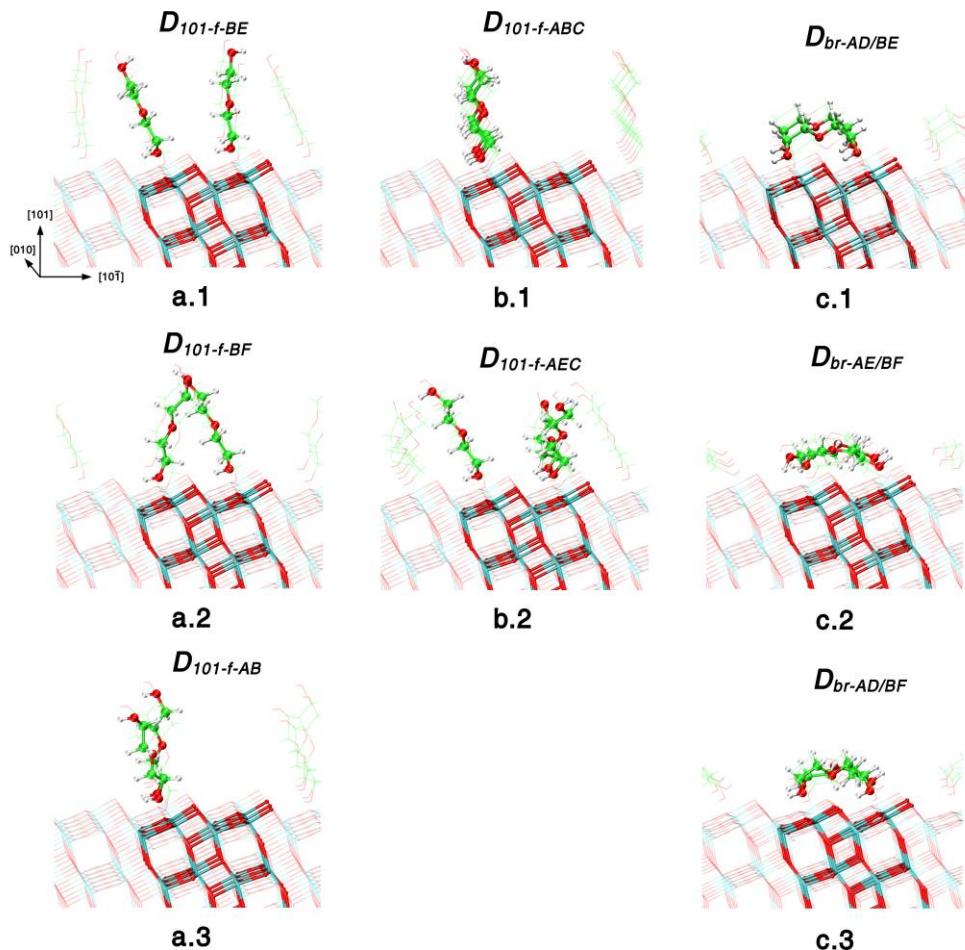


**Figure 2S.** Optimized structures of monodissociated PEG dimer molecule adsorption on the TiO<sub>2</sub> (101) anatase surface in the low coverage regime. See Table 1S and Table 2.



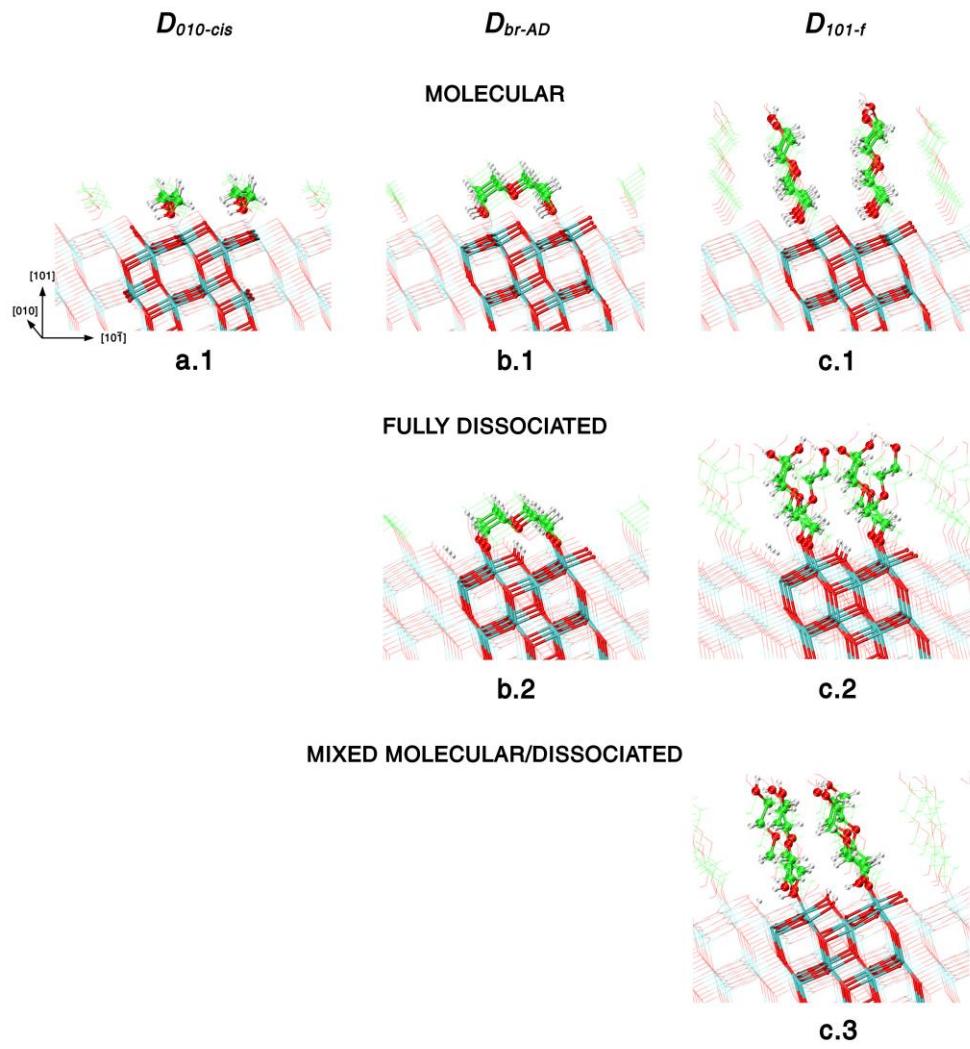
**Figure 3S.** Optimized structures of bidissociated PEG dimer molecule adsorption on the  $\text{TiO}_2$  (101) anatase surface in the low coverage regime. See Table 1S and Table 2.

