

## Supporting information

# Rapid nucleation and optimal surface-ligand interaction stabilize Wurtzite MnSe

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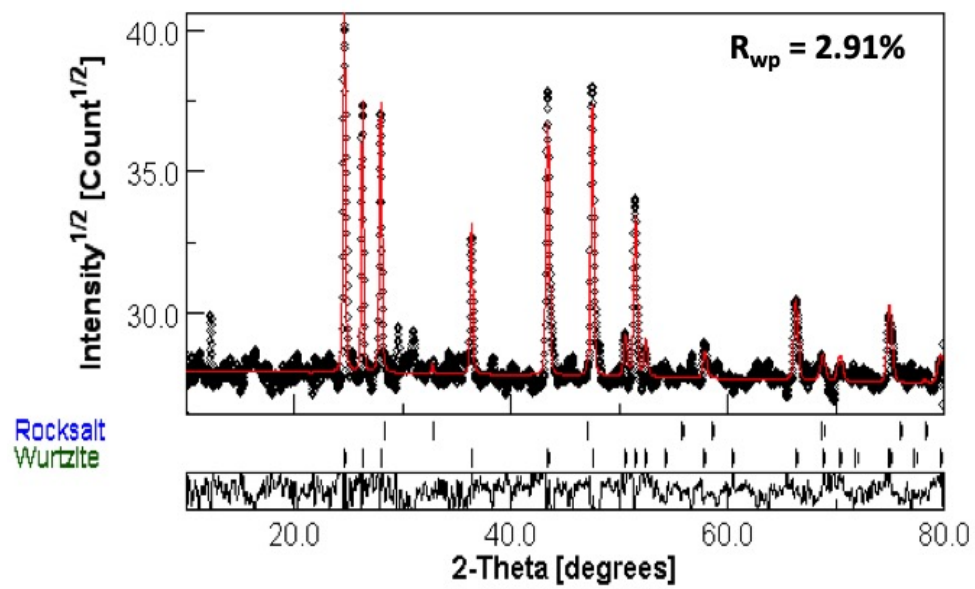
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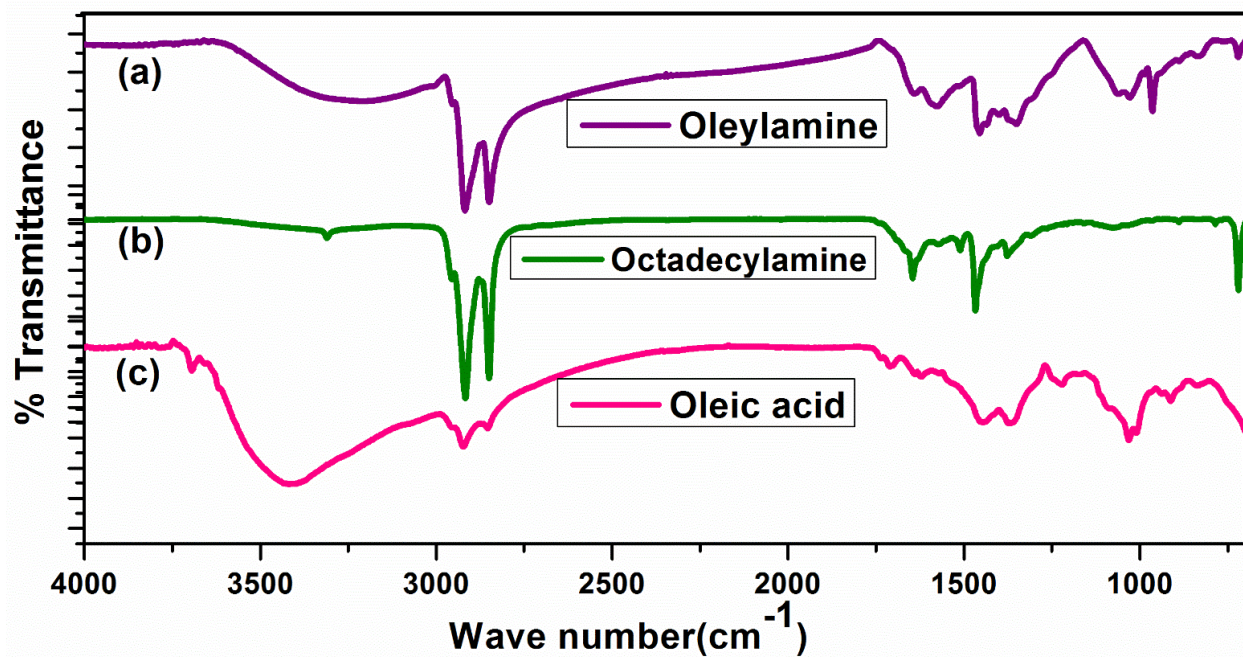
