



A Theoretical Study for Investigation of Structural, Optical, Electronic, and Mechanical Properties of Double Perovskites Halide for Solar Cell Application

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ABSTRACT: For the calculation of structural, optical, electronic and mechanical properties of a X₂ScTII₆ with X = Cs, Li, Na and K possessing a cubic (2 25) structure a density functional theory (DFT) approach has been employed. The Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) approach and alongside generalized gradient approximation (GGA) are employed to investigate the structural, bandgap topologies, density of states and optical parameters of the compounds. High values of optical parameters like absorption ($\alpha = 10^5$ cm⁻¹) with direct band gap in semiconductor range of (2.05 eV to 2.42 eV) along with enhanced dielectric functions, refractive index, reflectivity, extinction coefficient, in the spectra of visible and ultraviolet region is observed and total and partial densities of states are also investigated for application in optoelectronic devices such as solar cells. The Pugh's ratio indicates these materials exhibit a nature that is also beneficial for solar cells, especially in applications requiring flexibility and mechanical durability.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The usage of diverse conventional energy sources which includes burning of fossil fuels, coal, natural gas, petroleum, agriculture stalk and others for so many years had caused hazard to environment including water and air pollution, global warming, acid rain and soil eruption which led to serious life sustainability problems. So only solution to this exist as if we move from usage of such conventional fuels to renewable energy sources which include wind and hydro power, solar energy, and other sources. One of the most important sources of energy is sun. The sun radiates more energy in one second than people have used since beginning of time¹. The problem with Solar energy is that it cannot be used directly, we require some device which can convert solar energy into other useable form of energy. One significant strategy for converting energy is to develop photocatalytic (PC) or photovoltaic (PV) technologies, like solar cells (SC) which we use to transform sunlight into chemical, electrical and other useful form of energies^{2,3}.

Semiconductor materials with an appropriate bandgap to absorb light from sun for production of free electrons. The scientific community have established some of the solar cells and classified them in different families on the basis of different materials used like, perovskite solar cells [4] thin-film amorphous silicon solar cells,⁵ gallium copper indium selenide solar cells,⁶ cadmium telluride solar cells,⁷ organic solar cells,⁸ etc. in this race of developing more and more efficient solar cells, scientists are working on these discussed families. One of the most important of them are the perovskites solar cells whose production required little effort and less expenditures.

Recently, researches have been made on the double perovskites materials which originates from simple ABO₃ type perovskites with general formulae,

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AA'BB'X₆, (where A or A' belongs to the group I and group II of periodic tables on the other hand transition metals are placed at B or B' and X represents halogen (like F, Cl, Br, I).

Jong et al. performed the theoretical calculations of structural ,optical and electronic properties of (K_2SnBr_6) and monoclinic (K_2SnI_6) compounds with cubic symmetry for the production of doublewalled, high-efficiency perovskite with low cost has successfully predicted their application as solar cell⁹. Mahmood et al. have performed the ab initio study of double perovskites originate from general formula like Rb₂PtCl₆ and Rb₂PtBr₆ occupy the energy band gap valued 2.6 eV and 2.1 eV respectively. Also, showing maximum optical conductivity in visible region existing in 1.61 eV to 3.19 eV energy spectra. These properties indicating potential usage of these materials for SC with huge stability and up-to high conversion efficiency¹⁰.

Albalawi performed study on materials $Cs_2KTlX_6(X = Br, Cl, I)$ for their optical, electronic and transport properties by using density functional theory which also indicates semiconducting nature of these materials due to presence of halogen and Tl atoms. This study predicted that the existence of halogen group and transition metal Tl mainly contributed to the valance and conduction band edges¹¹.

Ahmad et al. performed DFT-based research by using WIEN2k and BoltzTraP programs, shows the structural, elastic, optoelectronic, and transport properties of a double perovskite Na₂CuMXX₆(M = Sb, Bi;X = Cl,Br). Its potential uses in solar cells were also suggested by the materials' indirect bandgap and encouraging optical absorption in range of $(1.7 - 3.4 \text{eV})^{12}$.

