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Study of the Electronic Properties of Different Phases of Cu₃V-VI₄ Based on First-Principle Calculation TINGTING SHI, WANJIAN YIN, The University of Toledo, MOWAFAK AL-JASSIM, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, YANFA YAN, The University of Toledo, YAN RESEARCH GROUP TEAM, THE MEASUREMENTS AND CHARACTERIZATION (M&C) GROUP COLLABORATION — Considering the small energy differences among the Cu₃V-VI₄ compounds in four different structures, enargite, wurtzite-PMCA, famatinitite and zinc-blend-PMCA, a large variety of phases with different band properties may co-exist. This paper systematically studies the trend of the electronic properties of these phases; the band gap will greatly decrease when the phase changes from enargite to wurtzite-PMCA, or from famatinitite to zinc-blende-PMCA. For example, the band gap of enargite Cu₃PS₄ is 2.51 eV, while the famatinitite one is 1.72 eV. In addition, the band gap will obviously decrease as we increase the atomic number of group-V or group-VI element for one structure. Due to the wide band range from 0.4 eV to 2.5 eV for all possible Cu₃V-VI₄ structures, our detailed first-principle study will suggest guidelines for the band gap engineering for potential photovoltaic applications.

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