

## Recent results on metal halide perovskites and their interfaces

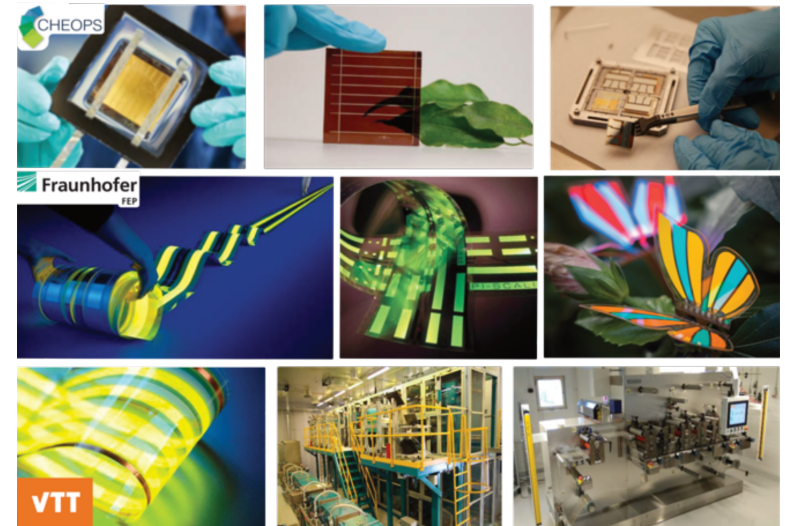
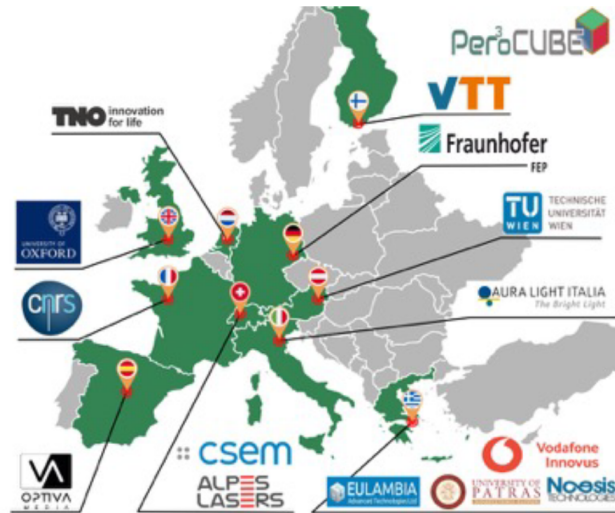
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# Objectives | Advance perovskite technologies



## Key technical objectives

1. Development of organic-inorganic perovskite materials for lighting (PeLED) and photovoltaic (PePV) devices
2. Demonstration of large-area PeLED and PePV on flexible substrates
3. Materials & processing advances supported by the development of effective (laser-based) characterization tools based on AFM-IR and Raman spectroscopy
4. Demonstration of environmentally stable devices
5. Integration of PeroCUBE devices into wearables/smart devices & LiFi technologies

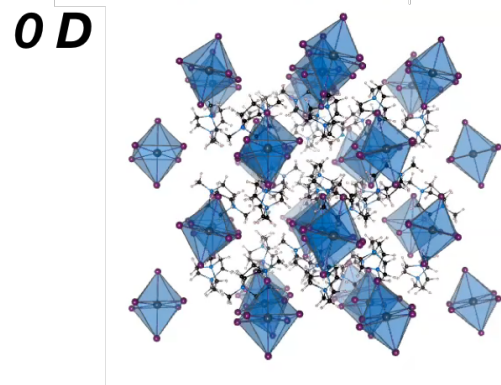
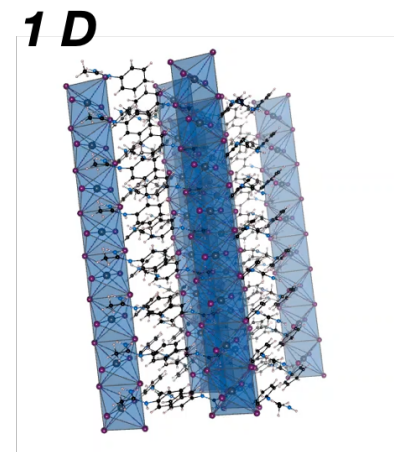
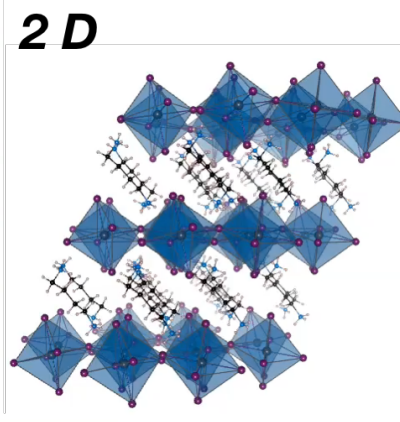
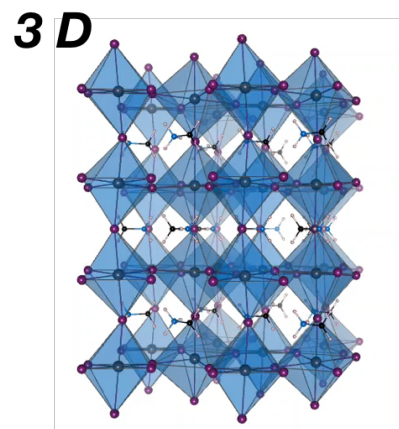


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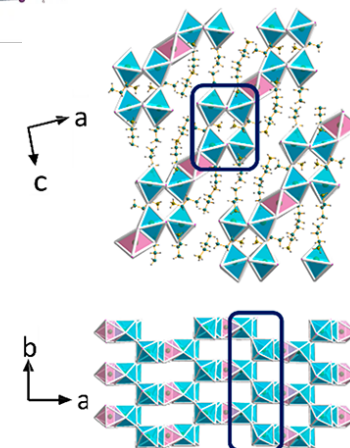
# Introduction | perovskite structures

$\text{BO}_6 - \text{MX}_6$   
octahedra

Perovskite network =  
maintain  
at least some **corner-sharing**

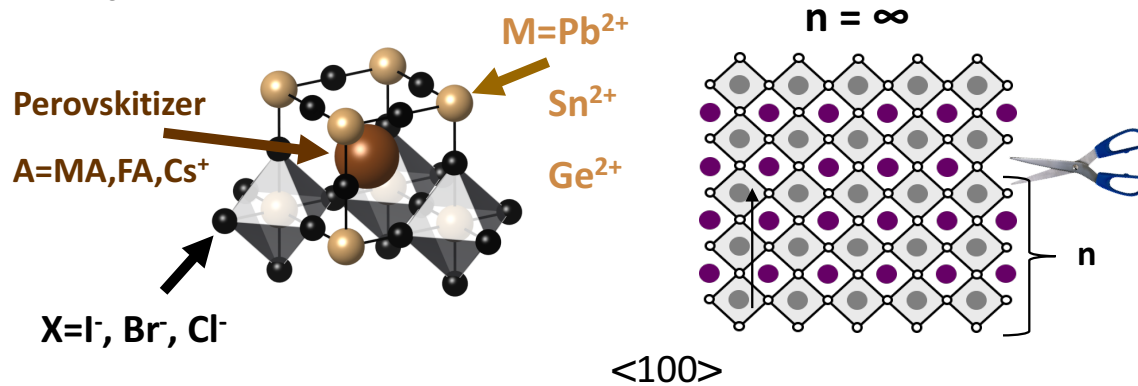


Mixed network =  
perovskitoids



# Introduction | perovskite structures

## AMX<sub>3</sub> 3D perovskite

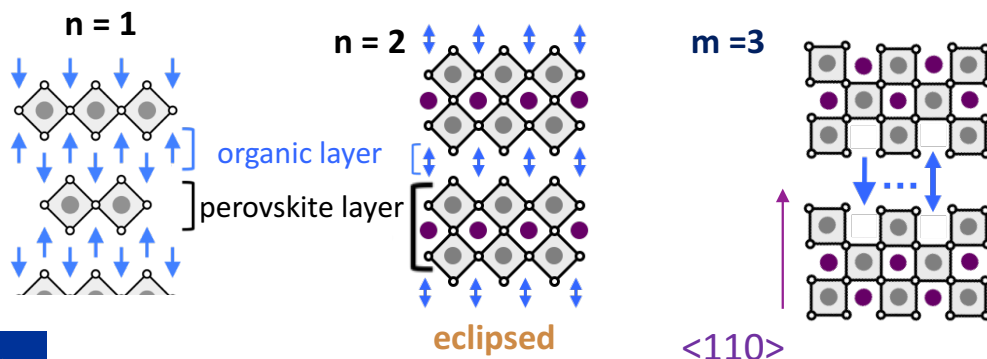


+ A' = "larger" organic cation dication

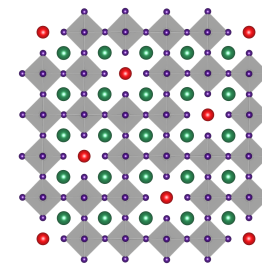
+ slicing

+ A = "larger" molecule

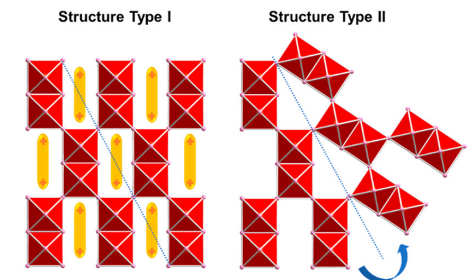
## A'<sub>2</sub>MX<sub>4</sub> 2D and multi-layered perovskites<sup>[1]</sup>



## hollow<sup>[2]</sup>/deficient<sup>[3]</sup>



## new 3D & 2D perovskitoids<sup>[4]</sup>



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- improve device performances, including on large and flexible substrates
- solve environmental hazards
  - toxicity of materials
  - during the manufacturing processes (e.g. solvents)
- several issues related to **stability**:
  - of the material
    - perovskite phase instability
    - degradation in ambient conditions
    - degradation under operational conditions
    - degradation related to interfacial materials (ETL/HTL...)
  - of device performances
    - over time
    - under operational conditions (e.g. light)

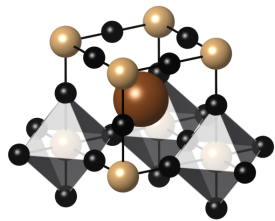


# Introduction | main challenges



- improve device performances and stability:

- complex alloys



SOLAR CELLS *Science 2016*

## Incorporation of rubidium cations into perovskite solar cells improves photovoltaic performance

Michael Saliba,<sup>1\*</sup>† Taisuke Matsui,<sup>1,2†</sup> Konrad Domanski,<sup>1†</sup> Ji-Youn Seo,<sup>1</sup> Amita Ummadisingu,<sup>1</sup> Shaik M. Zakeeruddin,<sup>1</sup> Juan-Pablo Correa-Baena,<sup>3</sup> Wolfgang R. Tress,<sup>1</sup> Antonio Abate,<sup>1</sup> Anders Hagfeldt,<sup>3</sup> Michael Grätzel<sup>1\*</sup>

