

Supporting Information for:

Effects of Oxygen Adsorption on the Optical Properties of Ag Nanoparticles

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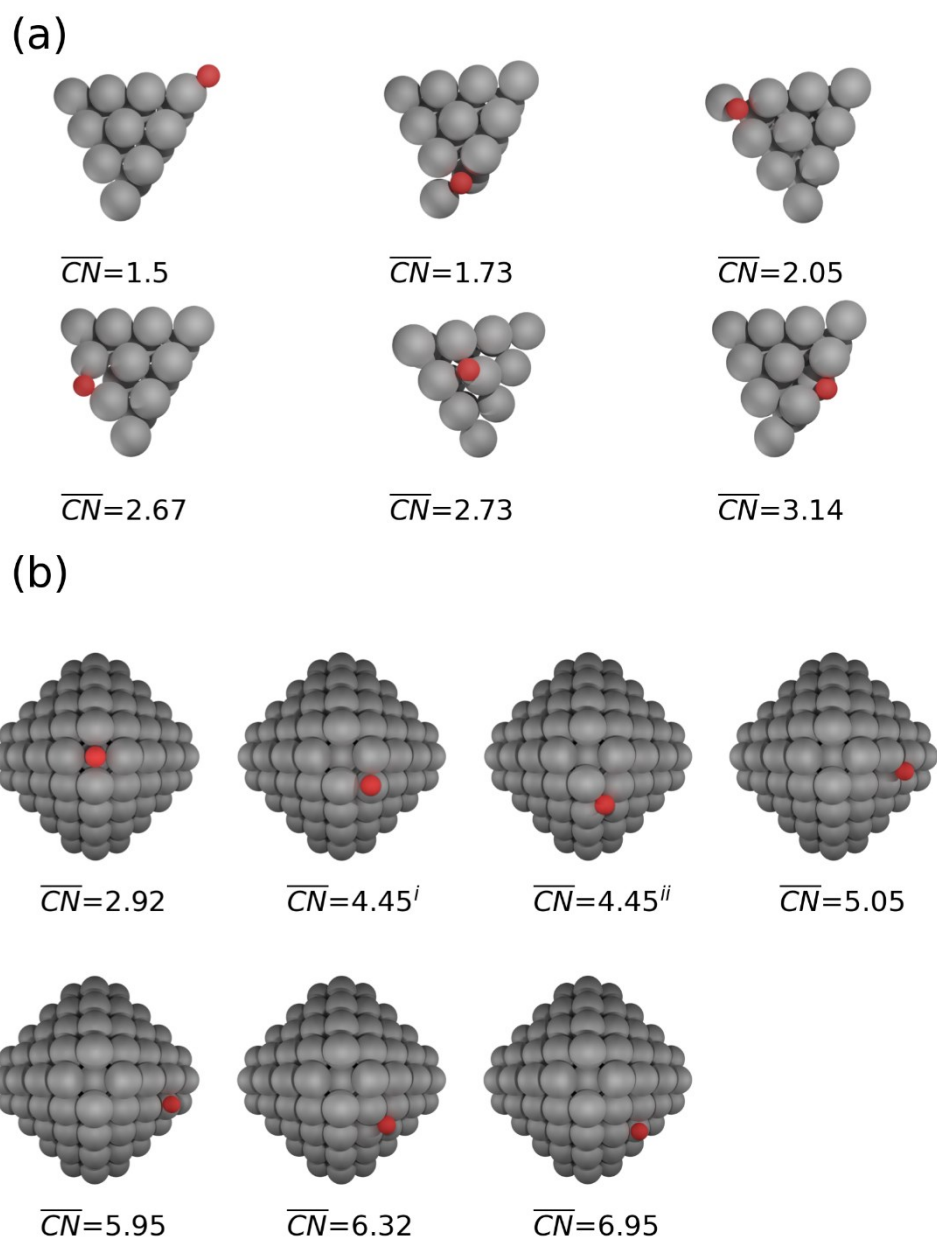
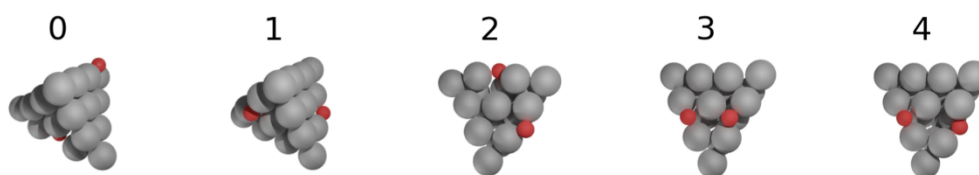


