

# Supplementary Materials

## A Comparative Study of Electronic, Optical, and Thermoelectric Properties of Zn-Doped Bulk and Monolayer SnSe Using Ab Initio Calculations

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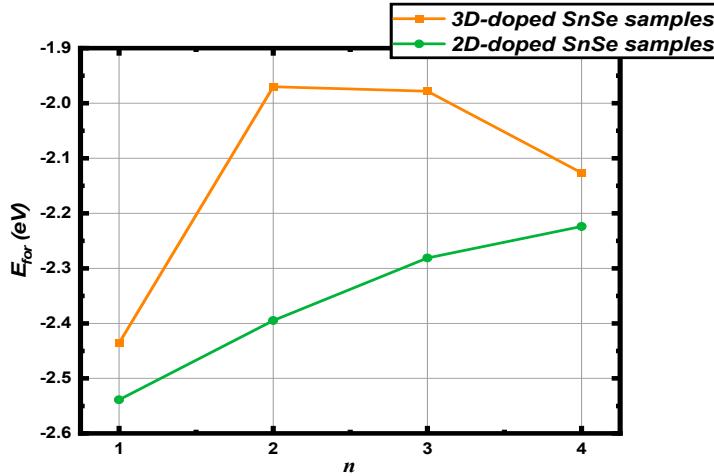
### 3.1 Structural Properties

**Table S1.** DFT-calculated bond angles of bulk  $\alpha$ -SnSe compounds.

Structure	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
$\alpha - SnSe$	90.02	89.88	89.97
$Zn_{0.06} Sn_{0.94}Se$	90.00	90.10	90.00
$Zn_{0.13} Sn_{0.87}Se$	90.03	90.24	90.22
$Zn_{0.19} Sn_{0.81}Se$	90.00	90.26	90.00
$Zn_{0.25} Sn_{0.75}Se$	90.64	90.92	90.00

**Table S2.** DFT-calculated bond angles of monolayer  $\alpha$ -SnSe compounds.

Structure	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
$\alpha - SnSe$	90.00	90.00	90.00
$Zn_{0.06} Sn_{0.94}Se$	89.34	90.00	90.00
$Zn_{0.11} Sn_{0.89}Se$	88.74	90.00	90.00
$Zn_{0.17} Sn_{0.83}Se$	88.17	90.13	90.11
$Zn_{0.22} Sn_{0.78}Se$	87.59	90.00	90.00