Another study performed by S. Mahmud by using DFT to examine the phase stability, optoelectronic, and thermoelectric characteristics of $X_2 Au YZ_6 (X =$ Cs, Rb; Z = Cl, Br, I) double perovskites. Mechanical and thermodynamic stability were predicted by Pugh's ratio, phonon dispersion, and formation energy, whereas tolerance and octahedral factors were used to prove structural stability. The materials also show promise for solar and thermoelectric applications because of their visible-to-UV band gaps, which range from 1.74 to 2.91 eV¹³. The structural, optical, electronic and mechanical properties of X_2 ScTlI₆ (X = Cs, Li, Na, K) in a cubic (225) phase remain unexplored, particularly for their potential in optoelectronic applications. This study employs density functional theory (DFT) using the PBE-GGA approach to analyze the structural, electronic, and optical properties of X_2 ScTli₆ compounds aiming to assess their potential for optoelectronic applications, particularly in flexible and durable solar cells.

In our presented work we have established a theoretical framework for studying the elastic, structural, alongside optoelectronic properties of the X_2 ScTlI₆ where (X = Cs, Li, Na and K) to investigate their potential usage in photovoltaic technology like Solar cells.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

First-principle calculations were carried out on Cambridge Serial Total Energy Package (CASTEP)¹⁴ which used plane-wave pseudopotentials and Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE)¹⁵ as exchangecorrelation functional along with generalized gradient approximation (GGA)¹⁶ of density functional theory (DFT) using material studio. GGA-PBE approach was used to calculate the electronic structure of these perovskites because it offers an excellent mix between computational efficiency and accuracy. GGA-PBE is a good fit for our work because it has been demonstrated in earlier research on related structures^{17,18} to precisely characterize their band gaps, optical and electrical characteristics.

Unit cell atomic positions and lattice parameters of all the structures were optimized within this code. Broyden- Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno (BFGS)¹⁹ algorithm technique was utilized for this optimization, by keeping the value of self-consistent field (SCF) to be 1.0×10^{-6} Å, total energy was fixed to 2.0×10^{-5} eV/ atom, maximum stress and maximum force was of 0.1 GPa, and 0.05eV/Å, valued respectively, and taking 0.002Å as maximum displacement. Structural parameters, electronic and optical properties were carried out by using 450 eV as plane-wave cut-off energy alongside the k integration of Monkhorst pack grid²⁰ as $5 \times 5 \times 5$ k-point mesh throughout the Brillouin zone. Furthermore, van-der-walls interactions were considered by using the TS method of correction. For calculation of the band-structure CASTEP uses set of quantum mechanical equation²¹ given as

$$\psi_{ki}(r) = \exp[ik \cdot r]f_i(r) \tag{1}$$

$$f_i(r) = \sum_G G_{i,G} \exp[iG.r] \tag{2}$$

$$\sum_{G'} \left[\frac{h^2}{2m} |k+G|^2 \delta_{GG'} + V_{ion} \left(G - G' \right) + V_H \left(G - G' \right) \right] C_{i,k+G'} = \varepsilon_i C_{i,k+G}$$
(3)

Here φ represents the pseudo wave function, k is wave vector, and r shows the radial distance in spherical coordinate for a point given in space. G is unique constant density function, V_{xc} is exchange correlation potential, V_{ion} is ionic potential δ_{GG} represents the Kronecker delta function which are important parameters in calculating the electronic properties.

Optical properties (including both the real and imaginary portion of dielectric function and refractive indices, reflectivity, optical conductivity, absorption, and loss function) were calculated directly and indirectly by Kramers-Kronig dispersion relations²². The complex of dielectric function is described as

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_1(\omega) + i\varepsilon_2(\omega) \tag{4}$$

$$\varepsilon_1(\omega) = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi} P \int_0^\infty \frac{\omega' \varepsilon_2(\omega')}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2} d\omega'$$
 (5)

$$\varepsilon_{2}(\omega) = \frac{4\pi^{2}e^{2}}{m^{2}\omega^{2}V} \sum \int_{BZ} \left| \langle \psi_{k}^{v} | \, \overrightarrow{p_{l}} \right| \psi_{k}^{C} \right\rangle \left|^{2} \delta \left(E_{\psi_{k}^{c}} - E_{\psi_{k}^{v}} - \hbar \omega \right) \tag{6}$$