SOLAR CELLS

## A mixed-cation lead mixed-halide perovskite absorber for tandem solar cells *Science 2016*

David P. McMeekin,<sup>1</sup> Golnaz Sadoughi,<sup>1</sup> Waqaas Rehman,<sup>1</sup> Giles E. Eperon,<sup>1</sup> Michael Saliba,<sup>1</sup> Maximilian T. Hörantner,<sup>1</sup> Amir Haghighirad,<sup>1</sup> Nobuya Sakai,<sup>1</sup> Lars Korte,<sup>2</sup> Bernd Rech,<sup>2</sup> Michael B. Johnston,<sup>1</sup> Laura M. Herz,<sup>1</sup> Henry J. Snaith<sup>1\*</sup>

- defect passivation / additives

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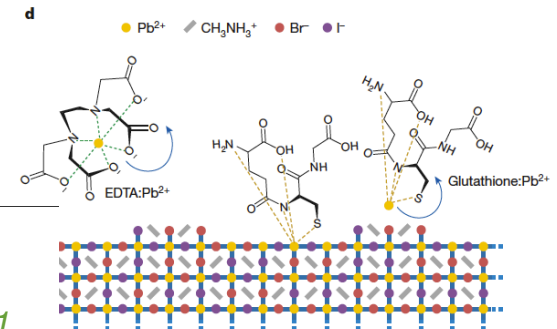
*Science 2019*

## Carrier lifetimes of >1 $\mu$ s in Sn-Pb perovskites enable efficient all-perovskite tandem solar cells

Jinhui Tong<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Zhaoning Song<sup>3\*</sup>, Dong Hoe Kim<sup>1\*</sup>†, Xihan Chen<sup>1</sup>, Cong Chen<sup>3</sup>, Axel F. Palmstrom<sup>1</sup>, Paul F. Ndione<sup>1</sup>, Matthew O. Reese<sup>1</sup>, Sean P. Dunfield<sup>1,2,4</sup>, Obadiah G. Reid<sup>1,2</sup>, Jun Liu<sup>1</sup>, Fei Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Steven P. Harvey<sup>1</sup>, Zhen Li<sup>1</sup>, Steven T. Christensen<sup>1</sup>, Glenn Teeter<sup>1</sup>, Dewei Zhao<sup>3</sup>, Mowafak M. Al-Jassim<sup>1</sup>, Maikel F. A. M. van Hest<sup>1</sup>, Matthew C. Beard<sup>1</sup>, Sean E. Shaheen<sup>2,5</sup>, Joseph J. Berry<sup>1†</sup>, Yanfa Yan<sup>3†</sup>, Kai Zhu<sup>1†</sup>

## Ligand-engineered bandgap stability in mixed-halide perovskite LEDs

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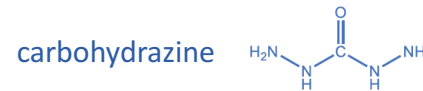
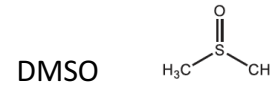
# Introduction | main challenges

- improve device performances and stability:
  - complex alloys & 2D/3D mixtures

**Phenylalkylamine Passivation of Organolead Halide Perovskites Enabling High-Efficiency and Air-Stable Photovoltaic Cells** *Adv. Mater.* 2016

Feng Wang, Wei Geng, Yang Zhou, Hong-Hua Fang, Chuan-Jia Tong, Maria Antonietta Loi, Li-Min Liu, and Ni Zhao\*

- additives/interface



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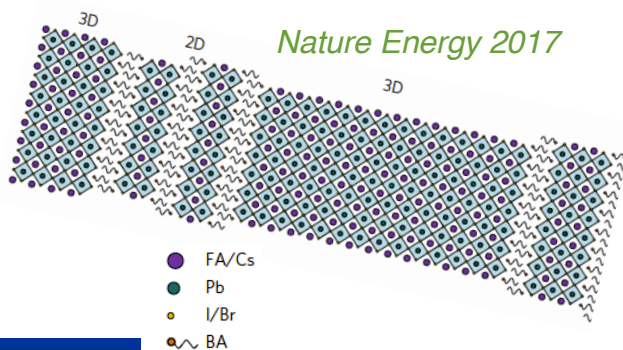
**Stabilizing perovskite-substrate interfaces for high-performance perovskite modules** *Science* 2021

Shangshang Chen, Xuezheng Dai, Shuang Xu, Haoyang Jiao, Liang Zhao, Jinsong Huang\*

mini-modules with PCEs of 19.3 and 19.2%, aperture areas of 18 and 50 cm<sup>2</sup>

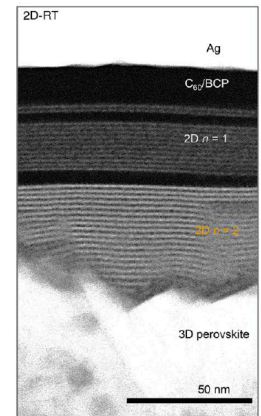
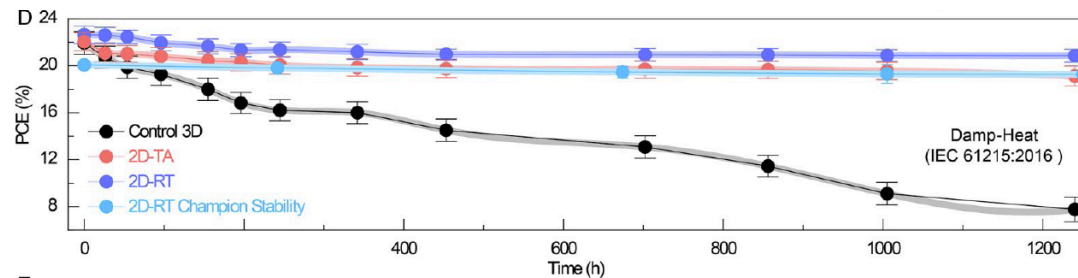
## Efficient ambient-air-stable solar cells with 2D-3D heterostructured butylammonium-caesium-formamidinium lead halide perovskites

Zhiping Wang, Qianqian Lin, Francis P. Chmiel, Nobuya Sakai, Laura M. Herz and Henry J. Snaith\*



## Damp heat-stable perovskite solar cells with tailored-dimensionality 2D/3D heterojunctions

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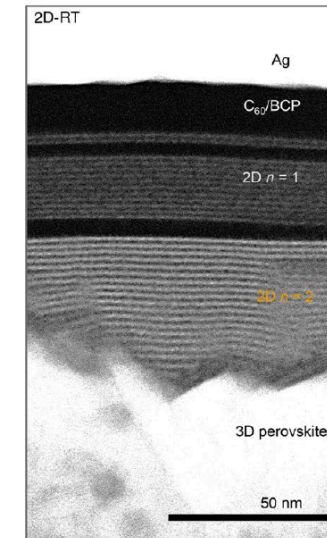
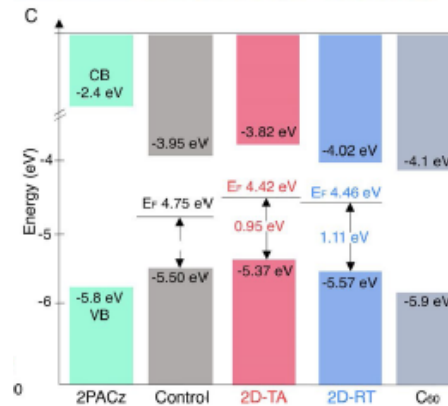


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# Introduction | open questions

- impact of additional species on optoelectronic properties

- of perovskite material?
- of device?
  - working device: band alignment is crucial!
  - strain/dipole - surface/interfaces



- how can we simulate such large/complex structures and heterostructures

- affording a microscopic understanding
- capture the disorder/dynamics/alloying
- treat "quantitatively" energetics: pb of costly many-body large/complex structures



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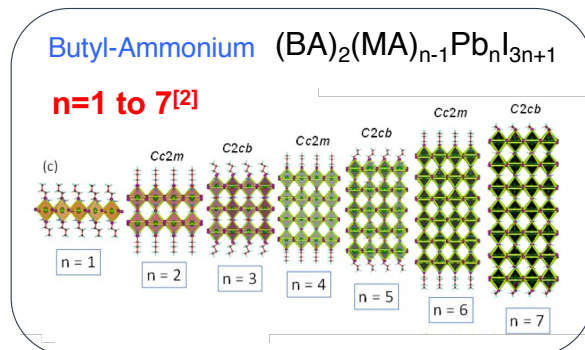
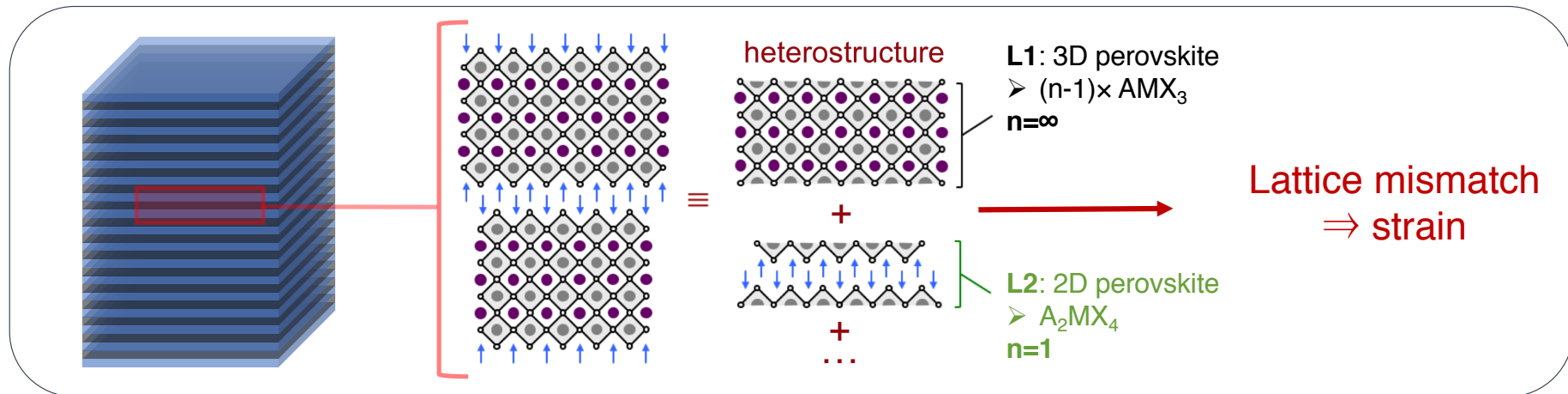


- lattice mismatch in multi-layered perovskites
- treatment of complex heterostructures at the first-principles level: DFT within **SIESTA**
  - capturing stochastic dynamics & alloying in a static picture: “pseudo-atoms”
  - *conventions/definitions*
  - revisiting DFT-1/2 for 3D and 2D
- impact of chemical tuning on energetics:
  - effect of lattice strain
  - relation between surface dipole and energetics
    - methodology
    - surface termination
    - surface passivation: empirical rules
    - heterostructures: additivity
- wrap up and brief outlook