## S.2 MEDIUM COVERAGE



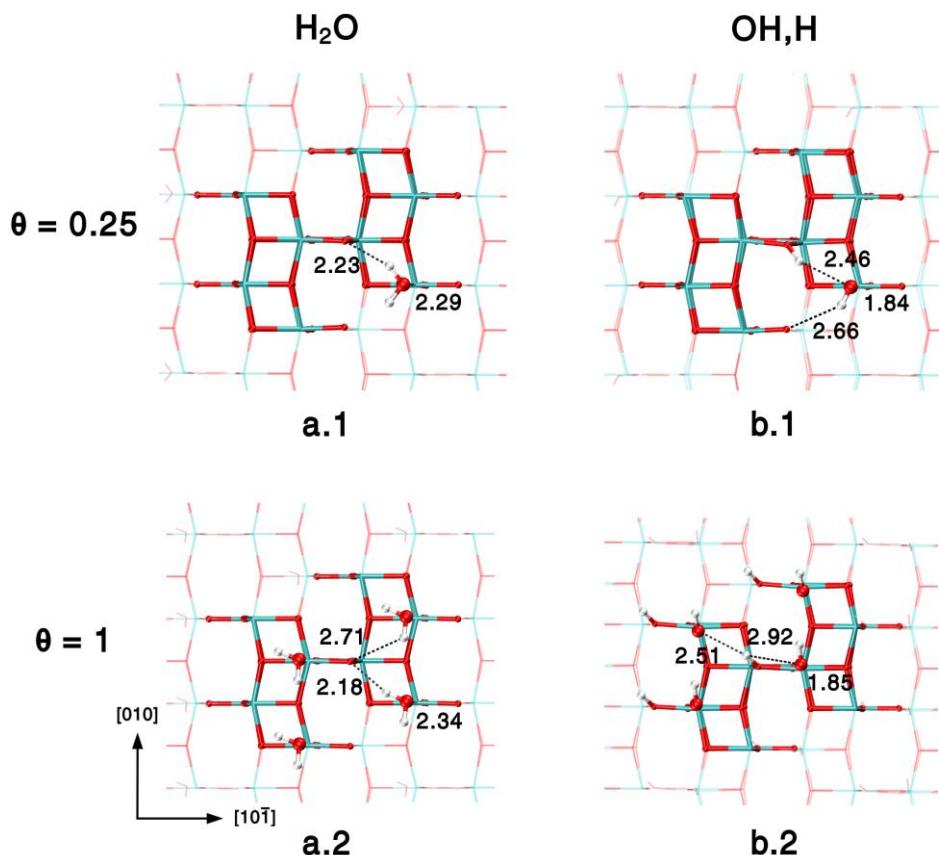
**Figure 4S.** Optimized structures of PEG dimer molecules adsorption on the  $\text{TiO}_2$  (101) anatase surface in the medium coverage regime. See Table 3.

### S.3 FULL COVERAGE



**Figure 5S.** Optimized structures of PEG dimer molecules adsorption on the  $\text{TiO}_2$  (101) anatase surface in the full coverage regime. See Table 4.

## S.4 WATER ADSORPTION



**Figure 6S.** Optimized structures of water adsorption on the TiO<sub>2</sub> (101) anatase surface, in the molecular (H<sub>2</sub>O) and dissociated (OH,H) modes. Different level of coverage  $\theta = 0.25$  and  $\theta = 1$  are considered.