

## Supporting Information

For

# The structural properties for silicon-doped DBrTBT/ZnSe solar cells materials: A theoretical study

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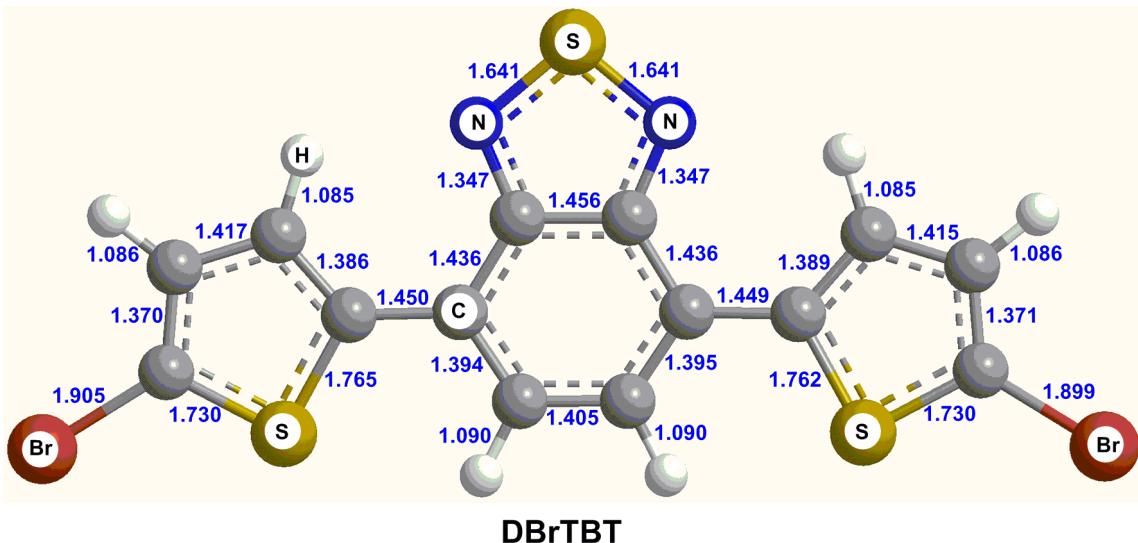
