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When calculating the surface free energy of Ag(100), we used an incorrect supercell free-face area of $\sqrt{3}a^2/4$, which is actually that of a Ag(111) supercell. The supercell free-face area of Ag(100) should be $a^2/2$, and thus the values of the vertical axis of Fig. 8(b) should be multiplied by a factor of $\sqrt{3}/2$. The surface free energy of Ag(100) after this correction will be consistent with the inset of Fig. 5 in Ref. 1.

There is a similar correction for Fig. 9(b). When calculating the surface free energy of Mg(0001), we used an incorrect supercell free-face area of $\sqrt{3}a^2/4$. The supercell free-face area of Mg(0001) should be $\sqrt{3}a^2/2$, and thus the values of the vertical axis of Fig. 9(b) should be multiplied by a factor of 1/2.

Please note that these corrections do not alter our discussion and conclusions.

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