Electronic occupied and unoccupied states can be expressed as the momentum matrix which is the story behind the imaginary portion of dielectric function and can be directly obtained by using Kramers-Kronig dispersion relations whereas, the real portion of the dielectric function dependent on incident light frequency can be obtained from this imaginary part. For the calculation of imaginary portion of dielectric function and valance band wave function are denoted by ψ_k^v at k wave function, e is the electronic charge, V is volume of unit cell, and ω is frequency of photon, given in (6). Remaining optical properties were obtained indirectly^{23,24} from Kramers-Kronig dispersion relations by using the following expressions.

$$n(\omega) = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon_1^2(\omega) + \varepsilon_2^2}(\omega)}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon_1(\omega)}{2} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
(7)

$$k(\omega) = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon_1^2(\omega) + \varepsilon_2^2}(\omega)}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon_1(\omega)}{2} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
(8)

$$R(\omega) = \frac{(1-n)^2 + k^2}{(1+n)^2 + k^2} \tag{9}$$

$$\alpha(\omega) = 2\omega \left(\frac{\left[\sqrt{\varepsilon_1^2(\omega) + \varepsilon_2^2(\omega)} - \varepsilon_1(\omega) \right]}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
(10)

$$L(\omega) = \frac{\varepsilon_2(\omega)}{\varepsilon_1^2(\omega) + \varepsilon_2^2(\omega)}$$
(11)

Mechanical parameters including elastic stiffness constants were obtained by using module 'Forcite' within material studio which uses charges as 'assigned' under 'universal force field', and at 'ultra-fine' quality. 'Ewald' was used as the electrostatic summation method and 'atom-based' summation was chosen as for 'Van der Waals'. From these calculated values of elastic constants, the value of different modulus like Bulk (B), shear (G) and young's modulus (Y) and value of Poisson's ratio (v) were obtained by using following relations^{25,26}.

$$B_{H} = \frac{1}{2} \left(B_{v} + B_{R} \right) \tag{12}$$

$$G_H = \frac{1}{2} \left(G_v + G_R \right) \tag{13}$$

$$Y = \frac{9B_H G_H}{3B_H + G_H} \tag{14}$$

$$v = \frac{3B_H - 2G_H}{2(3B_H + G_H)} \tag{15}$$

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Structural Properties

X2ScTII 6 with X = Cs, Li, Na and K occupies cubic symmetry with space group Fm3m (225) represented in Fig. 1. There exists a total of 40 atoms in the unit cell structure, with 8 ' X' site atoms (X = Cs, Li, Na and K), 4'Sc ' atom and also 4'Tl' atom and the remaining positions belongs to ' I ' atom alone. As it's a cubic structure so all the lattice parameters are same like $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c} = 12.56\text{ Å}$, and $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$.

B. Electronic Properties

The nature of the materials which classifies them as conductors, semiconductors, or insulators, can be determined on basis of their energy band gap. Overlapping of the valence band (VB) and the conduction band (CB) proposed the conducting nature while subtracting the conduction band (CB) minimum from valence band (VB) maximum predicts the insulator and semiconductor natures of the compounds. Calculated energy band structures of X_2 ScTII6 with X = Cs, Li, Na and K , by using GGAPBE approximation are shown in Fig. 2 respectively. Our calculations show that Cs₂ScTlI, Li₂ScTlI6, Na₂ScTl₆ and K₂SCTll₆ are all direct band gap semiconducting compounds with value ranging 2.05 eV to 2.42 eV. A direct band gap showing strong effect of spin-orbit coupling near the G symmetry point and this is the point of band gap value.

Density of states confirms the presence of desired band gap across the fermi level 0 eV denoted by dotted vertical line shown in Fig. 3. Alongside partial density of states was also calculated to check each atomic orbital contribution in creating the band structure and are presented in Fig. 4.

Fig. 4a representing PDOS of Cs_2ScTII_6 , in which the majority contribution in establishing the valance band is due to presence of $I - 5p^5$, other to this we have very little contribution of $TI - 6 s^2$ and $Sc - 4 s^2$ in formation of valance band. The highest energy gap is found in this compound compared to others, lie between 0 and 2.5 eV

, On the other hand, in case of conduction band we got $\rm Cs-4~d^{10}, \rm Cs-5p^6$ and $\rm Sc-3~d^1$ showing maximum contribution. The Cs-6s $^1, \rm Tl-6p^1$ and $\rm I-5~s^2$ shows negligible contribution to the conduction band of Cs 2 ScTlI .