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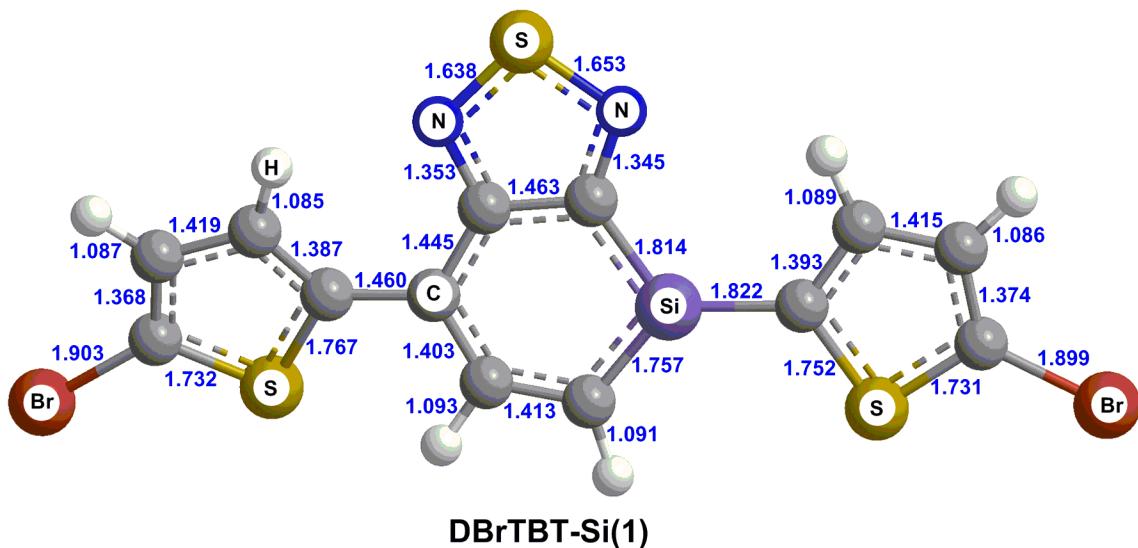
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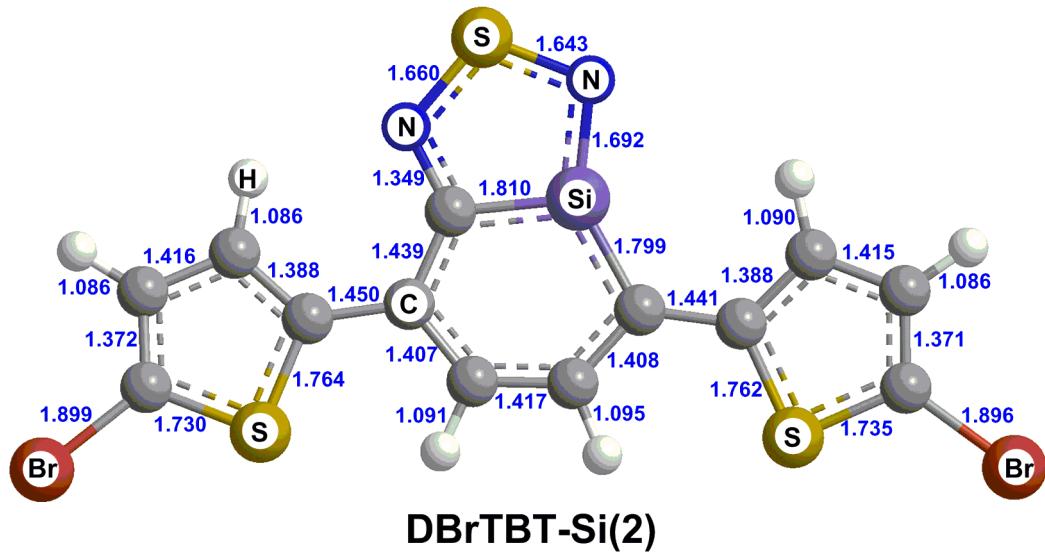
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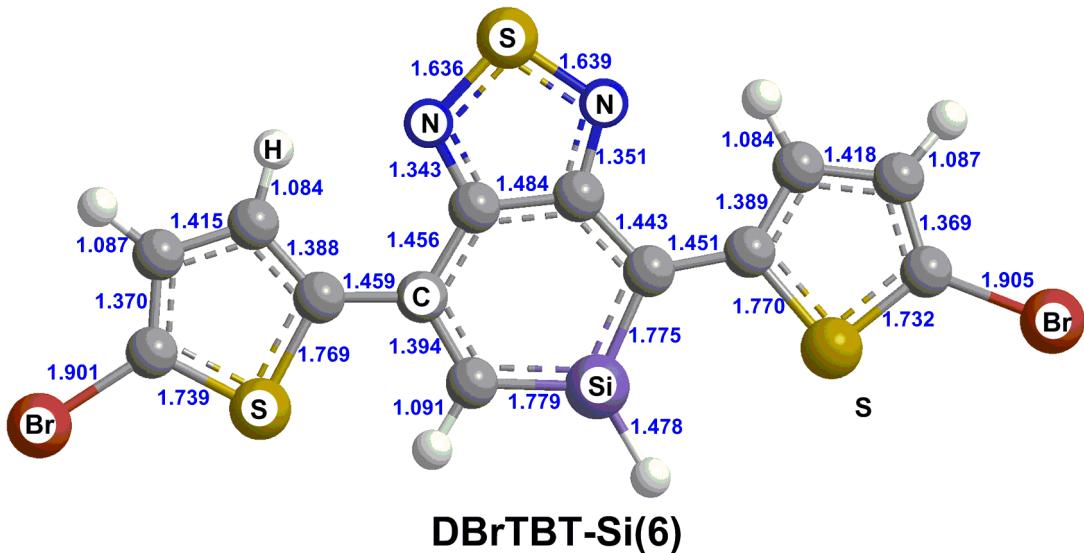