**Figure S1:** Variation of the formation energy of doped SnSe structures with respect to the number of Zn dopant atoms.

### 3.2 Electronic Properties

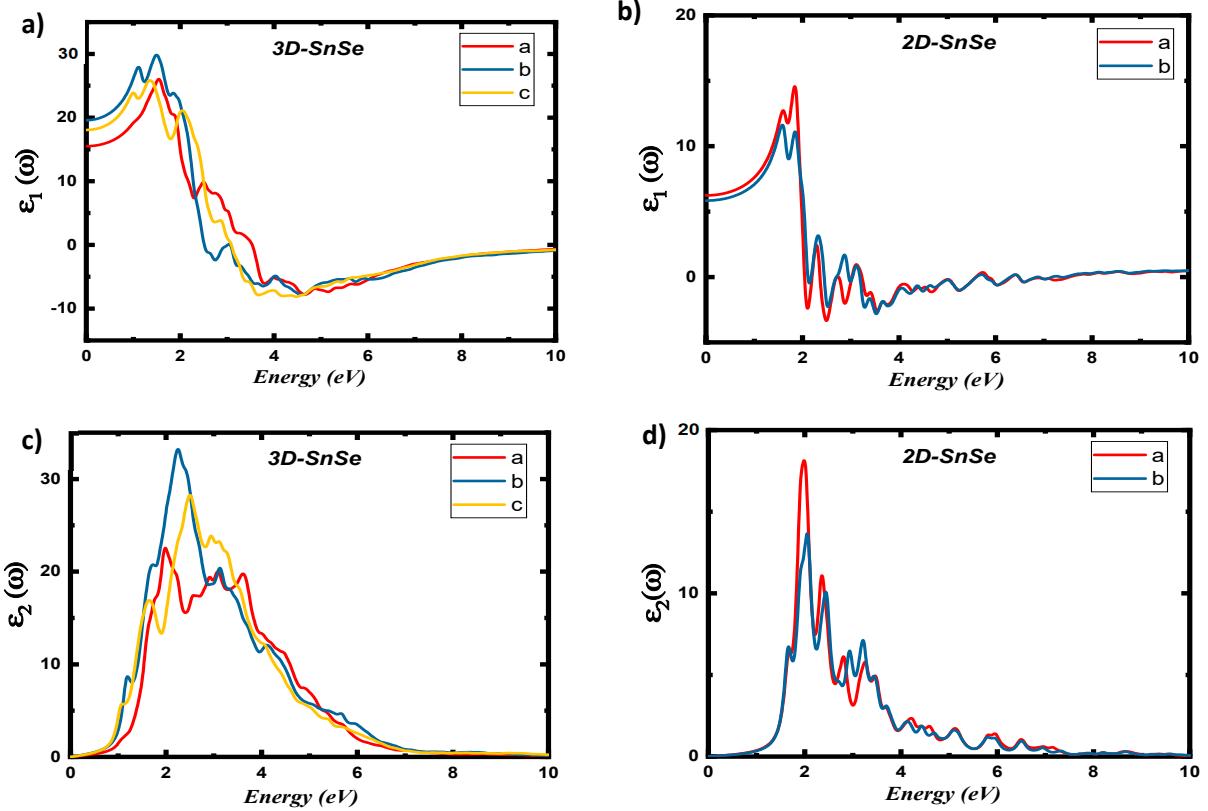
**Table S3:** Effective Masses ( $m^*$ ) of Charge Carriers at Valence Band Maximum (VBM) and the Conduction Band Minimum (CBM) for the 2D SnSe systems.

	VBM/ $m_h$	CBM/ $m_e$
$\alpha - SnSe$	0.193 ( $\Gamma$ ) 0.155 (X)	0.158 (X) 0.152 ( $\Gamma$ )
$Zn_{0.06} Sn_{0.94} Se$	0.639 ( $\Gamma$ -X)	0.220 (X) 0.188 ( $\Gamma$ )
$Zn_{0.11} Sn_{0.89} Se$	1.033 ( $\Gamma$ -X)	2.417 (X) 0.418 ( $\Gamma$ )
$Zn_{0.17} Sn_{0.83} Se$	0.889 ( $\Gamma$ -X)	0.499 ( $\Gamma$ )
$Zn_{0.22} Sn_{0.78} Se$	0.621 ( $\Gamma$ -X)	0.224 ( $\Gamma$ )

**Table S4:** Effective Masses ( $m^*$ ) of Charge Carriers at Valence Band Maximum (VBM) and the Conduction Band Minimum (CBM) for the 3D SnSe systems.

	VBM/ $m_e$ (holes)	CBM/ $m_e$ electrons
$\alpha - SnSe$	1.085 (Z) 0.180 ( $\Gamma$ )	0.131 ( $\Gamma$ ) 0.152 (Y)
$Zn_{0.06} Sn_{0.94} Se$	0.234 (Z) 0.337 ( $\Gamma$ )	0.218 ( $\Gamma$ ) 0.236 (Y)
$Zn_{0.13} Sn_{0.87} Se$	0.258 (Z) 0.243 ( $\Gamma$ )	0.293 ( $\Gamma$ ) 0.291 (Y)
$Zn_{0.19} Sn_{0.81} Se$	0.812 (Z) 0.944 ( $\Gamma$ )	0.453 ( $\Gamma$ ) 0.257 (Y)
$Zn_{0.25} Sn_{0.75} Se$	0.735 (Z) 0.759 ( $\Gamma$ )	0.420 ( $\Gamma$ ) 0.261 (Y)

### 3.3 Optical properties



**Figure S2:** The measured real part  $\epsilon_1(\omega)$  of the dielectric constant (a and b) and the imaginary part  $\epsilon_2(\omega)$  of the dielectric constant (c and d) for 3D SnSe (left side) and 2D SnSe (right side).