Figure S1: Optimized structures of Ag_{20} (a) and Ag_{140} (b) particles with a single O atom adsorbed at different positions defined by the site's generalized coordination number \overline{CN} . The corresponding $\Delta E_{ads}(\text{O})$ values are collected in Tables 1 and 3 and plotted in Figure 1 of the article.

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(b) O₂

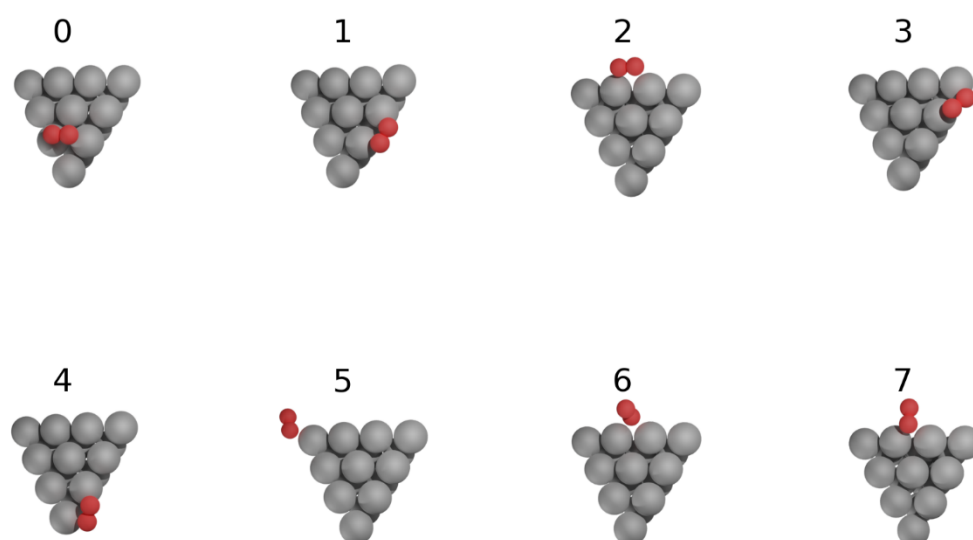


Figure S2: Evaluated structures for 2 co-adsorbed O atoms (a) and adsorbed O₂ molecule (b) on different sites of the Ag₂₀ particle. The corresponding adsorption energies are shown in Tables 2 and 3.