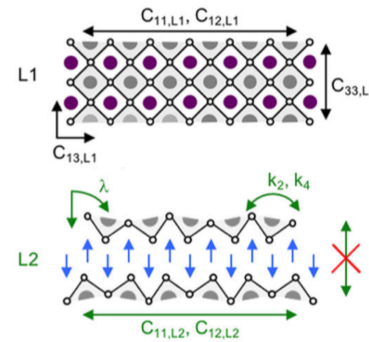


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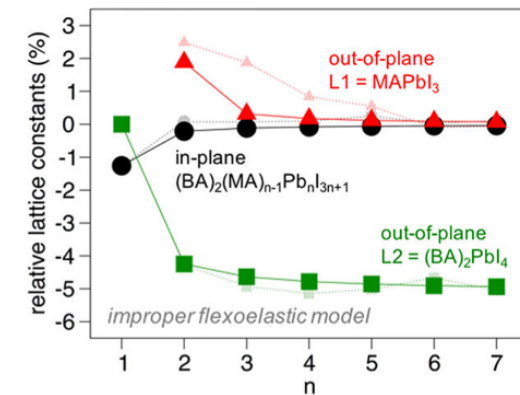
## multi-layered perovskites and 2D/3D heterostructures<sup>[1]</sup>



### improper flexoelectric model



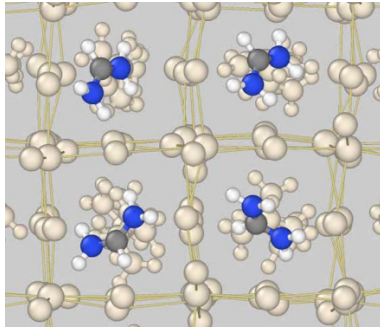
### computed



# Results | mimic stochastic dynamics/alloying

- Stochastic disorder of the A-site cation

FAPbI<sub>3</sub>



	exp	
	latt. const. (Å)	Mismatch
ref. FAPbI <sub>3</sub>	6.362	-
n=1	6.212	-2.4%
n=2	6.295	-1.1%
n=3	6.295	-1.1%
n=4	6.296	-1.0%

	relaxed (C09+DF2)	
	latt. const. (Å)	mismatch
ref. FA*PbI <sub>3</sub>	6.306	
n=1	6.134	-2.7%
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n=3	6.206	-1.6%
n=4	6.217	-1.4%

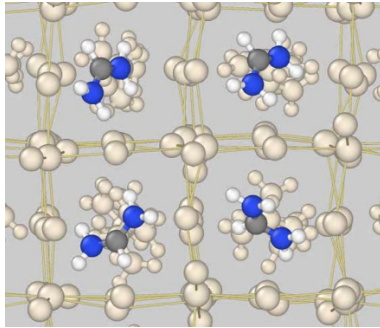
FA\* = Cs



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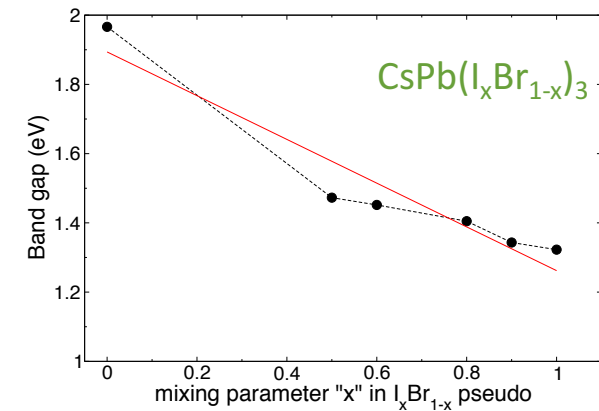
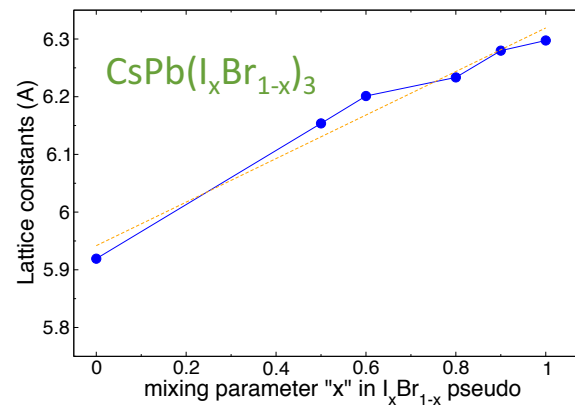
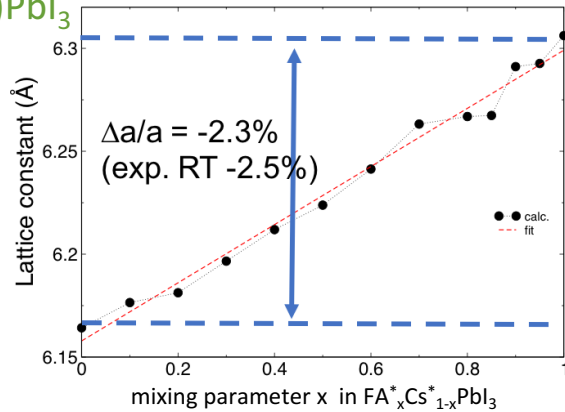


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	latt. const. (Å)	mismatch	
ref. FA*PbI <sub>3</sub>	6.306		FA* = Cs
psc-Cs*PbI <sub>3</sub>	6.164	-2.3%	Cs* = Na
n=1	6.134	-2.7%	
n=2	6.174	-2.1%	
n=3	6.206	-1.6%	
n=4	6.217	-1.4%	

- alloying: *virtual crystal approximation*<sup>[2]</sup>

(FA<sub>x</sub>Cs<sub>1-x</sub>)PbI<sub>3</sub>



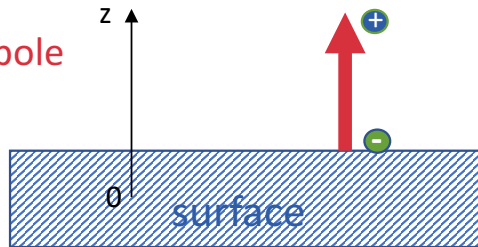
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Vegard's law ~well reproduced

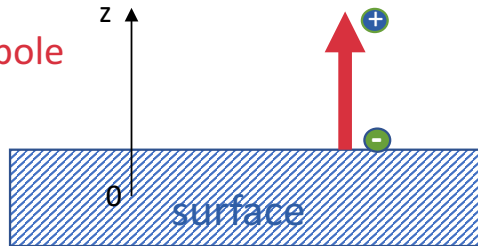
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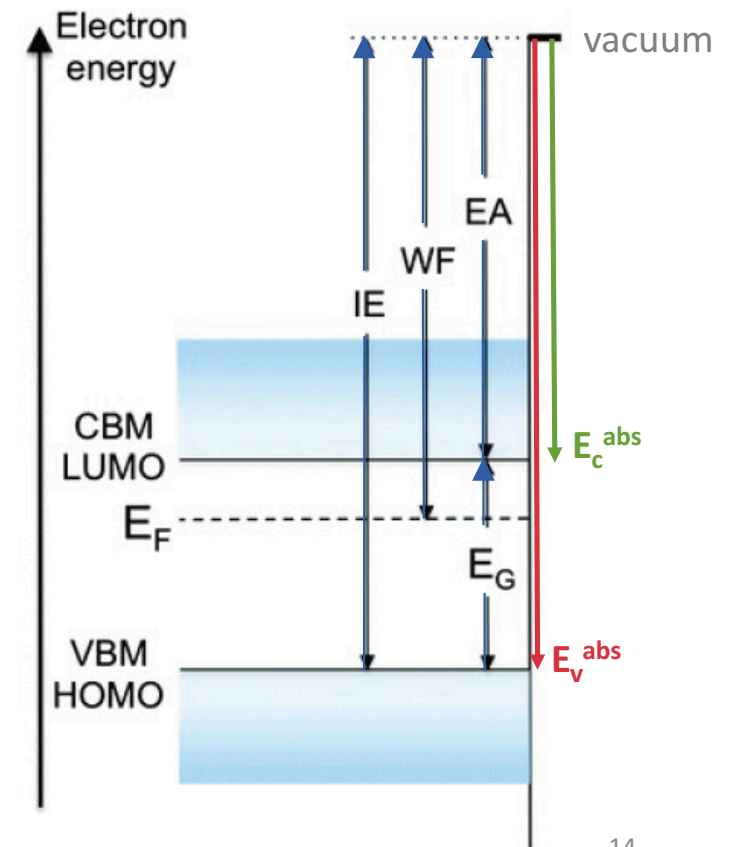


- Valence band energy and Work function

DFT

0 K  
undoped  
non defective

$$E_V^{abs} = -WF$$

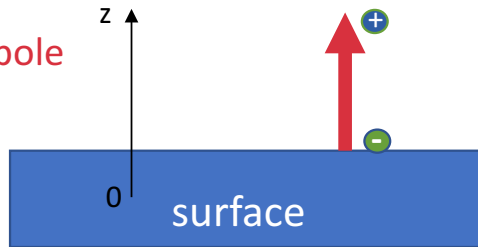


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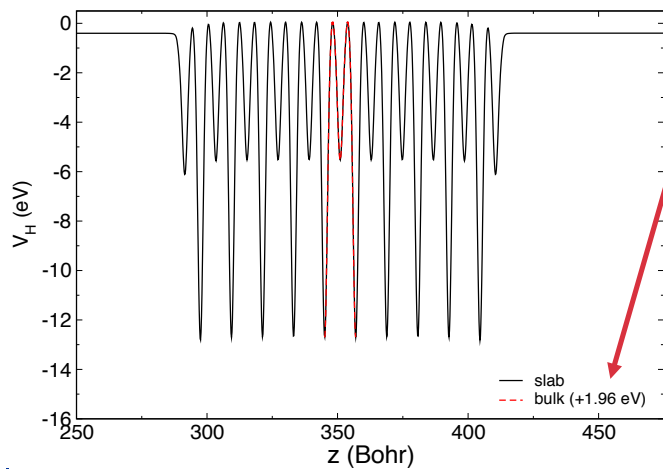


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- Energetics: from Hartree potential<sup>[1,2]</sup>



