

# S.I. - Engineering surface dipoles on MIEC oxides with ultra-thin oxide decoration layers

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## S.I. 1. Correlations of different descriptors

To investigate the interchangeability of different descriptors and properties of oxidic decorations, we compared the ionic potential, the Smith acidity, the electronegativity and the bond ionicity of a variety of binary oxides (or their respective cations). In the following, the descriptors and their origins are briefly described:

- The *ionic potential* is defined as the ratio of ionic charge and ionic radius and has the unit  $e/\text{Å}^{1,2}$ . It is a measure of the charge density at the "surface" of an ion. Low ionic potential ions tend to be large ions with low charge, such as  $\text{Li}^+$  or  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$ , while high ionic potential ions tend to be small, high charge ions such as  $\text{Cr}^{6+}$  or  $\text{Si}^{4+}$ . The ionic potential is frequently used to describe the solubility of minerals and ionic interactions<sup>3,4</sup>. In this work, we used the formal charges of cations in the oxides and the crystal radii for the correct coordination proposed by Shannon<sup>5</sup>.

- The *Smith acidity* is a measure of an oxide's thermodynamic tendency to accept or release  $\text{O}^{2-}$  ions and is based on the formation enthalpy of an oxoacid salt from an acidic oxide and a basic oxide<sup>6</sup>, e.g.:



In this reaction, the CaO formally passes one  $\text{O}^{2-}$  ion to the  $\text{CO}_2$  and leads to a compound with a  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and a  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  ion. Every oxide is then assigned a number  $a$  according to the empirical expression

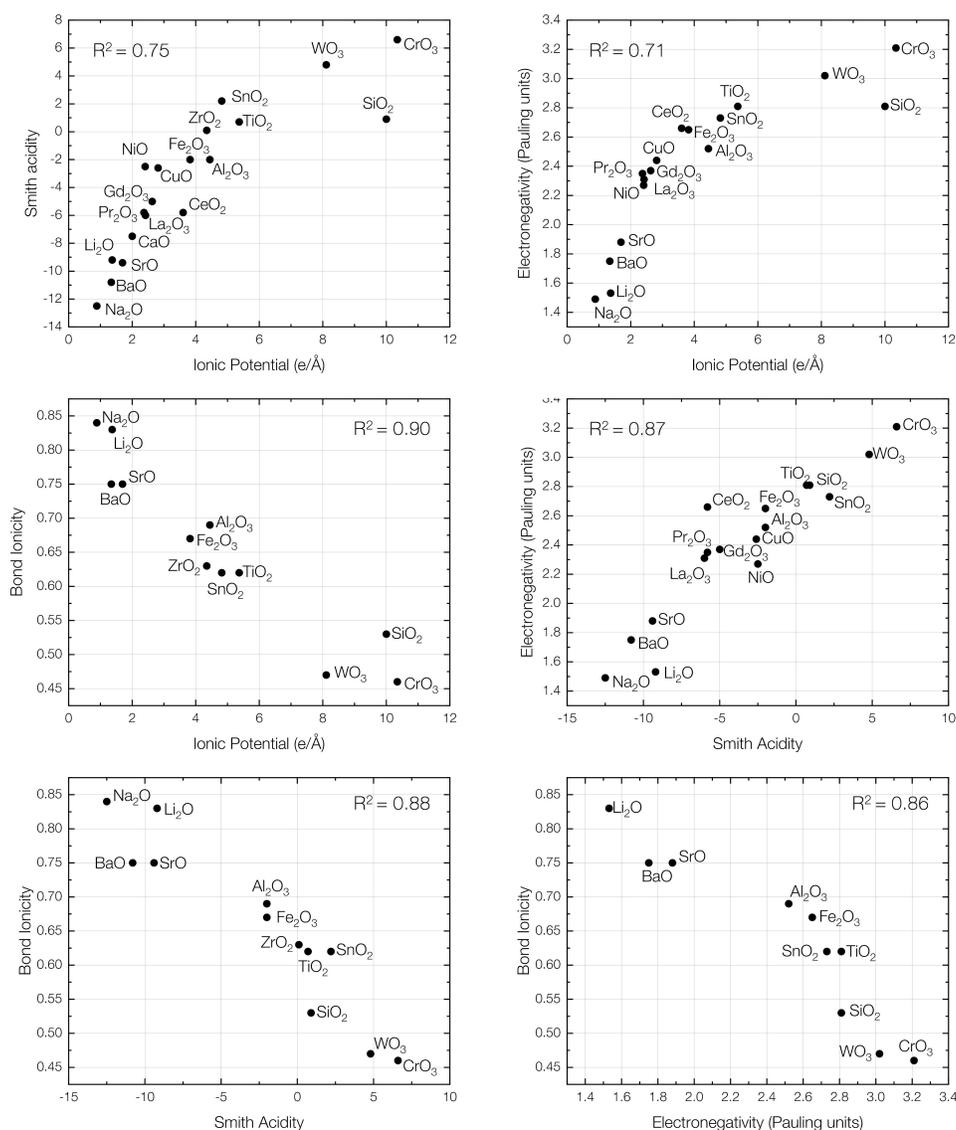
$$[a(A) - a(B)]^2 = h(A, B) \quad (2)$$

where  $A$  is the acidic oxide,  $B$  the basic oxide and  $h(A, B)$  the standard formation enthalpy of the oxoacid salt. Moreover, the stoichiometric equations are normalized such that exactly one  $\text{O}^{2-}$  ion is transferred in the reaction. To obtain the Smith acidity scale,  $a(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  is fixed to 0.

- The *electronegativity* of an oxide depends strongly on the electronegativity of the respective cation, which itself depends on the valence state of the ion in the compound. There have been several attempts to estimate electronegativities for cations in different valence states and to evaluate an electronegativity for a binary oxide<sup>7-9</sup>, for the comparison in this chapter, we use the electronegativity values proposed by Matar et al.<sup>7</sup>.

- The *bond ionicity* of an oxide describes the asymmetry of a metal-oxygen bond in an oxide compound. It is derived from the electronegativities of the oxide's constituents, so it is not surprising that it correlates well with the other metrics. In this study, bond ionicity values are taken from the work of Zhuravlev<sup>10</sup>.

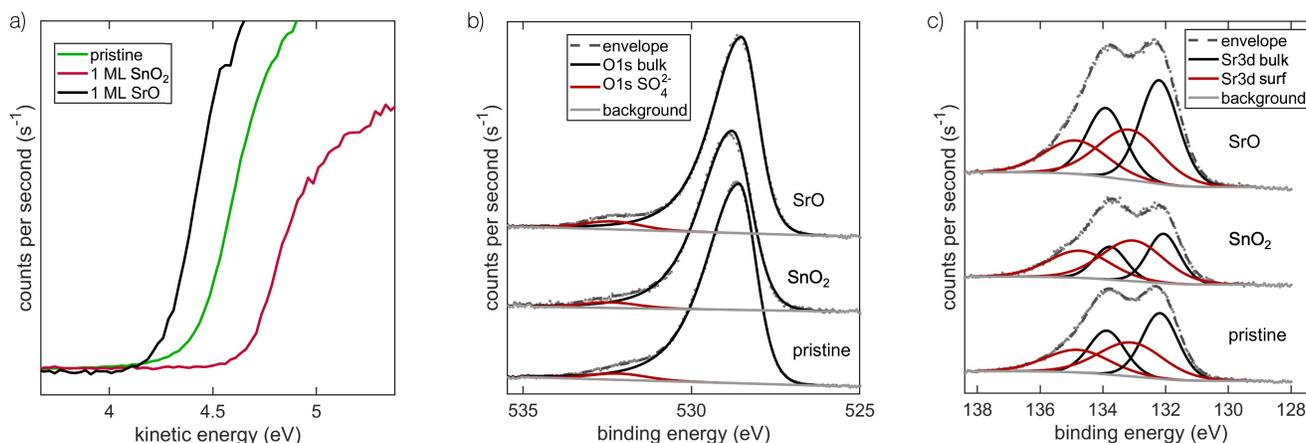
In general, the comparison shows the expected result that the here explained metrics correlate very well with each other and are similarly well suitable to describe the properties of binary oxides. Differences emerge in their ease of use when considering more complicated oxides and in particular their surfaces. There, the Smith acidity, which is based on empirical data from binary oxides is potentially not the best choice to describe the effects induced by modification processes. Here we suggest that acidity and basicity (which are intuitive concepts and therefore desirable) are better correlated to other underlying ion-specific metrics such as the ionic potential or the electronegativity, which may be better suited to tackle more complicated problems. The ionic potential further has the advantage that its constituents can be estimated by computational approaches, facilitating the synergy of experimental and theoretical studies. An overview of the quantitative correlations of the discussed metrics is given in the following figure (deviations for the ionic potential of  $\text{SiO}_2$  might be due to the strong covalent character of the bond and our use of the formal 4+ charge):



**Figure S1.** Correlations of ionic potential, Smith acidity, ion electronegativity and bond ionicity. Data have been taken from several sources<sup>5-7,10</sup>. All metrics show good correlations with  $R^2 > 0.7$ , however, true linear relationships are not necessarily physically meaningful.

