



## Infrared, visible and ultraviolet absorptions of transition metal doped ZnS crystals with spin-polarized bands

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### ABSTRACT

The formation energies, electronic structures and optical properties of *TM*:ZnS systems (*TM*=Cr<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup> and Ni<sup>2+</sup>) are investigated by using the first principles method. It is found that the wurtzite and zinc-blende structures have about the same stability, and thus can coexist in the *TM*:ZnS system. From the wurtzite *TM*:ZnS, especially, a partially filled intermediate band (IB) is obtained at *TM*=Cr<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>2+</sup>, while it is absent at *TM*=Mn<sup>2+</sup> and Co<sup>2+</sup>. The additional absorptions are obtained in infrared, visible and ultraviolet (UV) regions, due to the completely spin-polarized IB at Fermi level. The results are very helpful for both the designs and applications of *TM*:ZnS opto-electronics devices, such as solar-cell prototype.

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### 1. Introduction

Zinc sulfide (ZnS) is an important II–VI semiconductor material of high optical quality, which has been used in opto-electronics devices, such as ultraviolet light-emitting diodes and injection lasers [1], flat panel displays [2] and infrared (IR) optical windows [3]. In the area of optics, it can be used as a reflector with high refractive index (2.35) and dielectric filter with high transmittance in the visible range [4,5]. Some new applications have also been found in photocatalysis [6] as a promising triboluminescent material [7,8]. For its potential applications, therefore, ZnS has attracted tremendous attention.

For pure ZnS crystal, the wurtzite structure of hexagon can be formed at high temperature [9], while it is less stable than zinc-blende of cubic lattice structure at room temperature. The wurtzite ZnS had been studied well both theoretically and experimentally. From the first-principles calculations, its electronic, optical and structural properties were well characterized [10]. Experimentally, Tran et al. [11] measured the photoluminescence properties of ZnS epilayers, from which bright band edge emission, including free exciton feature, was observed. For device development, importantly, dopants and impurities in ZnS can play an influential role in determining its electronic and optical properties.

Stern et al. [12] had theoretically studied the transition metals (*TM*) doped ZnS systems (*TM*:ZnS) with zinc blend structures by

first principles. It is shown that for *TM*=Cr, Fe and Ni, the *TM*:ZnS systems can be half metallic, ferromagnetic, and 100% spin polarized from the densities of states (DOS) at Fermi energy,  $E_F$ . In such *TM*:ZnS systems, there exists Jahn–Teller effect on its optical transitions. By introducing a vibronic coupling to the Hamiltonian, Bevilacqua et al. [13] theoretically investigated Jahn–Teller effect on the emission and absorption spectra of Cr<sup>2+</sup>:ZnS with the zinc-blende structure. It was shown that transitions happen between a <sup>5</sup>T<sub>2</sub> ground multiplet and an excited <sup>5</sup>E multiplet in the near infrared region. Recently, more attention has been devoted to a laser material of Cr<sup>2+</sup>:ZnS, which exhibits excellent lasing and optical properties in the mid-IR spectral region. Sorokina et al. [14] reported a room-temperature Cr<sup>2+</sup>:ZnS laser with a continuously tunable waves of over 700 nm. By incorporating Mn<sup>2+</sup> into ZnS, a wurtzite structure of Mn:ZnS system had also been obtained by Keller et al. [15], of which the absorption spectrum, *g* value and hyperfine splitting had been measured, showing an anisotropic behavior. Furthermore, the Cr:ZnS samples had been grown by both the physical vapor transport (PVT) method [16] and the chemical vapor transport method (CVT) [17], from which the mixed-polytype structures were observed. Such a structure demonstrates birefringence well. As one of the most structurally rich chalcogenide compounds, in fact, the mixed-polytype structures are common for *TM*:ZnS [18]. However, its formation mechanism is still unclear. Due to the limit computation capability, especially, the calculations of the mixed-polytype structures are very difficult. Even for the simple structures of both wurtzite and zinc-blende, their relative stabilities are not explored yet on the *TM*:ZnS systems. Therefore, the stability studies

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of  $TM:ZnS$  systems can contribute to the understanding of the mixed-polytype structures.

