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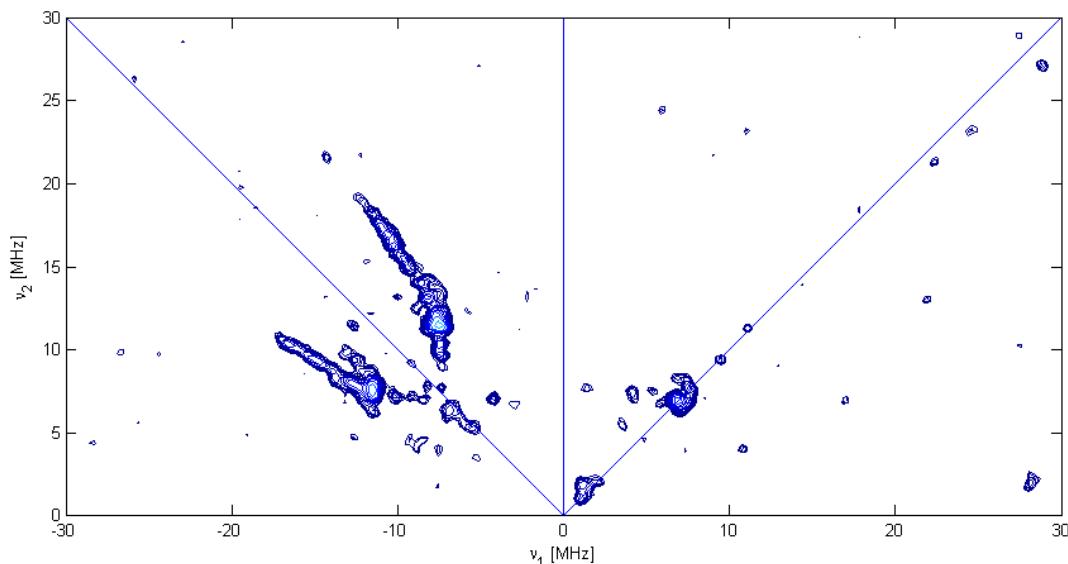
Nitrogen Impurity States in Polycrystalline ZnO. A Combined EPR and Theoretical Study

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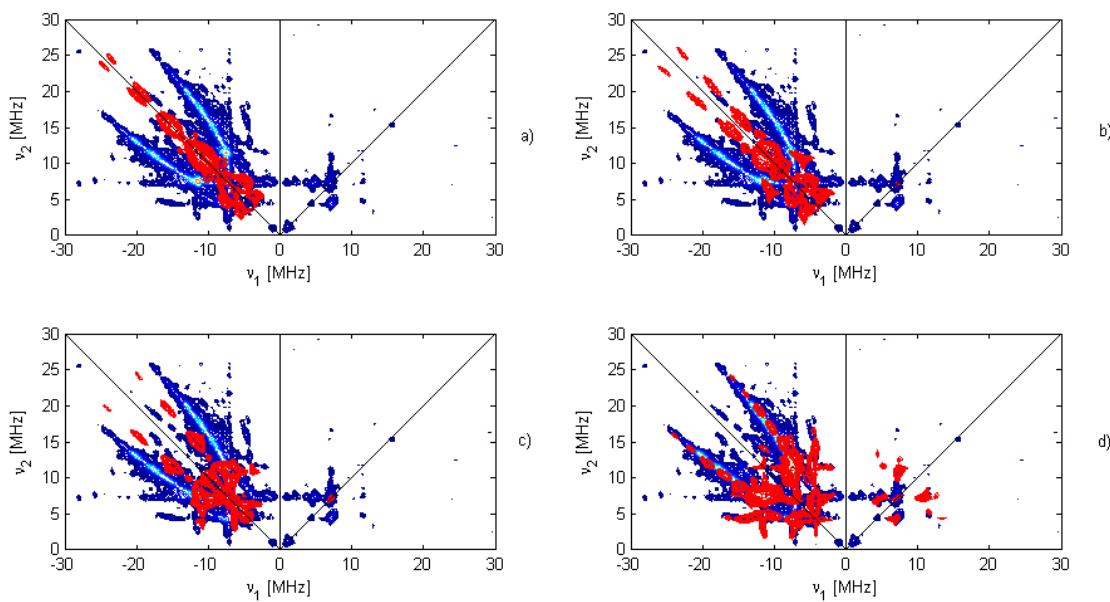
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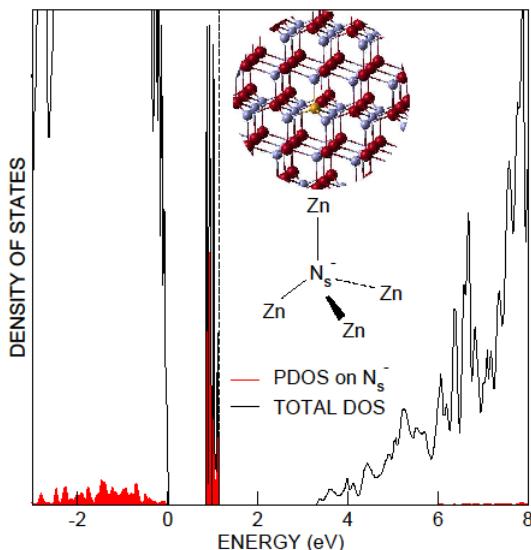
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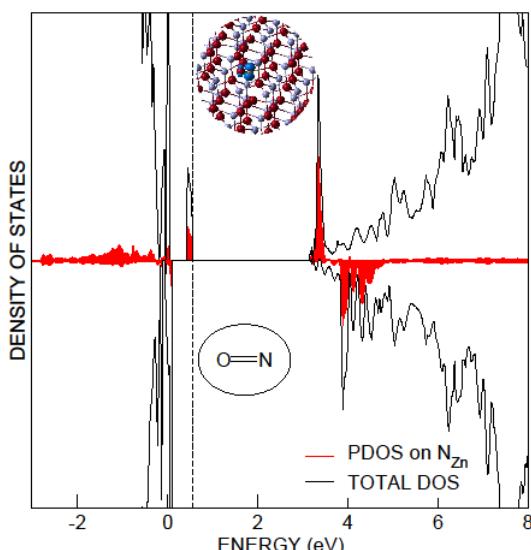
**Figure S1** Normal HYSCORE spectrum recorded at  $B_0 = 353.2$  mT  
 $\pi/2 - \tau - \pi/2 - t_1 - \pi - t_2 - \pi/2 - \tau$ -echo with mw pulse length  $t_{\pi/2} = 16$  ns and  $t_\pi = 16$  ns. The time intervals  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  were varied in steps of 8 ns starting from 96 ns to 3288 ns. Three different  $\tau$  values ( $\tau = 132$  ns, 228 ns and 252 ns) are added together.