## S.I. 2. XPS details

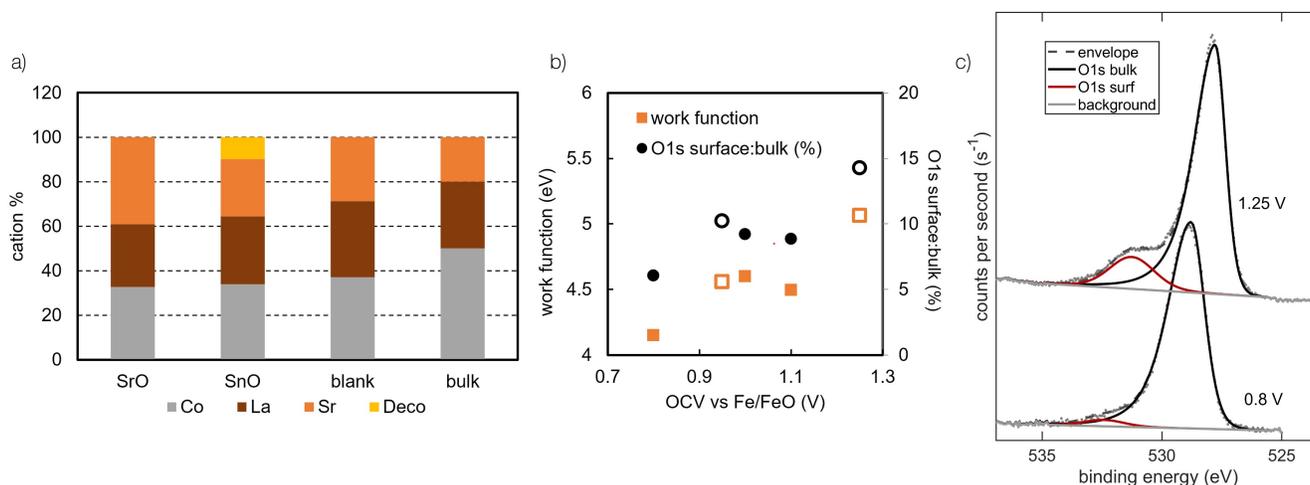
In the following section, details of the XPS analysis for LSC thin films are shown. For XPS spectra and a detailed analysis of pristine and decorated PCO thin films please refer to a previous publication<sup>11</sup>. The following figure shows the XPS spectra in the low-kinetic-energy-cutoff region, the O 1s region and the Sr 3d region for a pristine, a SrO decorated and a SnO<sub>2</sub> decorated LSC thin film at an applied potential of 800 mV against Fe/FeO (corresponding to 10<sup>-6</sup> mbar p(O<sub>2</sub>)) at 450 °C.



**Figure S2.** a) low kinetic energy cutoff region for a pristine, a SrO decorated and a SnO<sub>2</sub> decorated 50 nm LSC thin film. b) O 1s region of a pristine, a SrO decorated and a SnO<sub>2</sub> decorated 50 nm LSC thin film. The region is fitted with two species, one for the main O 1s peak and one for a secondary peak which is related to SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> traces on the thin film surface. c) Sr 3d region for a pristine, a SrO decorated and a SnO<sub>2</sub> decorated 50 nm LSC thin film.

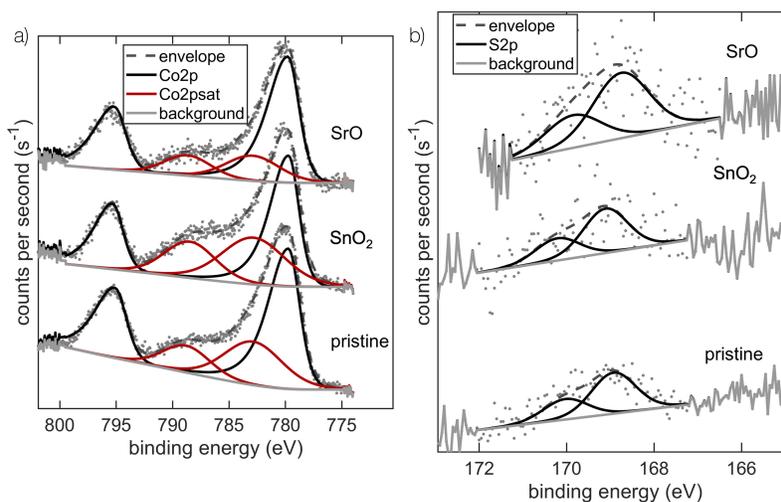
The work function is highest on SnO<sub>2</sub> decorated LSC and lowest for SrO decorated LSC. The main oxygen 1s species exhibits some asymmetry which is attributed to the metal-like electronic structure of LSC. In addition, the main O1s peak of SrO and SnO<sub>2</sub> decorated LSC is slightly broadened by the oxygen signature of the decoration, which is however not well distinguishable. The peak shape is further affected by the applied bias voltage (see below). Due to the strong overlap of the bulk and decorating oxide O1s species, the peak asymmetry was optimized to match the envelope, rather than using two strongly covariant components.

When increasing the bias voltage, e.g. to 1000 mV (corresponding to  $\approx 3.4$  mbar), the peaks change slightly (see figure below for a measurement at 1.25 V). In particular, the work function of the SrO decorated LSC thin film increases more than for other surfaces and the previously SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> related species appears to grow. However, the sulphur signal does not change accordingly during this process. The combination of these phenomena leads us to believe that the growing peak is related to peroxide species whose presence on the surface can be tuned by the application of sample bias (pushing oxygen towards the surface but with very slow release kinetics). This is also in accordance with computational results which show that the work function tends to increase upon peroxide formation. This phenomenon has not yet been investigated in detail, but may be the first indication of the spectroscopic observation of peroxide species which take part in the oxygen exchange mechanism. An in-depth exploration goes beyond the scope of this study.



**Figure S3.** a) Compositional quantification of the decorated LSC surface. 66 % of the signal stem from the topmost 1.6 nm. The SrO and SnO decoration account for roughly 10 atomic percent each – as much as expected for one monolayer. b) Work function (left axis) and O1s surface component area in percent of the O1s bulk signal (right axis) of Sr decorated LSC in vacuum as function of the cell voltage acquired in UHV. Closed symbols were acquired at 450 °C, open symbols at 300 °C. Since the  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  coverage is constant (or at least not increasing) in UHV, the change of the O1s surface component area is possibly related to a  $\text{SrO}_2$  termination forming at high anodic bias. c) O 1s region of a SrO decorated 50 nm LSC thin film with different applied bias voltages (0.8 and 1.25 V).

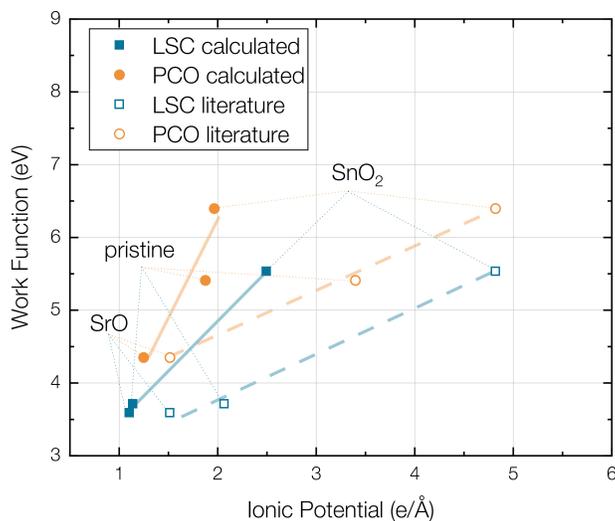
The following figure shows the Co 2p and the S 2p region of pristine and decorated thin films at 1000 mV polarization. Small amounts of sulphur are visible on the surface (the highest amount is observed on the SrO decorated film (5-10 % coverage) which is in line with more basic surfaces being more susceptible to acidic species). Deviations between the Co spectra are not clear enough to reliably determine any changes in oxidation states.