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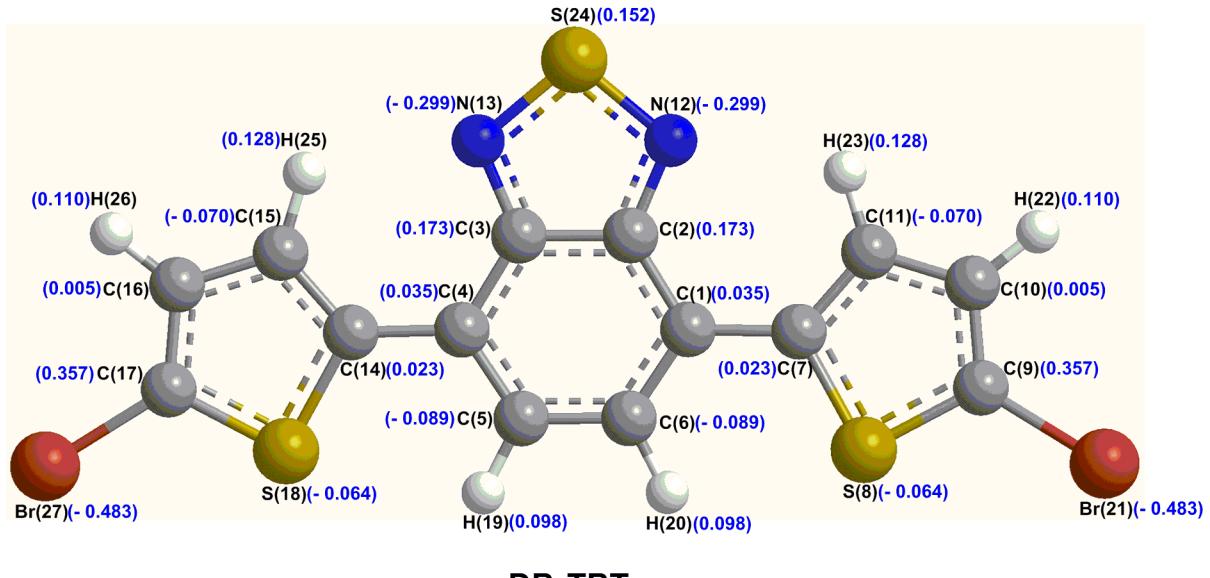
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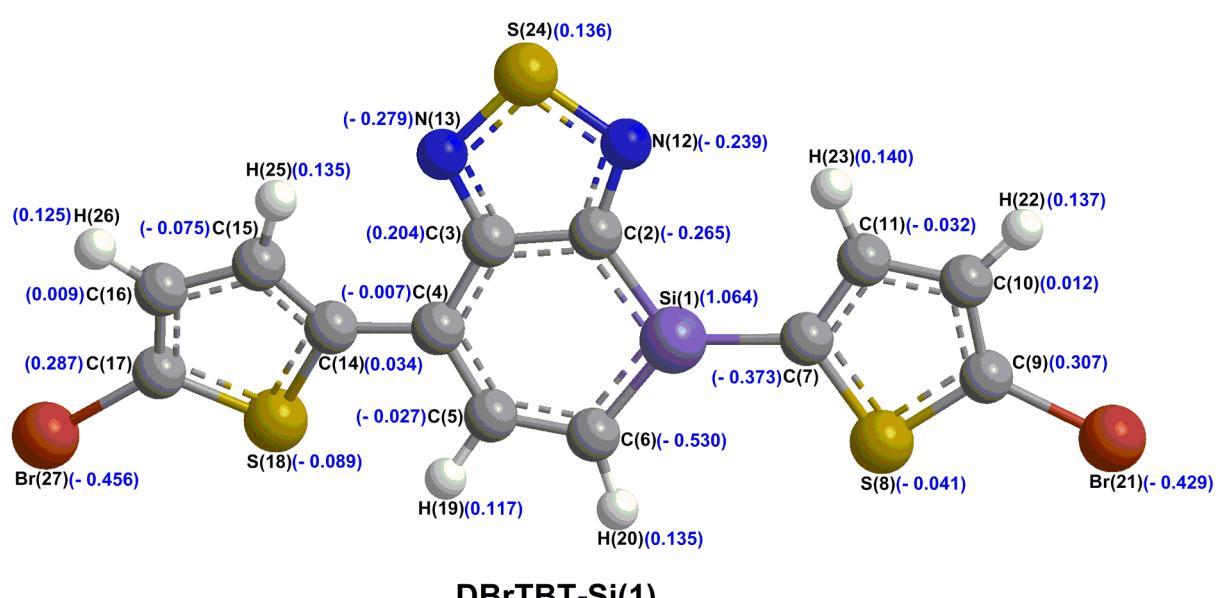
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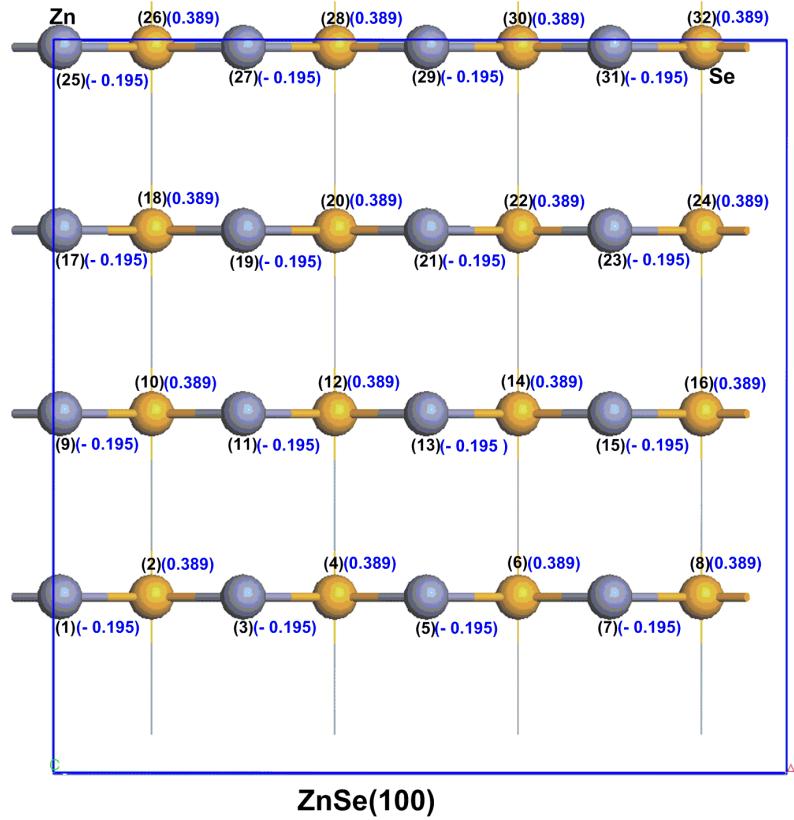