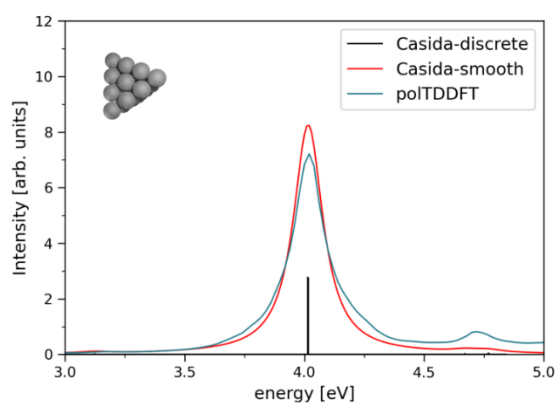
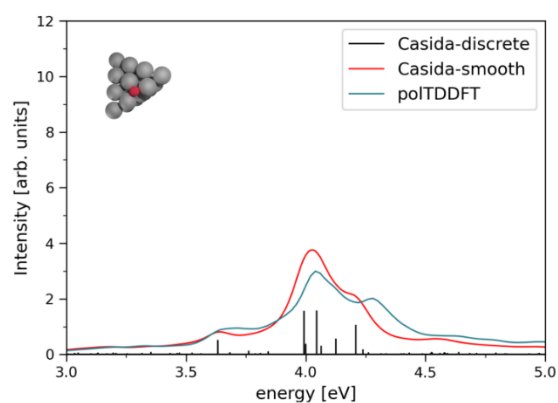
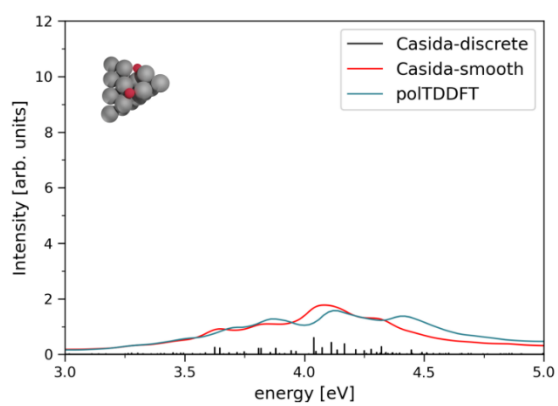
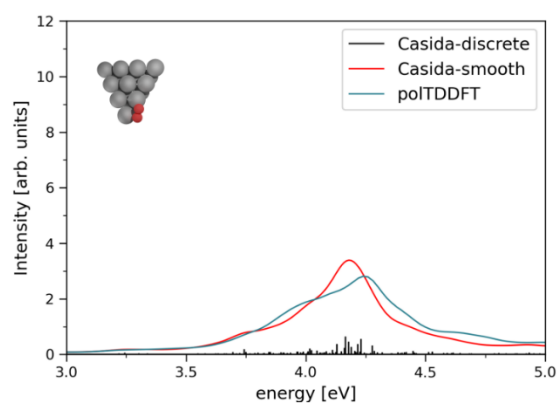
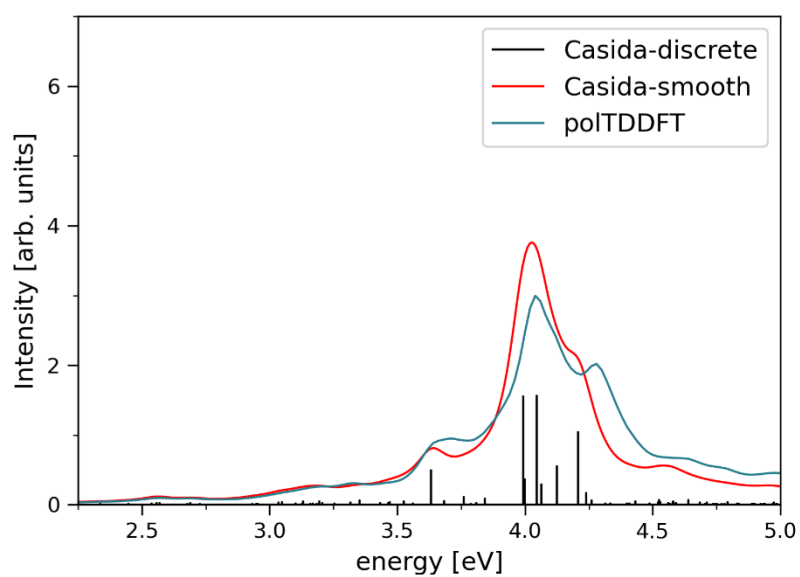
(a) Ag₂₀(b) O/Ag₂₀(c) 2O/Ag₂₀(d) [O₂/Ag₂₀]²⁺

Figure S3: Photoabsorption spectra calculated by means of both the Casida and polTDDFT approaches for (a) Ag₂₀, (b) O/Ag₂₀, (c) 2O/Ag₂₀, and (d) O₂/Ag₂₀. Casida-discrete (black vertical lines) correspond to the discrete values obtained by the Casida approach, and Casida-smooth (red lines) corresponds to the spectra resulting from these discrete values smoothened with Lorentzian functions.