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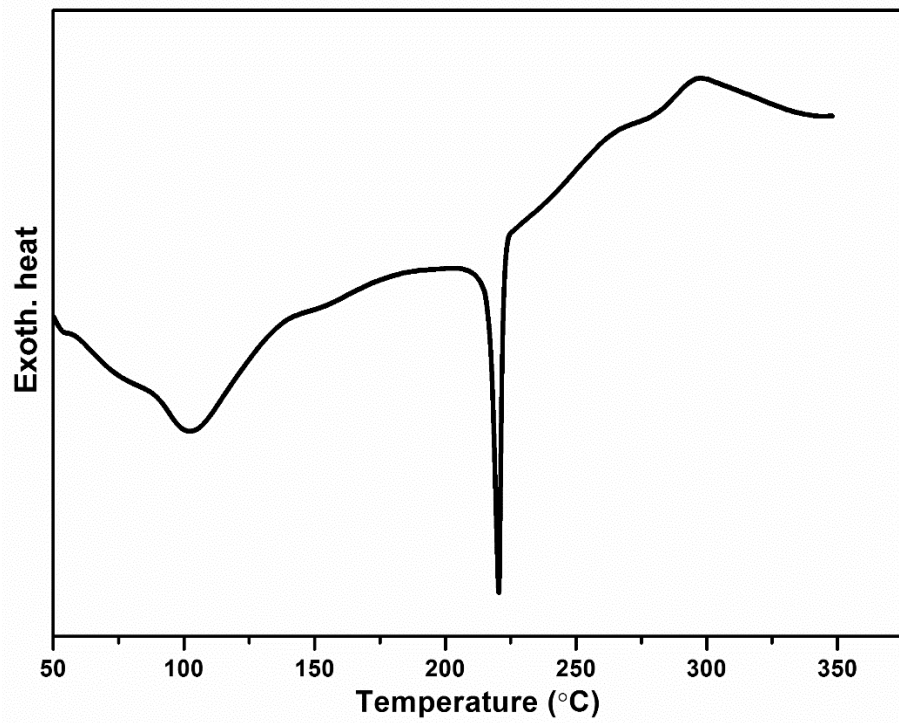
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**Figure S1.** XRD Rietveld Refinement of MnSe Wurtzite Spectra along with the Rocksalt.