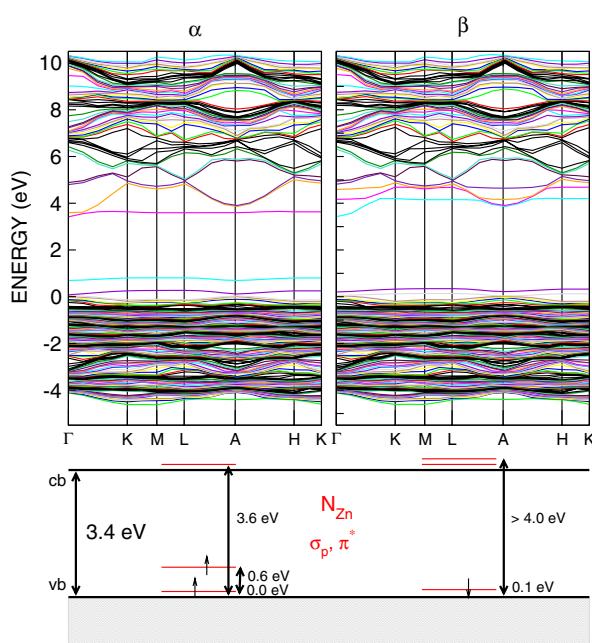
**Figure S2** Simulation of the matched HYSCORE spectrum showing the effect of increasing quadrupolar interaction. a)  $e^2qQ/h=0$ , b)  $K=1$ , c)  $e^2qQ/h=2.5$ , d)  $e^2qQ/h=5.3$  MHz. A single  $\tau$  value (228 ns) was used in the simulation.



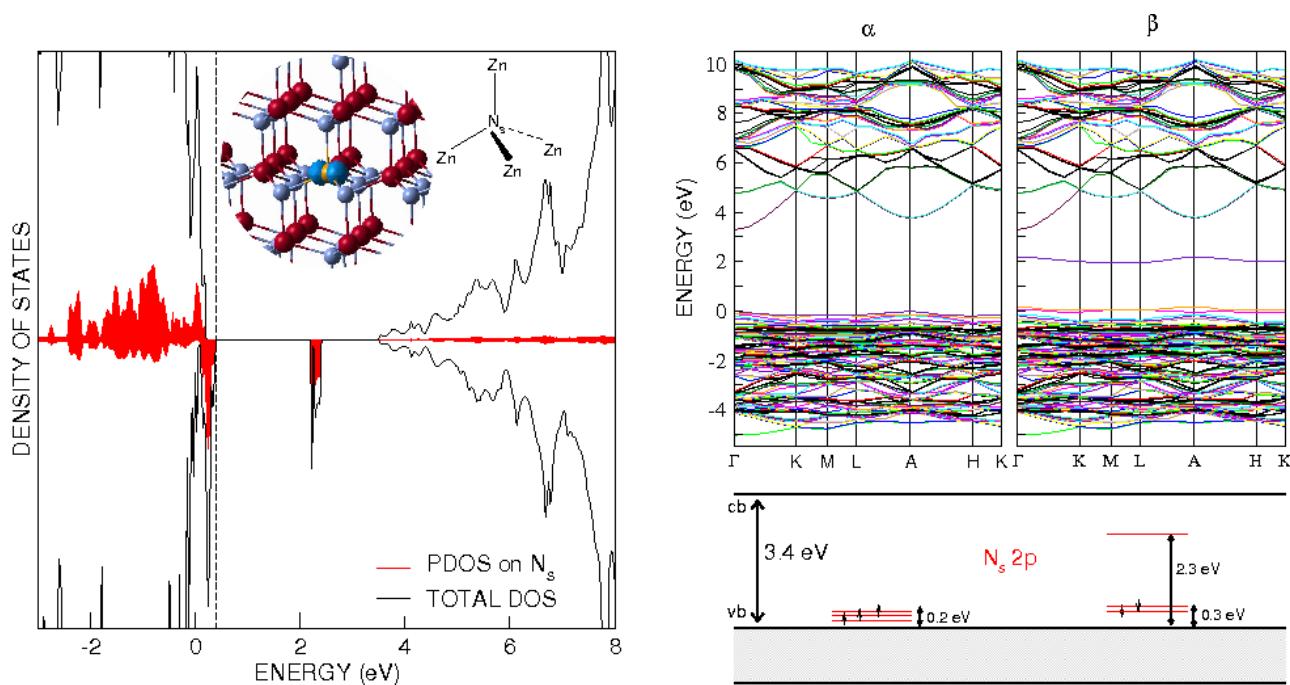
**Figure S3** Total and projected (on N ion) B3LYP densities of states for the  $N_s^-$  species. The zero energy value is set at the top of the O 2p band. The dotted line indicates the Fermi energy. Insets: schematic structure of the defect centre.