(a) $[O/Ag_{20}]$



(b) $[O/Ag_{20}]^{2-}$

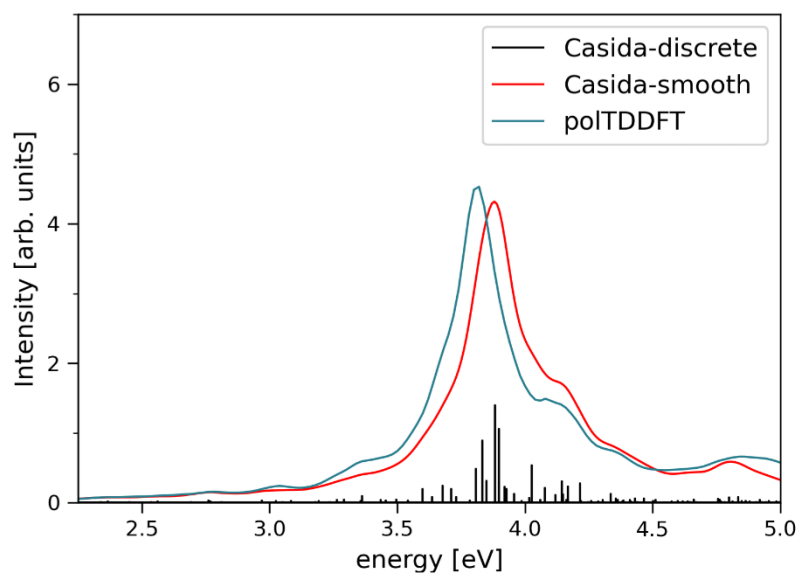


Figure S4: Photoabsorption spectra for the (a) neutral $[O/Ag_{20}]$ and (b) negatively charged $[O/Ag_{20}]^{2-}$ systems calculated with both the Casida and polTDDFT approaches. Casida-discrete (black vertical lines) correspond to the discrete values obtained by the Casida approach, and Casida-smooth (red lines) corresponds to the spectra resulting from these discrete values smoothed with Lorentzian functions.

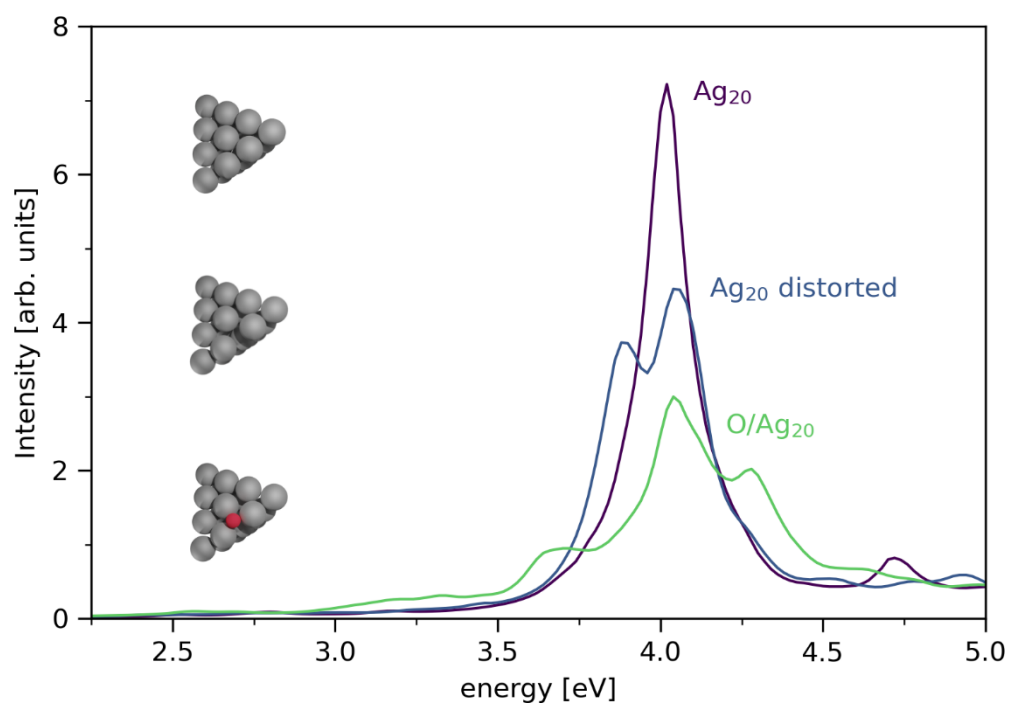


Figure S5: Photoabsorption spectra for the Ag₂₀, adsorbate-distorted Ag₂₀ and O/Ag₂₀ systems calculated with the polTDDFT approach.

