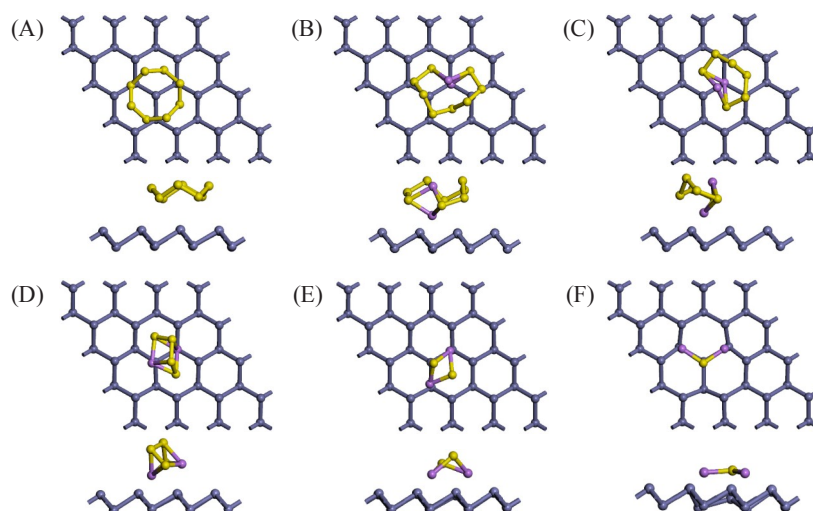
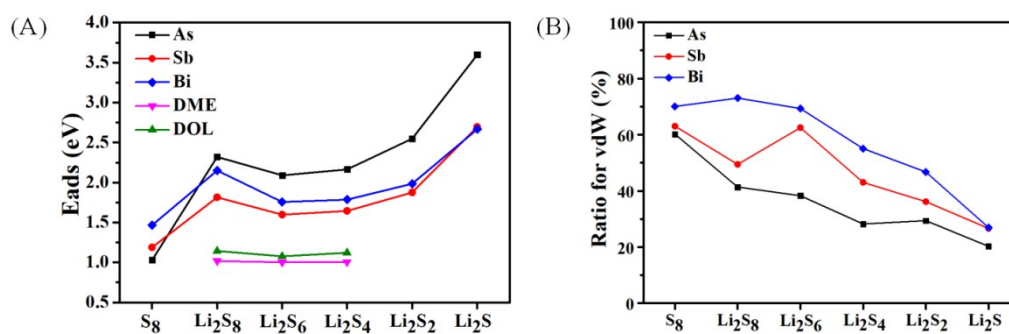


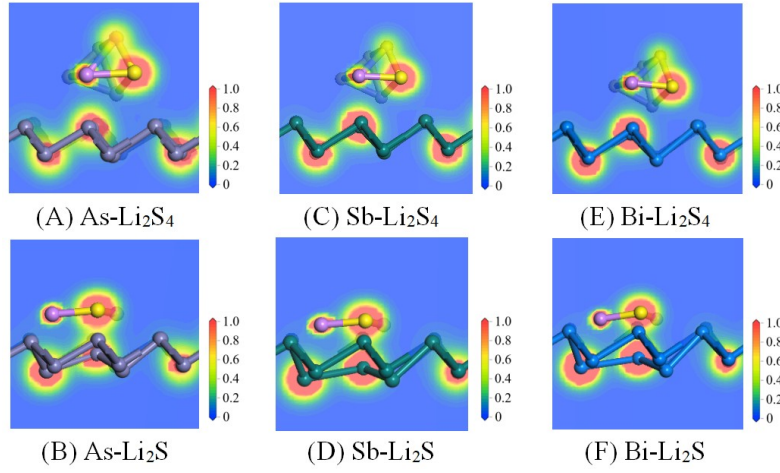
**FIGURE 1** (A) Optimized structures of polysulfides at various lithiation stages. (B) Optimized structures of As, Sb and Bi monolayers, both top view (up) and side view (down) are shown.



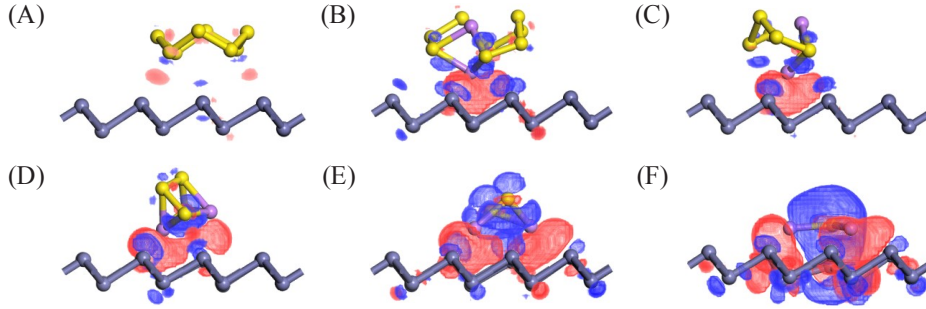
**FIGURE 2** The most stable adsorption configurations of (A)  $S_8$  and (B)~(F)  $Li_2S_n$  ( $n = 8, 6, 4, 2, 1$ ) on As monolayer, both top view (up) and side view (down) are shown.



