

## Supplementary Information

### Mechanistic Study of the Adsorption Capabilities of Heavy Metals on the Surface of Ferrihydrite : Batch sorption, modeling and Density Functional Theory

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The supporting information provides additional tables and figures showing: Applying the parameters of mono-systems to a multi-system (Fig. S1). The Eads and atomic configuration of Zn<sup>2+</sup> adsorption on different sites of Fh(103) surface (Fig. S2). The Eads and atomic configuration of Ni<sup>2+</sup> adsorption on different sites of Fh(103) surface (Fig. S3). The Bader charge of Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup> and O in all adsorbed models (Table S1). The bond lengths between the adsorbed ions and the Fh surface (Table S2).

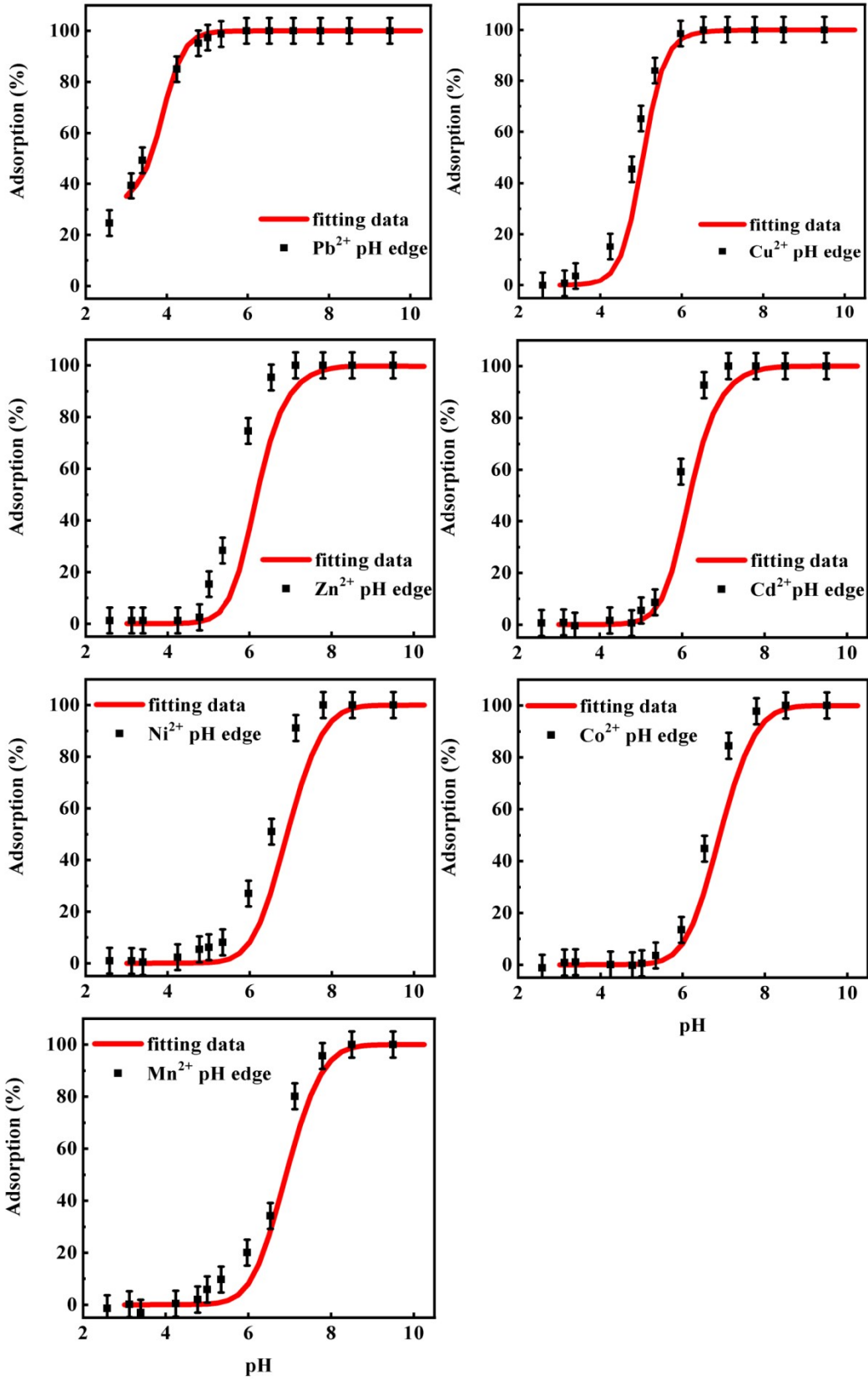
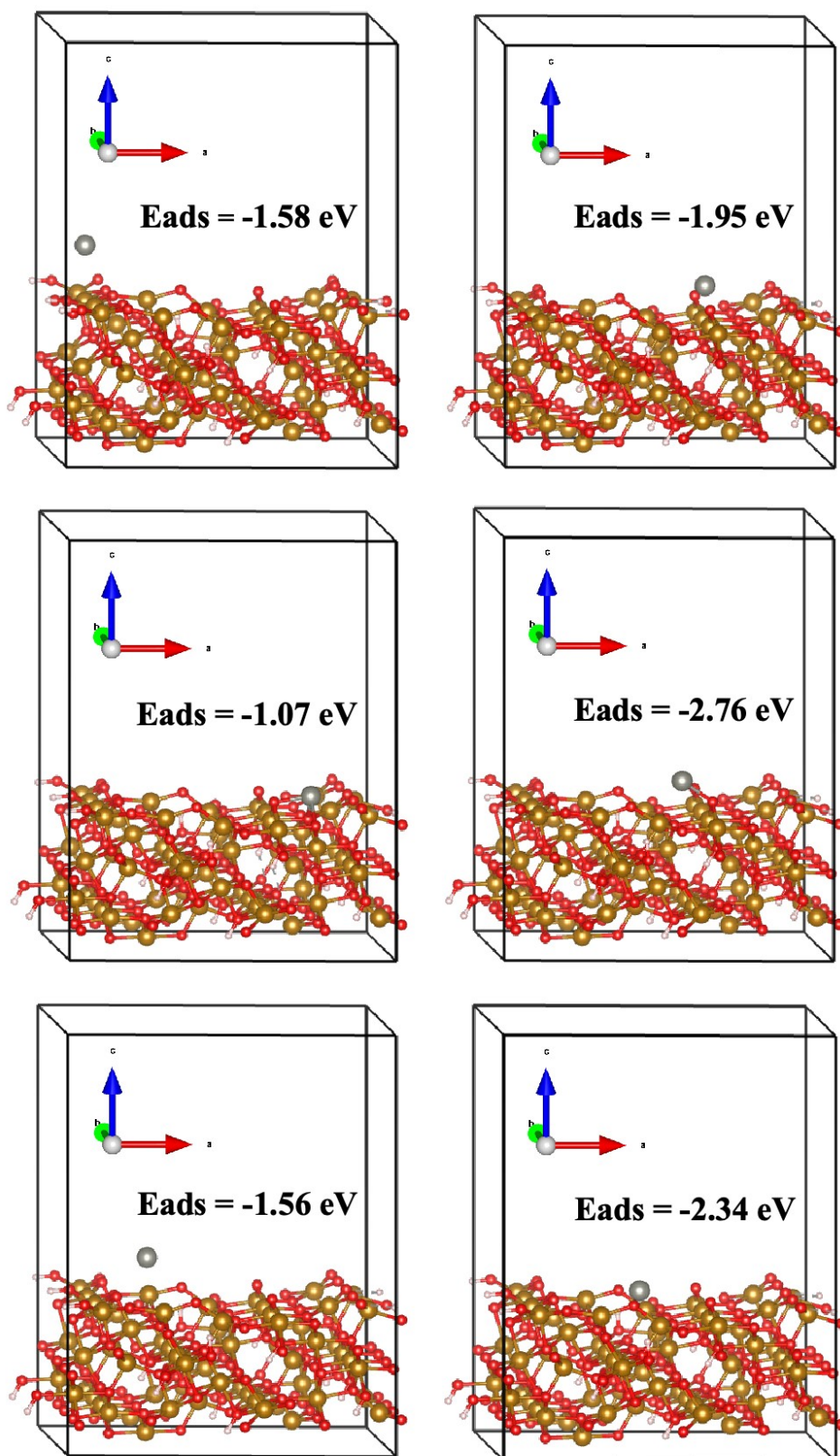
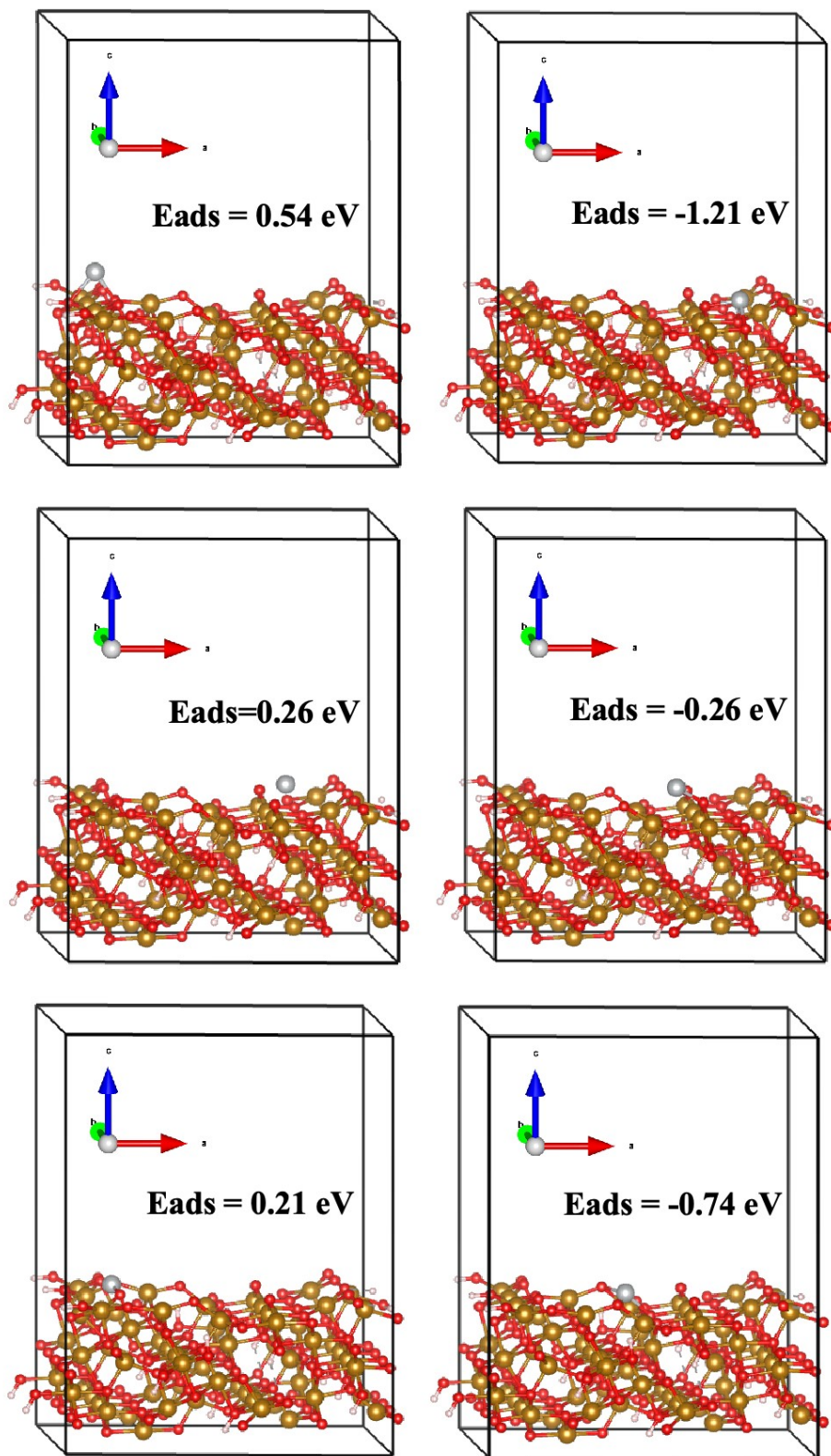


Fig. S1 Applying the parameters of mono-systems to a multi-system



**Fig. S2** The Eads and atomic configuration of  $Zn^{2+}$  adsorption on different sites of Fh(103) surface



**Fig. S3** The Eads and atomic configuration of Ni<sup>2+</sup> adsorption on different sites of Fh(103) surface

Table S1 The Bader charge of Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup> and O in all adsorbed models

	O	Pb	Zn	Ni
Fh(103)-Pb	-0.94	0.94		
Fh(103)-Zn	-0.72		0.72	
Fh(103)-Ni	-0.63			0.63

Table S2 The bond lengths between the adsorbed ions and the Fh surface.

Adsorbed Ion	Bond Length(Å)
Pb-O	2.45 ± 0.08
Zn-O	2.73 ± 0.06
Ni-O	2.92 ± 0.05