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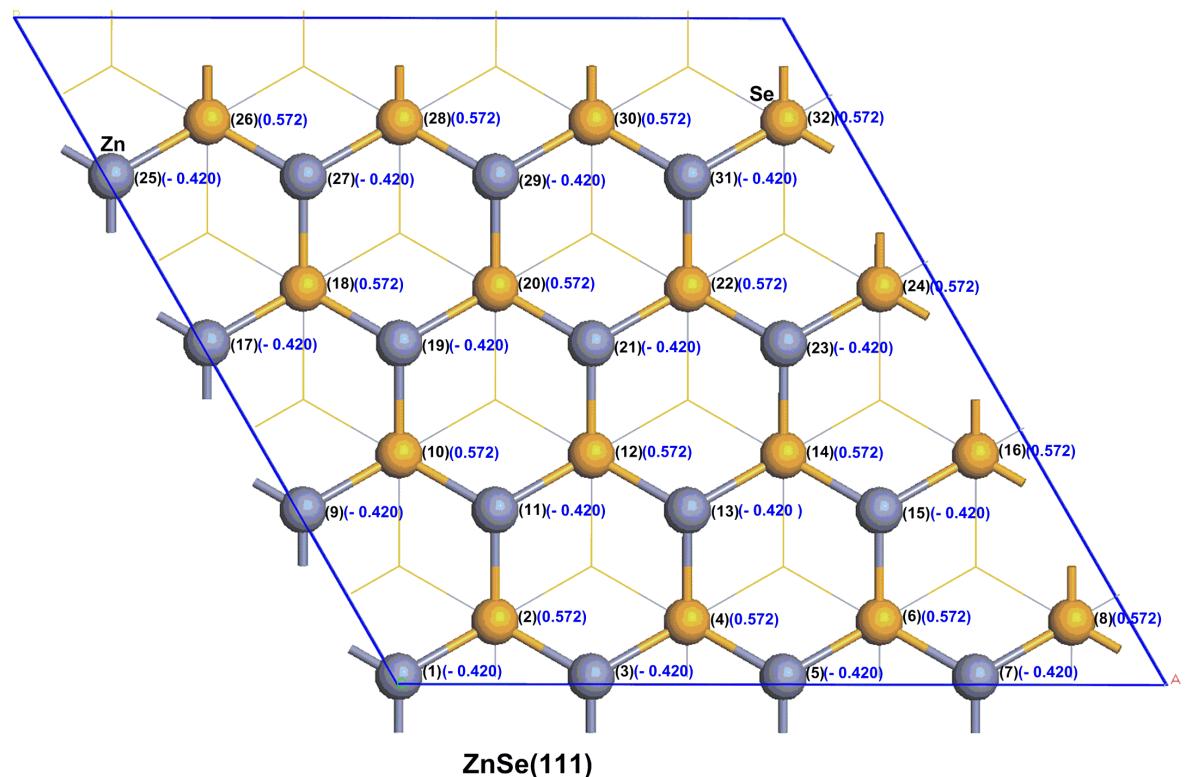


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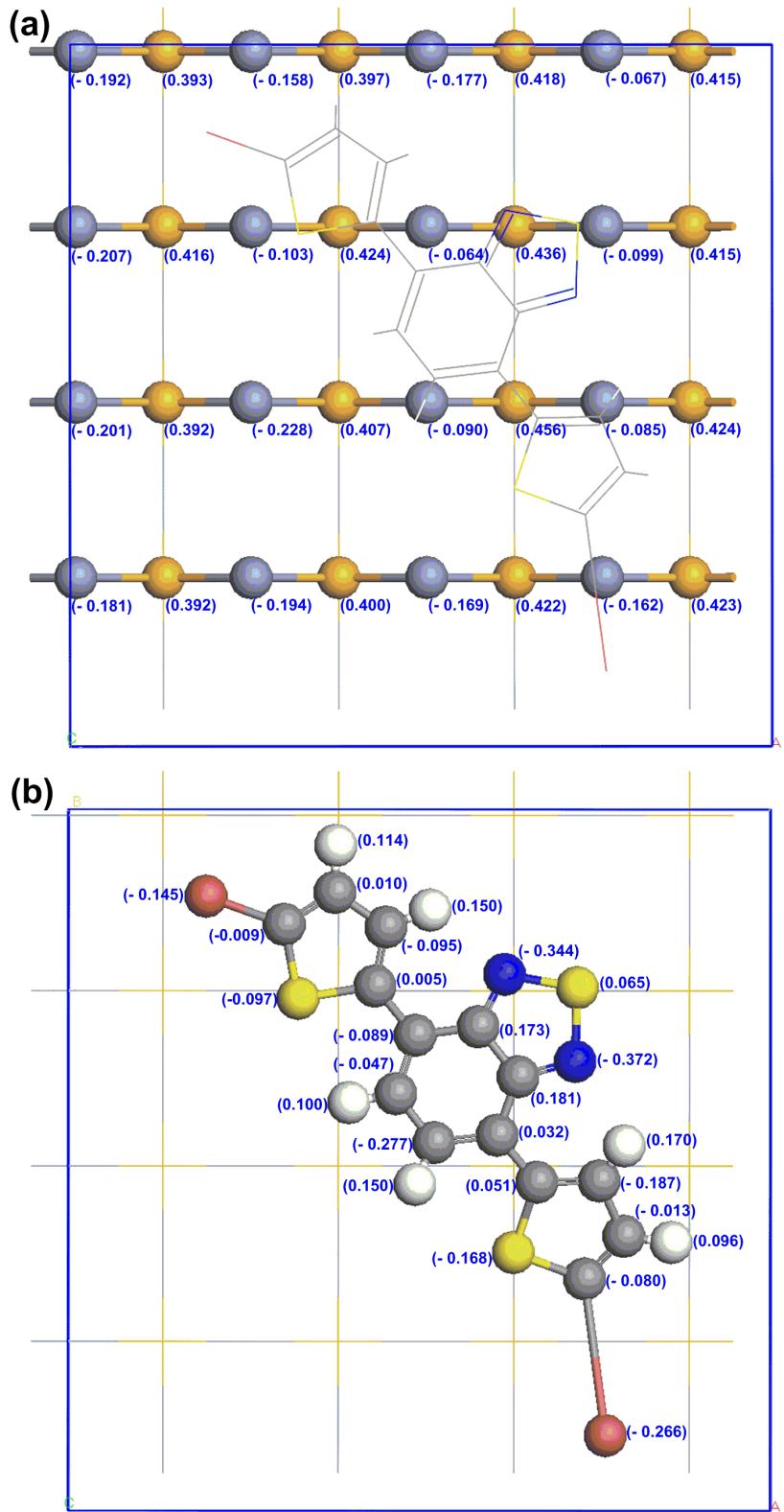