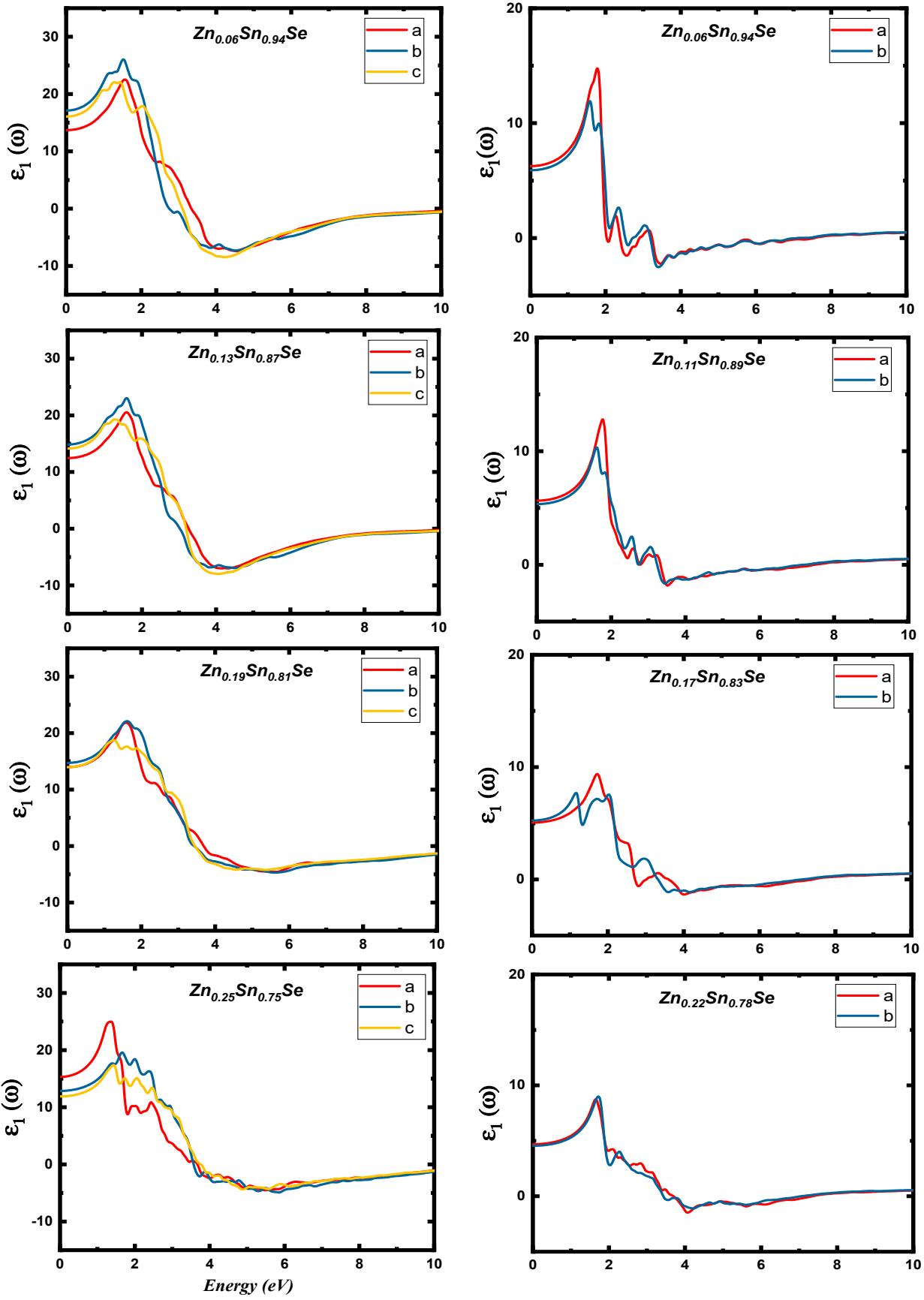
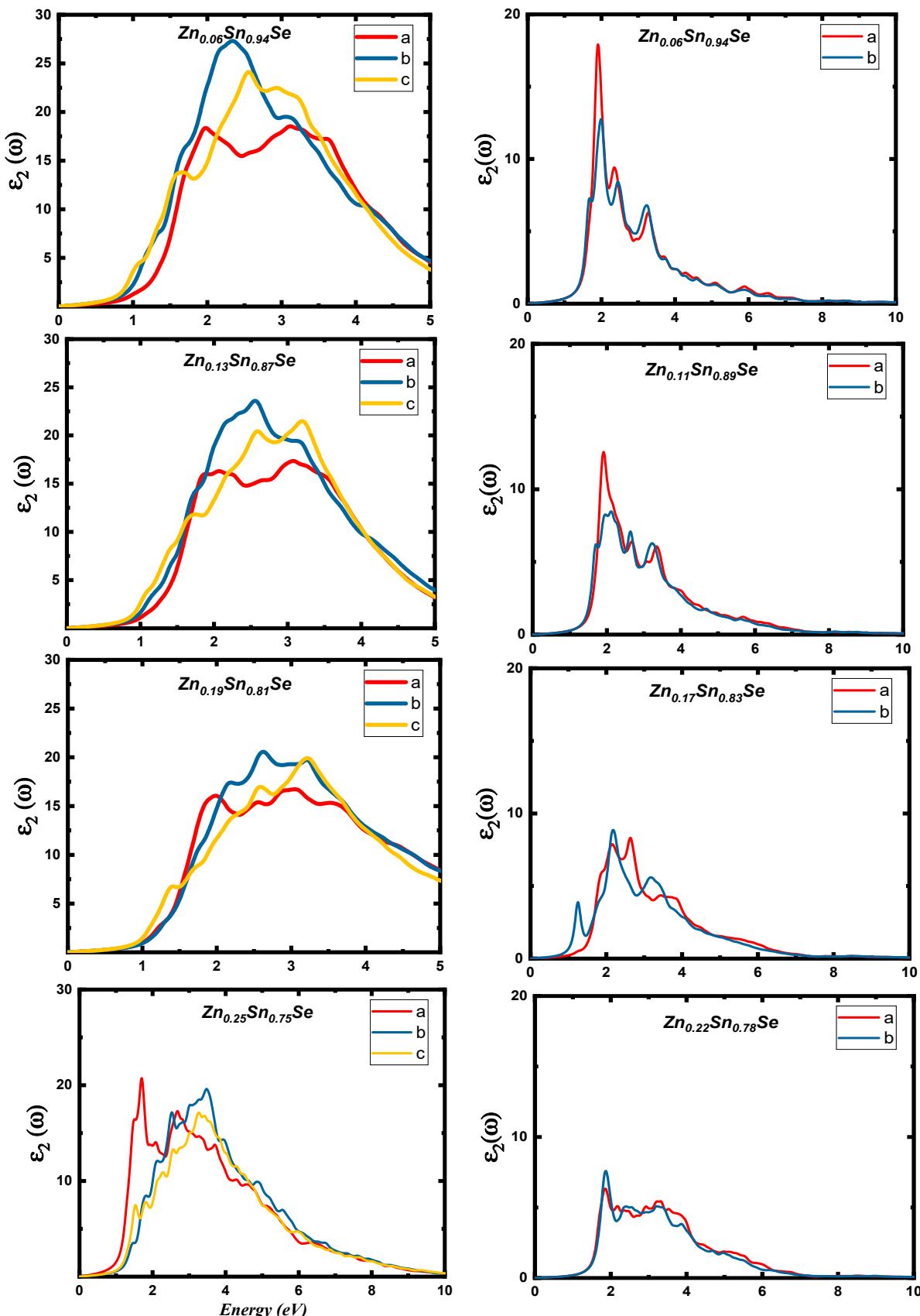


Figure S3: The measured real part  $\varepsilon_1(\omega)$  of the dielectric constant for 3D SnSe doped structures (left side) and 2D SnSe doped structures (right side).



**Figure S4: The measured imaginary part  $\varepsilon_2(\omega)$  of the dielectric constant for 3D SnSe doped structures (left side) and 2D SnSe doped structures (right side).**