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Density of States Broadening in $CH_3NH_3Pbl_3$ Hybrid Perovskites Understood from ab initio Molecular Dynamics Simulations

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Abstract

Lead-halide perovskites are the promising materials in optoelectronic devices for their unique properties including direct band gap, strong light absorption, high carrier mobility and low fabrication cost. Here, by using ab inito molecular dynamics and electronic structure calculations, we report a systematic study on the broadening density of states (DOS) deep in the valence bands that has been experimentally observed but absent in static calculations. We quantify the broadening DOS reduction from cubic phase to lower temperature tetragonal and orthorhombic phases and attribute observed effects to the molecular vibrations and the anharmonicity of iodine atoms motion. Specifically, the MA cations' vibrations are strongly linked to the moderate C−N stretch and CH₃ bend, as well as the strong CH₃ and NH₃⁺ stretches. These results present a theoretical perspective on the structural dynamics in lead-halide perovskites which may be valuable for future studies toward desired functionalities in perovskite-based optoelectronic devices.

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Solution-processed lead-halide perovskites have emerged as a promising optoelectronic technology due to many unique advantages including direct band gap, strong light absorption, high carrier mobility, and low fabrication cost.¹ For example, the photovoltaic efficiency has jumped spectacularly up to $15-22.1\%$ for methyl ammonium lead iodine (MAPbI₃, $MA = CH_3NH_3$) materials.²⁻⁴ The underlying mechanisms behind these attractive photoelectronic properties have been widely explored in terms of defects,⁵ ion migration,⁶⁻¹¹ polaronic effects (including both small 12,13 and large polarons), 14,15 ferroelectric order, $^{16-18}$ structural and electronic dimensionality, etc. Studies of the relationship between the organic cations and device efficiency are rare and are mainly focused on the orientation of the MA and the induced distortion of the PbI_6 octahedral cage as well as direct-indirect band gap transition.²⁰ Moreover, the spontaneous generation of free carriers from exciton screening originating from the collective orientational motion of the organic cations has been experimentally confirmed.²¹ Upon change of the organic cation, the carrier self-trapping phenomena,¹² interband transition properties, and optical absorption strength²² are significantly altered. Additionally, due to thermal effects, MA is associated with various molecular vibrational modes and motionally disordered orientations, ²³ which play an important role in the carrier mobility. ²⁴ The molecular vibrational modes have already been measured by means of Infrared $(\text{IR})^{25}$ and Raman²⁶ spectroscopies. Although MA electronic states are not the main contributors around the Fermi level, we expect their vibrations to partly affect material's functionality via enhancing the electronic dimensionality and band transport in devices.¹⁹

Current theoretical calculations do not match the experimentally measured density of states (DOS) deep within the valence band (VB) of $MAPbI₃$ materials. Calculated DOS has sharp features within the valence band that are in stark contrast to the "flattened" nature of the experimentally measured DOS. 27,28 Literature has previously stated that due to a higher photo-ionization cross-section, only the Pb and I ions interact with high energy sources, making the MA cation a spectator deep within the VB. If this is the case, electronic state

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separation due to spin orbit coupling (SOC), mainly associated with Pb and I , 29,30 could be the main factor in DOS broadening. Lack of direct experimental signatures from MA may be attributed to the low photoionization cross sections of light elements, consequently signals of C, N and H atoms are difficult to detect at high photon energies in hard X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (HAXPES).³¹ Computed valence spectra provide a qualitative agreement with experiment if the DOS peaks are broadened with a $0.3-0.5$ eV wide Gaussian function.^{32,33} Such an ad hoc way to account for the effect of molecular motion does not provide insights into the contributing atomic species. However, another hypothesis explaining the difference between the calculated and measured DOS is that the experimental spectra reflect only the average DOS resulting from a convolution of molecular motion and time resolution of spectral equipment. This is expected to recreate experimental observations deep within the VB and thus clarify the good X-ray detection ability of the material. 34–36 Moreover, the much more flattened and broadened characters of VB dispersion determined by angle resolved photoemission experiments further provides evidence for the feasibility of broadening the DOS by vibrations of MA.³⁷ The only way to get a detailed atomistic information on the processes taking place and to quantify the effects of molecular vibrational motions, inorganic lattice anharmonicity, and SOC is to perform molecular dynamics simulations of MA and Cs perovskite systems in different thermodynamic ensembles.