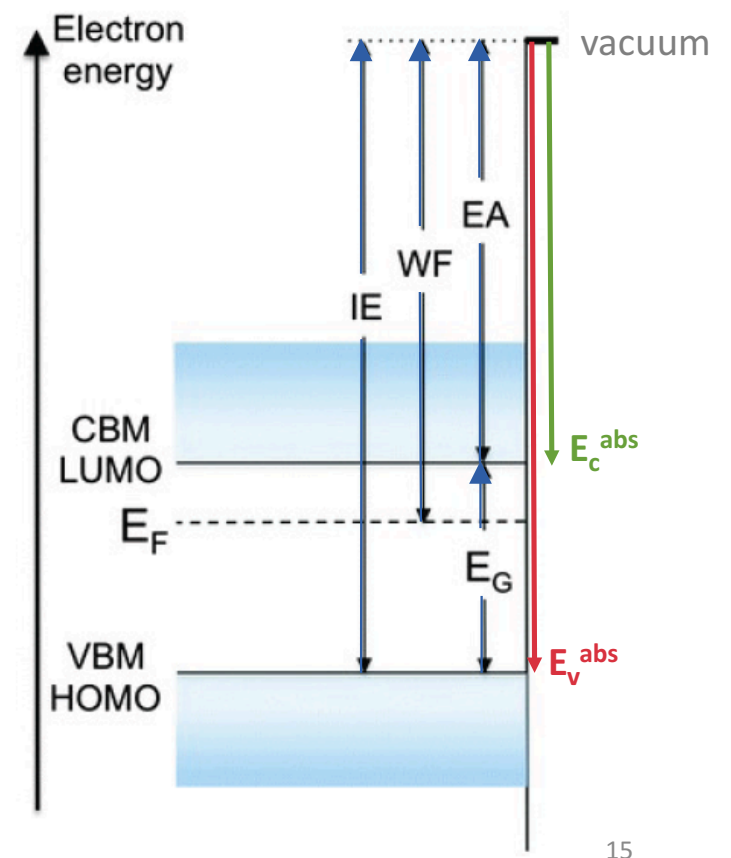
$\Delta VH =$   
Potential  
shift to align  
the bulk VBM  
to the slab

$$E_V^{abs} = VBM_{bulk} + \Delta VH + \Delta V_{vacuum}$$

$$E_c^{abs} = E_V^{abs} + E_G$$

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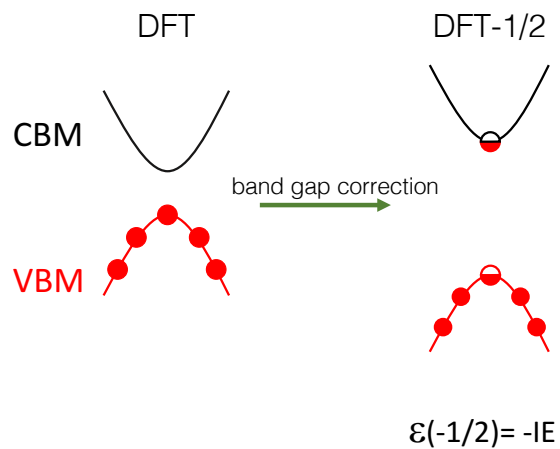
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# Results | towards quantitative band gaps at low cost

## DFT-1/2

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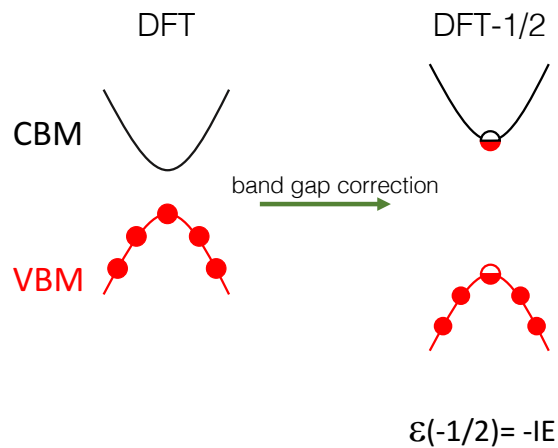




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- revisited<sup>[1]</sup> for 3D AMX<sub>3</sub> perovskites
  - 1/2 e<sup>-</sup> : 1 5p an Pb 6s + optimization of  $r_{cut}$
  - 12 compositions/phases

gap (eV)	PBE <sup>[2]</sup>	DFT-1/2 <sup>[2]</sup>	ppTB-mBJ <sup>[3]</sup>	Exp
MAPbI <sub>3</sub> (pnma)	0.64	1.69	1.64	1.65 <sup>[4]</sup>
MAPE(%)	69	8	6	reference

reduced effective masse $\mu$ (m <sub>0</sub> )	PBE <sup>[2]</sup>	DFT-1/2 <sup>[2]</sup>	ppTB-mBJ <sup>[3]</sup>	Exp
MAPbI <sub>3</sub> (pnma) [010] – [101]	0.06-0.08	0.14-0.16	0.17-0.20	0.12 <sup>[5]</sup> 0.15 <sup>[6]</sup>
MAPE(%)	50	20	47	reference

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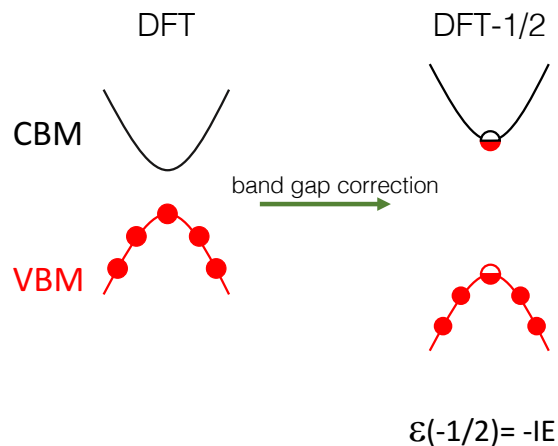
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- what about 2D  $A_2MX_4$  perovskites
  - same  $-1/2 e^-$ : I 5p an Pb 6s + same  $r_{cut}$
  - 30 compositions

gap (eV) / $\mu$ ( $m_0$ )	PBE <sup>[1]</sup>	DFT-1/2 <sup>[1]</sup>		Exp
$BA_2MA_{n-1}Pb_nI_{3+1}$				
n=1	1.28 / 0.10	2.20 / 0.16		2.80 <sup>[3]</sup> / 0.22 <sup>[4]</sup>
n=2	0.87 / 0.08	1.82 / 0.14		2.44 <sup>[3]</sup> / 0.22 <sup>[4]</sup>
n=3	0.64 / 0.06	1.65 / 0.12		2.26 <sup>[3]</sup> / 0.20 <sup>[4]</sup>
n=4	0.64 / 0.06	1.67 / 0.12		2.15 <sup>[3]</sup> / 0.20 <sup>[4]</sup>
n=5	0.39 / 0.07	1.36 / 0.12		2.08 <sup>[3]</sup> / 0.19 <sup>[4]</sup>
MAPE(%)	62 / -	19 / -		reference

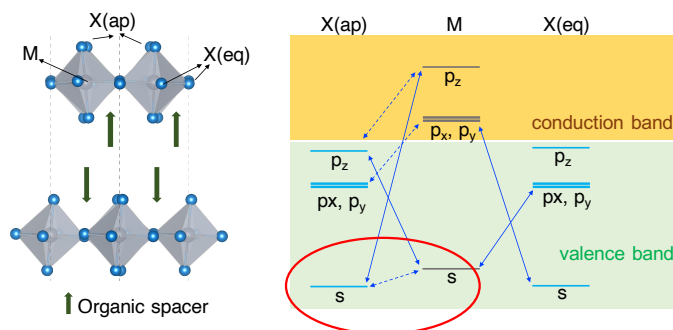
- band gap n=4,5 < 3D! needs improvements

# Results | towards quantitative band gaps at low cost

## DFT-1/2

1. slater half occupation scheme: self-energy that corrects band gaps
2. needs a priori knowledge of VBM atomic orbitals
3. cost similar to GGA

### Symmetry analysis



- what about 2D  $A_2MX_4$  perovskites
  - same  $-1/2 e^-$  : I 5p an Pb 6s +  $-1/4 e^-$  I 5s + optimization  $r_{cut}$
  - 30 compositions

gap (eV) / $\mu$ ( $m_0$ )	PBE <sup>[1]</sup>	DFT-1/2 <sup>[1]</sup>	xs-DFT-1/2 <sup>[1]</sup>	Exp
$BA_2MA_{n-1}Pb_nI_{3+1}$				
n=1	1.28 / 0.10	2.20 / 0.16	2.84 / 0.18	2.80 <sup>[3]</sup> / 0.22 <sup>[4]</sup>
n=2	0.87 / 0.08	1.82 / 0.14	2.45 / 0.17	2.44 <sup>[3]</sup> / 0.22 <sup>[4]</sup>
n=3	0.64 / 0.06	1.65 / 0.12	2.29 / 0.14	2.26 <sup>[3]</sup> / 0.20 <sup>[4]</sup>
n=4	0.64 / 0.06	1.67 / 0.12	2.32 / 0.14	2.15 <sup>[3]</sup> / 0.20 <sup>[4]</sup>
n=5	0.39 / 0.07	1.36 / 0.12	2.01 / 0.14	2.08 <sup>[3]</sup> / 0.19 <sup>[4]</sup>
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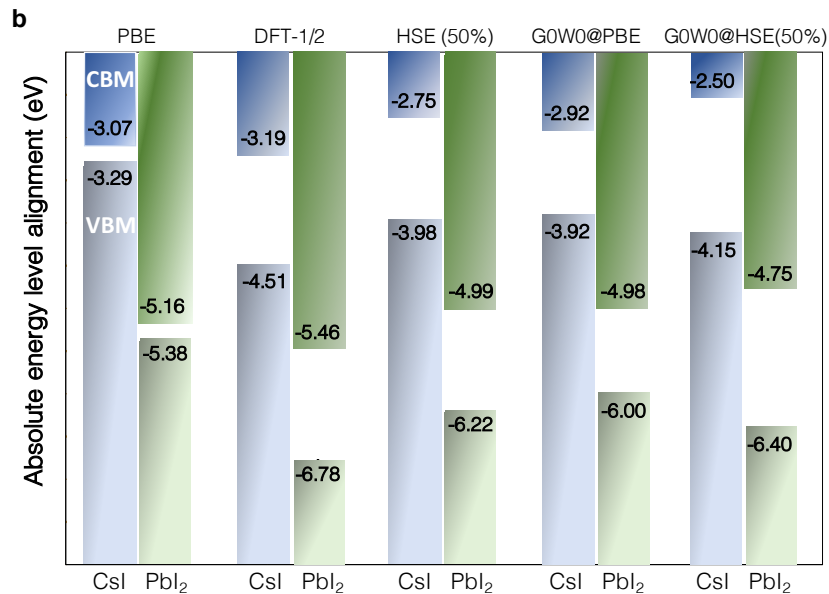
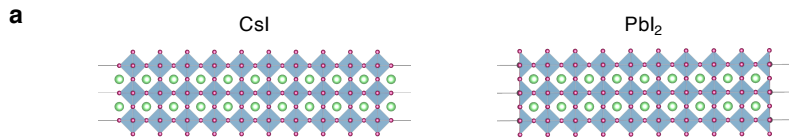
- improves both band gap and in-plane reduced mass