**Figure S4.** a) Co 2p region of a pristine, a SrO decorated and a SnO<sub>2</sub> decorated 50 nm LSC thin film under 1000 mV polarization against a Fe/FeO electrode. b) S 2p region of a pristine, a SrO decorated and a SnO<sub>2</sub> decorated 50 nm LSC thin film under 1000 mV polarization against a Fe/FeO electrode.

### S.I. 3. Work function changes with calculated ionic potentials

While the main paper uses formal charges and crystal radii from Shannon<sup>5</sup> to determine the ionic potential of different surface decorations (or specifically surface cations) to emphasize the low-barrier access to a physically and chemically meaningful descriptor, it is also possible to determine ionic charge and ionic radius by a Bader charge analysis from DFT calculations. The correlation between the calculated work function and the calculated ionic potential is shown in the following figure:

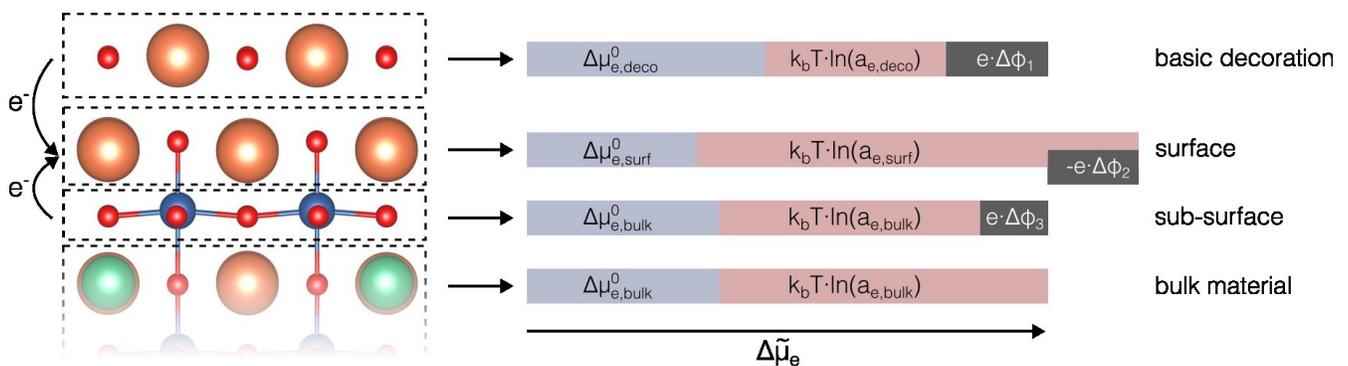


**Figure S5.** Calculated work functions plotted against the ionic potential of the surface cation for ionic potentials resulting from DFT calculations and from literature ionic radii and formal charges.

The correlation still holds well with ionic potentials from DFT calculations, however, the slopes are much steeper than for ionic potentials estimated from formal charges and from literature ionic radii. In particular, it is not straightforward to evaluate ionic radii from Bader charges. In this case, we identified the ionic radius with the distance from a cation position to the zero-flux surface between the cation and the nearest surface oxygen atom.

### S.I. 4. Surface dipoles and chemical potentials

The redistribution of charge and the emergence of dipoles are closely linked to the chemical environment at the heterojunction, and especially to the chemical potentials of defects and charge carriers that may be involved in charge transfer processes. While the treatment of space charge zones as a consequence of standard chemical potential differences is a well-established practice for surfaces and grain boundaries in mixed conducting oxides, such as SrTiO<sub>3</sub><sup>12–14</sup>, it also provides a foundation for charge redistribution in mixed conducting oxide heterojunctions. For instance, decorating LSC with an additional layer of SrO leads to an accumulation of electron density in the surface layer of LSC and to a depletion in the decoration layer and in the CoO<sub>2</sub> layer below. Regarding chemical potential differences, we suggest that changes in the decoration and surface are primarily induced by different chemical environments, while changes in the subsurface are triggered by short-range electrostatic effects. These effects are highly confined by the high charge carrier density and metal-like electronic structure of LSC. Comparing this system to simplified plate capacitors, the effects of charge redistribution (evaluated by a Bader charge analysis) result in a net potential increase of 0.11 V at the surface. This value precisely matches the decrease in work function suggested by DFT calculations on LSC decorated with one layer of SrO. Under more realistic conditions (particularly at high temperatures), similar chemical potential changes will also occur for oxygen vacancies, thereby adding complexity to the situation. It is noteworthy that standard space charge approaches such as Mott-Schottky or Gouy-Chapman models are not particularly suitable for the description of these phenomena due to the short range of electrostatic effects and discrete space-charge modelling approaches may be required for the investigation of defect concentrations in solid solution MIEC oxide heterojunctions<sup>15</sup>.



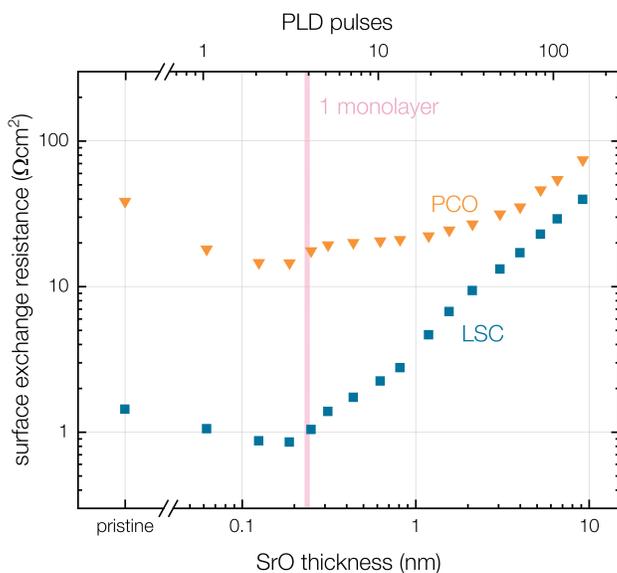
**Figure S6.** Schematic of exemplary chemical potential changes upon surface decoration of LSC with SrO. The standard chemical potential increases in the decoration and decreases in the surface, leading to electron density redistribution and to space charge formation. Similar processes may occur for oxygen vacancies, leading to a more complicated chemical potential landscape. Other possibilities for surface dipole formation include geometric reconstructions such as surface buckling.

### S.I. 5. Deposition of thicker decoration layers

To evaluate the evolution of the oxygen exchange kinetics with growing thickness of a basic decoration layer, SrO was grown during i-PLD and the surface exchange resistance was tracked. Interestingly, the fastest kinetics were observed for decoration layers with a nominal thickness being slightly thinner than 1 monolayer (within experimental error, the optimal thickness is 1 monolayer). After that, the resistance starts to increase again. Mechanistically, we suggest that electronic interaction with the LSC bulk (which is essential for fast oxygen exchange) is still easy for one monolayer of SrO but gets increasingly difficult when depositing thicker layers. Preliminary results of a parallel study also suggest that the activation energy of the surface exchange resistance increases for thicker decoration layers, further supporting this hypothesis.

The same holds for PCO, where the fastest kinetics are reached at one monolayer. However, for PCO, the SrO layer can get relatively thick and still improve the kinetics of pristine PCO. This points towards the inherent differences between LSC and PCO, with LSC potentially being particularly active due to its electronic properties and easy electron transfer towards O<sub>2</sub> adsorbates.

More detailed studies of the activation energy of the oxygen exchange reaction with decoration thickness might be a viable opportunity to gain further insight into the underlying mechanism of the oxygen exchange reaction and are planned for future studies.



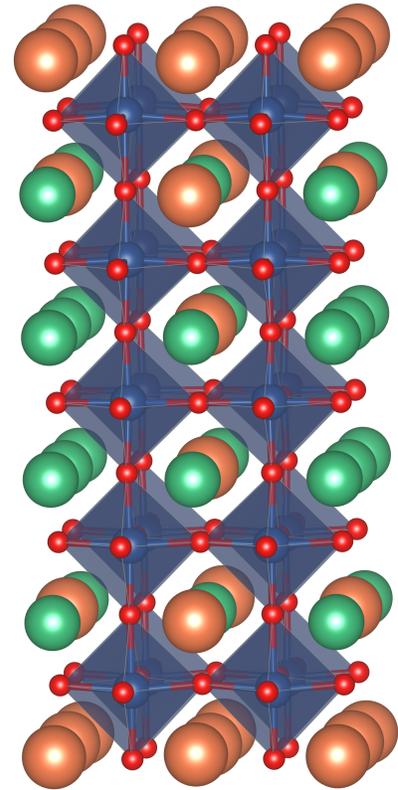
**Figure S7.** Evolution of the surface exchange resistance of LSC and PCO with the thickness of a growing SrO decoration layer. In both cases, the kinetics reach their fastest value at a decoration layer thickness of  $\approx 1$  monolayer. Afterwards, the kinetics continuously decrease and the resistance increases correspondingly.