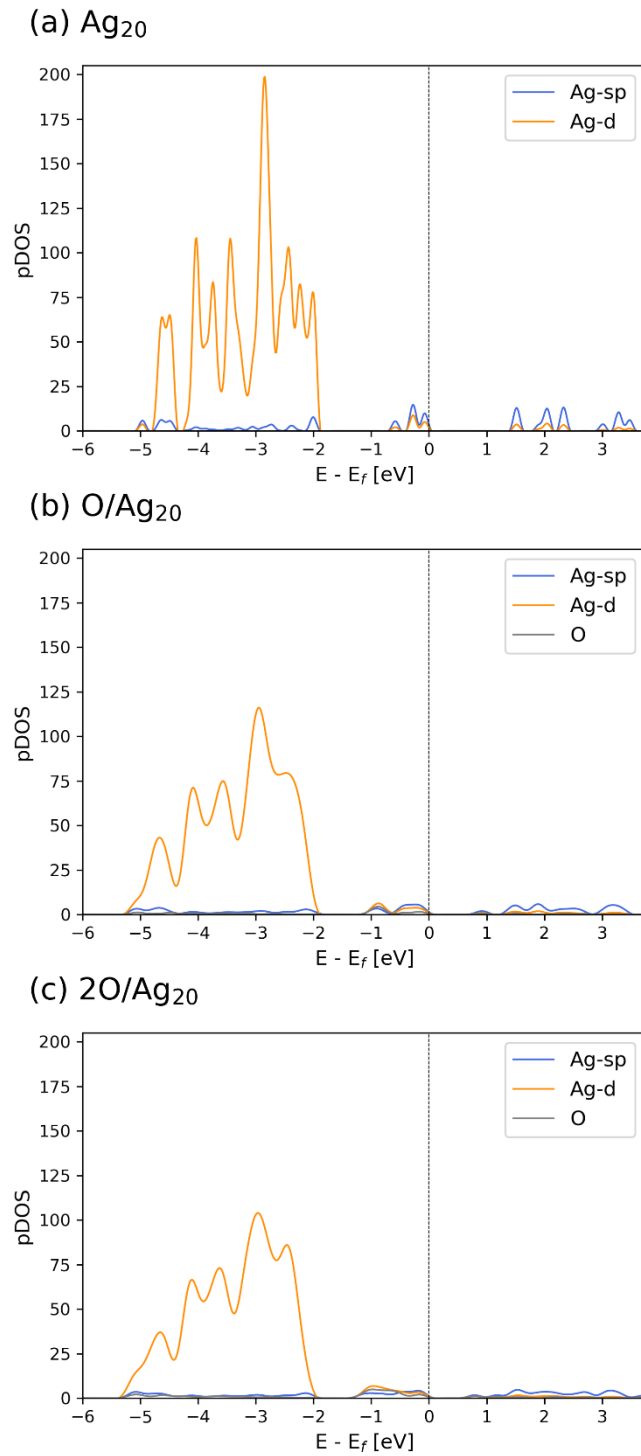


Figure S6: DOS projected on the sp or d states of the Ag_{20} (a), O/Ag_{20} (b), and $2\text{O}/\text{Ag}_{20}$ (c) systems illustrated in Figure 2a.