From the  $Cr:ZnS$  sample of zinc-blende structure, on the other hand, an intermediate band (IB) is found to be located between valence (VB) and conduction bands (CB) [19]. For a partially filled IB, it permits electrons transition from VB to IB and then to CB. This can lead to more efficient photons absorption of the solar-cell prototype than those by Shockley limit [20,21]. It is an interesting problem whether there exist IBs in other  $TM:ZnS$  systems at  $TM=Mn, Fe, Co$  and  $Ni$ , whether it is wurtzite or zinc-blende structure. For such  $TM:ZnS$  systems, the IB effect is far from clearly understood on the electrons transitions, and thus on their optical properties, which should be explored for the new high efficiency solar-cell prototype.

In this paper, we present a detailed investigation on the formation energies, electronic structures and optical properties of  $TM:ZnS$  systems ( $TM=Cr^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Co^{2+}$  and  $Ni^{2+}$ ). In the presence of  $TM$ -doping, it is found that the stabilities of wurtzite structures of  $TM:ZnS$  systems are comparable to their zinc-blende structures, while the wurtzite structure of pure  $ZnS$  crystal is less stable than its zinc-blende structure. At  $TM=Cr^{2+}, Fe^{2+}$  and  $Ni^{2+}$ , a partially filled IB is found to be located between VB and CB, mainly due to the complete spin polarization of electrons at  $E_F$ , which is the appropriate characteristics of the new high efficiency solar-cell prototype. The absorption coefficients are then obtained, modulated remarkably by  $TM$ -doping, which are in good agreement with experiments. The results may be helpful for the design and application of the  $TM:ZnS$  opto-electronics devices.

## 2. Computational details

The formation energies of  $TM:ZnS$  are calculated using the VASP [22] code, and the electronic and optical properties of  $TM:ZnS$  are explored using the CASTEP code [23,24]. For both VASP and CASTEP, the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) of Perdew–Burke–Ernzerhof [25] (PBE) is chosen for parametrizing the exchange–correlation function. Kohn–Sham one-electron states are expanded in a plane wave basis set up to 350 eV. Brillouin zone integration is approximated by a sum over special k-points chosen using Monkhorst–Pack scheme [26], according to k-point spacing of  $0.04 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  in all lattice directions. Due to  $TM$ -doping, spin polarization is considered in the calculations. For the VASP code, the calculations are performed with the PAW pseudopotentials [22]. At the end of the structural optimizations process, the residual Hellman–Feynman forces on the atoms are lower than  $0.01 \text{ eV \AA}^{-1}$ . For CASTEP, the Ultrasoft pseudopotentials [27] are applied for all atoms when optimizing crystal geometries. Optimal atomic positions are determined until the magnitude of the forces acting on all atoms becomes  $< 0.1 \text{ eV \AA}^{-1}$ . By this criterion, the geometry is optimized within  $0.005 \text{ \AA}$ , leading to a convergence of the total energy within  $0.05 \text{ meV}$ . All the electronic structures and the optical properties are calculated upon the optimized geometries.

It is known that the dielectric function is mainly connected with the electronic response. The imaginary part  $\varepsilon_2(\omega)$  of the dielectric function  $\varepsilon(\omega)$  is calculated from the momentum matrix elements between the occupied and unoccupied wave functions, given by

$$\varepsilon_2 = \frac{ve^2}{2\pi\hbar m^2 \omega^2} \int d^3\mathbf{k} \sum_{n, n'} |\langle \mathbf{k}n | \mathbf{p} | \mathbf{k}n' \rangle|^2 f(\mathbf{k}n)(1-f(\mathbf{k}n')) \delta(E_{\mathbf{k}n} - E_{\mathbf{k}n'} - \hbar\omega) \quad (1)$$

where  $\hbar\omega$  is the energy of the incident photon,  $\mathbf{p}$  is the momentum operator ( $\hbar/i)(\partial/\partial\mathbf{x})$ ,  $(|\mathbf{k}n\rangle)$  is a crystal wave function and  $f(\mathbf{k}n)$  is Fermi function. The real part  $\varepsilon_1(\omega)$  of  $\varepsilon(\omega)$  is evaluated from the imaginary part  $\varepsilon_2(\omega)$  by Kramer–Kronig transformation. The absorption coefficient  $I(\omega)$  can be derived from  $\varepsilon_1(\omega)$  and  $\varepsilon_2(\omega)$