## S.I. 6. DFT structures (unit cell dimensions and fractional coordinates)

### LSC pristine

The host LSC structure is a  $2 \times 2 \times 5$  (001)-oriented cubic cell which has subsequently been relaxed. The lattice constant amounts to  $\approx 3.82$  Å. La atoms have been replaced with Sr atoms in a way that emulates Sr accumulation at the surface, which we would expect in high-temperature environments.

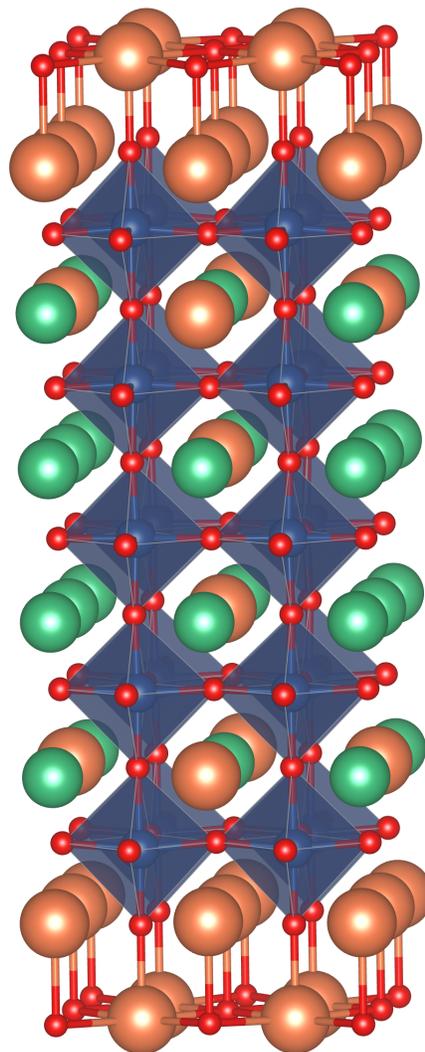
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Sr2	0.00024	0.99981	0.73159	O2	0.99997	0.25563	0.68744
Sr3	0.49982	0.00012	0.26705	O3	0.00041	0.74413	0.68734
Sr4	0.50018	0.99988	0.73295	O4	0.99959	0.25587	0.31266
Sr5	0.99975	0.50017	0.26708	O5	0.50009	0.75460	0.31023
Sr6	0.00025	0.49983	0.73291	O6	0.49991	0.24540	0.68977
Sr7	0.49972	0.50019	0.26855	O7	0.50048	0.75432	0.68987
Sr8	0.50028	0.49981	0.73145	O8	0.49952	0.24568	0.31013
La1	0.99997	0.00005	0.45231	O9	0.74421	0.00018	0.31127
La2	0.00003	0.99995	0.54769	O10	0.25579	0.99982	0.68873
La3	0.49997	0.00001	0.45260	O11	0.25542	0.00008	0.31119
La4	0.50003	0.99999	0.54740	O12	0.74458	0.99992	0.68881
Sr9	0.99998	0.50000	0.45213	O13	0.75552	0.50023	0.31149
Sr10	0.00002	0.50000	0.54787	O14	0.24448	0.49977	0.68851
La5	0.49995	0.50002	0.45236	O15	0.24409	0.50004	0.31157
La6	0.50005	0.49998	0.54764	O16	0.75591	0.49996	0.68843
Sr11	0.00016	0.99989	0.64196	O17	0.74471	0.00013	0.40689
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La7	0.50021	0.99984	0.64322	O19	0.25519	0.99992	0.40695
La8	0.49979	0.00016	0.35678	O20	0.74481	0.00008	0.59305
La9	0.00032	0.49972	0.64284	O21	0.99985	0.75235	0.40649
La10	0.99968	0.50028	0.35716	O22	0.00015	0.24765	0.59351
Sr13	0.50018	0.49986	0.64234	O23	0.99994	0.75232	0.59359
Sr14	0.49982	0.50014	0.35766	O24	0.00006	0.24768	0.40641
Co1	0.75131	0.75015	0.30759	O25	0.74725	0.50014	0.40681
Co2	0.24869	0.24985	0.69241	O26	0.25275	0.49986	0.59319
Co3	0.24940	0.74974	0.69228	O27	0.25273	0.49992	0.40676
Co4	0.75060	0.25026	0.30772	O28	0.74727	0.50008	0.59324
Co5	0.24818	0.25023	0.30760	O29	0.49985	0.75640	0.40717
Co6	0.75182	0.74977	0.69240	O30	0.50015	0.24360	0.59283
Co7	0.75101	0.24996	0.69229	O31	0.49993	0.75630	0.59275
Co8	0.24899	0.75004	0.30771	O32	0.50007	0.24370	0.40725
Co9	0.75187	0.74818	0.50000	O33	0.74449	0.75603	0.45298
Co10	0.24813	0.25182	0.50000	O34	0.25551	0.24397	0.54702
Co11	0.24796	0.74803	0.50000	O35	0.25477	0.75556	0.54703
Co12	0.75204	0.25197	0.50000	O36	0.74523	0.24444	0.45297
Co13	0.75032	0.74934	0.59555	O37	0.25528	0.24412	0.45298
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Co20	0.24976	0.74919	0.59553	O44	0.50016	0.24782	0.49998
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				O47	0.73367	0.50013	0.49999
				O48	0.26633	0.49987	0.50001
				O49	0.75618	0.75018	0.26136
				O50	0.24382	0.24982	0.73865
				O51	0.24601	0.74971	0.73855
				O52	0.75399	0.25029	0.26145
				O53	0.24286	0.25055	0.26136
				O54	0.75714	0.74945	0.73864
				O55	0.75417	0.25020	0.73856
				O56	0.24583	0.74980	0.26144
				O57	0.74558	0.75129	0.64162
				O58	0.25442	0.24871	0.35838
				O59	0.25339	0.75074	0.35836
				O60	0.74661	0.24926	0.64164
				O61	0.25371	0.24940	0.64162
				O62	0.74629	0.75060	0.35838
				O63	0.74590	0.24978	0.35836
				O64	0.25410	0.75022	0.64164



*LSC with SrO decoration*

The SrO decoration was placed on the LSC slab, continuing the SrO termination. This means that the first two layers correspond to a rock-salt structure with the [100] direction rotated by  $45^\circ$  compared to LSC. The Sr-Sr spacing in the decoration amounts along this direction amounts to  $5.38 \text{ \AA}$ , compared to  $\approx 5.16 \text{ \AA}$  in bulk SrO<sup>16</sup>.

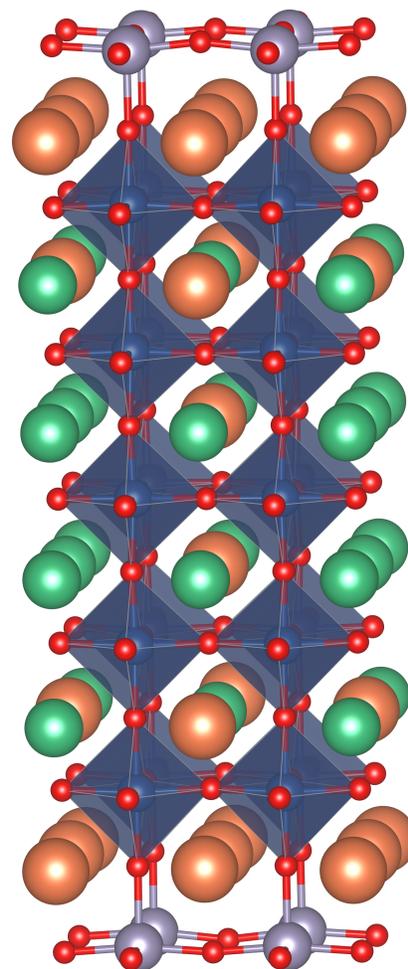
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Sr4	0.00020	0.99986	0.70617	O4	0.49977	0.25520	0.33485
Sr5	0.49979	0.50015	0.29388	O5	0.99987	0.75432	0.33339
Sr6	0.50021	0.49985	0.70612	O6	0.00013	0.24568	0.66661
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Sr9	0.49997	0.50000	0.45765	O13	0.25569	0.50016	0.33418
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Co17	0.74980	0.25061	0.58428	O41	0.49996	0.76762	0.49996
Co18	0.25020	0.74939	0.41572	O42	0.50004	0.23238	0.50004
Co19	0.25019	0.25078	0.41572	O43	0.99995	0.75199	0.50004
Co20	0.74981	0.74922	0.58428	O44	0.00005	0.24802	0.49996
Sr15	0.25107	0.75025	0.23747	O45	0.24652	0.00004	0.50003
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Sr17	0.75067	0.74975	0.76253	O47	0.23354	0.50004	0.49997
Sr18	0.24933	0.25025	0.23747	O48	0.76646	0.49996	0.50003
Sr19	0.74835	0.25017	0.23747	O49	0.25280	0.75003	0.28919
Sr20	0.25165	0.74983	0.76253	O50	0.74720	0.24997	0.71081
Sr21	0.24977	0.24995	0.76253	O51	0.74750	0.74962	0.71081
Sr22	0.75023	0.75005	0.23747	O52	0.25250	0.25038	0.28919
				O53	0.74646	0.25052	0.28920
				O54	0.25354	0.74948	0.71080
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				O58	0.75460	0.24881	0.37499
				O59	0.75362	0.75083	0.37499
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				O61	0.75370	0.24968	0.62501
				O62	0.24630	0.75032	0.37499
				O63	0.24552	0.24978	0.37499
				O64	0.75448	0.75022	0.62501
				O65	0.49975	0.00020	0.23906
				O66	0.50025	0.99980	0.76094
				O67	0.99981	0.00013	0.23844
				O68	0.00019	0.99987	0.76156
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				O70	0.50023	0.49984	0.76174
				O71	0.99972	0.50018	0.23925
				O72	0.00028	0.49982	0.76074