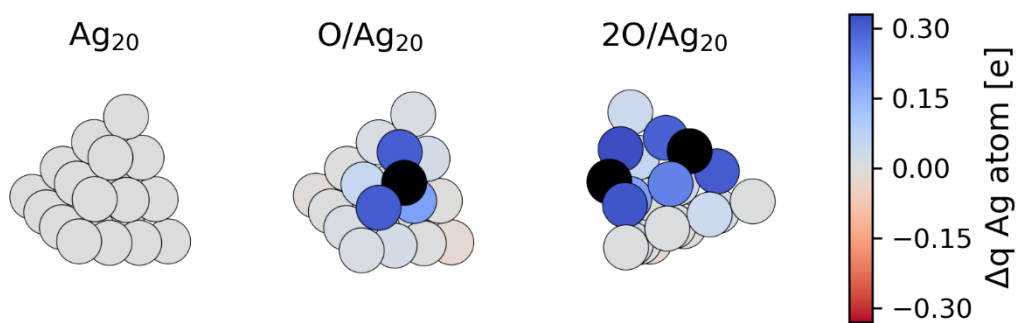


Figure S7: Bader charges of the Ag atoms in the Ag_{20} , O/Ag_{20} and $2\text{O}/\text{Ag}_{20}$ structures. The O atoms are coloured in black and have Bader charges of ~ -0.9 |e|.

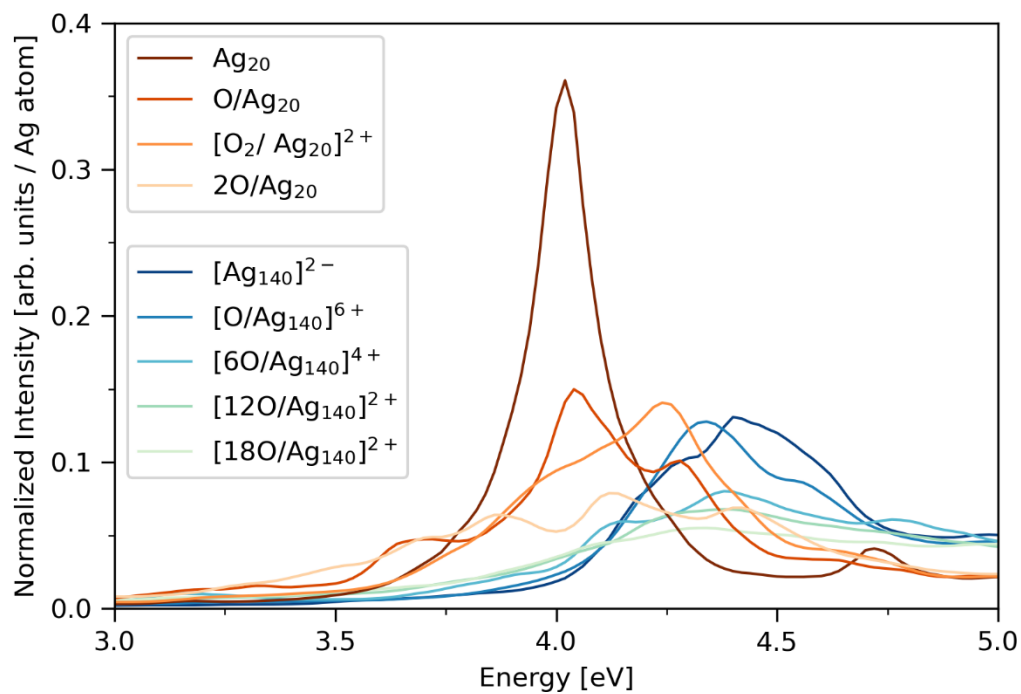


Figure S8: Photoabsorption spectra of Ag_{20} , O/Ag_{20} , $[\text{O}_2/\text{Ag}_{20}]^{2+}$, $2\text{O}/\text{Ag}_{20}$, $[\text{Ag}_{140}]^{2-}$, $[\text{O}/\text{Ag}_{140}]^{6+}$, $[\text{6O}/\text{Ag}_{140}]^{4+}$, $[\text{12O}/\text{Ag}_{140}]^{2+}$, and $[\text{18O}/\text{Ag}_{140}]^{2+}$ calculated with the polTDDFT method. Each spectrum has been normalized by the number of Ag atoms of the system.