Fig. 4b presents huge dominance by the I-5p 5 in the valance band area of Li2ScTlI6. Tl-6s 2 and Sc - 3 d¹ demonstrate a weak impact, while I-5p 5 is very much prominent in here. Li2ScTlI6 possess an energy band gap of 2.05 eV , consistent with previously shown electronic band structure. The impact of I-5p 5 and I - 5 s² is very weak in case of conduction band. In this region Li-1s 2 , Li - 2p¹ and Sc - 3 d¹ shows significant contribution.

From Fig. 4c we conclude that valance band mainly represents an outcome of hybridization of the $I5p^5$, $TI - 6 s^2$, and $Sc - 3 d^1$, states, but $Sc - 3 d^1$ shows minute presence. The I atom showing significant influence over other atoms in the valance band. No electronic state of any type exists in the electronic band gap range of about 0 and 2.3 eV. Sc and Na showing influence in the conduction band of Na2ScTII 6. Specifically, the states $Sc - 3 d^1$, Na $- 2p^6$ and Na $- 3s^1$ exert noteworthy effects, whereas the $TI - 6p^1$ state revels minimal appearance.

The PDOS for K_2 ScTlI₆ can be seen in Fig. 4d, where I and Tl ions are overriding in the valance band, with Sc and K making negligible existence. Valance band of this compound is pointedly inclined by $I5p^5$, $Tl - 6 s^2$ states. This material's experience a bandgap between 0 and 2.4 eV which is forbidden energy region. In the conduction band Sc $- 3 d^1$, $K - 3 s^2$, $K - 3p^6$ and $K - 4p^1$ are the one with prominent contribution compared to others elements. The I-5 p⁵ and I-5s² ions is showing negligible contribution to the CB.

C. Optical Properties

The complex dielectric function is described as given in equation 4. The graphs for complex dielectric functions (real and imaginary) are plotted in the energy range 0-9eV in Fig. 5a and b, respectively. The $\varepsilon_1(0)$ values for Cs2₂ScTII₆, Li₂ScTII₆, Na₂ScTII₆ and K₂ScTII₆ are 4.68, 4.72, 4.62 and 4.55 respectively which is the most important parameter in these spectra discussed at zerofrequency limit $\varepsilon_1(0)$, representing the electronic part of the dielectric function²⁷. Peaks values of $\varepsilon_1(\omega)$ describing the maximum polarization lies in the visible region with peaqk value of 6.84 at 2.4 eV shown by the one with minimum band gap value 2.05 eV of Li₂ScTII₆ materials. Peaks value of 6.75 for Cs₂ScTII₆ is at 2.51eV, 6.72 for Na₂ScTII₆ is at 2.44 eV , and 6.63 for K₂ScTII₆ is



FIG. 1: Cubic structured of the materials X2ScT1I6 with (X = Cs, Li, Na and K).



FIG. 2: Band Structure of the materials (a) Cs₂ScTlI₆, (b) Li₂ScTlI₆, (c) Na₂ScTlI₆, and (d).

at 2.5 eV .

Various inter-band transition within materials band structures is characterized by the peaks observed in the $\varepsilon_2(\omega)$ plots. From the plots in Fig. 5b, it is clear that for visible region, Li₂ScTlI₆ exhibits the highest peak value 4.9 at 3.2 eV, when compared with the other structures.

This is because of the lower band gap for $\text{Li}_2\text{ScTll}_6$ compared to the other materials, which makes it easier for the polarized electrons to extend into the conduction band and enhance the photovoltaic effect. Cs2ScTlI 6 shows the lowest peak of about 4.4 at 3.3eV, Na₂ScTlI₆ shows peak at 3.2 eV of valued 4.8 and K₂ScTlI₆ shows



FIG. 3: Density of states of materials (a) Cs2ScTII6, (b) Li2ScTII6, (c) Na2ScTII6, and (d) K2ScTII6.