LSC with SnO<sub>2</sub> decoration

The SnO<sub>2</sub> decoration was placed on the LSC slab as a BO<sub>2</sub> perovskite layer, yielding one nominal unit cell of SrSnO<sub>3</sub> on the surface. The diagonal Sn-Sn distance amounts to 5.39 Å, compared to ≈ 5.72 Å in bulk SrSnO<sub>3</sub><sup>17</sup>.

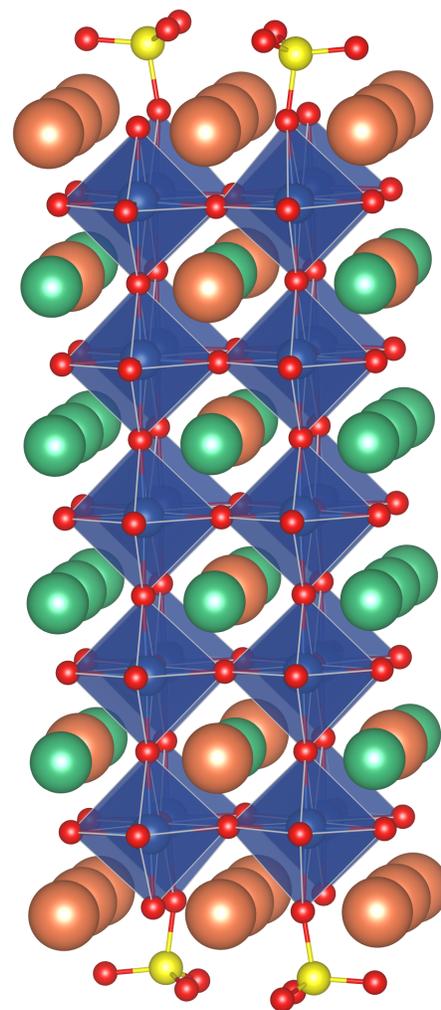
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atom	x	y	z	atom	x	y	z
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Sr2	0.50035	0.00107	0.70490	O2	0.50010	0.25624	0.66369
Sr3	0.99987	0.99973	0.29383	O3	0.50014	0.74432	0.66347
Sr4	0.00013	0.00027	0.70617	O4	0.49986	0.25568	0.33653
Sr5	0.50063	0.50044	0.29462	O5	0.99990	0.75488	0.33497
Sr6	0.49937	0.49956	0.70538	O6	0.00010	0.24512	0.66503
Sr7	0.99904	0.49986	0.29479	O7	0.00013	0.75544	0.66533
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La1	0.49995	0.00000	0.45820	O9	0.24446	0.99960	0.33535
La2	0.50005	1.00000	0.54181	O10	0.75554	0.00040	0.66465
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La4	0.00005	0.00001	0.54141	O12	0.24460	0.00044	0.66452
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Sr10	0.50004	0.50014	0.54185	O14	0.74267	0.50041	0.66408
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Sr11	0.50021	0.00032	0.62419	O17	0.24572	0.99995	0.41834
Sr12	0.49979	0.99968	0.37581	O18	0.75428	0.00005	0.58166
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La9	0.50024	0.50025	0.62457	O21	0.49993	0.75023	0.41764
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Sr13	0.00017	0.50033	0.62437	O23	0.50008	0.74978	0.58265
Sr14	0.99983	0.49967	0.37563	O24	0.49992	0.25022	0.41735
Co1	0.25007	0.74910	0.33375	O25	0.24609	0.49993	0.41841
Co2	0.74993	0.25090	0.66625	O26	0.75391	0.50007	0.58159
Co3	0.74957	0.74996	0.66629	O27	0.75365	0.49992	0.41824
Co4	0.25043	0.25004	0.33371	O28	0.24635	0.50008	0.58176
Co5	0.74926	0.24963	0.33375	O29	0.99994	0.75710	0.41887
Co6	0.25074	0.75037	0.66625	O30	0.00006	0.24290	0.58113
Co7	0.25047	0.25052	0.66620	O31	0.00007	0.75677	0.58091
Co8	0.74953	0.74948	0.33380	O32	0.99993	0.24323	0.41910
Co9	0.25251	0.74803	0.49999	O33	0.24537	0.75687	0.45875
Co10	0.74749	0.25197	0.50001	O34	0.75463	0.24313	0.54125
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Co17	0.74966	0.25098	0.58318	O41	0.50000	0.76879	0.49989
Co18	0.25034	0.74902	0.41682	O42	0.50000	0.23121	0.50011
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Sn2	0.74996	0.25096	0.75332	O46	0.75475	1.00000	0.49992
Sn3	0.74879	0.74968	0.75337	O47	0.23516	0.50000	0.49992
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				O64	0.75607	0.75078	0.62392
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				O66	0.99975	0.75182	0.75565
				O67	0.50017	0.24785	0.24147
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LSC with  $SO_3$  adsorbates

Two  $SO_3$  adsorbates were placed diagonally on the LSC slab surface in a tetrahedral configuration. S-O bond lengths are 1.46 Å in the  $SO_3$  unit and 1.65 Å to the surface oxygen atom, compared to 1.49 Å in a  $SO_4^{2-}$  anion<sup>18</sup>.

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Sr2	0.00043	0.99979	0.73649	O2	0.00015	0.25729	0.68728
Sr3	0.49976	0.00014	0.26381	O3	0.00023	0.74263	0.68717
Sr4	0.50024	0.99986	0.73619	O4	0.99977	0.25737	0.31283
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Sr6	0.00039	0.49969	0.73675	O6	0.49987	0.24452	0.68943
Sr7	0.49966	0.50026	0.26448	O7	0.50049	0.75533	0.68955
Sr8	0.50034	0.49974	0.73552	O8	0.49951	0.24467	0.31045
La1	0.99997	0.00002	0.45242	O9	0.74121	0.00011	0.31143
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La4	0.50002	0.99998	0.54760	O12	0.74140	0.99986	0.68867
Sr9	0.99997	0.50002	0.45208	O13	0.75455	0.50025	0.31165
Sr10	0.00003	0.49998	0.54792	O14	0.24544	0.49975	0.68836
La5	0.49998	0.50002	0.45238	O15	0.24528	0.49996	0.31174
La6	0.50002	0.49998	0.54762	O16	0.75472	0.50004	0.68826
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Sr13	0.50014	0.49992	0.64255	O23	0.99996	0.75330	0.59346
Sr14	0.49986	0.50008	0.35745	O24	0.00004	0.24670	0.40654
Co1	0.75012	0.75042	0.31125	O25	0.74653	0.50012	0.40660
Co2	0.24988	0.24958	0.68875	O26	0.25347	0.49988	0.59340
Co3	0.24845	0.74996	0.69112	O27	0.25348	0.49994	0.40659
Co4	0.75155	0.25004	0.30888	O28	0.74651	0.50006	0.59341
Co5	0.24931	0.24992	0.31123	O29	0.49990	0.75606	0.40685
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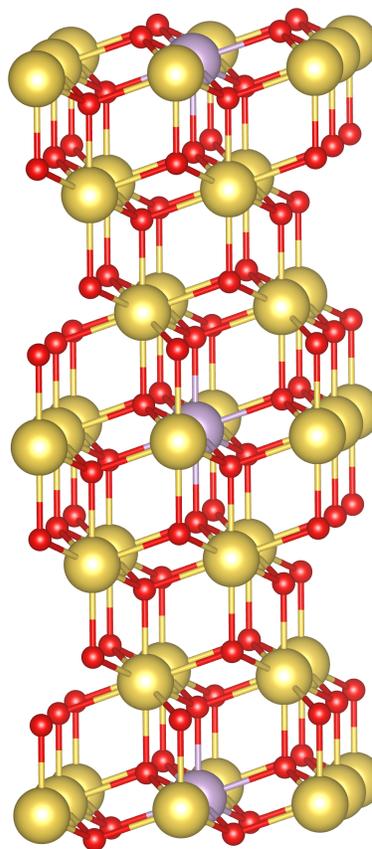


*PCO pristine*

The PCO structure is a 2x2x2 (111)-oriented and hexagonal cell with  $\gamma = 120^\circ$  and a cubic lattice parameter of 5.44 Å. One Ce atom in the surface and one Ce atom in the center were replaced with Pr to emulate a PCO10 stoichiometry.