# Results | DFT-1/2 for the energetics

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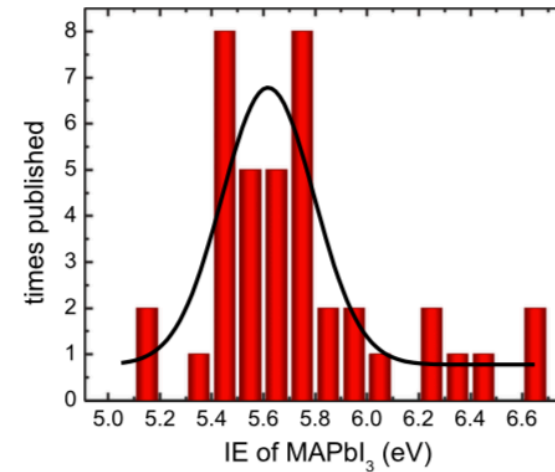
3D slabs



	experimental IE (eV)
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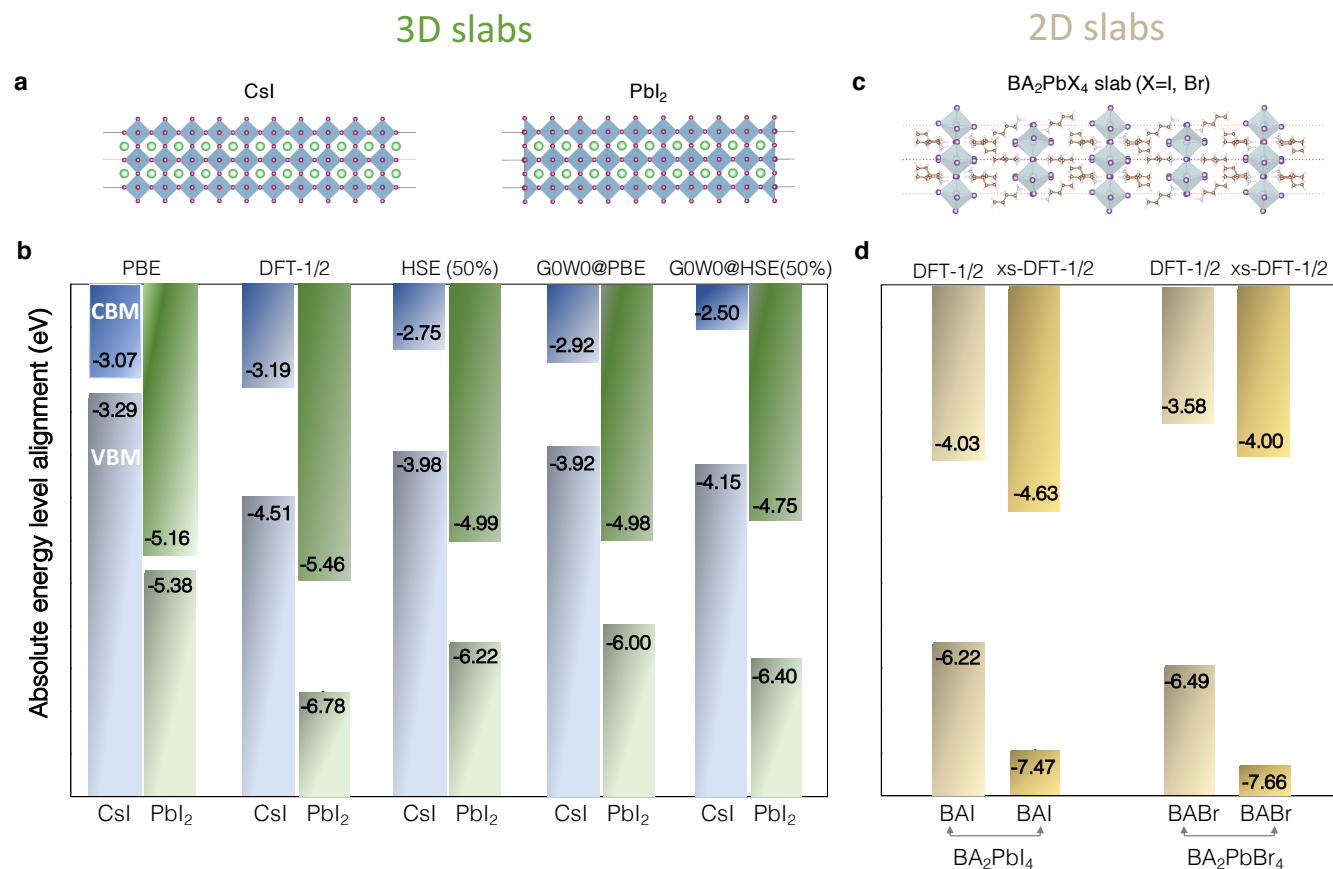


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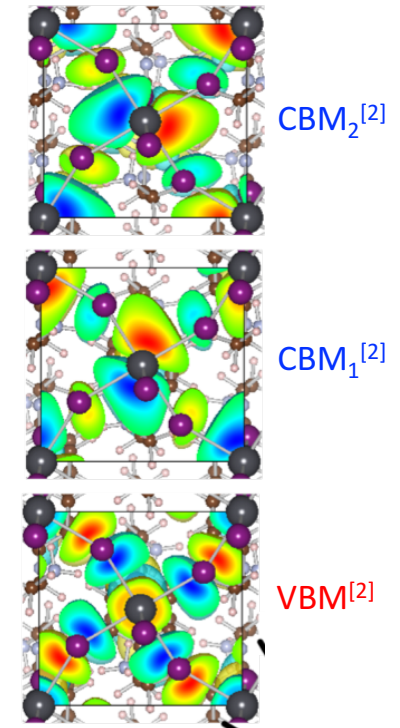
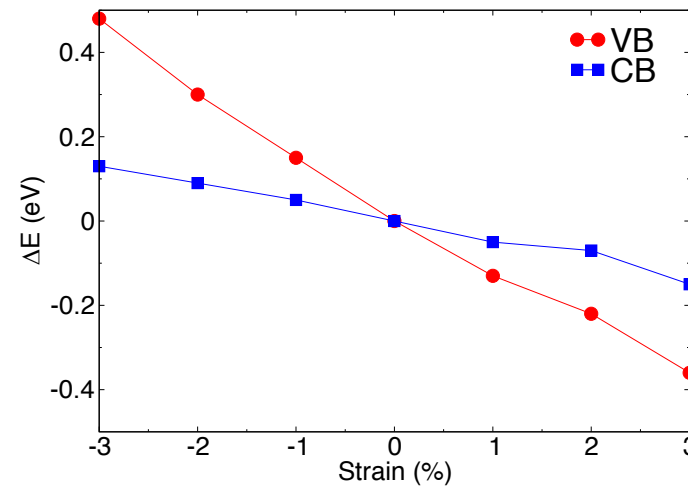
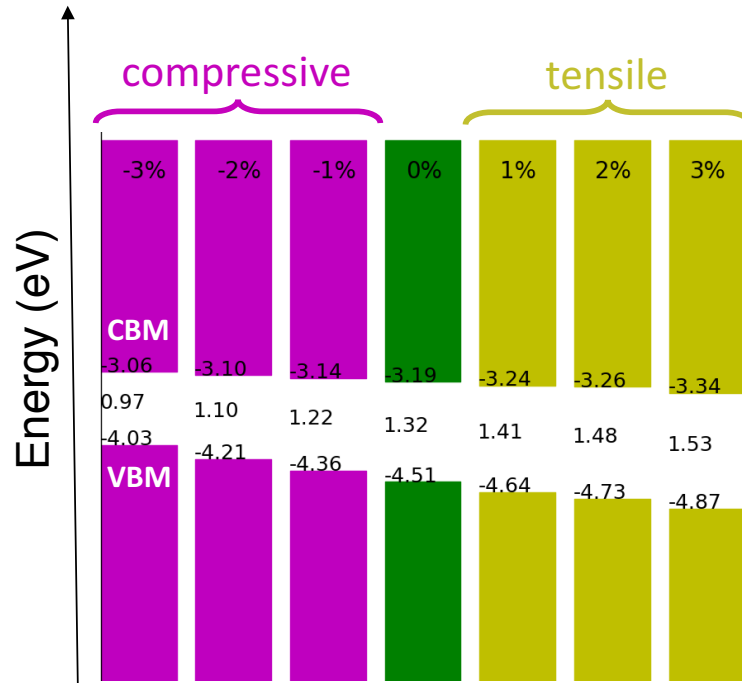
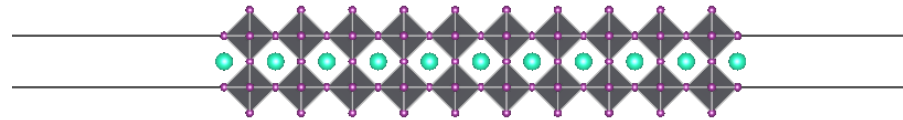
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## Take home message

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# results | Effect of lattice strain on energy levels

- model structure : cubic  $\text{CsPbI}_3$  slab
- CsI terminated



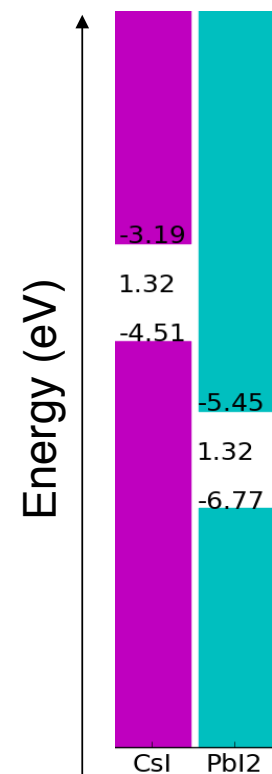
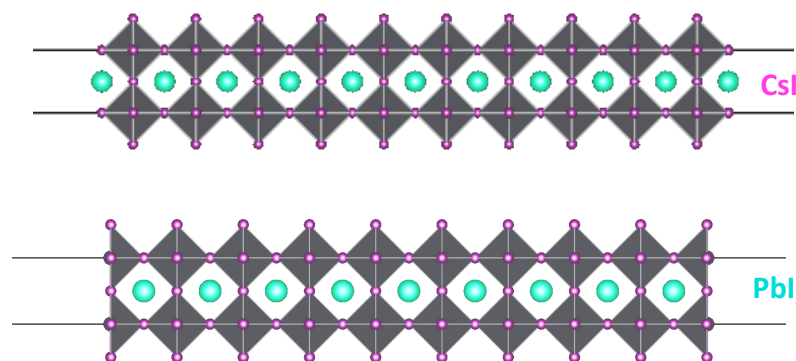
## Take home message

1. VBM downshift with tensile strain
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# Results | theoretical framework relating microscopic surface and interface dipoles and work function(s)

- two differently terminated surfaces of cubic CsPbI<sub>3</sub> slab
  - CsI and PbI<sub>2</sub>-terminated surfaces



- The two surfaces result in very different absolute valence energy level alignments

How are these surface terminations' induced changes connected to surface dipoles?



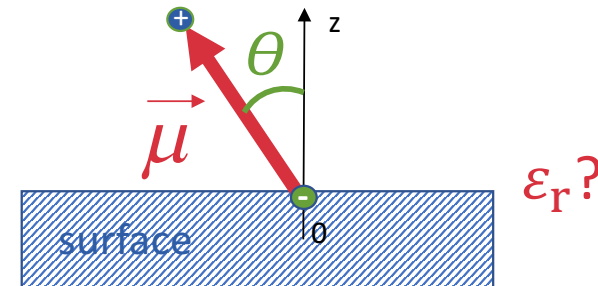
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potential drop

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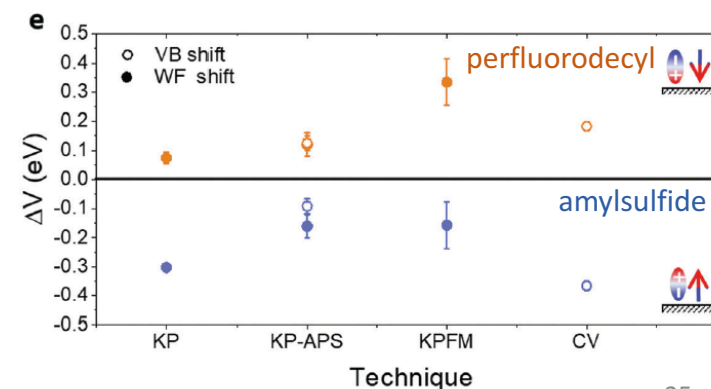
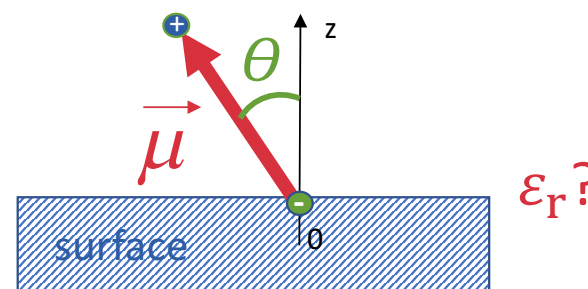
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- Leung et al.<sup>[2]</sup> use Poisson equation to link:  $\Delta WF \propto \Delta p$