FIG. 4: Partial density of states of materials (a) Cs2ScTlI 6 , (b) Li2ScTlI 6 , (c) Na2ScTlI6, and (d) K2ScTlI 6.

peak at 3.3 eV of valued 4.5.

Complex of refractive index can be described by the combination of refractive index and extinction coefficient shown in Fig. 5c, 5d. Refractive index shows similar behavior as comparison with the real of dielectric function. To be utilizing these materials for practical applications especially in opto-electronic devices, the refractive index $n(\omega)$ information plays a crucial role as in (7), indicating the data response to materials transparency; as $n(\omega) > 1$ entitles the optical substance as transparent nature. Threshold value of refractive index can be seen highest for Li_2ScTlI_6 of about 2.17. Similarly, 2.16, 2.15, 2.13 are the threshold values for refractive indices of Cs₂ScTll₆, Na₂ScTll₆ and K₂ScTll₆. For the discussion of peak value $n(\omega)$ values reach its maximum peak in visible region and it decrease in UV region. Li₂ScTll₆ has highest $n(\omega)$ value than others due to the moderately thinner band gap of $Li_2ScTlI_6(n =$ 2.66), it establishes the uppermost $n(\omega)$ value than C_2ScTlI_6 , Na_2ScTlI_6 , and K_2ScTlI_6 (n = 2.63, 2.64, and 2.61). These results are predicting the utilization of these materials for solar cell and PV technologies as these materials showing highest values in the visible region for refractive indices.

Similar to the imaginary portion $\varepsilon_2(\omega)$ of the dielectric function, extinction coefficient $k(\omega)$ Fig. 5d also starts from a specific threshold energy. This threshold value corresponds to the value of materials band gap. Extinction coefficient $k_{max}(\omega)$ are 0.96 at 3.47eV, 1.08 at 3.58eV, 1.08 at 3.59 eV and 1.00 at 3.53 eV for Cs₂ScTlI₆, Li₂ScTlI₆, Na₂ScTlI₆, and K₂ScTlI₆ compounds, respectively.

Incident frequency vs reflectivity $R(\omega)$ for X_2S_{cT1I} with X = Cs, Li, Na and K, displayed in Fig. 6a. Reflectivity $R(\omega)$ is the measure of quantity of light which is bounce back after hitting the materials interface. Static values of $R(\omega)$ which resemble to zerofrequency limit for Cs₂ScTII₆, Li₂ScTII₆, Na₂ScTII₆, and K₂ ScTIII ₆ are 0.135, 0.136, 0.1330.130 respectively. Sharp peaks in this case lies in visible and near UV (2 - 4eV) spectra.

The materials exhibit high absorption coefficients in visible and UV ranges as can be seen in Fig. 6b. Similar to the imaginary portion $\varepsilon_2(\omega)$ of the dielectric function, and the extinction coefficient $k(\omega)$ absorption coefficients also initiates at some certain value of threshold energy which corresponds to the materials band gap energy. In the visible region of spectra material absorption shows regular behavior as it continues from threshold and tends to increases in both of visible and UV region. Materials showing high absorption coefficient of $\alpha > 10^5$ cm⁻¹ in both visible and UV region making them excellent candidates for photovoltaic point of view.

All structures exhibit high optical conductivities in the region from 2-9 eV represented in Fig. 6c. High optical conductivity is shown by the material Cs_2ScTlI_6 of about $3.12fs^{-1}$ at 8.41 eV followed by K_2ScTlI_6 of valued $2.87fs^{-1}$ at 6.25 eV, and by Na_2ScTlI_6 of valued $2.83fs^{-1}$ at 7.81 eV, and by Li_2ScTlI_6 of valued $2.4fs^{-1}$ at 4.96 eV.

The electron energy loss (EEL) function of X_2ScTlI_6 with (X = Cs, Li, Na and K) in provided energy range of 0-9eV presented in Fig. 6d. Sharp peaks in the energy loss function is closely related to the plasma oscillations which are known to be coincide with base of $Re(\varepsilon)$ crossing the x = 0 line. The EEL function showing only one major peak at around 06 eV which is coinciding with plasma oscillations.