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Ce8	0.99977	0.00023	0.26453
Ce9	0.50012	0.00064	0.73546
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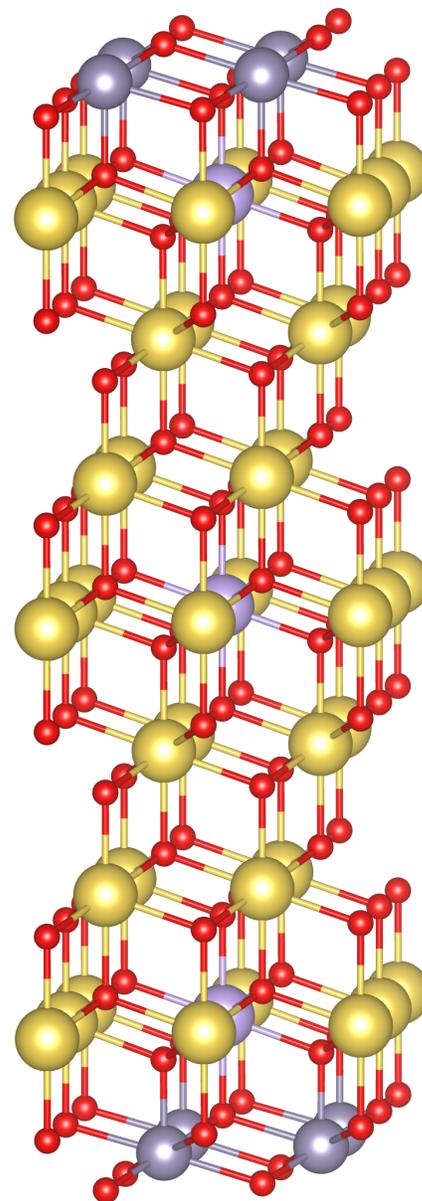
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O56	0.33524	0.66476	0.75479



PCO with SnO<sub>2</sub> decoration

For SnO<sub>2</sub>-decorated PCO, The fluorite structure was continued for one layer with Sn as the main cation. This leads to a shortest Sn-O distance of 2.32 Å, compared to 2.16 Å for a fluorite SnO<sub>2</sub> structure<sup>19</sup>.

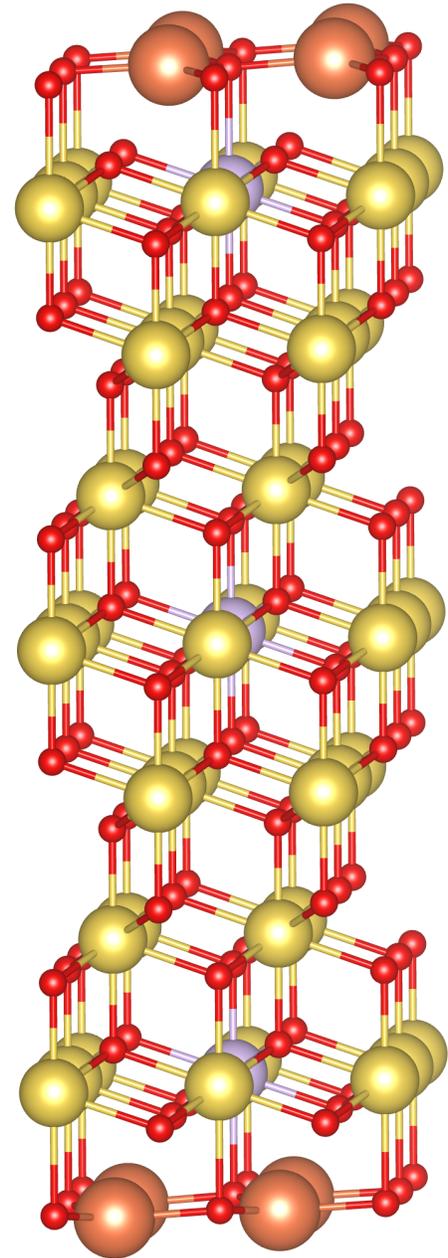
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atom	x	y	z	atom	x	y	z
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Ce2	0.16659	0.83341	0.63739	O2	0.16753	0.33368	0.48290
Ce3	0.83345	0.66660	0.36248	O3	0.83247	0.66632	0.51710
Ce4	0.66660	0.83345	0.63752	O4	0.66632	0.83247	0.48290
Ce5	0.33340	0.16655	0.36248	O5	0.83329	0.16671	0.51712
Ce6	0.16655	0.33340	0.63752	O6	0.16671	0.83329	0.48288
Ce7	0.00006	0.99994	0.70580	O7	0.66631	0.33369	0.48285
Ce8	0.99994	0.00006	0.29420	O8	0.33369	0.66631	0.51714
Ce9	0.49999	0.00003	0.70578	O9	0.33358	0.16614	0.31102
Ce10	0.00003	0.49999	0.29422	O10	0.16614	0.33358	0.68898
Ce11	0.99997	0.50001	0.70578	O11	0.83386	0.66642	0.31102
Ce12	0.50001	0.99997	0.29422	O12	0.66642	0.83386	0.68898
Ce13	0.00000	0.00000	0.50000	O13	0.83366	0.16634	0.31137
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Ce15	0.00000	0.50000	0.50000	O15	0.66809	0.33191	0.68884
Ce16	0.33341	0.16701	0.56885	O16	0.33191	0.66809	0.31116
Ce17	0.16701	0.33341	0.43115	O17	0.16677	0.33350	0.58601
Ce18	0.83299	0.66659	0.56885	O18	0.33350	0.16677	0.41399
Ce19	0.66659	0.83299	0.43115	O19	0.66650	0.83323	0.58601
Ce20	0.83327	0.16673	0.56890	O20	0.83323	0.66650	0.41399
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Ce24	0.33314	0.66686	0.36245	O24	0.66655	0.33345	0.58601
Ce25	0.66686	0.33314	0.63755	O25	0.16765	0.33365	0.37951
Pr1	0.49995	0.50005	0.70587	O26	0.33365	0.16765	0.62049
Pr2	0.50005	0.49995	0.29413	O27	0.66635	0.83235	0.37951
Pr3	0.50000	0.50000	0.50000	O28	0.83235	0.66635	0.62049
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Sn2	0.33273	0.66727	0.77053	O30	0.83337	0.16663	0.62043
Sn3	0.83336	0.16664	0.77046	O31	0.33379	0.66621	0.62046
Sn4	0.16664	0.83336	0.22954	O32	0.66621	0.33379	0.37954
Sn5	0.33347	0.16647	0.77054	O33	0.99975	0.00025	0.65440
Sn6	0.16647	0.33347	0.22946	O34	0.00025	0.99975	0.34560
Sn7	0.83353	0.66653	0.77054	O35	0.49984	0.99974	0.65430
Sn8	0.66653	0.83353	0.22946	O36	0.99974	0.49984	0.34570
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				O51	0.83448	0.66664	0.72350
				O52	0.66664	0.83448	0.27650
				O53	0.83365	0.16635	0.72366
				O54	0.16635	0.83365	0.27634
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				O56	0.33133	0.66867	0.72361
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				O58	0.33522	0.66478	0.21452
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				O60	0.16950	0.33454	0.78541
				O61	0.83051	0.66546	0.21459
				O62	0.66546	0.83051	0.78541
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				O64	0.16684	0.83316	0.78549
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				O66	0.00113	0.50134	0.24313
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				O68	0.49866	0.99887	0.24313
				O69	0.49964	0.50036	0.75562
				O70	0.50036	0.49964	0.24438
				O71	0.00000	1.00000	0.75675
				O72	1.00000	0.00000	0.24325



*PCO with SrO decoration*

The SrO decoration was placed hexagonally on top of the PCO slab, with the O atoms placed above the Sr layer to emulate a (111) SrO layer. During relaxation, the oxygen atoms moved towards the PCO bulk, yielding a largely Sr terminated surface with a very low work function. However, this structure proved to be energetically unfavorable and a SrO<sub>2</sub> termination was identified as a more stable structure. The shortest Sr-Sr distance amounts to 3.86 Å vs. 3.65 Å in SrO bulk<sup>16</sup>.