$\Delta p$  = change in surface dipole density

$$p = \int_{z_0}^{c/2} z\rho(z)dz$$

- perovskites: a posteriori correlations between  $\Delta WF$  and  $\Delta p$ <sup>[3,4]</sup>
- Canil et al.<sup>[3]</sup>: SAMs tune perovskites energetics



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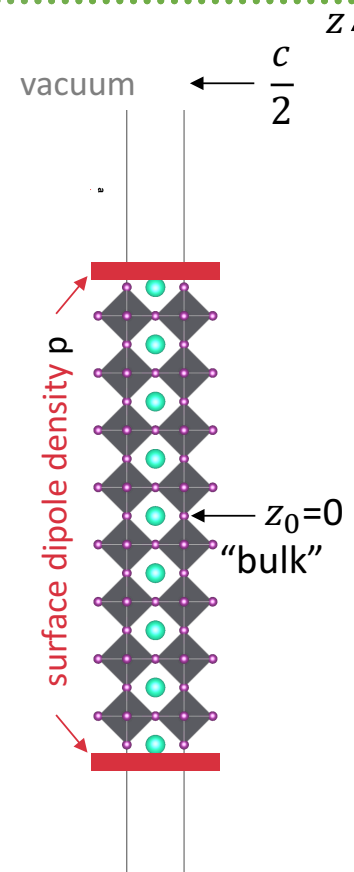
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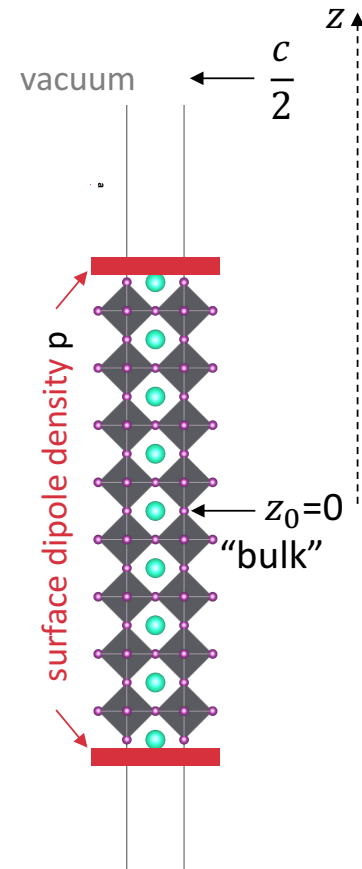
- recover Leung et al. (sign)<sup>[2]</sup>

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- further evaluation of the composite nature of the multi-layered perovskites

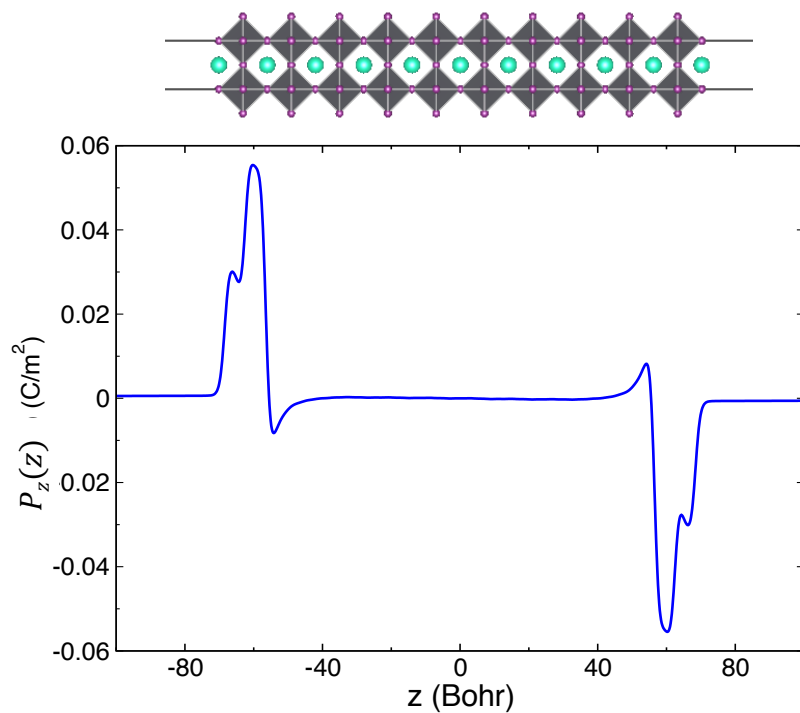
- quantum confinement/type I band alignment<sup>[3,4]</sup>

- dielectric confinement/electric susceptibility<sup>[4]</sup>



# Results | Energetics of bare surfaces

CsI terminated



$$\text{dipole density } p = \int_{z_0}^z P_z(z) dz = 2.77 \times 10^{-11} \text{ C/m}$$

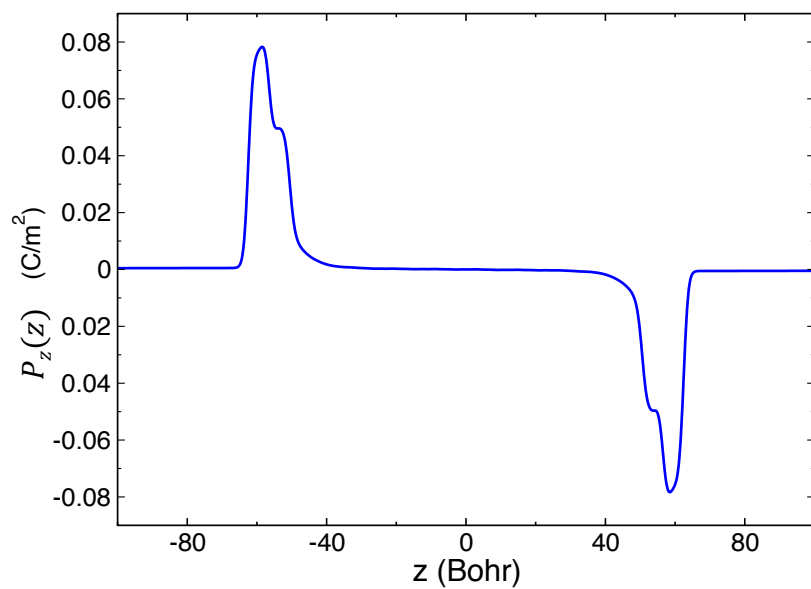
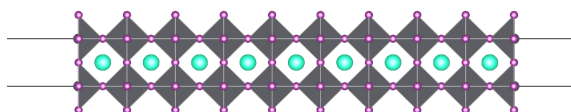


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# Results | Energetics of bare surfaces

PbI<sub>2</sub> terminated



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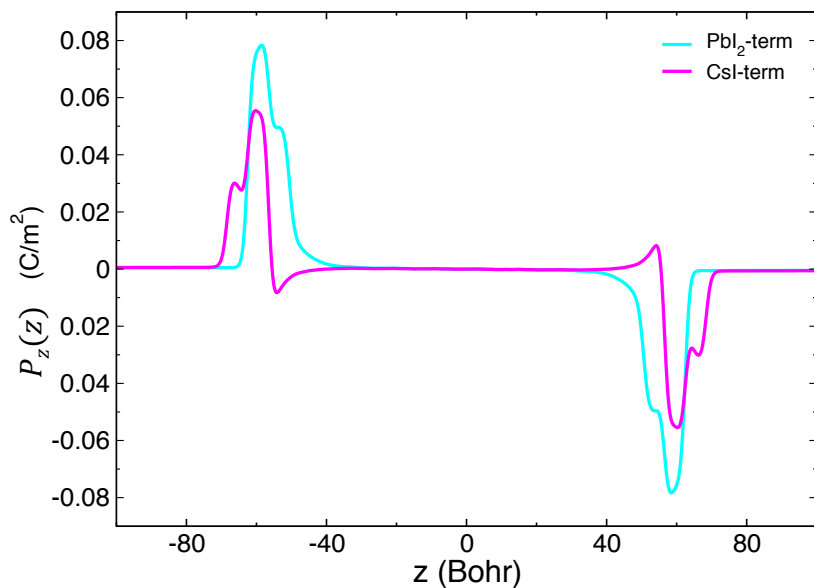
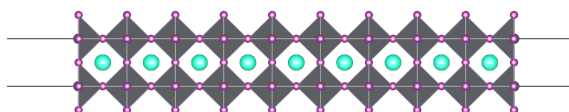


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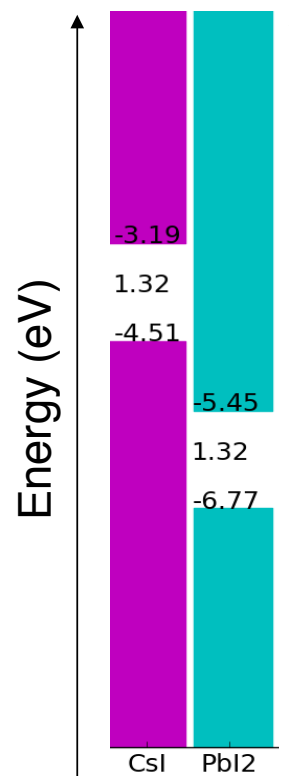
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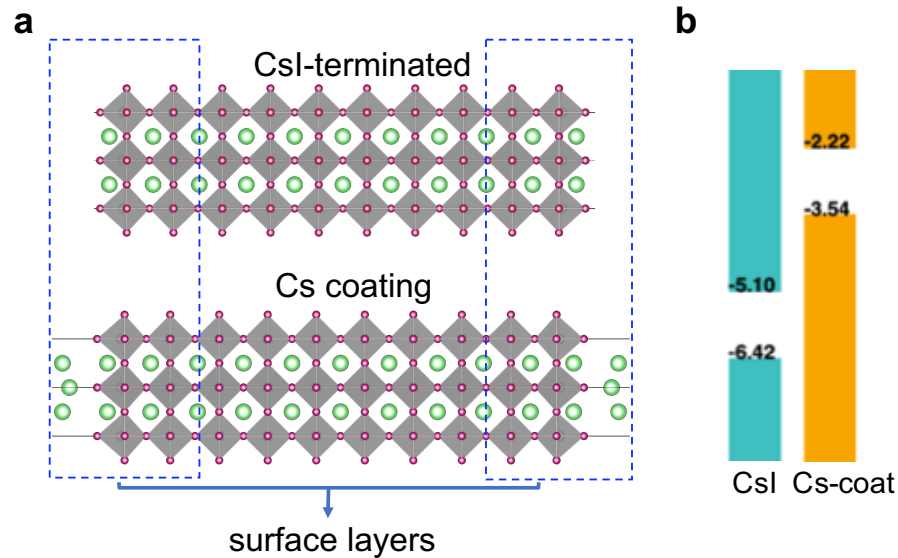


$$\Delta WF = -(E_V^{abs}(\text{PbI}_2) - E_V^{abs}(\text{CsI})) = +2.26 \text{ eV}$$