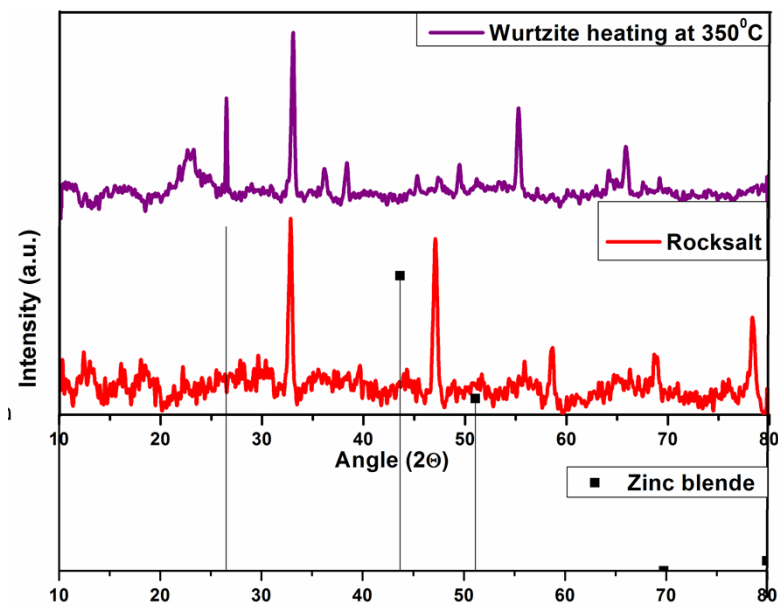


**Figure S2.** FTIR spectra of (a) Rocksalt phase synthesized with oleylamine, (b) Rocksalt phase synthesized with octadecylamine and c) Wurtzite phase synthesized with oleic acid.