as follows [28]:

$$I(\omega) = \sqrt{2}\omega \left[ \sqrt{\varepsilon_1^2(\omega) + \varepsilon_2^2(\omega)} - \varepsilon_1(\omega) \right]^{1/2}, \quad (2)$$

which depends on  $\varepsilon_1(\omega)$  and  $\varepsilon_2(\omega)$ , and thus on the energy. All other optical constants can also be obtained. Now, we can explore the optical properties of the  $ZnS$  and  $TM:ZnS$  systems.

## 3. Results and discussion

### 3.1. Formation energies

As a typical example, we create the supercell of wurtzite  $ZnS$  crystal, and then optimize its geometry. After optimizing the geometry, the system is on the ground state. The calculated lattice constants of pure  $ZnS$  are obtained to be  $a=b=0.384$  and  $c=0.630$  nm, which are different from previous theoretical results [29] of  $a=b=0.334$  and  $c=0.543$  nm, but in good agreement with the experimental result of  $a=b=0.382$  and  $c=0.626$  nm [30]. The results show that the calculations should be effective and reasonable.

To explore the stability of  $TM:ZnS$  systems, we use both the hexagonal phase of wurtzite structure and the cubic phase of zinc-blende structures. For initial lattice constants of the  $ZnS$  crystal, they are chosen to be  $a=b=0.382$ ,  $c=0.626$  nm,  $\alpha=\beta=90^\circ$  and  $\gamma=120^\circ$  for the hexagonal phase [30] and  $a=b=c=0.5409$  nm,  $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$  for the cubic phase [31]. In both phases, each  $Zn$  atom has four nearest-neighbor  $S$  atoms, and vice versa. To model  $TM$ -doping, one can replace one  $Zn$  atom in  $ZnS$  supercell with  $TM$  atom. The formation energies ( $E_{form}$ ) for the doped systems are calculated by [32,33]

$$E_{(form)} = E_{(doped)} - [E_{(pure)} - E_{(Zn)} + E_{(TM)}] \quad (3)$$

where  $E_{(doped)}$  and  $E_{(pure)}$  are the total energies of the supercells with and without dopants, respectively.  $E_{(Zn)}$  and  $E_{(TM)}$  are the total energies of  $Zn$  and  $TM$  atoms in the ground state. For the wurtzite structures, here, we consider  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3 \times 2$  supercells of 32 and 72 atoms, denoted as  $w-TM_xZn_{1-x}S$  with  $x=0.0625$  and  $0.028$ , respectively. For the zinc-blende structures, we consider  $2 \times 2 \times 1$  and  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  supercells of 32 and 64 atoms, denoted as  $z-TM_xZn_{1-x}S$  with  $x=0.0625$  and  $0.03125$ , respectively.

Table 1 shows the formation energies of both  $w-TM_xZn_{1-x}S$  and  $z-TM_xZn_{1-x}S$ . Obviously, the formation energy of the  $Mn^{2+}:ZnS$  sample is the smallest in all the samples, whether it is the hexagonal phase or the cubic phase. Therefore, the  $Mn^{2+}:ZnS$  sample is more stable than other samples of  $TM=Cr^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Co^{2+}$  and  $Ni^{2+}$ . This can be due to the fact that the half-filled  $3d$  shell of  $Mn^{2+}$  acts as a complete shell [34,35], just as that in  $Zn^{2+}$ , which is different from other  $TM$  ions. For the same doping proportion ( $x=0.0625$ ), especially, it is seen that both the wurtzite and zinc-blende structures of  $TM:ZnS$  have about the same formation energies. Different from the pure  $ZnS$  crystal, its zinc-blende structure is more stable than its wurtzite structure. Therefore, it is shown that the two structures of  $TM:ZnS$  have about the same stability, which may coexist in the  $TM:ZnS$  systems. This provides an explanation for the experimental observation of a mixed-polytype structure from a

