

## Understanding the Role of Rare-Earth Metals Doping on the Electronic Structure and Optical Characteristics of ZnO

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### Supporting Information

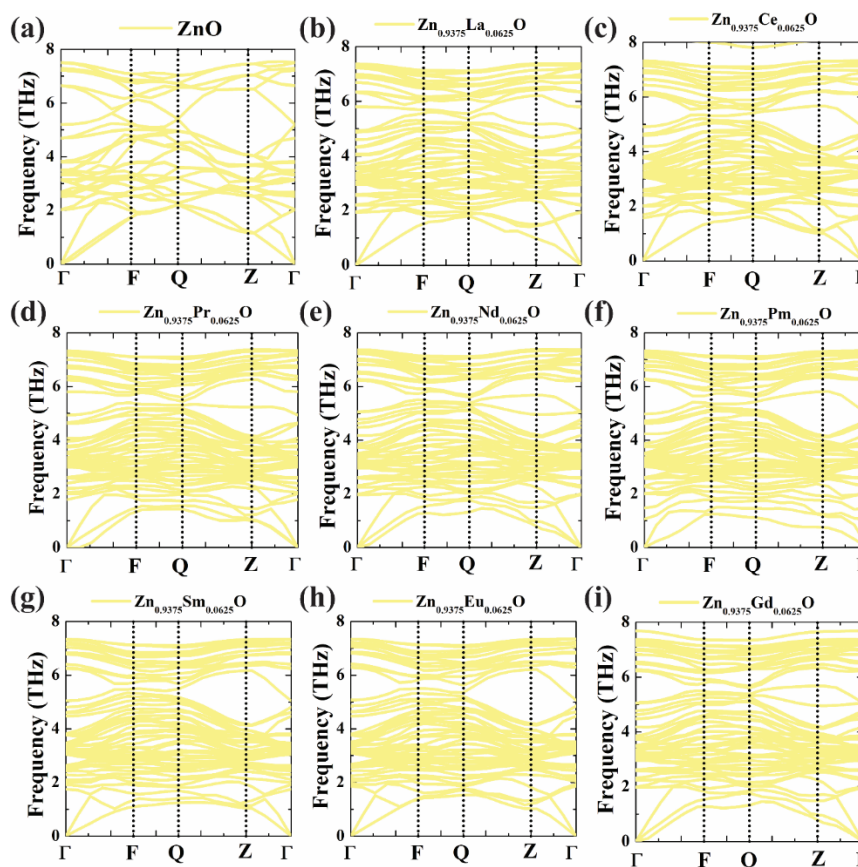


Figure S1. Phonon dispersion relation along the high symmetry Brillouin zone of (a) pure ZnO, (b)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{La}_x\text{O}$  (c)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{CeO}$  (d)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Pr}_x\text{O}$  (e)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Nd}_x\text{O}$  (f)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Pm}_x\text{O}$  (g)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Sm}_x\text{O}$  (h)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Eu}_x\text{O}$  and (i)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Gd}_x\text{O}$ .