D. Mechanical Properties

Elastic constants are calculated in order to further calculate the materials mechanical parameters including value of different modulus like bulk modulus (B), shear modulus (G), and Youngs modulus (Y). From these values we further investigate the B/G ratio known as Pugh's ratio and v as Poisson's ratio which tells us about materials brittle and ductility. The critical value is near around 1.75^{26} for the Pugh's ratio, below 1.75, material shows brittle nature, above 1.75, it's ductile. The critical value for Poisson's ratio is about 0.26, below this the materials is ductile and above this the material is ductile. Our results presented in the Table I showing the materials under consideration are of the ductile nature.

IV. CONCLUSION

A GGA-PBE study based on the pseudopotential under the framework of CASTEP was successfully done to obtained the structural, electronic and optical properties along with mechanical properties which are calculated under the frame work of Forcite module, of the X₂ScTII₆ with (X = Cs, Li, Na and K) materials. The obtained direct band gap (2.05 eV to 2.42 eV) describes the semiconductor nature of these materials. High values of absorption coefficient (10^4 cm⁻¹ to 10^5 cm⁻¹), refractive index (2.6-2.7), and real dielectric (06 to 08) along with low values of loss function (0.25 - 0.50), and reflectivity ($0.20 \ 0.25$) all lies in the visible to UVregion (03 - 06eV) of incident light indicating that the materials X₂ScTl₁I₆ with (X = Cs, Li, Na and K) can be



FIG. 5: Optical properties of materials (a) Dielectric function (real), (b) Dielectric function (imaginary), (c) Refractive index, (d) Extinction coefficient for X₂ScTlI₆ with (X = Cs, Li, Na and K).



FIG. 6: Optical properties of materials (a) Reflectivity, (b) Absorption (c) Optical conductivity, (d) Loss function for X₂ScTlI6 with (X = Cs, Li, Na and K).

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C ₁₁	5.5	1.6	1.8	3.6
C_{12}	4.2	1.0	1.5	2.1
C ₄₄	1.3	0.5	0.3	1.0
В	4.7	1.3	1.8	2.7
G	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.7
Y	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.9
B/G	9.4	4.3	6.0	3.9
v	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4

TABLE I: values of elastic constant C_{ij} necessary for cubic symmetry, bulk modulus (B), shear modulus (G), Young's modulus (Y), Pugh ratio (B/G), for Poisson's ratio (v) of X₂ScTlI6 with (X = Cs, Li, Na and K).

TABLE II: shows a comparison of some properties of our materials to those materials which previously predicted for Solar energy conversion.

Materials	Functional	Band Gap	Nature of	Real	Refractive	В	G	Y	References
		(eV)	band structure	dielectric function	index	(GPa)	(GPa)	(GPa)	
Cs_2ScTII_6	GGA-PBE	2.42	Direct	6.75	2.63	4.7	0.5	1.5	This work
Li_2ScTlI_6	GGA-PBE	2.05	Direct	6.84	2.66	1.3	0.3	0.8	This Work
Na_2ScTII_6	GGA-PBE	2.27	Direct	6.72	2.64	1.8	0.3	0.9	This Work
K_2ScTlI_6	GGA-PBE	2.38	Direct	6.63	2.61	2.7	0.7	1.9	This Work
Cs_2AuYCl_6	GGA-PBE	2.05	Indirect	2.93	1.81	32.10	Gap	Gap	[13]
Cs_2AuYBr_6	GGA-PBE	1.56	Indirect	4.01	2.06	27.35	Gap	Gap	[13]
Cs_2AuYI_6	GGA-PBE	1.05	Indirect	5.87	2.45	22.19	Gap	Gap	[13]
${\rm Na_2CuSbCl_6}$	GGA-PBE	0.83	Indirect	4.48	2.13	10.29	5.81	15.98	[12]
$Na_2CuSbBr_6$	GGA-PBE	0.60	Indirect	4.99	2.25	8.44	8.65	20.18	[12]

used as potential applicant for the solar energy conversion devices. Moreover, mechanical properties including Pugh's ratio and Poisson's ratio indicating the ductile behavior of these materials.

DECLARATION OF COMPETING INTER-EST

The authors have no conflicts to disclose.

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