To address the discrepancies between theory and experiment, we consider factors possibly influencing the theoretical DOS. Contributing physical properties, such as SOC and temperature induced distortions (octahedral tilting), $38-41$ may play an important role in the shape and broadening of the DOS. SOC predominantly affects the orbitals of heavy atoms in systems. Previous theoretical calculations stated that the VB just below the Fermi level is derived from Pb-6s and I-5p states and the conduction band minimum (CBM) is dominated mostly by Pb-6p states, suggesting that SOC mainly influences the CBM in all temperature phases.^{29,30,42} The distortion of the PbI_6 octahedral cage induces a direct-indirect band gap transition⁴³ and modifies the electronic states around the Fermi level.²² Given that the enPage 5 of 23

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ergy difference between DOS peaks deep within the VB are on the order of up to 0.5 eV, a substantial change in either atomic orientation or electronic distribution must occur in order to justify the wide range of absorption energies experimentally measured. 34–36 Identification of the atomic species participating in the state energy fluctuations can possibly answer if the broadened DOS primarily originates from molecular motion or re-distribution of electronic states. Addressing this issue successfully will enrich our understanding of photo-physics in hybrid perovskites and facilitate the experimental search for realistic optoelectronic applications. In this letter, we systematically investigate that the effects of SOC and vibrational motion of the organic cations in MAPbI_3 via first-principles calculations as outlined in Methods in the Supporting Information (SI). Our simulations determine the DOS broadening within the VB in cubic, tetragonal and orthorhombic phases at 400, 300K and 100K temperatures, respectively. This phenomenon stems from both the molecular vibrations in the cations and the anharmonicity in the motion of the iodine atoms. The MA cations' vibrations are associated with the moderate C−N stretch and CH³ bend, as well as the strong CH³ and NH⁺₃ stretches. Knowledge of the specific atomistic motions and interactions that dominate structural and electronic properties is helpful when substituting the organic cation in order to tune materials properties.

Electronic structure calculations for the optimized structures of MAPbI³ (Figure 1) provide a starting point for pinpointing the cause of broadened DOS captured by experimental work. Figure 2 presents the DOS plots with and without SOC for the cubic phase of MAPbI₃. These are compared to those of pure inorganic $CsPbI₃$ models taking the same lattice parameters as the corresponding $MAPbI₃$ does. We notice that addition of SOC leads to a shift in energy near the CB edge producing a reduced band gap, which agrees with previously published electronic structure calculations. ²⁹ The effect of SOC is not localized to specific momentum values but is known to shift band energies across all sampled k-points in the system. The SOC energy gaps are 0.67 and 0.63 eV for cubic $MAPbI₃$ and the corresponding CsPbI³ model, respectively. These values are significantly corrected by about 0.99 and 0.94

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eV compared to results obtained without SOC. Similar corrections of 0.9 and 1.0 eV are also observed for tetragonal and orthorhombic phases, respectively (Figure S1 and S2), in agreement with previous results. ³⁰ When focusing on electronic states deeper in the VB, one can see a distinction in how SOC affects the Cs and MA systems. For the $CsPbI₃$ system, there exists a Cs peak located near −8.5 eV with a SOC splitting amounting to 1.53 eV from the Cs p orbitals (Figure 2a and c). From atomic energy level tables, 44 the $+1$ oxidation state of a Cs cation has a SOC splitting of about 1.22 eV between the p orbitals of total angular momentum $J = 1/2$ and $J = 3/2$, which is about 0.31 eV lower than the calculated splitting. In contrast, the energy structure deep within the VB for the $MAPbI₃$ system, is relatively unchanged with the addition of SOC (Figure 2b), rationalized by a negligible SOC effect from light-elements-constituted MA molecules. Additionally, SOC leads to the subsequent splitting of Pb-5d orbitals at about −17 eV into two individual peaks (Figure S3), displaying a SOC splitting of 2.58 eV between the 5d orbitals of total angular momentum $J = 3/2$ and $J = 5/2$, in nice agreement with 2.65 eV as reported in atomic energy level tables.⁴⁴ This splitting has a minor impact on the electronic structure due to its extremely deep position. In the energy range from -12.5 to -4 eV, there are only a few electronic states associated with Pb or I atoms (Figure 2d). Moreover, SOC does not produce any sizable enlargement of the total DOS in this energy range down to −12.5 eV (Figure 2b).