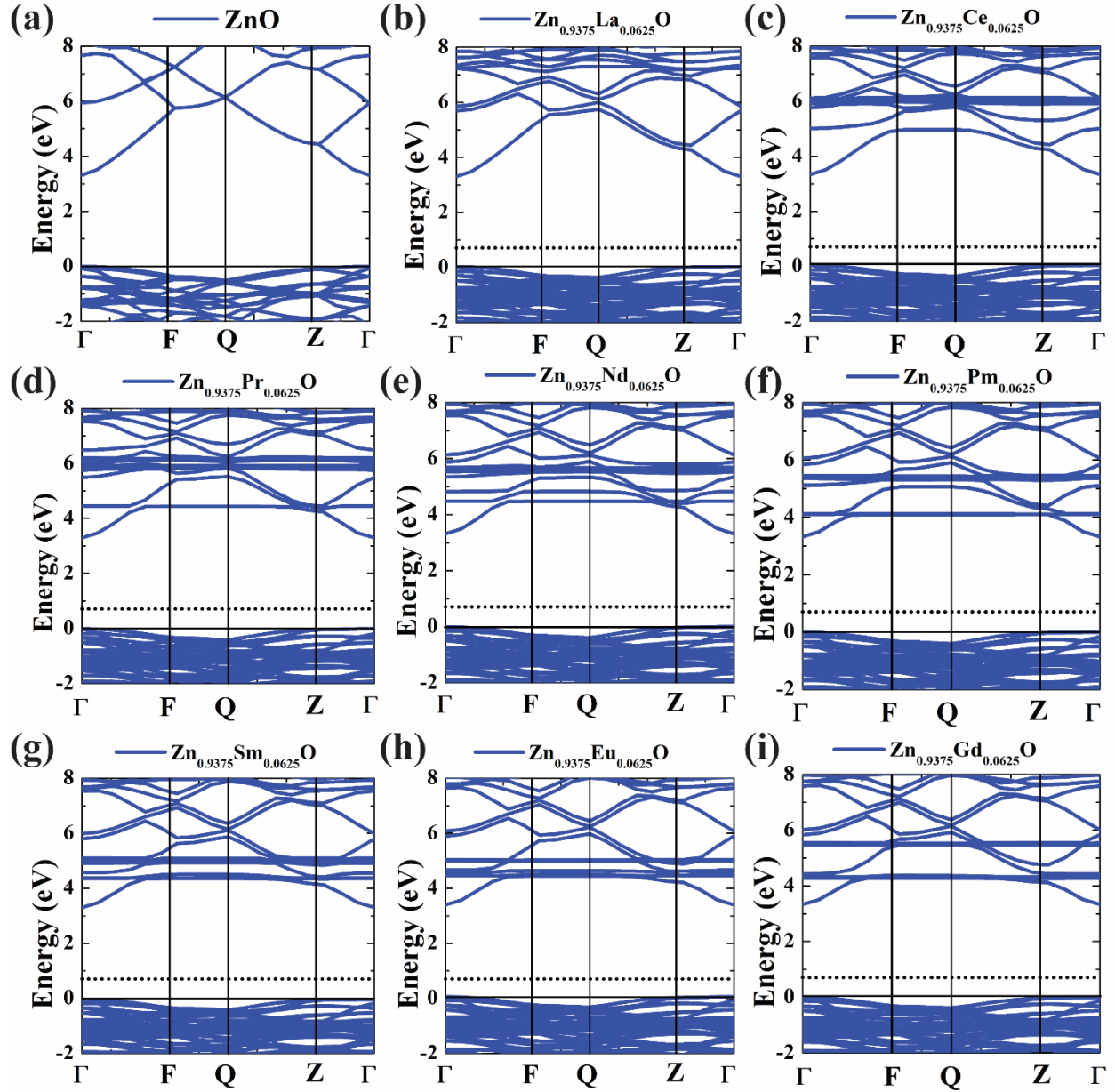


Figure S2. Electronic band structure from GGA+U calculations of (a) pure ZnO, (b)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{La}_x\text{O}$  (c)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{CeO}$  (d)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Pr}_x\text{O}$  (e)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Nd}_x\text{O}$  (f)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Pm}_x\text{O}$  (g)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Sm}_x\text{O}$  (h)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Eu}_x\text{O}$  and (i)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Gd}_x\text{O}$ . CBM of bulk ZnO is noted by the black dotted line.