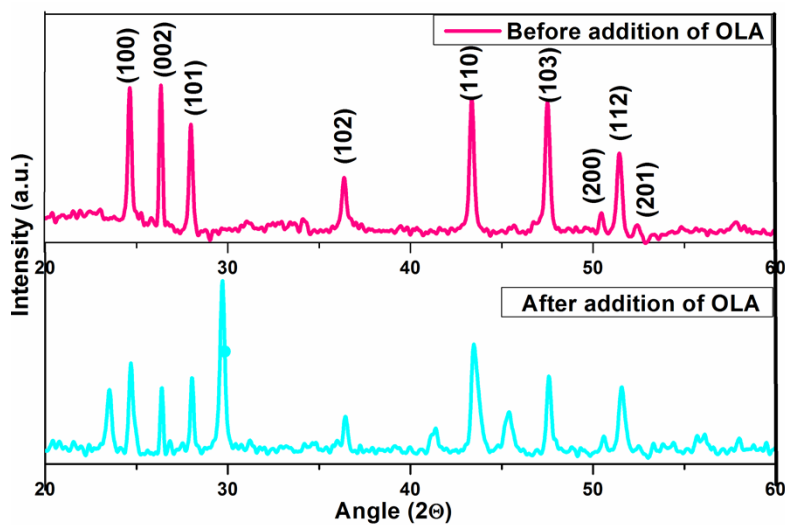


**Figure S3.** DSC curve of the Wurtzite/NNS.

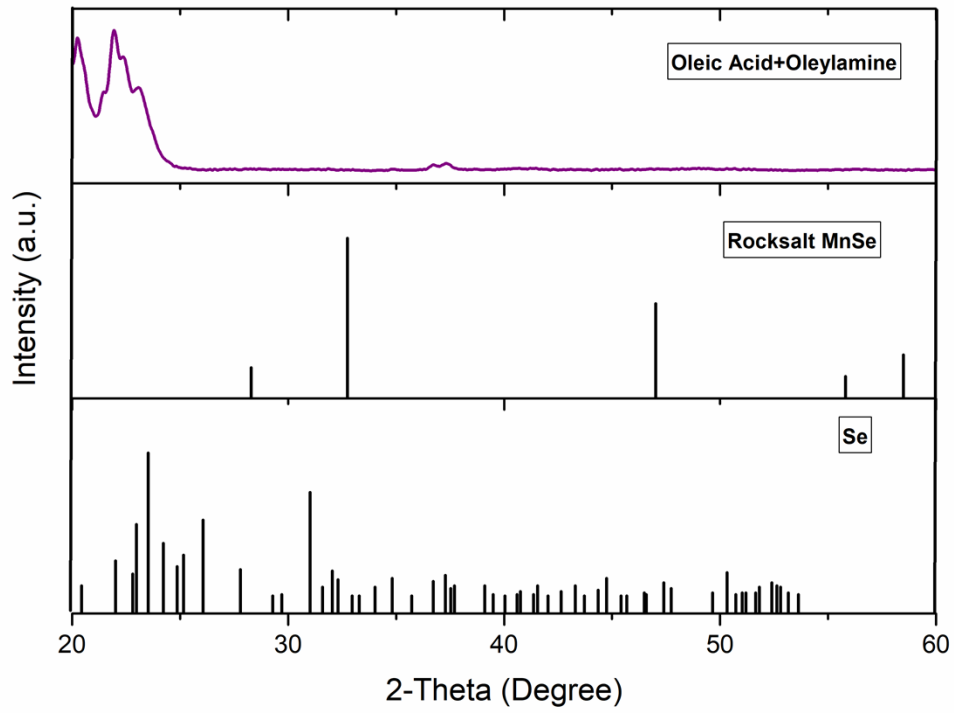
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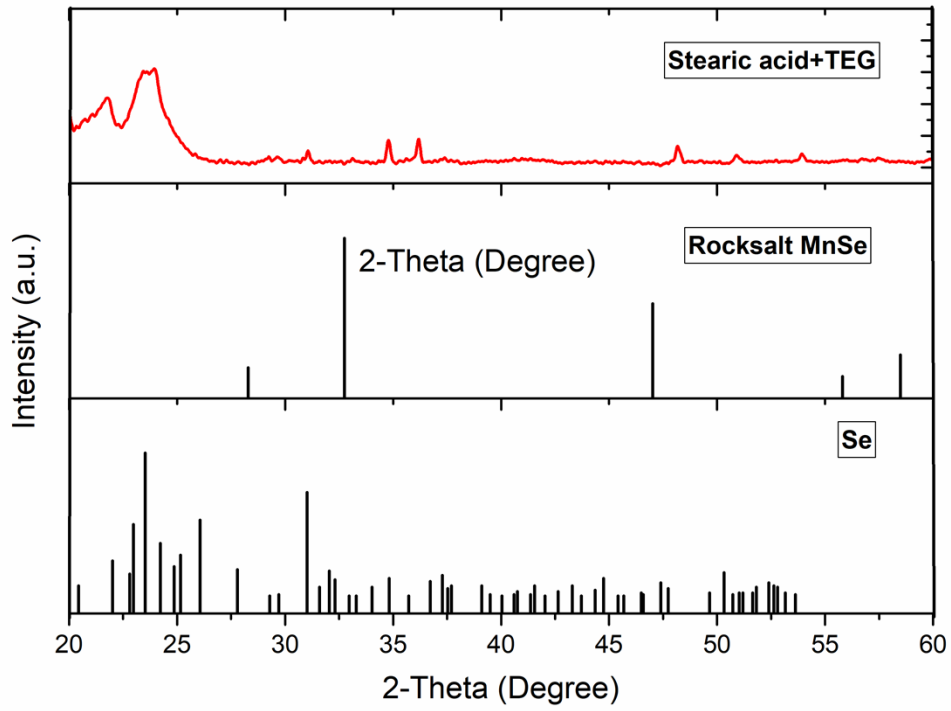
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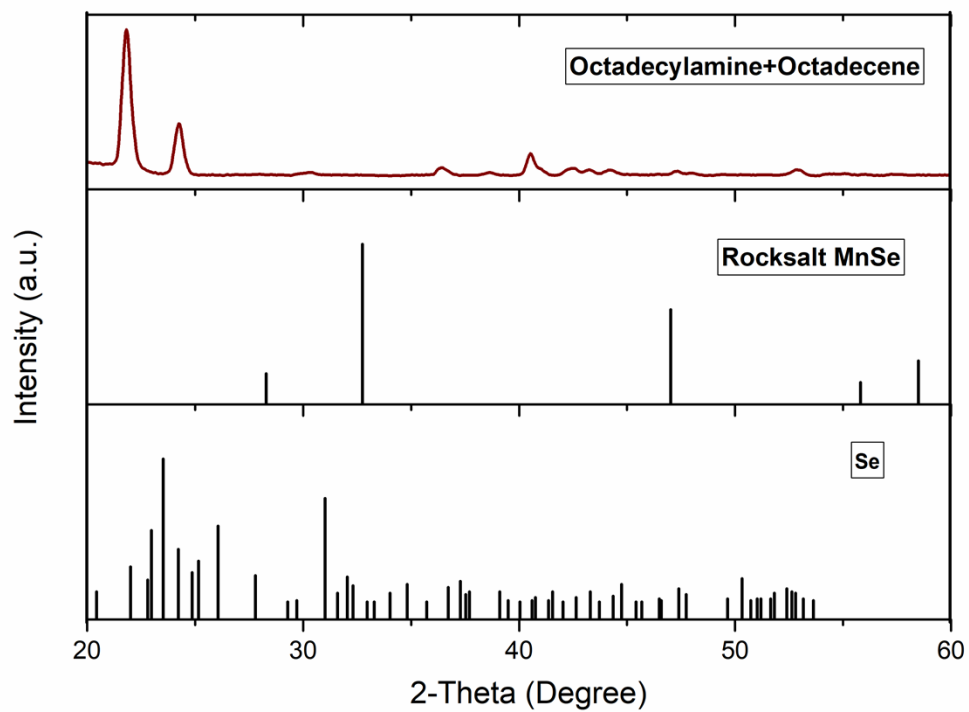
**Figure S4.** a) XRD pattern (from top to bottom) of Wurtzite along with the rock salt (when Wurtzite heated at 350 °C) and standard Zinc blende polymorph of MnSe, b) (from top to bottom) XRD of Wurtzite polymorph before and after addition of oleylamine (no phase change observed after ligand exchange reaction).