Next, we consider the effect of molecular motion as a possible cause of a broadened DOS within the VB. To this end, we run a series of MD trajectories for Cs and MA-based perovskites adopting NVT thermostat condition. These simulations were performed at temperatures of 400, 300 and 100 K for the cubic, tetragonal and orthorhombic phases, respectively, on different sizes of periodic cells (see Methods in SI). Since SOC does very little to modify the electronic DOS in the energy range of interest, we neglect SOC in the calculations of MD. The radial pair distribution functions (RDF's) between the different atoms provides a clear picture of the magnitude of the vibrations of the different atoms around their equilibrium positions. As shown in Figures $S4-7$, the RDF's for the inorganic $PbI₃$ lattice are

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typical for a solid with clearly defined peaks broadened around their optimized positions. However, owing to higher mobility, the situation is different for RDF's involving atoms of the organic cation. There is much more variability for $N-N$ pairs in $MAPbI₃$ than Cs–Cs pairs in CsPbI3, especially for the high temperature cubic phase. This effect also appreciable in the other two phases, overall being in a good agreement with previous studies. $45-47$

It is expected that the high frequency motions and vibrations of the organic cations could broaden the DOS, especially deep in the VB. We next identify the atomic species participating in the state energy fluctuations so that we can investigate whether the broadened DOS is based on molecular motion or not. While it has been established that SOC has very little effect on the molecular motion and lattice parameters,⁴⁸ in order to test the effect of SOC on the electronic structure we calculated the time-averaged DOS over 100 configurations with SOC along the 15 ps NVT MD trajectories on the 2 \times 2 \times 2 cubic MAPbI₃ cell. As shown in Figure S8, we can find that SOC does not lead to any sizable DOS broadening in this energy range related to the electronic states of $PbI₆$ octahedrons. Consequently, we exclude the SOC effect in forthcoming calculations of massive DOS dynamics, for which the final 400 geometries along each MD trajectory were extracted. Figure 3a demonstrates three broadened DOS peaks (denoted as peak I, II, III) existing deep inside the VB for cubic MAPbI₃, located around $-5.0, -9.2$ and -12.5 eV, respectively. Similar peak broadening is also found in the other two lower temperature phases of $MAPbI₃$, differing only by a narrower half-width of three main broadening peaks (Figure 3b and c). This is due to a reduction in disordered states 23,45–47 and weakened vibrational motion of the MA cations from temperature effects. Indeed, for $CsPbI₃$ (Figure S9) the time averaged DOS over the entire energy range is almost the same as the ground state of $CsPbI₃$, i.e. without significantly broadened DOS peaks as found in the hybrid MAPbI3. The lack of DOS broadening in the Cs system is thus attributed to the absence of MA vibrational modes. As the electronic dimensionality is increased, the electron mobility is enhanced. Although these electrons do not contribute directly to important electronic transitions in devices, they increase the electronic

dimensionality deep within the VB.¹⁹

Note that since our MD calculations are based on a volume-fixed ensemble to match the experimental lattice of $MAPbI₃$ in each phase, the fluctuations in the system may not be strictly gauged. As reported in ref., the MA cations may rotate in NPT conditions that allow volume fluctuations. As soon as the volume restriction is relaxed in the MD simulations, the large distribution of PbI_6 octahedral tilting accompanied by an increase in the anharmonicity in the motion of the iodine atoms will occur, which has been observed in CsPbI₃, MAPbI₃ and FAPbI₃ crystals.^{46,47} It is expected that such anharmonicity in the iodine atom motion could influence the behaviors of DOS broadening. To confirm this point, MD calculations based on the NPT ensemble were carried out on cubic phase MAPbI₃ at 450 K, which are based on a $4 \times 4 \times 4$ supercell by replicating the cubic unit cell four times in each Cartesian direction (see ref.⁴⁷ for details). As demonstrated in Figure 3d there exists an obvious broadening of the electronic states up to 0.5 eV at around −11.5 eV. This confirms that the anharmonicity in the motion of the iodine atoms does contribute to DOS broadening in specific energy regions. Reversely and noteworthy, NVT calculations are not able to reveal any broadening related to the inorganic framework (vide supra). Although the anharmonicity of the I atoms does broaden the DOS, it is a smaller contribution compared to the effect of MA vibrations. Thus, we analyze next the contribution from MA vibrations to the broadening of the DOS.