**Table 1**  
Formation energies of  $w-TM_xZn_{1-x}S$  and  $z-TM_xZn_{1-x}S$  (in units of eV).

Doped $TM$ atoms	$w-TM_xZn_{1-x}S$		$z-TM_xZn_{1-x}S$	
	$x=0.0625$	$x=0.028$	$x=0.0625$	$x=0.03125$
Cr	−5.42	−5.33	−5.34	−5.31
Mn	−6.17	−6.17	−6.17	−6.18
Fe	−2.39	−2.30	−2.31	−2.30
Co	−1.31	−1.32	−1.36	−1.36
Ni	−4.72	−4.69	−4.74	−4.70

$\text{Cr}^{2+}:\text{ZnS}$  sample [16]. In  $\text{TM}:\text{ZnS}$  of  $\text{TM}=\text{Cr}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ , in addition, the formation energies of both  $w$ - and  $z$ - $\text{TM}_x\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{S}$  samples have a little increase with the doping proportion, while it is almost unchanged at  $\text{TM}=\text{Mn}^{2+}$ . This shows that the stability of the samples depends somewhat on the dopants and the doping proportion.

### 3.2. Electronic structures

For pure wurtzite ZnS, the obtained energy band is consistent with the previous result [10]. And a direct band gap of 2.17 eV is observed at the G point, smaller than 3.77 eV of the experimental result [36]. This is since the GGA theory generally underestimates the band gaps of insulators and semiconductors, due to the discontinuity of exchange–correlation energy [37]. Therefore, a scissors operator is introduced to shift all the conduction levels to agree with the measured value of the band gap [38–40]. In the present work, the scissors operator applied is 1.60 eV for pure ZnS and other semiconductor samples, accounting for the difference between the experimental band gap (3.77 eV) and the calculated band gap (2.17 eV). For the electronic and optical properties, we focus on the wurtzite structure of  $\text{TM}:\text{ZnS}$  systems. For the  $w$ - $\text{TM}_x\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{S}$  samples at  $x=0.028$ , we calculated its electronic structures for the various positions of  $\text{TM}$  dopant atoms. It is shown that the dopant positions have little influence on the band structures and DOS. In our calculations, one Zn atom bonding with four S atoms is chosen to be replaced. There are four isovalent positions for the replaced Zn atom in a supercell, of which the Zn atom at (0.44, 0.56 and 0.50) position is replaced by the  $\text{TM}$  atom.

Fig. 1 shows the total and partial DOS of  $\text{TM}_x\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{S}$  at  $x=0.028$  between  $-3$  and  $4$  eV for  $\text{TM}=\text{Cr}$  (a), Mn (b), Fe (c), Co (d) and Ni (e). Solid, dotted and dashed lines represent the total DOS, the quintuplicate of  $\text{TM}$ -3d states and S-2p states. From Fig. 1, obviously, S-2p and  $\text{TM}$ -3d states are interdependent for all  $\text{TM}:\text{ZnS}$  systems, showing a covalent interaction existing between the S and  $\text{TM}$  atoms. In Fig. 1(a) of  $\text{Cr}^{2+}:\text{ZnS}$ , there are two main peaks of spin-up states, one locates at  $-0.79$  eV and the other is at about  $E_F$  ( $-0.05$  eV). The results are similar to the previous work of its zinc-blende structure [41]. For  $\text{Mn}^{2+}:\text{ZnS}$  in Fig. 1(b), only one main peak of spin-up states is observed from the  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ -3d state at  $-0.53$  eV, but two main peaks of spin-down states are at 1.81 and 2.11 eV. Similar results can be observed from  $\text{Co}^{2+}:\text{ZnS}$  in Fig. 1(d), where two main peaks of spin-down states are observed from  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ -3d state at  $-0.29$  and 0.71 eV. Therefore, it is shown that both  $\text{Mn}^{2+}:\text{ZnS}$  and  $\text{Co}^{2+}:\text{ZnS}$  are semiconductors and their spin polarization hardly happens at an  $E_F$ . In Fig. 1(c), interestingly, no main peak of spin-up states appears at about  $E_F$ , while there are two main peaks of spin-down states in  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -3d state, one at about  $E_F$  ( $-0.01$  eV) and the other at 0.91 eV. Similar result is obtained from  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ -3d state in Fig. 1(e), where two main peaks of spin-down states are observed, one is at about  $E_F$  (0.13 eV) and the other is at  $-0.68$  eV. As a result, the spin polarization  $P(E_F)$  at  $E_F$  are obtained to be 100%,  $-100\%$  and  $-100\%$  at  $\text{TM}=\text{Cr}$ , Fe and Ni, while  $P(E_F)=0$  at  $\text{TM}=\text{Mn}$  and Co. For  $\text{TM}=\text{Cr}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ , therefore, an isolated IB of 100% spin polarization appears at about  $E_F$ , located at between VB and CB. Thus, there exists a semiconductor-semimetal transition, just by doping of  $\text{Cr}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ . The partially filled IB in those  $\text{TM}:\text{ZnS}$  systems permits electrons transition from VB to IB and then to CB, and thus leads to a more efficient photons absorption. The results indicate the potential applications of the  $\text{TM}:\text{ZnS}$  opto-electronics devices such as the new high efficiency solar-cell prototype.