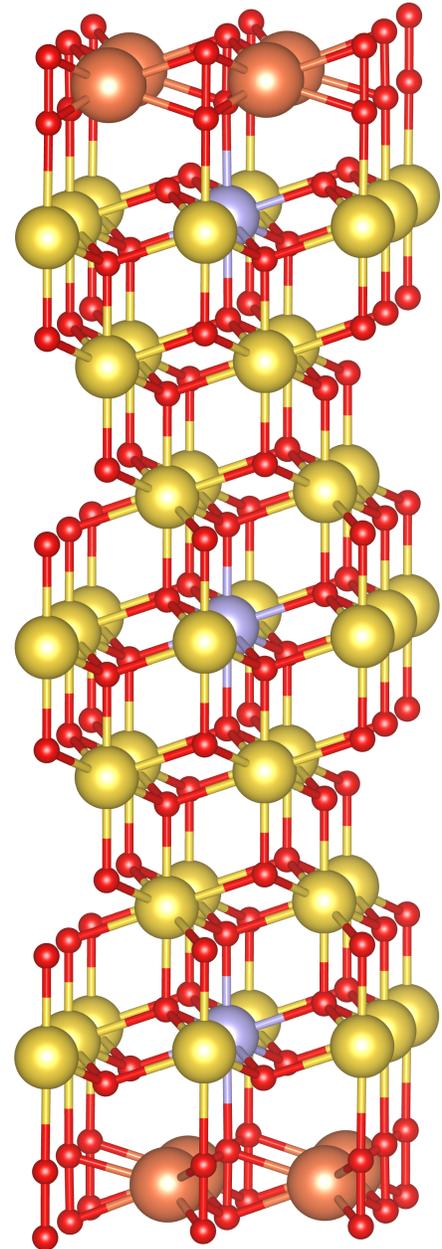
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Ce3	0.83320	0.66647	0.36211	O3	0.83101	0.66553	0.51698
Ce4	0.66647	0.83320	0.63789	O4	0.66553	0.83101	0.48302
Ce5	0.33353	0.16680	0.36211	O5	0.83328	0.16672	0.51710
Ce6	0.16680	0.33353	0.63789	O6	0.16672	0.83328	0.48290
Ce7	0.00010	0.99990	0.70625	O7	0.66569	0.33431	0.48298
Ce8	0.99990	0.00010	0.29375	O8	0.33431	0.66569	0.51702
Ce9	0.49952	0.99962	0.70618	O9	0.33427	0.16725	0.31047
Ce10	0.99962	0.49952	0.29382	O10	0.16725	0.33427	0.68953
Ce11	0.00038	0.50048	0.70618	O11	0.83275	0.66573	0.31047
Ce12	0.50048	0.00038	0.29382	O12	0.66573	0.83275	0.68953
Ce13	0.00000	0.00000	0.50000	O13	0.83380	0.16620	0.31085
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Ce15	0.00000	0.50000	0.50000	O15	0.66810	0.33190	0.68934
Ce16	0.33351	0.16721	0.56888	O16	0.33190	0.66810	0.31066
Ce17	0.16721	0.33351	0.43112	O17	0.16715	0.33370	0.58622
Ce18	0.83279	0.66649	0.56888	O18	0.33370	0.16715	0.41378
Ce19	0.66649	0.83279	0.43112	O19	0.66630	0.83285	0.58622
Ce20	0.83323	0.16677	0.56904	O20	0.83285	0.66630	0.41378
Ce21	0.16677	0.83323	0.43096	O21	0.16660	0.83340	0.58621
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Ce24	0.33322	0.66678	0.36203	O24	0.66632	0.33368	0.58623
Ce25	0.66678	0.33322	0.63797	O25	0.16721	0.33340	0.37930
Pr1	0.49996	0.50004	0.70620	O26	0.33340	0.16721	0.62070
Pr2	0.50004	0.49996	0.29380	O27	0.66660	0.83279	0.37930
Pr3	0.50000	0.50000	0.50000	O28	0.83279	0.66660	0.62070
Sr1	0.66627	0.33373	0.76690	O29	0.16662	0.83338	0.37929
Sr2	0.33373	0.66627	0.23310	O30	0.83338	0.16662	0.62071
Sr3	0.83276	0.16724	0.23235	O31	0.33361	0.66639	0.62067
Sr4	0.16724	0.83276	0.76765	O32	0.66639	0.33361	0.37933
Sr5	0.33297	0.16599	0.23295	O33	0.99963	0.00037	0.65502
Sr6	0.16599	0.33297	0.76705	O34	0.00037	0.99963	0.34498
Sr7	0.83401	0.66703	0.23295	O35	0.49981	0.99958	0.65489
Sr8	0.66703	0.83401	0.76705	O36	0.99958	0.49981	0.34511
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				O47	0.50011	0.49989	0.44869
				O48	0.49989	0.50011	0.55131
				O49	0.33420	0.16699	0.72284
				O50	0.16699	0.33420	0.27716
				O51	0.83301	0.66580	0.72284
				O52	0.66580	0.83301	0.27716
				O53	0.83394	0.16606	0.72317
				O54	0.16606	0.83394	0.27683
				O55	0.66868	0.33132	0.27694
				O56	0.33132	0.66868	0.72306
				O57	0.49947	0.50053	0.76284
				O58	0.50053	0.49947	0.23716
				O59	0.50016	0.00039	0.76396
				O60	0.00039	0.50016	0.23604
				O61	0.99961	0.49984	0.76396
				O62	0.49984	0.99961	0.23604
				O63	0.00060	0.99940	0.76364
				O64	0.99940	0.00060	0.23636



*PCO with SrO<sub>2</sub> decoration*

For the SrO<sub>2</sub> decoration, additional O atoms were placed on top of the relaxed O atoms in the SrO decoration. Up to a full SrO<sub>2</sub> layer, this proved to be energetically favorable. This also increased the work function considerably towards more reasonable values (with a better agreement with experimental values). The O-O bond length in the peroxide amounts to 1.50 Å, compared to 1.45-1.48 Å for bulk SrO<sub>2</sub><sup>20</sup>.