We have calculated the intra-molecular vibrational modes of the free MA cation. There are 18 molecular vibrational modes, associated with the C_{3v} symmetry of the structure, dividing the internal modes into one A2, five symmetric A1 and twelve two-fold degenerate asymmetric E species.^{49,50} The calculated vibrational frequencies of the isolated MA cation at its optimized configuration are listed in Table 1 and are visualized in Figures S10−S11. The six types of vibrational modes in ascending order are C−N stretch $(281, 871 \text{ cm}^{-1})$, CH₃−NH₃⁺ rock (909, 1256 cm⁻¹), CH₃ bend (1437, 1473 cm⁻¹), NH₃⁺ bend (1545, 1679 cm⁻¹), CH₃ stretch (2963, 3064 cm⁻¹), and NH₃⁺ stretch (3260, 3341 cm⁻¹), being in a good

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agreement with previous results. 26,49–53

Switching to $MAPbI₃$ periodic systems, each $MAPbI₃$ phase manifests similar vibrational properties. The corresponding vibrational spectrum is mainly divided into three energetic regions: (1) the low frequency band from $0-150 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; (2) a mid frequency range from 280−1700 cm⁻¹, and (3) a high-frequency window from 2900−3300 cm⁻¹.^{25,26} The lowfrequency modes are related entirely to the vibrations of the PbI_6 octahedra, while the midand high-frequency modes are linked to the vibrations of MA cations. We computed the Fourier transforms of the state energies in the region of interest, deep within the VB, in order to determine which molecular vibrational modes strongly couple to the electronic degrees of freedom (see Methods in SI). The resulting molecular vibrational spectra for the three crystal phases are shown in Figures 4 and S11−12 for peak I, II and III, respectively, which are in a good agreement with previous experimental values (Table 1).^{50,53} In cubic MAPbI₃, the main vibrations contributing to peaks I and III originate from the $\text{CH}_3/\text{NH}_3^+$ bend (about 1400) cm⁻¹) and CH₃ stretch a about 3000 cm⁻¹ (Figure S12−13). The predominant vibrations contributing to peak II are mainly from CH_3 bend (about 1400 cm⁻¹), NH_3^+ stretch (about 3100 cm^{-1}), as well as small amounts of C−N stretch (about 950 cm^{-1}) and NH_3^+ bend (about 1600 cm[−]¹) (Figure 4). Similar results are obtained for the tetragonal and orthorhombic phases, except that the intensities are more attenuated due to the weakened vibrational amplitudes as temperature decreases (Figures S11−12). Exceptions are the broadened peaks I and II which couple to a slightly enhanced vibration along the C−N axis as compared to that in the cubic phase. Moreover, the CH_3 bends for peak I and III in the orthorhombic phase are almost non-existent due to the temperature effect. The two CH_3 stretches (2963, 3064 cm[−]¹) for peaks I and III become distinct from each other. Altogether, we mainly attribute widening of DOS deep inside VB in the three MAPbI₃ phases to mostly asymmetric $\text{CH}_3/\text{NH}_3^+$ stretches, moderate CH₃ bend, and C−N stretch. Thus the observed coupling is exclusive to mid-frequency and high-frequency vibrational modes.

In summary, we computationally study the origin of the density of states broadening