### 3.3. Optical properties

In Fig. 2, we further show the absorption coefficients along the  $[1\ 0\ 0]$  direction for  $\text{TM}_x\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{S}$  crystals at  $x=0.028$ . For a comparison, the absorption coefficient is also calculated for pure ZnS

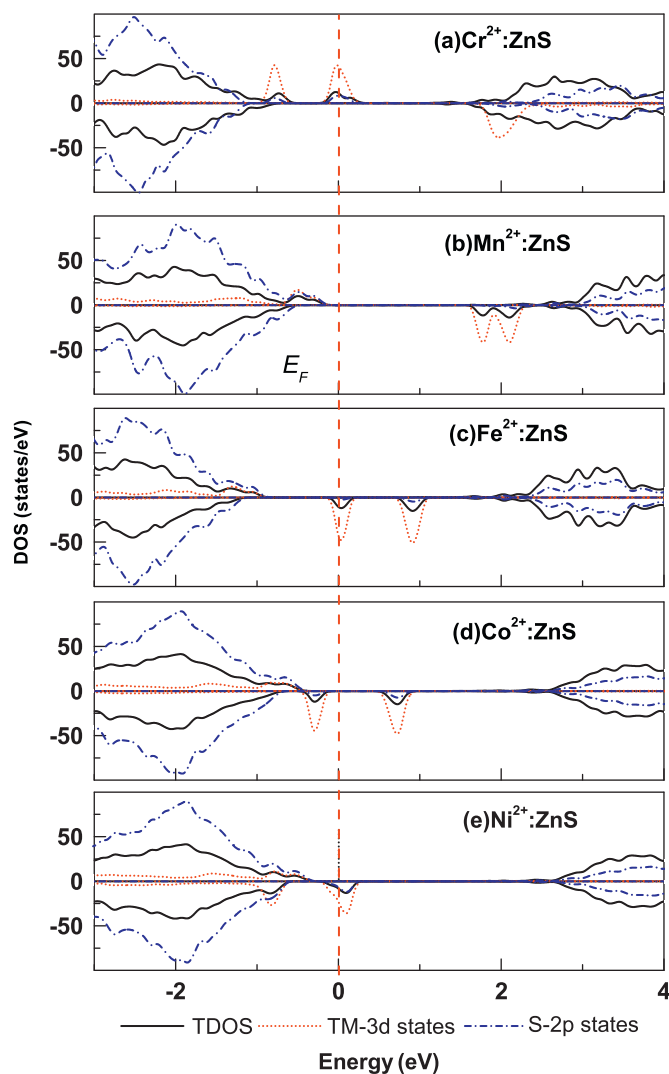


Fig. 1. DOS of  $\text{TM}:\text{ZnS}$  ( $\text{TM}=\text{Cr}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ); solid, dotted, dash-dotted lines represent the total DOS, the quintuplicate of  $\text{TM}$ -3d and S-2p states. Fermi level is indicated by a dash line.