**Figure S5.** XRD pattern of sample synthesized with the oleic acid and oleylamine along with the Rocksalt.

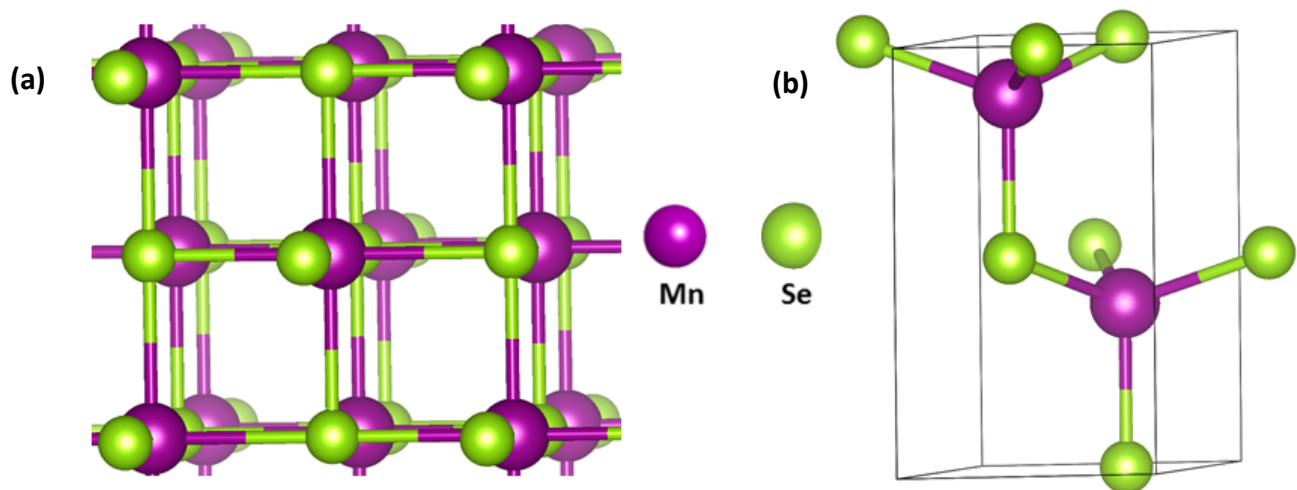


**Figure S6.** XRD pattern of sample synthesized with the stearic acid and octadecene along with the Rocksalt.

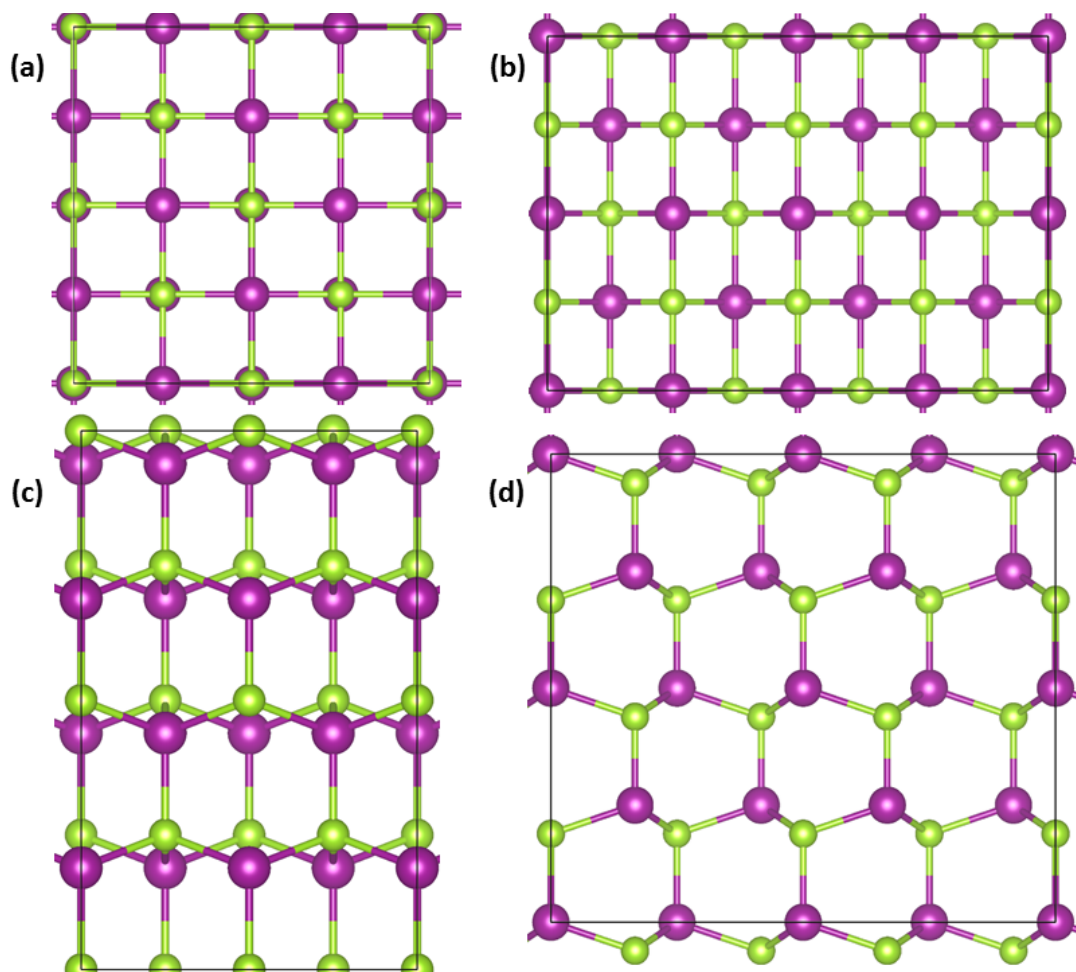


**Figure S7.** XRD pattern of sample synthesized with the combination of octadecylamine and octadecene along with the Rocksalt.