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experimentally reported in the hybrid organic-inorganic perovskite MAPbl_3 , using CsPbI₃ as a reference material. We show that spin-orbit coupling mainly modifies the density of states close to the Fermi level and does not contribute to its broadening deep within the valence band. From ab initio molecular dynamics simulations and electronic structure calculations, we further analyze the contribution of thermal vibrations to three phases of MAPbI₃. As expected, upon reducing the temperature, the broadening gradually reduces when going from the cubic to tetragonal and to orthorhombic phases, consistent with experimental findings. The density of states broadening is ascribed to two different contributions. For states about 12.5 eV below the top of the valence band, this broadening can be traced back to the anharmonicity in the motion of the iodine atoms. In additional, vibrational modes of the MA cation provide important additional contributions to the density of states broadening in a wide energy range. Contrastingly, SOC does not produce any sizable broadening of the total DOS. Specifically, MA cations' vibrations mainly stem from the C−N stretch (about 950 cm⁻¹), CH₃ bend (about 1400–1600 cm⁻¹) and CH₃ and NH₃⁺ stretches (from 2950–3300 cm[−]¹). These results present a detailed theoretical perspective on the structural dynamics in hybrid perovskites, rationalize experimental observations, and may guide future studies toward desired functionalities in optoelectronic applications.

Supporting Information Available

The following files are available free of charge. Methods, Ground state DOS for tetragonal and orthorhombic $CsPbI₃$ and $MAPbI₃$ phases, partial DOS of cubic $MAPbI₃$ with Pb-d states included, radial distribution functions in tetragonal and orthorhombic phases, time averaged DOS for $CsPbI₃$ and for $MAPbI₃$ with SOC, calculated vibrational eigenvectors of isolated MA cation and Fourier transforms of the electronic state I and III in three MAPbI_3 phases.

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Figure 1: (a): Schematic diagram of the MA molecule. Three main vibrational modes of MA molecule's vibration are marked. (b) $MAPbI₃$ crystal structures for (b) cubic, (c) tetragonal and (d) orthorhombic phases.

Figure 2: Ground state electronic structure corresponding to the cubic $CsPbI₃$ (a, c) and optimized $MAPbI₃$ (b, d) models. The top panels compare the calculated density of states (DOS) with and without spin-orbit coupling (SOC) as dashed red and solid blue lines, respectively. The bottom panels provide the SOC partial density of states (PDOS) with Pb (red), I (green), and the Cs or MA cations (blue), respectively. The Fermi energy is set to zero.

Figure 3: Time averaged DOS of (a) cubic, (b) tetragonal and (c) orthorhombic $MAPbI₃$ along MD trajectories under NVT conditions, overlaid with the ground state DOS. The Fermi levels are set to 0. The broadened DOS peaks from MA cations are indicated by Roman numbers of I, II and III in panel (a). (d) Time averaged DOS for cubic MAPbI³ along MD trajectories performed under NPT conditions and $4 \times 4 \times 4$ supercell, overlaid with the static DOS. The red circle indicates the contribution from the anharmonicity of I atoms' motion.

Figure 4: Fourier transforms of the state energies of the electronic states relevant to peak II (Figure 3a) in three phases of MAPbI3: (a) cubic, (b) tetragonal, (c) orthorhombic. The energy fluctuations are due to molecular vibrational modes of the MA cations. Peak assignments for modes in panel (a) are suggestions only.

Mode	Species	MА		MAPbI ₃	
		this work	MP ₂ ⁵³	$\overline{\text{Ref}^{50}}$	Ref ⁵³
v_{12} , CH ₃ -NH ₃ ⁺ rock	E	909	1032	903.4	911
v_5 , C-N stretch	A_1	871	982	990	960
v_{11} , CH ₃ -NH ₃ ⁺ rock	E	1256	1409	1248.9	1250
v_4 , sym. CH ₃ bend	A_1	1437	1597	1415	1385
v_{10} , asym. CH ₃ bend	E	1473	1620	1452.3	1423
v_3 , sym. NH ₃ bend	A_1	1545	1691	1469.9	1469
v_9 , asym. NH ₃ bend	F,	1679	1809	1581	1577
v_6 , torsion	A ₂	281			
v_2 , sym. CH ₃ stretch	A_1	2963	3164	2896	2916
v_8 , asym. CH ₃ stretch	E	3064	3263	2974.8	2958
v_1 , sym. NH ₃ stretch	A_1	3260	3446	3188	3132
v_7 , asym. NH ₃ stretch	F,	3341	3519	3225.6	3179

Table 1: Fundamental Vibrations of the Isotopic MA cation Calculated by B3LYP and MP2 Methods and, Experimental Measured Vibrational Modes for $\mathrm{MAPbI}_3 \; \mathrm{from} \; \mathrm{references}^{\,50,53} \; \mathrm{(cm^{-1})}.$

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