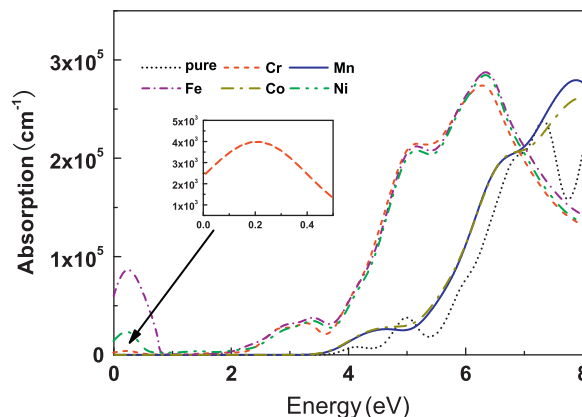


Fig. 2. Absorption coefficients of  $\text{TM}:\text{ZnS}$  crystals ( $\text{TM}=\text{Cr}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ).

( $x=0$ ), in which there exists one main peak (at 7.32 eV) and one shoulder peak (at 5.01 eV). The absorption edge is obtained at about 3.63 eV, in agreement with the experimental value of 3.77 eV [36]. In case of  $\text{TM}:\text{ZnS}$  ( $\text{TM}=\text{Cr}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ), a red shift is

observed for the absorption peak, which is different from pure ZnS. Except for the main peak at about 6.34 eV, three additional peaks appear at 0.22, 3.58 and 3.67 eV. The additional peak at about 0.22 eV is related to the IB of  $TM:ZnS$  ( $TM=Cr^{2+}, Fe^{2+}$  and  $Ni^{2+}$ ). The peak values depend on the  $TM$ -doping, the biggest in an  $Fe:ZnS$ , next in an  $Ni:ZnS$ , and the lowest in  $Cr^{2+}:ZnS$ . In the visible region between 2.0 to 3.5 eV, especially, there appears a distinct additional absorption peak, due to the interband transition between  $TM-3d$  and  $S-2p$  conduction bands. Compared with pure ZnS, moreover the absorption coefficients of  $TM:ZnS$  systems are obviously increased, which are mainly ascribed to the  $TM-3d$  impurity states. Due to the intensive visible absorption, therefore,  $TM$ -doping may become a very important factor influencing the photocatalytic activity of ZnS, which would also make ZnS a potential candidate for solar-cell prototype. In addition, the UV absorption is enhanced in  $TM:ZnS$  systems, which could be applied in short-wavelength optoelectronic devices, such as UV detector and UV lightemitting diodes (LEDs). For  $TM=Mn^{2+}$  and  $Co^{2+}$ , the main peak appears at about 7.9 eV, two shoulder peaks at about 4.96 and 7.34 eV. The results show that the absorption coefficient can be remarkably modulated by  $TM$ -doping, indicating the potential applications of the  $TM:ZnS$  optical systems.

#### 4. Conclusion

In the paper, the electronic structures and optical properties of  $TM:ZnS$  ( $TM=Cr^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Co^{2+}$  and  $Ni^{2+}$ ) systems are studied by using the first principles method. It is found that the wurtzite and zinc-blende structures of a  $TM:ZnS$  system have about the same stability, while the wurtzite structure of pure ZnS is less stable than its zinc-blende one. Thus, the two structures can coexist in the system, which provides an explanation for the experimental observation of a mixed-polytype structure in  $Cr^{2+}:ZnS$ . Also, a partially filled IB is obtained between  $TM-3d$  and the conduction bands from the wurtzite  $TM:ZnS$  of  $TM=Cr^{2+}, Ni^{2+}$  and  $Fe^{2+}$ , while it is absent in  $Mn:ZnS$  and  $Co:ZnS$ . The IB electrons at Fermi level is completely spin-polarized, and thus leads to an additional absorption in the visible region. In addition, the absorption coefficients of  $TM:ZnS$  systems are calculated, from which an obvious red shift is observed. The results may be helpful for the design and applications of  $TM:ZnS$  devices, especially for the new high efficiency solar-cell prototype, UV detector and UV LEDs.

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