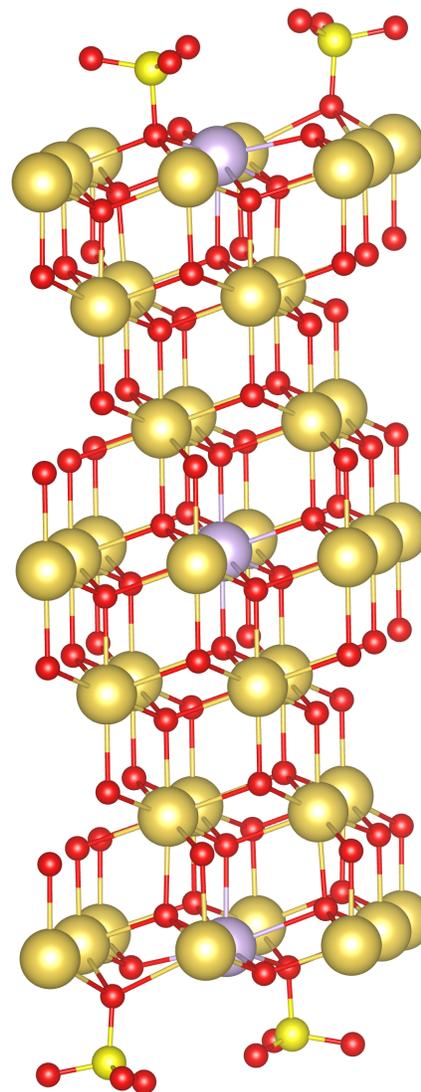
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Ce2	0.16656	0.83344	0.63751	O2	0.16660	0.33321	0.48299
Ce3	0.83232	0.66626	0.36255	O3	0.83340	0.66679	0.51701
Ce4	0.66626	0.83232	0.63745	O4	0.66679	0.83340	0.48299
Ce5	0.33374	0.16768	0.36255	O5	0.83335	0.16665	0.51720
Ce6	0.16768	0.33374	0.63745	O6	0.16665	0.83335	0.48280
Ce7	0.99963	0.00037	0.70596	O7	0.66681	0.33319	0.48294
Ce8	0.00037	0.99963	0.29405	O8	0.33319	0.66681	0.51706
Ce9	0.49995	0.99951	0.70585	O9	0.33547	0.16840	0.31139
Ce10	0.99951	0.49995	0.29415	O10	0.16840	0.33547	0.68861
Ce11	0.00049	0.50005	0.70585	O11	0.83160	0.66453	0.31139
Ce12	0.50005	0.00049	0.29415	O12	0.66453	0.83160	0.68861
Ce13	0.00000	0.00000	0.50000	O13	0.83405	0.16595	0.31080
Ce14	0.50000	0.00000	0.50000	O14	0.16595	0.83405	0.68919
Ce15	0.00000	0.50000	0.50000	O15	0.66833	0.33167	0.68875
Ce16	0.33326	0.16650	0.56864	O16	0.33167	0.66833	0.31125
Ce17	0.16650	0.33326	0.43136	O17	0.16721	0.33367	0.58575
Ce18	0.83350	0.66674	0.56864	O18	0.33367	0.16721	0.41425
Ce19	0.66674	0.83350	0.43136	O19	0.66633	0.83279	0.58575
Ce20	0.83329	0.16671	0.56873	O20	0.83279	0.66633	0.41425
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Ce25	0.66666	0.33334	0.63756	O25	0.16568	0.33258	0.37967
Pr1	0.49956	0.50044	0.70586	O26	0.33258	0.16568	0.62033
Pr2	0.50044	0.49956	0.29414	O27	0.66742	0.83432	0.37967
Pr3	0.50000	0.50000	0.50000	O28	0.83432	0.66742	0.62033
Sr1	0.66320	0.33680	0.77688	O29	0.16655	0.83346	0.37961
Sr2	0.33680	0.66320	0.22312	O30	0.83346	0.16655	0.62039
Sr3	0.83094	0.16906	0.22113	O31	0.33344	0.66656	0.62036
Sr4	0.16906	0.83094	0.77887	O32	0.66656	0.33344	0.37964
Sr5	0.33086	0.16416	0.22119	O33	0.99987	0.00013	0.65504
Sr6	0.16416	0.33086	0.77881	O34	0.00013	0.99987	0.34496
Sr7	0.83584	0.66914	0.22119	O35	0.49877	0.99913	0.65490
Sr8	0.66914	0.83584	0.77881	O36	0.99913	0.49877	0.34510
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				O41	0.99984	0.00016	0.44836
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				O50	0.17234	0.33650	0.27742
				O51	0.82766	0.66350	0.72258
				O52	0.66350	0.82766	0.27742
				O53	0.83575	0.16425	0.72252
				O54	0.16425	0.83575	0.27748
				O55	0.66743	0.33257	0.27738
				O56	0.33257	0.66743	0.72262
				O57	0.49537	0.50463	0.76350
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				O59	0.50135	0.00078	0.76295
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				O66	0.50161	0.49839	0.20334
				O67	0.00253	0.99747	0.79645
				O68	0.99747	0.00253	0.20355
				O69	0.50348	0.00548	0.79609
				O70	0.00548	0.50348	0.20391
				O71	0.99452	0.49652	0.79609
				O72	0.49652	0.99452	0.20391
				O71	0.99452	0.49652	0.79609
				O72	0.49652	0.99452	0.20391



PCO with SO<sub>3</sub> adsorbates

Two SO<sub>3</sub> adsorbates were placed on two diagonally spaced top oxygen atoms of the PCO surface. S-O bond lengths are 1.47 Å in the SO<sub>3</sub> unit and 1.62 Å to the surface oxygen atom, compared to 1.49 Å in a SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> anion<sup>18</sup>.

cell size	7.73220	7.73220	45.39864				
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Ce2	0.16640	0.83360	0.63645	O2	0.16752	0.33338	0.48293
Ce3	0.83315	0.66501	0.36155	O3	0.83248	0.66662	0.51707
Ce4	0.66501	0.83315	0.63845	O4	0.66662	0.83248	0.48293
Ce5	0.33499	0.16685	0.36155	O5	0.83345	0.16655	0.51714
Ce6	0.16685	0.33499	0.63845	O6	0.16655	0.83345	0.48287
Ce7	0.00579	0.99421	0.70582	O7	0.66651	0.33349	0.48288
Ce8	0.99421	0.00579	0.29418	O8	0.33349	0.66651	0.51712
Ce9	0.49156	0.00664	0.70517	O9	0.33109	0.14614	0.31013
Ce10	0.00664	0.49156	0.29483	O10	0.14614	0.33109	0.68987
Ce11	0.99336	0.50844	0.70517	O11	0.85386	0.66891	0.31013
Ce12	0.50844	0.99336	0.29483	O12	0.66891	0.85386	0.68987
Ce13	0.00000	0.00000	0.50000	O13	0.82643	0.17357	0.31267
Ce14	0.50000	0.00000	0.50000	O14	0.17357	0.82643	0.68733
Ce15	0.00000	0.50000	0.50000	O15	0.67517	0.32483	0.68960
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Ce17	0.16795	0.33269	0.43138	O17	0.16633	0.33492	0.58603
Ce18	0.83205	0.66731	0.56862	O18	0.33492	0.16633	0.41397
Ce19	0.66731	0.83205	0.43138	O19	0.66508	0.83367	0.58603
Ce20	0.83329	0.16671	0.56903	O20	0.83367	0.66508	0.41397
Ce21	0.16671	0.83329	0.43097	O21	0.16676	0.83324	0.58548
Ce22	0.66653	0.33347	0.43131	O22	0.83324	0.16676	0.41452
Ce23	0.33347	0.66653	0.56869	O23	0.33377	0.66623	0.41401
Ce24	0.33532	0.66468	0.36272	O24	0.66623	0.33377	0.58599
Ce25	0.66468	0.33532	0.63728	O25	0.16848	0.33057	0.37990
Pr1	0.50557	0.49443	0.70957	O26	0.33057	0.16848	0.62010
Pr2	0.49443	0.50557	0.29043	O27	0.66943	0.83152	0.37990
Pr3	0.50000	0.50000	0.50000	O28	0.83152	0.66943	0.62010
S1	0.84300	0.15700	0.76429	O29	0.16557	0.83442	0.37903
S2	0.15700	0.84300	0.23572	O30	0.83442	0.16557	0.62097
S3	0.67834	0.32166	0.24020	O31	0.33356	0.66644	0.62084
S4	0.32166	0.67834	0.75980	O32	0.66644	0.33356	0.37916
				O33	0.00260	0.99740	0.65574
				O34	0.99740	0.00260	0.34427
				O35	0.49805	0.00492	0.65405
				O36	0.00492	0.49805	0.34595
				O37	0.99508	0.50195	0.65405
				O38	0.50195	0.99508	0.34595
				O39	0.50064	0.49936	0.65591
				O40	0.49936	0.50064	0.34409
				O41	0.00040	0.99960	0.44829
				O42	0.99960	0.00040	0.55171
				O43	0.49985	0.99916	0.44836
				O44	0.99916	0.49985	0.55164
				O45	0.00084	0.50015	0.44836
				O46	0.50015	0.00084	0.55164
				O47	0.50037	0.49962	0.44866
				O48	0.49962	0.50037	0.55134
				O49	0.32296	0.14797	0.72056
				O50	0.14797	0.32296	0.27944
				O51	0.85203	0.67704	0.72056
				O52	0.67704	0.85203	0.27944
				O53	0.83025	0.16975	0.72927
				O54	0.16975	0.83025	0.27073
				O55	0.67022	0.32978	0.27579
				O56	0.32978	0.67022	0.72421
				O57	0.74448	0.25552	0.77647
				O58	0.25552	0.74448	0.22353
				O59	0.76431	0.94155	0.77026
				O60	0.23569	0.05845	0.22974
				O61	0.05845	0.23569	0.77026
				O62	0.94155	0.76431	0.22974
				O63	0.57461	0.42539	0.23104
				O64	0.42539	0.57461	0.76896
				O65	0.58142	0.10547	0.23465
				O66	0.41858	0.89453	0.76535
				O67	0.89453	0.41858	0.23465
				O68	0.10547	0.58142	0.76535



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