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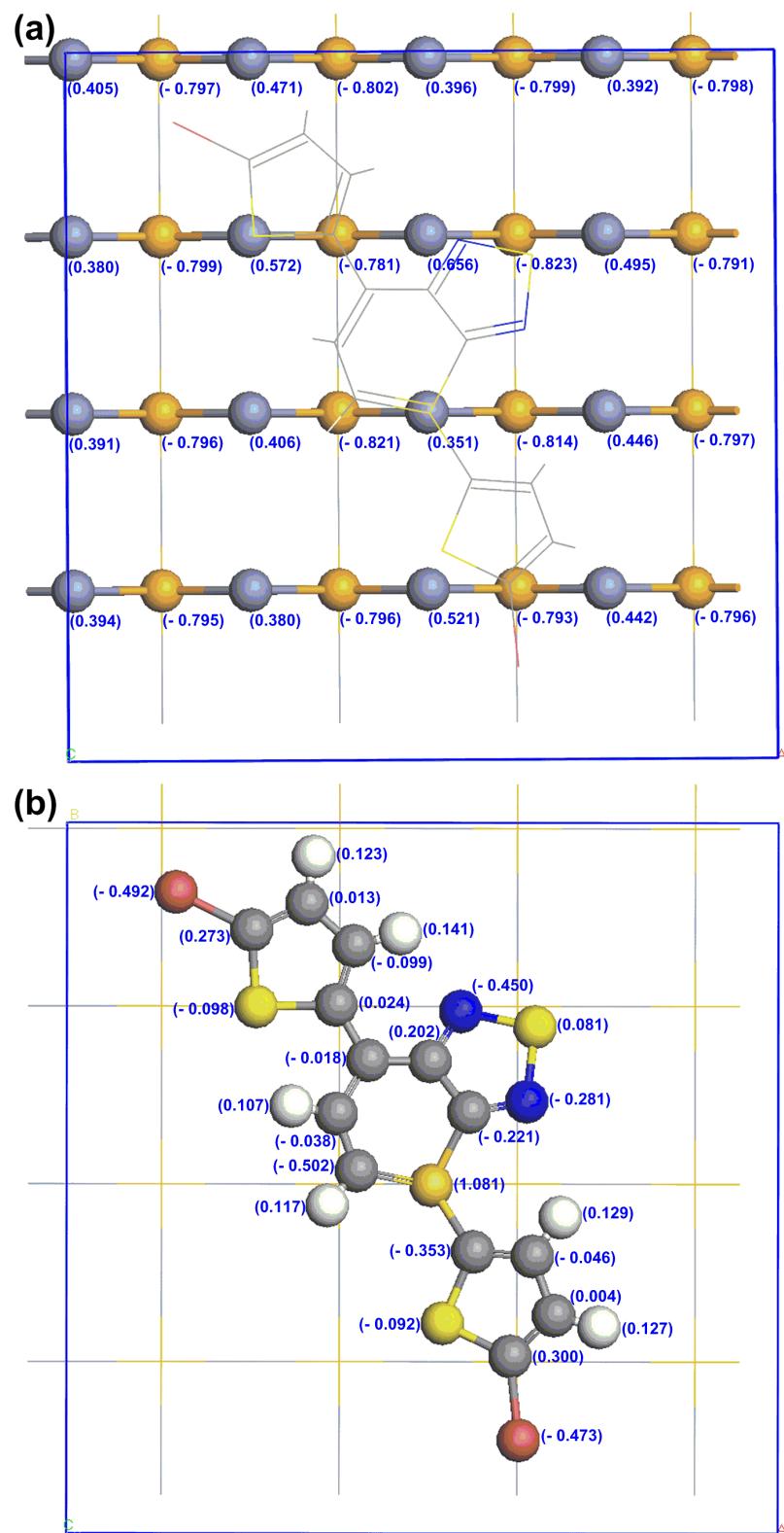
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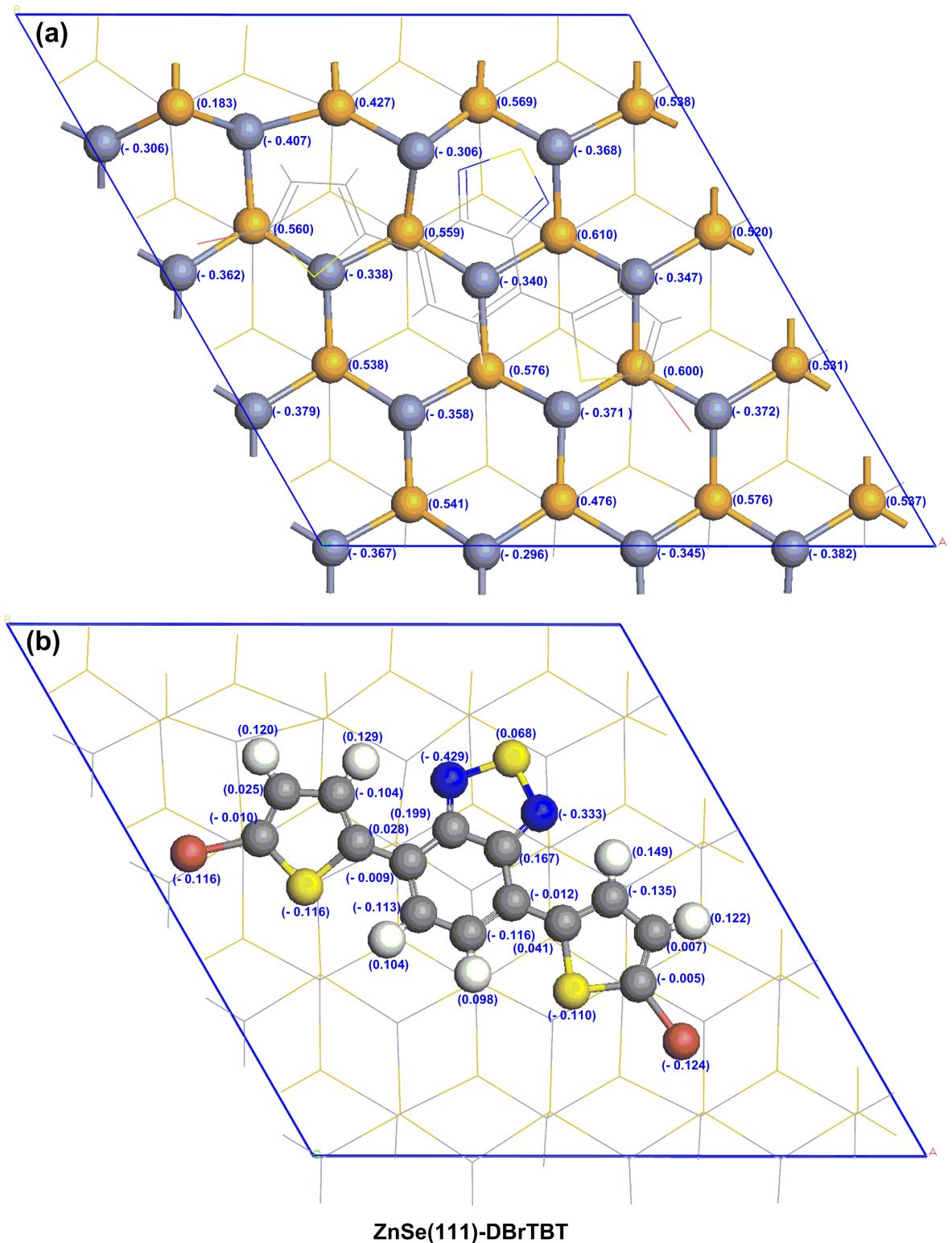
### ZnSe(100)-DBrTBT

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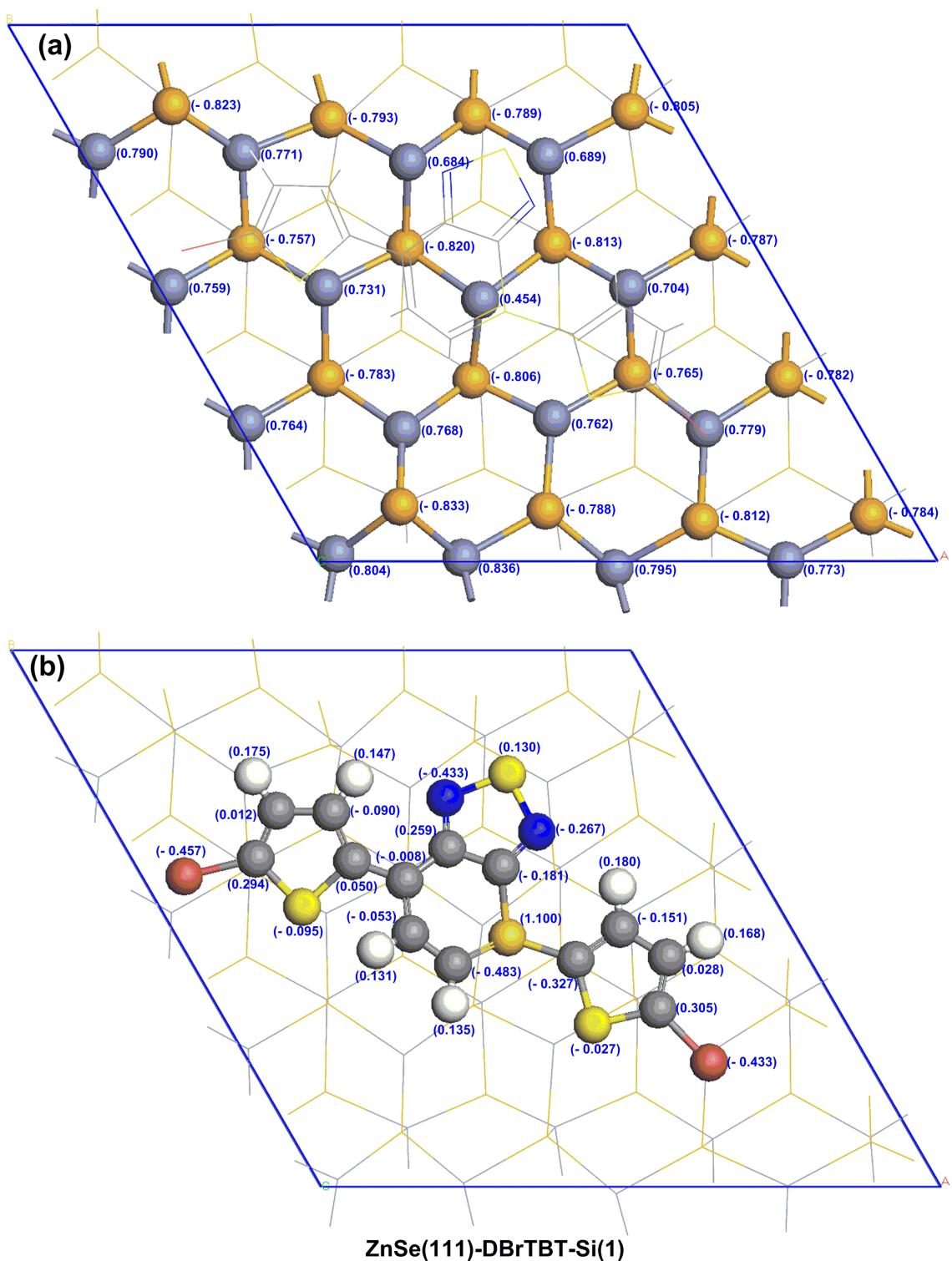