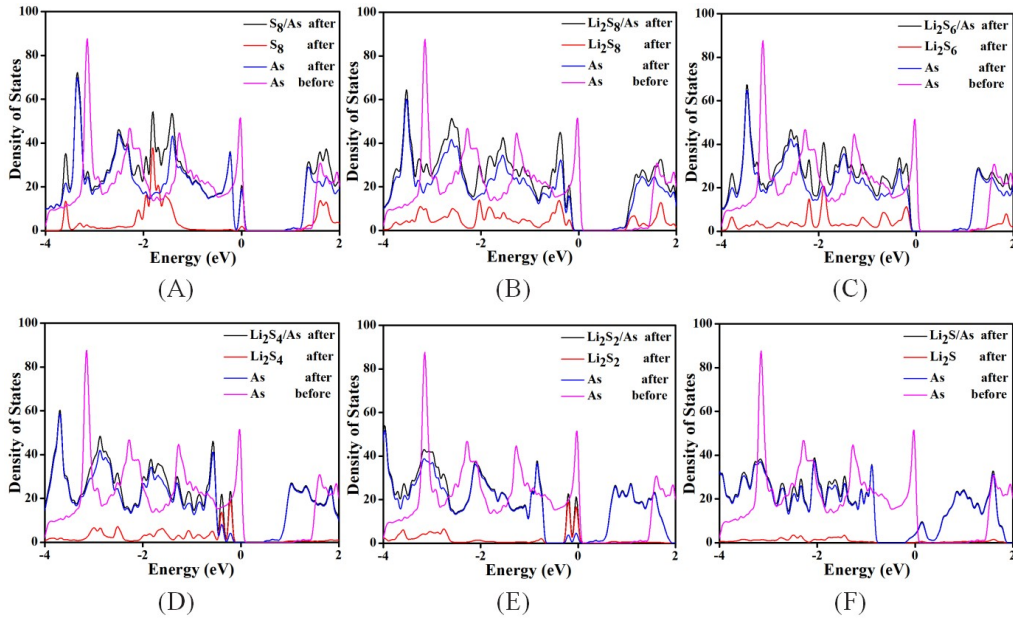
**FIGURE 3** (A) Adsorption energies of polysulfides on As, Sb and Bi monolayers. Interaction between polysulfides and DME or DOL were listed for comparison. (B) Ratio for vdW interaction of As, Sb and Bi monolayers at different lithiation stages.



**FIGURE 4** Electron density of  $\text{Li}_2\text{S}_4$  and  $\text{Li}_2\text{S}$  on three anchoring materials.

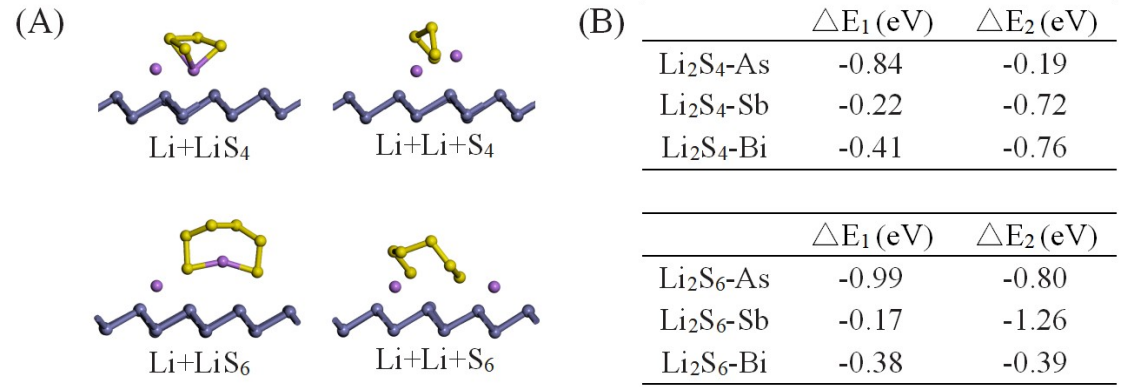


**FIGURE 5** Electron density difference of (A)  $\text{S}_8$  and (B)~(F)  $\text{Li}_2\text{S}_n$  ( $n = 8, 6, 4, 2, 1$ ) on As monolayer.



**FIGURE 6** DOS of (A)  $\text{S}_8$  and (B)~(F)  $\text{Li}_2\text{S}_n$  ( $n = 8, 6, 4, 2, 1$ ) adsorbed on As monolayer. For comparison, the DOS of isolated As monolayer before adsorption are

presented.



**FIGURE 7** (A) Atomic configurations for Li + LiS<sub>n</sub> and Li + Li + S<sub>n</sub> (n = 4, 6) adsorbed on As monolayer. (B) Energy differences between intact and decomposed configurations adsorbed on different anchoring materials.