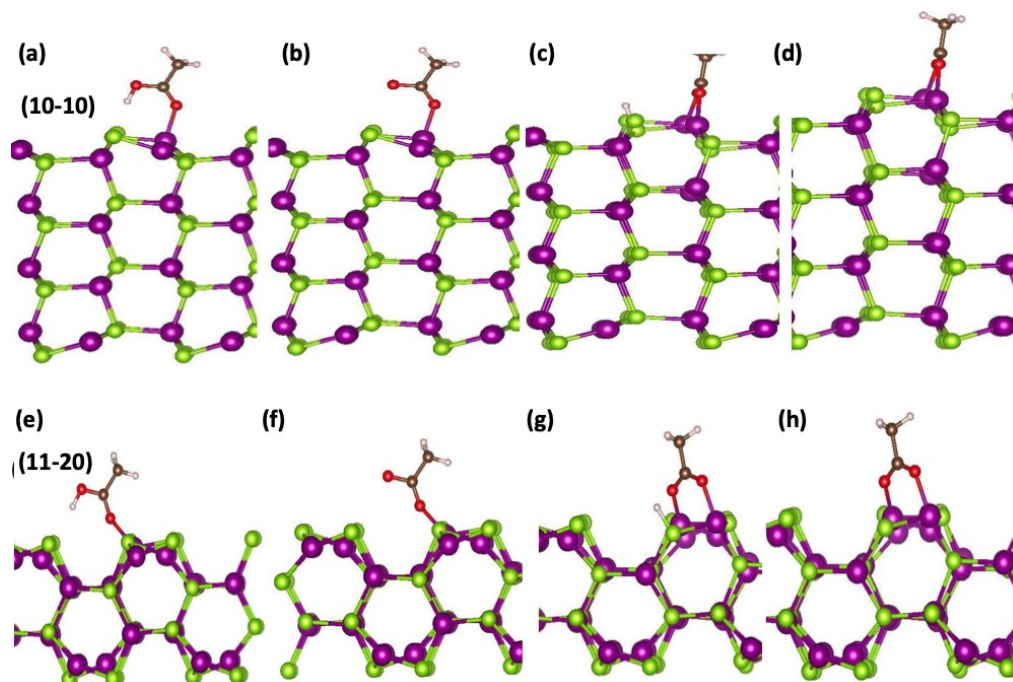




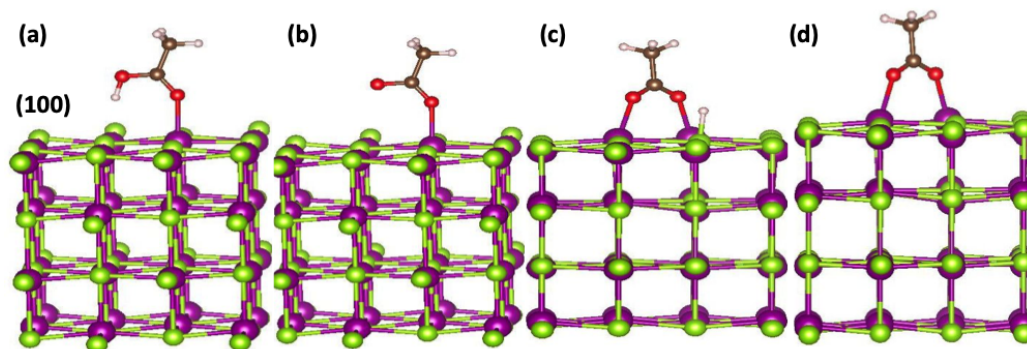
**Figure S8.** Crystal structure of a) Rocksalt/NS, b) Wurtzite/NNS of MnSe.



