

Table S1. Calculation details and the surface energy of pristine low-index surfaces of calcium silicates.

Calcium Silicate Phase	Low-Index Surfaces	Slab Model Size			<i>n</i>	Brillouin Zone Mesh	Surface Energy (J/m ²)
		a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)			
$\beta\text{-C}_2\text{S}$	(100)	6.76	9.30	42.39	5	$3 \times 2 \times 1$	0.84
	(010)	9.30	5.53	42.23	4	$2 \times 4 \times 1$	0.96
	(001)	5.53	6.76	41.90	3	$4 \times 3 \times 1$	0.96
	(110)	9.30	8.73	42.54	6	$2 \times 2 \times 1$	1.14
	(101)	11.23	6.76	41.67	6	$2 \times 3 \times 1$	0.98
	(011)	5.53	11.50	41.98	5	$4 \times 2 \times 1$	1.00
	(111)	8.73	11.23	41.30	7	$3 \times 2 \times 1$	1.38
M3-C ₂ S	(100)	7.11	12.16	39.52	3	$4 \times 2 \times 1$	1.32
	(010)	11.53	9.28	43.28	4	$2 \times 3 \times 1$	1.00
	(001)	9.28	7.11	47.33	3	$3 \times 4 \times 1$	0.95
	(110)	12.16	11.69	43.81	5	$2 \times 2 \times 1$	1.02
	(101)	18.30	7.11	44.32	5	$2 \times 4 \times 1$	1.35
	(011)	13.55	9.28	44.59	5	$2 \times 3 \times 1$	1.30
	(111)	11.69	14.09	40.98	6	$2 \times 2 \times 1$	1.08

Note: *n* is the number of formula units contained in the slab model, surface energy is calculated using surface energy = $(E_s - n \times E_B) / (2 \times A)$, where E_s is the total energy of the slab model, E_B is the total energy per formula unit of the bulk structure, and A is the surface area of the slab.

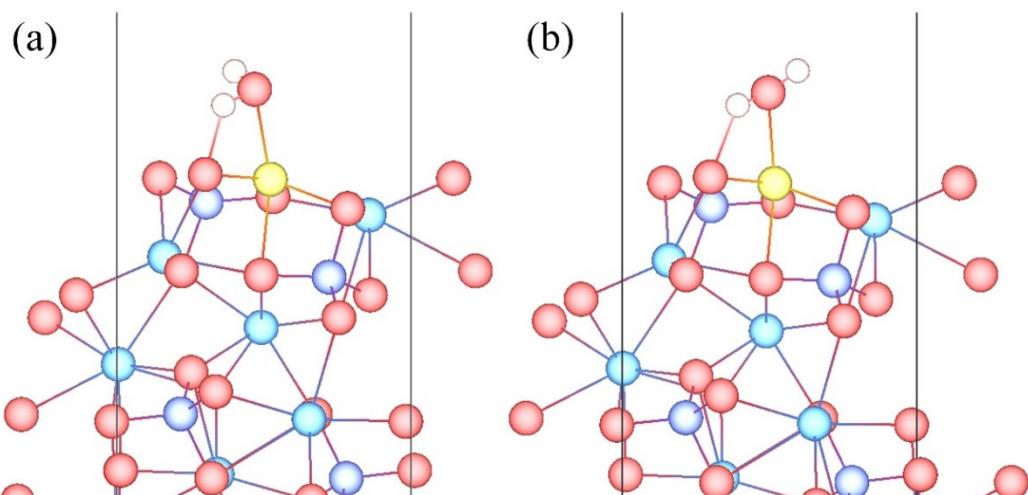


Figure S1. Water adsorption configuration on $\beta\text{-C}_2\text{S}$ (001) surface: (a) -0.994 eV, and (b) -0.915 eV. Please refer to Figure 1 for the atom type.