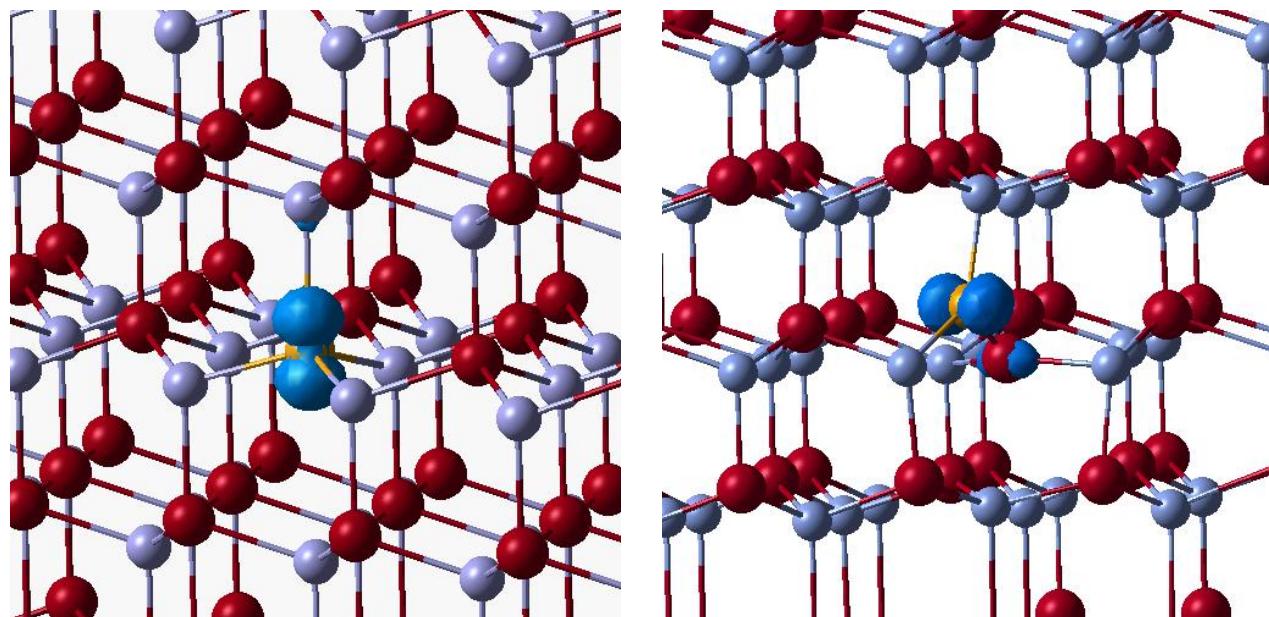
**Figure S4** Total and projected (on N ion) B3LYP densities of states for the  $N_{Zn}$  species. The zero energy value is set at the top of the O 2p band. The dotted line indicates the Fermi energy. Insets: spin density plots and schematic structure of the defect centre.



**Figure S5** B3LYP electronic band structures for the  $N_{Zn}$  species.



**Figure S6** Total and projected (on N ion) B3LYP densities of states for the N<sub>s</sub> isomer species with the singly occupied p-state perpendicular to the crystal c-axis. The zero energy value is set at the top of the O 2p band. The dotted line indicates the Fermi energy. Insets: spin density plots and schematic structure of the defect centre. B3LYP electronic band structures in the right panel.



**Figure S7** Spin density plots for the N<sub>s</sub> (left) and N<sub>iOct</sub> (right) species.