### ZnSe(100)-DBrTBT-Si(1)

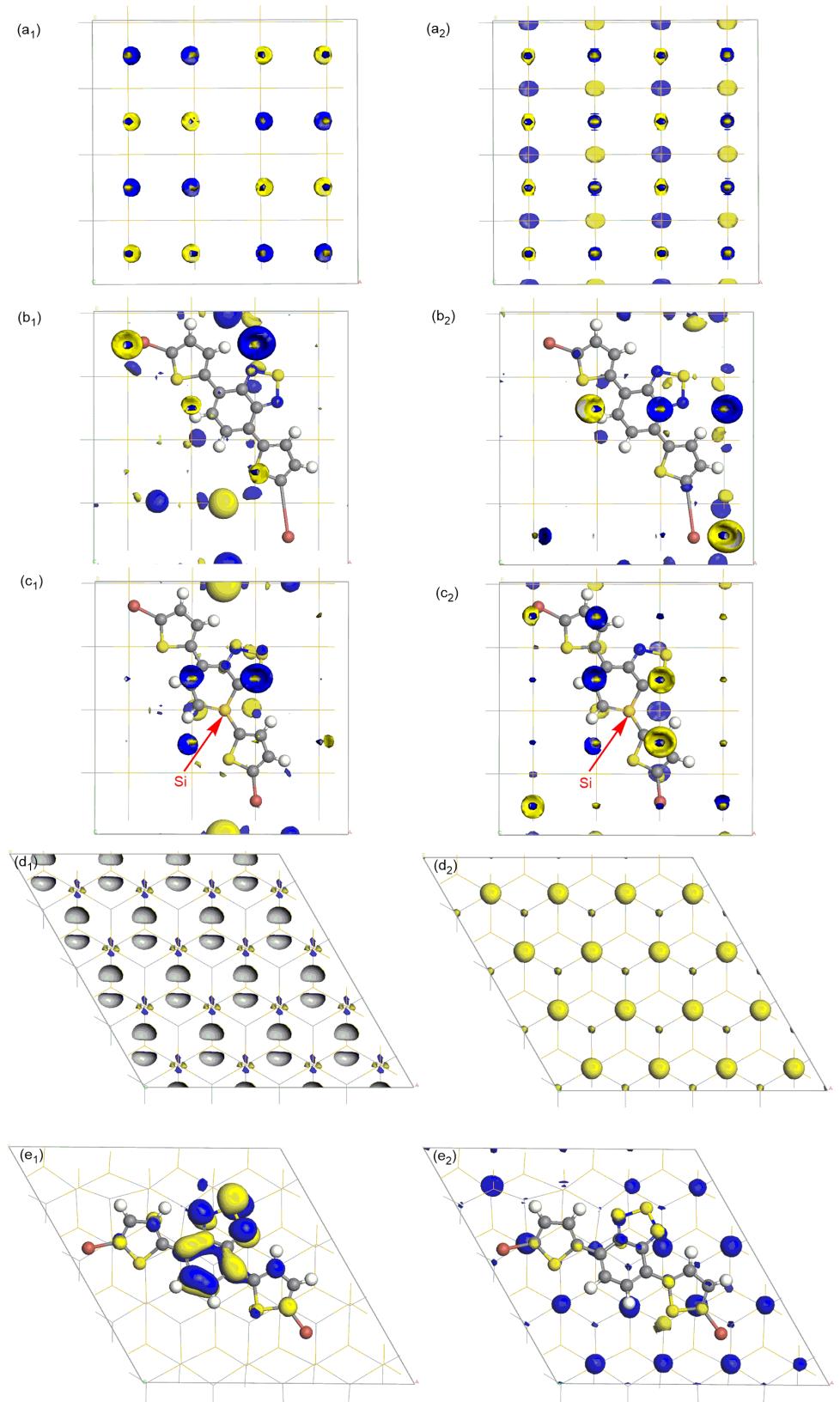
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DBrTBT		DBrTBT-Si(1)		DBrTBT-Si(2)		DBrTBT-Si(6)	
Wavelength /nm	Strength/ a.u.						
279	0.0182	297	0.0128	315	0.0006	318	0.0001
309	0.0001	300	0.0372	320	0.0017	319	0.0018
317	0.0071	324	0.0096	328	0.0005	320	0.0366
323	0.0457	339	0.0145	331	0.0011	344	0.0022
324	0.0024	347	0.0729	339	0.0722	347	0.0009
325	0.0015	349	0.0045	353	0.0000	351	0.0293
337	0.0271	356	0.0546	367	0.0316	359	0.0076
362	0.0344	359	0.0257	371	0.0043	367	0.0016
363	0.0003	364	0.0006	384	0.5641	379	0.1790
374	0.6428	397	0.3290	409	0.0245	403	0.3517
420	0.0055	431	0.1921	444	0.0752	440	0.0184
559	0.3038	594	0.1959	574	0.3308	593	0.2744