

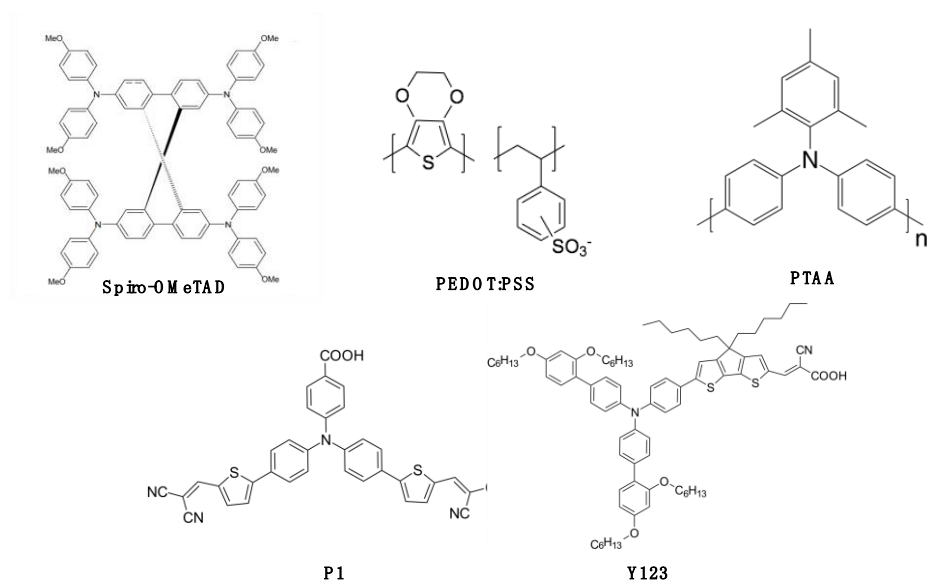
# Supporting Information to

## First principles study of Cu-based inorganic hole transport materials for application in solar cells

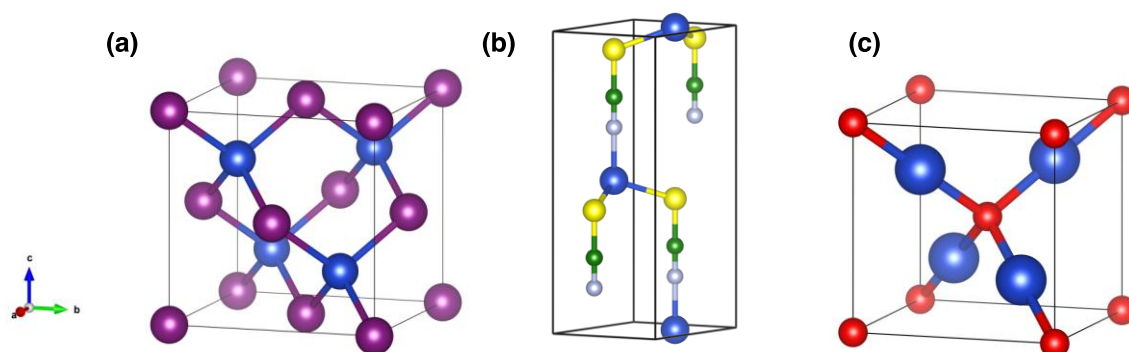
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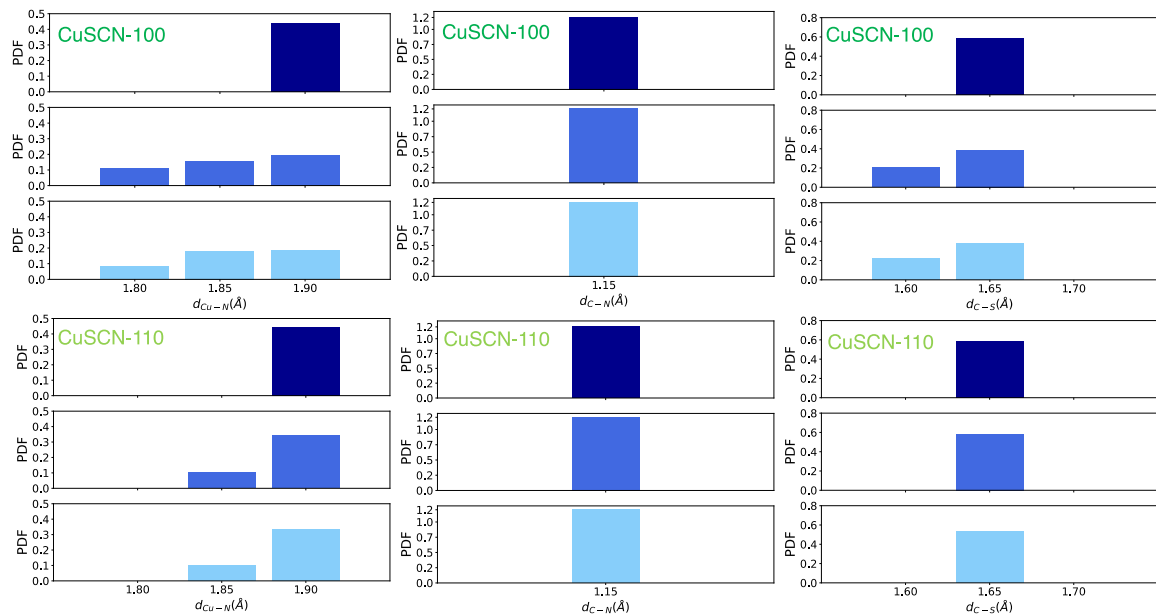
**Figure S1:** Schematic chemical structures of Spiro-OMeTAD, PEDOT:PSS, PTAA and P1 and Y123 dyes mentioned in this work.



**Figure S2:** Bulk models shown before relaxation of (a) unit cell of cubic CuI, (b) unit cell hexagonal CuSCN and (c) unit cell of cubic Cu<sub>2</sub>O. Color label for atomic spheres: Cu - dark blue; I – violet; S – yellow; C – brown; N – light blue; O – red.

**Table S1:** Lattice constants of CuI, CuSCN and Cu<sub>2</sub>O calculated within the PBE+U level of theory. Experimental values are reported for comparison in the last column.

	Lattice constant (Å)	This work	Exp
<b>CuI</b>	<i>a</i>	6.003	6.058 <sup>1</sup>
<b>CuSCN</b>	<i>a</i>	3.831	3.850
	<i>c</i>	10.883	10.938 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Cu<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<i>a</i>	4.234	4.270 <sup>3</sup>



**Figure S3:** Pair distribution functions of, from left to right: Cu-N, C-N and C-S distances for the CuSCN-100 surface slabs (upper panel ) and CuSCN-110 surface slabs (lower panel). Dark blue color is used for structures before relaxation while medium and light blue refer to the pristine and the defective optimized structures, respectively.

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