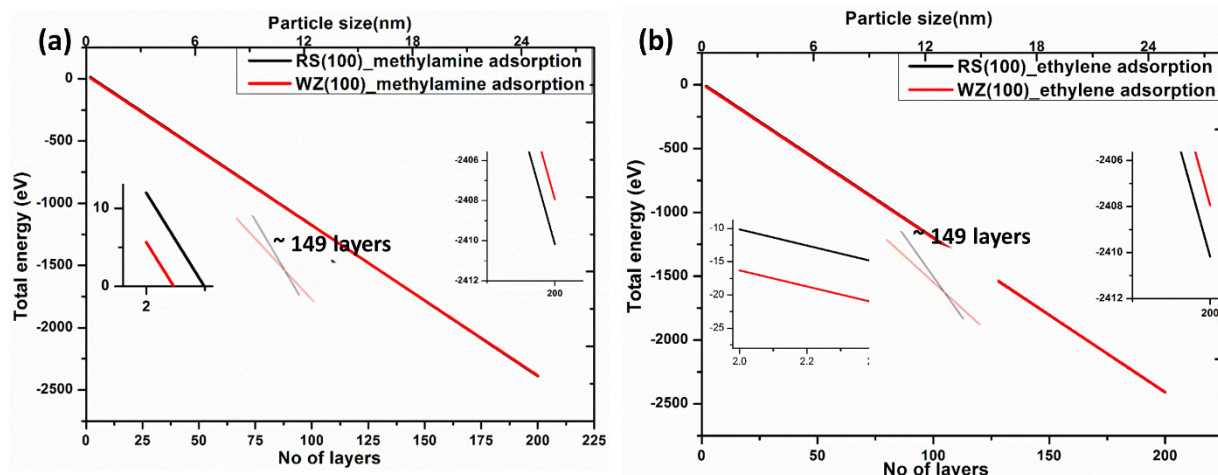
**Figure S9.** Top view of the crystal structures of (a) Rocksalt (100), (b) Rocksalt (110), (c) Wurtzite ( $10\bar{1}0$ ) and (d) Wurtzite ( $11\bar{2}0$ ) surfaces.



**Figure S10.** From left to right: a & e) Acetic acid (monodentate), (b & f) Acetate ion (monodentate), c & g) Acetic acid (bidentate), and d & h) Acetate ion (bidentate), adsorption on  $(10\bar{1}0)$  and  $(11\bar{2}0)$  surface of Wurtzite/NNS polymorph of MnSe.



**Figure S11.** From left to right: a) Acetic acid (monodentate), (b) Acetate ion (monodentate), (c) Acetic acid (bidentate), and (d) Acetate ion (bidentate), adsorption on  $(100)$  surface of Rocksalt/NS polymorph of MnSe.



**Figure S12.** Total energy versus number of layers (particle size) plot of (a) methylamine (b) ethylene adsorption on (100) and (10 $\bar{1}$ 0) surfaces of Rocksalt/NS and Wurtzite/NNS polymorphs of MnSe.

**Table S1.** Surface energy of both the surfaces of Rocksalt and Wurtzite polymorphs of MnSe.

S.No.	Different surfaces of MnSe polymorphs	Surface energy (j/m <sup>2</sup> )
1.	Rocksalt/NS (100 surface)	0.24 j /m <sup>2</sup>
2.	Wurtzite/NNS (10 $\bar{1}$ 0) surface	0.23 j/m <sup>2</sup>

<b>3.</b>	Wurtzite/NNS (11 $\bar{2}$ 0)surface	0.27 j/m <sup>2</sup>
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**Table S2.** Bader charge of both the surfaces of Rocksalt and Wurtzite polymorphs of MnSe.

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Polymorphs of MnSe</b>	<b>On bare Mn atom</b>	<b>Acetate adsorption</b>	<b>Methylamine adsorption</b>	<b>Ethylene group adsorption</b>
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<b>1.</b>	Rocksalt/NS (110 surface)	1.13	1.21	1.17	1.12
<b>2.</b>	Wurtzite/NNS ( $10\bar{1}0$ )/(100) surface	1.12	1.22	1.15	1.10