WF increases



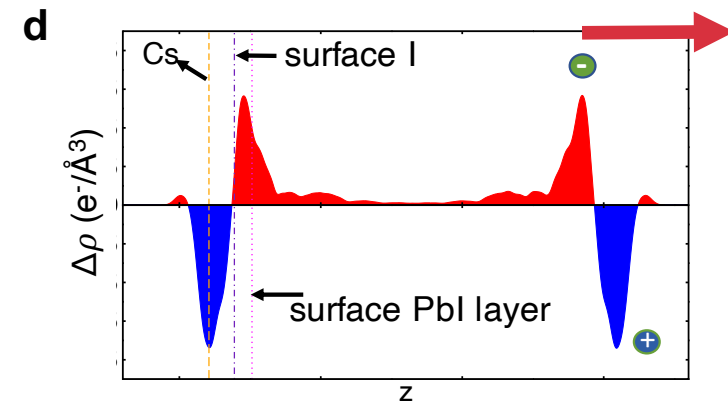
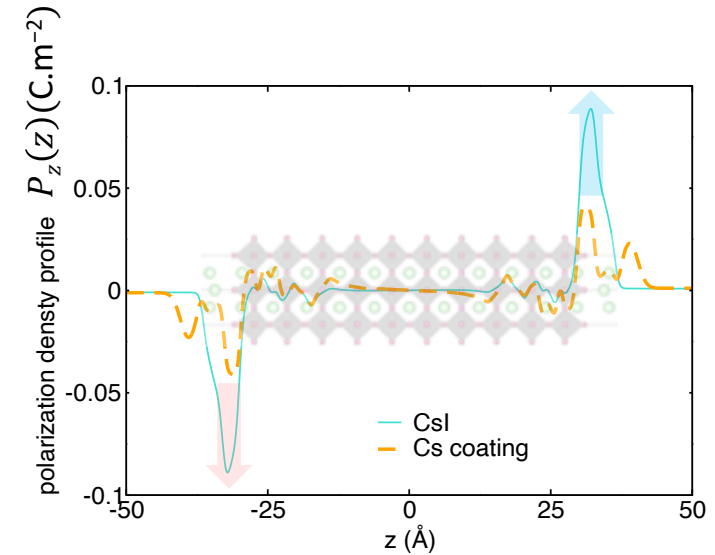
# Results | Tuning Energetics with surface functionalization



$$\Delta WF = -(\mathbf{E}_v^{abs}(\text{Cs-coat}) - \mathbf{E}_v^{abs}(\text{CsI})) = -2.88 \text{ eV}$$

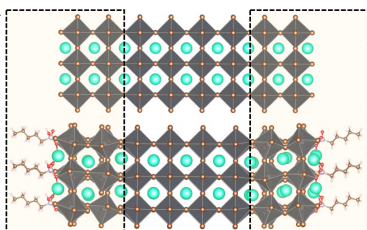
$$\Delta WF = \frac{e \cdot \Delta p}{\epsilon_0} = -2.87 \text{ eV}$$

positive dipole:  $WF$  decreases, in line with lowering of the onset energy of the electron emission by  $\sim 2.2 \text{ eV}$ <sup>[2]</sup>



# Results | Connection to empirical potential drop

CsPbBr<sub>3</sub> slabs



DFT

$$\Delta V = \frac{N\mu \cos \theta}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0}$$

$$\Delta WF = -e \Delta V$$

empirical

ligand (25% coverage)	$\Delta WF = -\Delta E_v^{abs}$	$\mu$ (D)*	$\theta$ (°)	$\mu \cos \theta$ (D)	$\epsilon_r = \frac{-e N\mu \cos \theta}{\epsilon_0 \Delta WF}$		
Pentylphosphonic acid <i>phosphonate</i>	-0.30	1.40	4	1.40	1.28		
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DMSO	-0.34	3.79	52	2.33	1.88		
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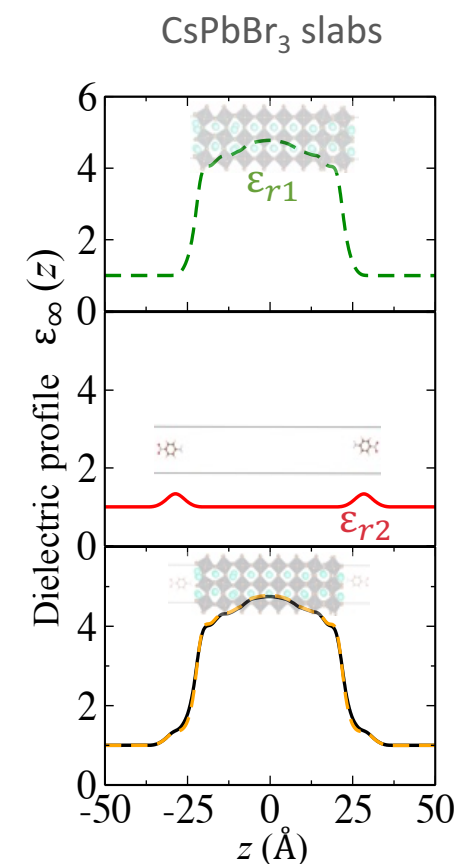


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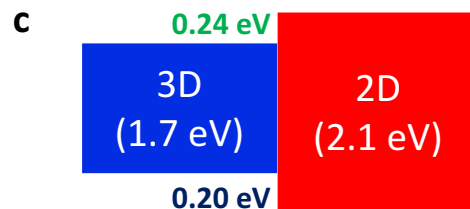
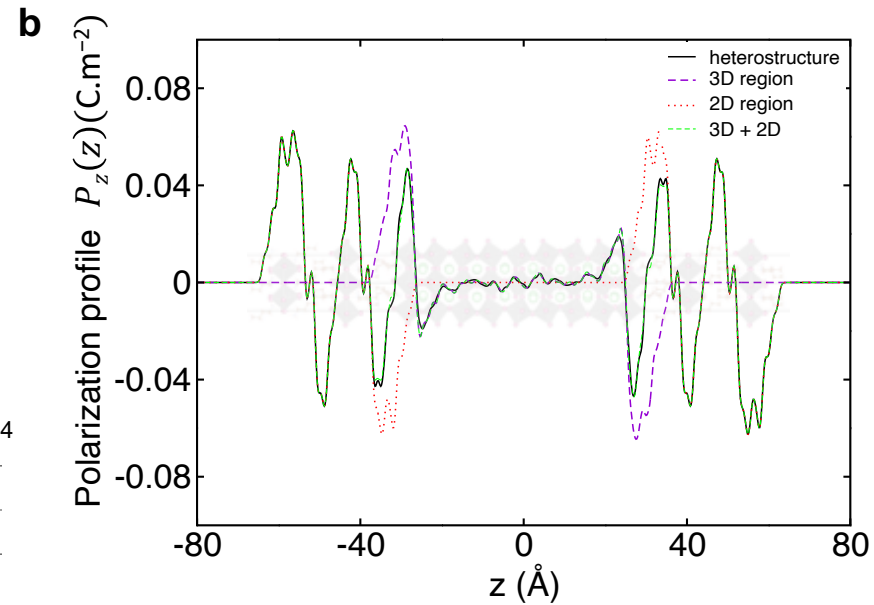
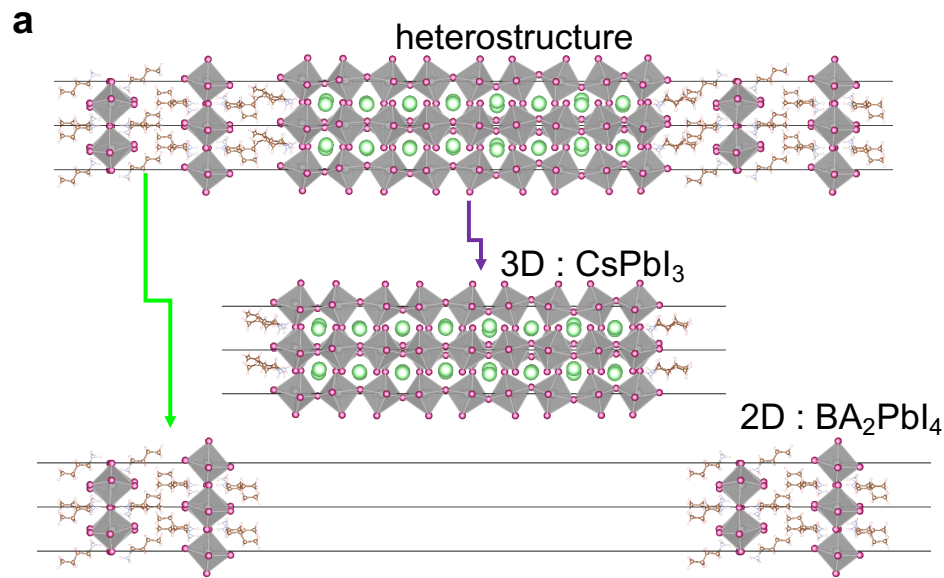
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# Results | Heterostructure and additivity



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1. microscopic understanding of WF shift
2. additivity of polarization profiles down to atomic scale
3. type I band alignment: barrier to both holes and electrons
4. *still challenging for 2D in large heterostructures (DFT-1/2)*



## Computational side

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## strain and lattice mismatch

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4. easily intuited from their orbital composition

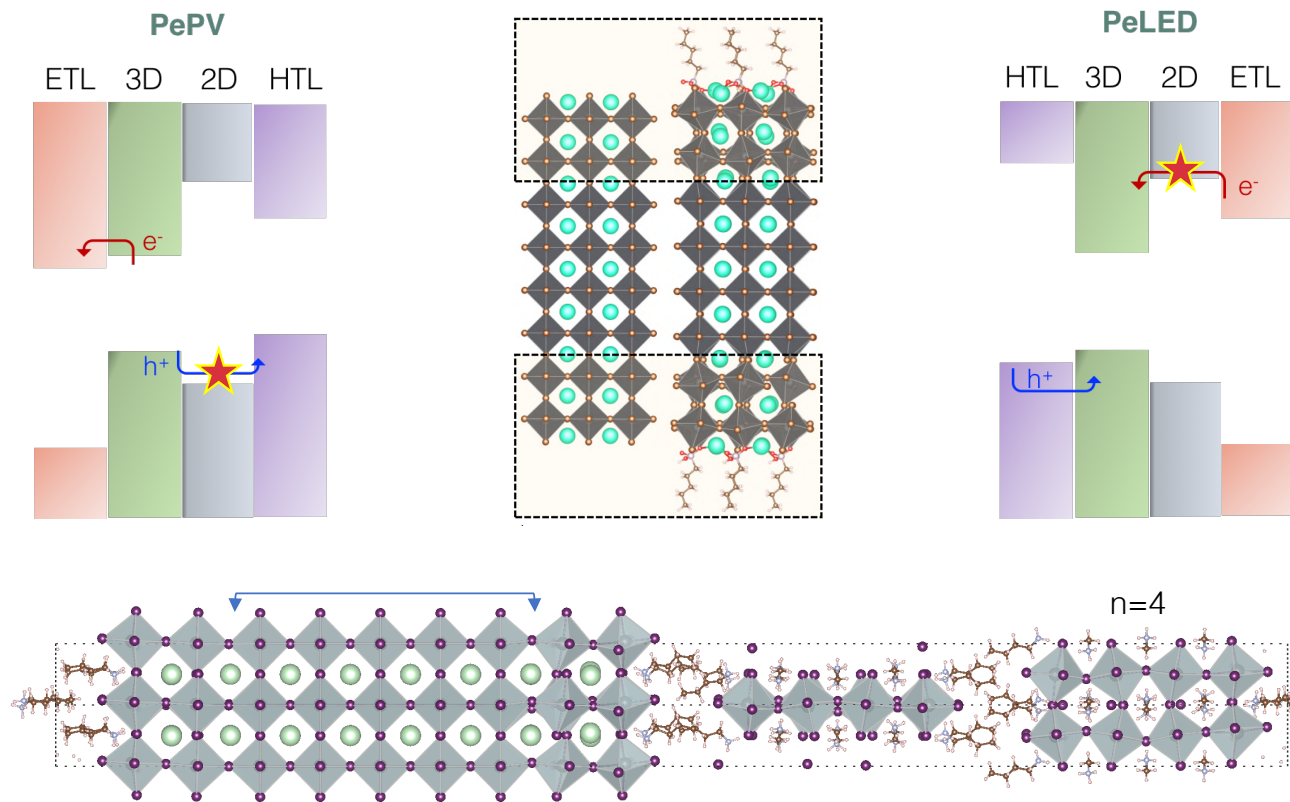
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# Conclusions | outlook

further optimization based on microscopic understanding of surface/interfaces



mixed halide mixed cation compositions  $\text{FA}^{\text{Cs}}_{0.83}\text{Cs}^{\text{Na}}_{0.17}\text{Pb}(\text{I}_{0.83}\text{Br}_{0.17})_3$