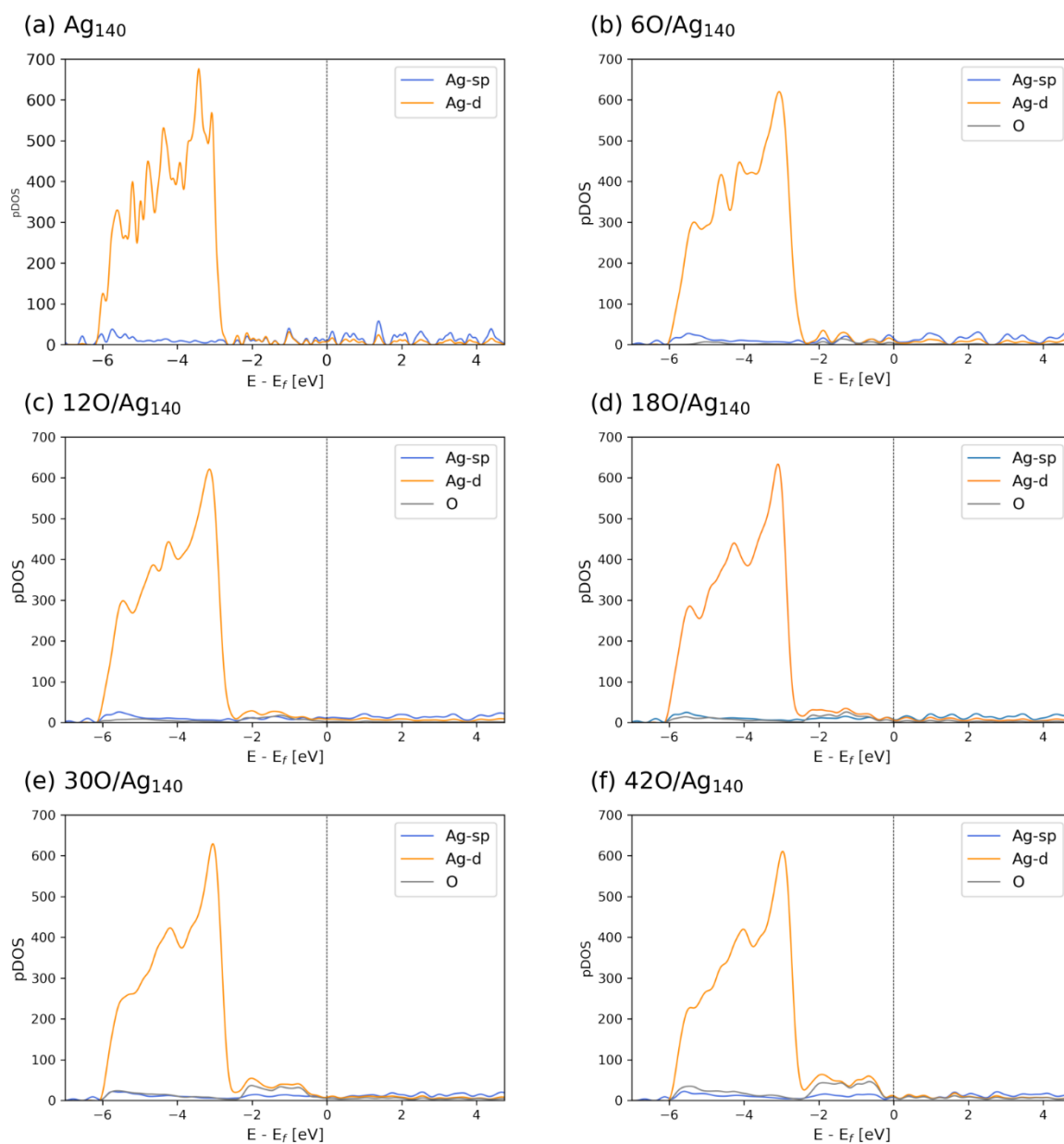


Figure S9: DOS projected on the *sp* or *d* states of Ag for the Ag₁₄₀ (a), 6O/Ag₁₄₀ (b), 12O/Ag₁₄₀ (c), 18O/Ag₁₄₀ (d), 30O/Ag₁₄₀ (e), and 42O/Ag₁₄₀ (f) systems illustrated in Figure 2b.