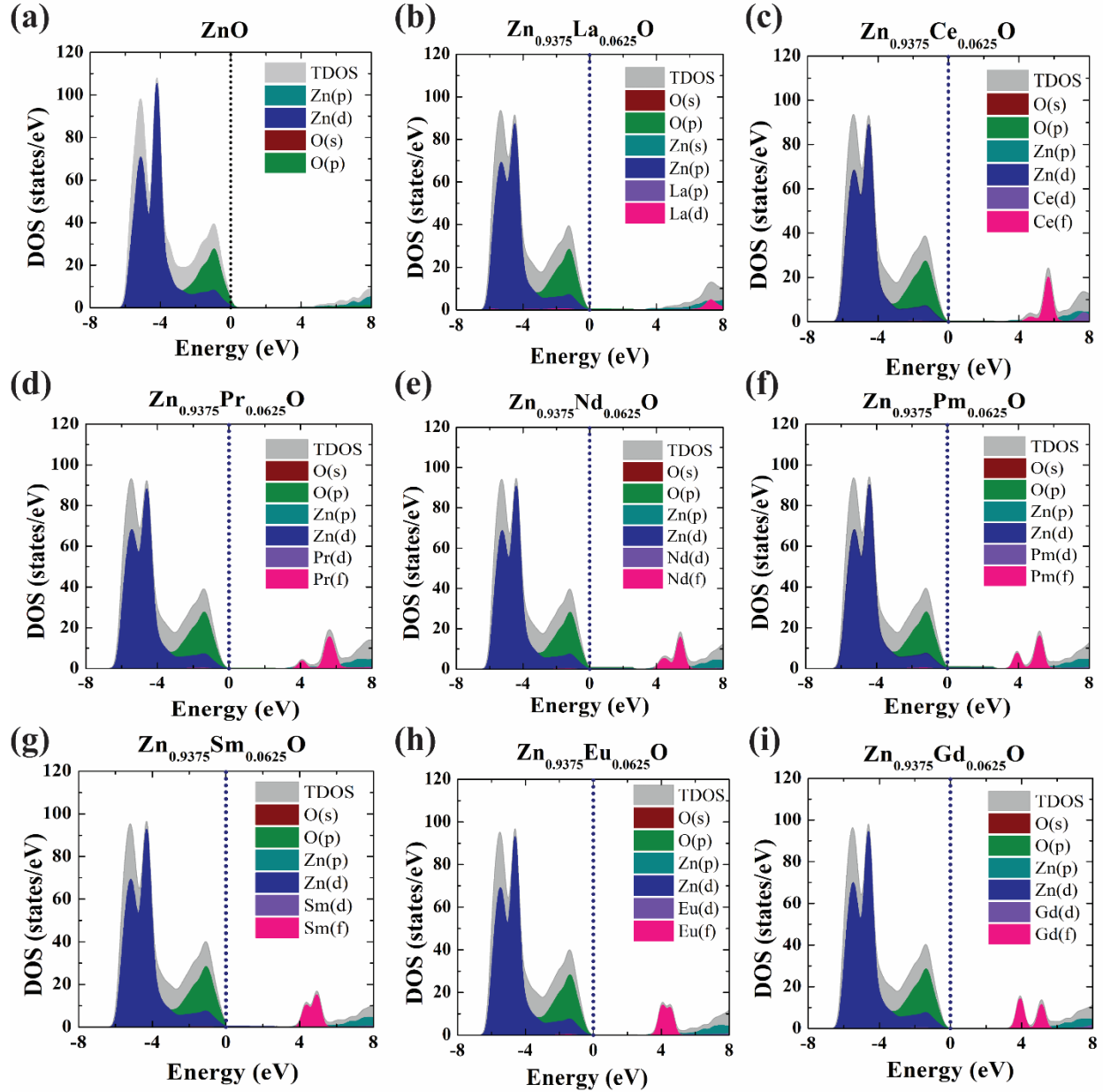


Figure S3. Electronic density of states from GGA+U calculations of (a) pure ZnO, (b)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{La}_x\text{O}$  (c)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{CeO}$  (d)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Pr}_x\text{O}$  (e)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Nd}_x\text{O}$  (f)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Pm}_x\text{O}$  (g)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Sm}_x\text{O}$  (h)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Eu}_x\text{O}$  and (i)  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Gd}_x\text{O}$ .

### Optimized geometries in CIF format

Optimized geometries of RE doped ZnO using GGA theory have been added to the following GitHub repository <https://github.com/mshabibur/The-Role-of-Rare-Earth-Metals-Doping-on-the-Electronic-Structure-and-Optical-Characteristics-of-ZnO>