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## BONUS | DFT-1/2 for 3D



	Band gap (eV)		
	DFT	DFT-1/2	experiment
c-FAPbI <sub>3</sub>	0.21	1.41	1.48 [1]
c-CsPbI <sub>3</sub>	0.12	1.32	1.73 [2]
t-CsPbI <sub>3</sub>	0.24	1.43	
o-CsPbI <sub>3</sub>	0.51	1.66	
CsPbBr <sub>3</sub>	0.69	2.16	2.25 [3]

[1] Eperon *et al.*, *Energy Environ Sc.* 7, 982, 2014

[2] Eperon *et al.*, *J. Mater. Chem. A* 3, 19688, 2015

[3] Stoumpos *et al.*, *Cryst. Growth Des.*, 13, 2722, 2013

	Band gap (eV)		
	DFT	DFT-1/2	experiment
RT-MAPbI <sub>3</sub>	0.35	1.52	1.51 [4]
LT-MAPbI <sub>3</sub>	0.55	1.69	1.65 [5]
CsPbCl <sub>3</sub>	0.81	2.50	2.86 [6]
FASnI <sub>3</sub>	0.00 (~no gap)	1.13	1.37 [7]

[4] Shi *et al.*, *Science* 347, 519, 2015

[5] Quarti *et al.*, *Energy Environ Sc.* 9, 155, 2016

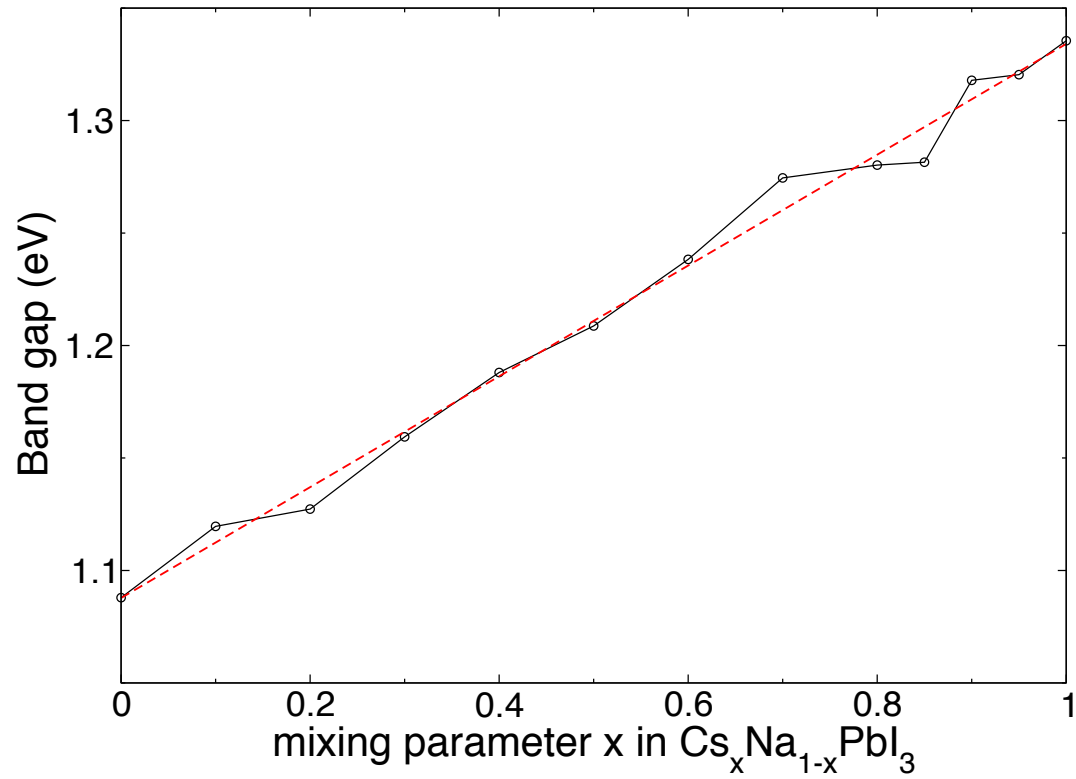
[6] Liu *et al.*, *Proc. SPIE* 8852, 88520<sup>o</sup>, 2013

[7] Kahmann *et al.*, *ACS Energy Lett.* 5, 2512, 2020





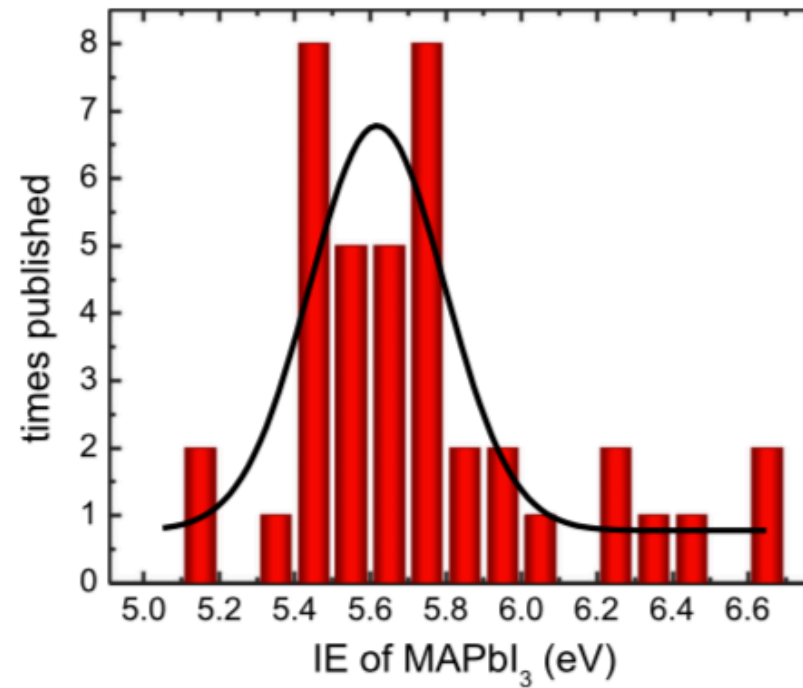
# BONUS | Band gap of $\text{Cs}_x\text{Na}_{1-x}\text{PbI}_3$



# BONUS | Experimental Ionization energies of MAPbI<sub>3</sub>

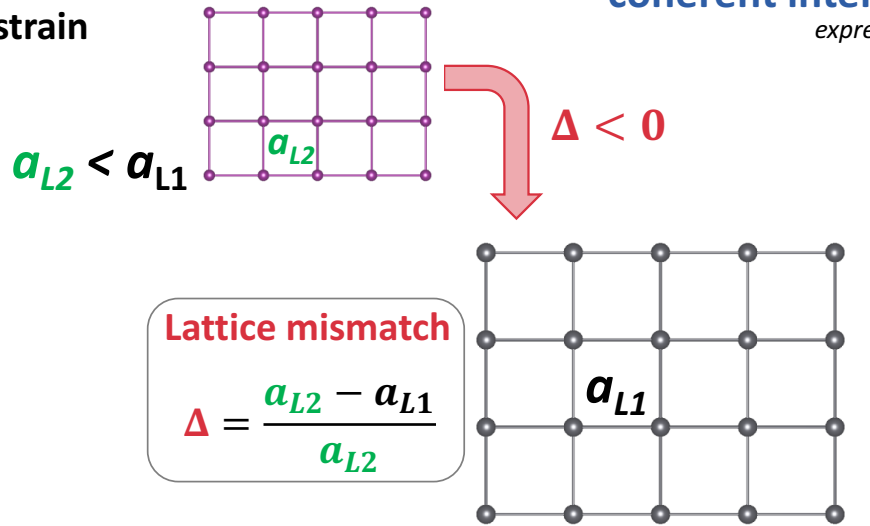
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# BONUS | Strain: epitaxial growth in semiconductors

Tensile strain



coherent interfaces

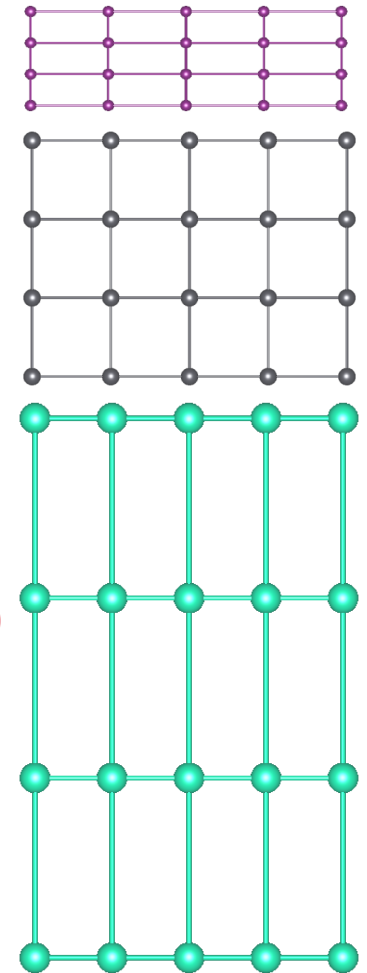
expressions for (001) cubic phases

**elastic relaxation of the epitaxial layer**

$$\varepsilon_{//} = \frac{a_{L1} - a_{L2}}{a_{L2}} = -\Delta$$

$$\varepsilon_{\perp} = \frac{-2C_{12}}{C_{11}} \varepsilon_{//}$$

$\varepsilon_{//} > 0$   
 $\varepsilon_{\perp} < 0$



$\varepsilon_{//} < 0$   
 $\varepsilon_{\perp} > 0$

$a_{L2} > a_{L1}$

$\Delta > 0$

Compressive strain



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L1/L2 perovskite heterostructure

- in-plane Surface the same for both
- different length along the stacking axis  
 $l_1 = (n-1) c_{3D}$  and  $l_2 = c_{2D}$
- transverse elastic approximation
- free strain along the stacking axis