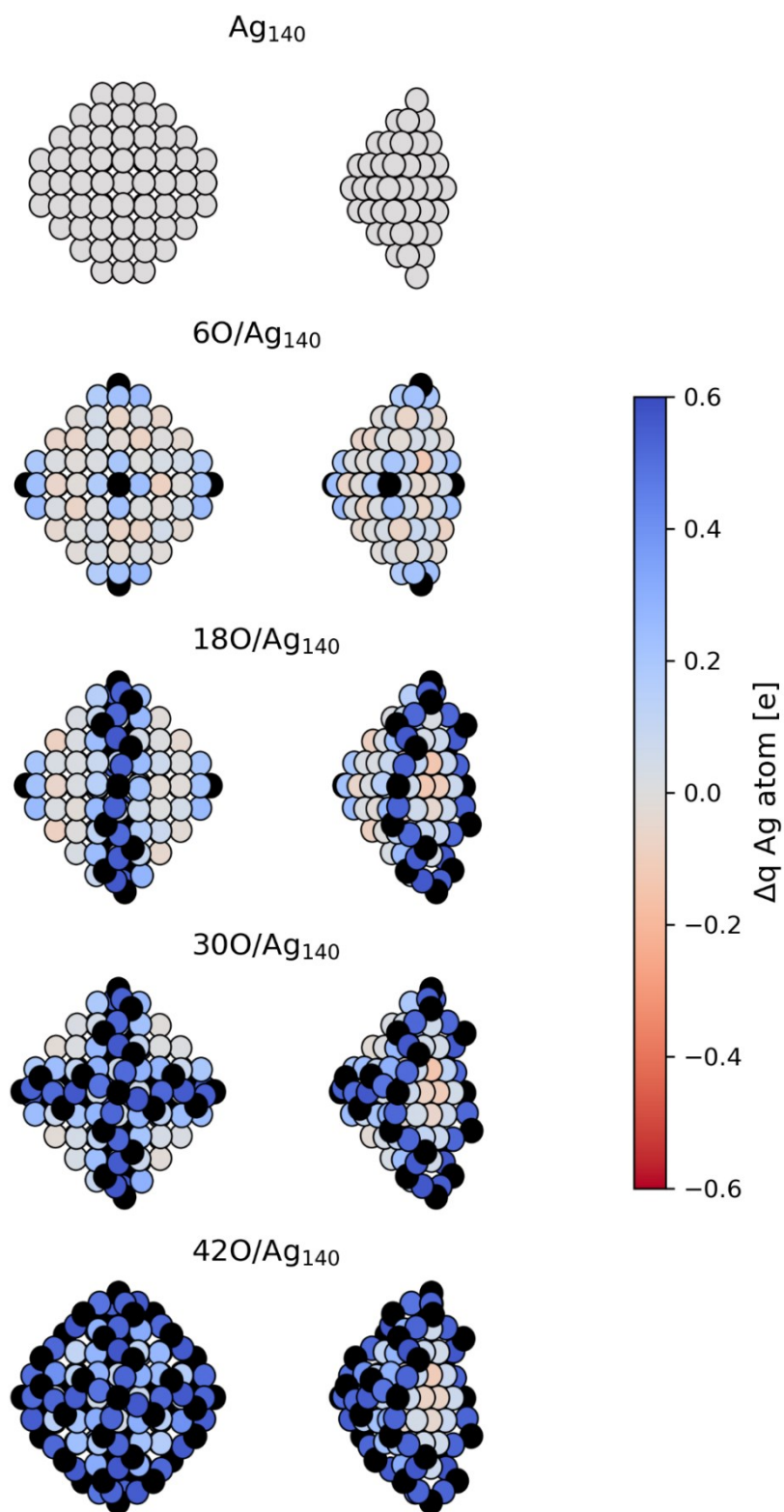


Figure S10: Bader charges of the Ag atoms in the Ag_{140} , $6\text{O}/\text{Ag}_{140}$, $18\text{O}/\text{Ag}_{140}$, $30\text{O}/\text{Ag}_{140}$, and $42\text{O}/\text{Ag}_{140}$ structures. The O atoms are coloured in black and have Bader charges of ~ -0.9 [e].