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# Perovskite Photovoltaics: Computational Design

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1 Understanding electron transport

2 Finding non-toxic alternatives to Pb

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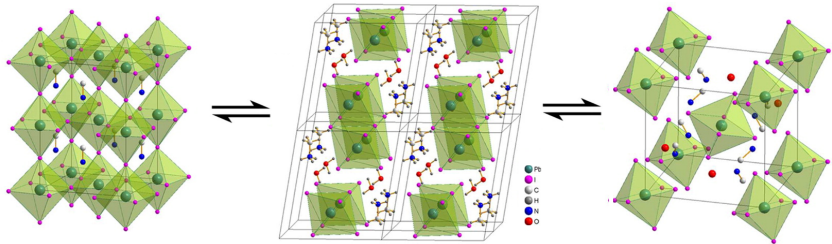
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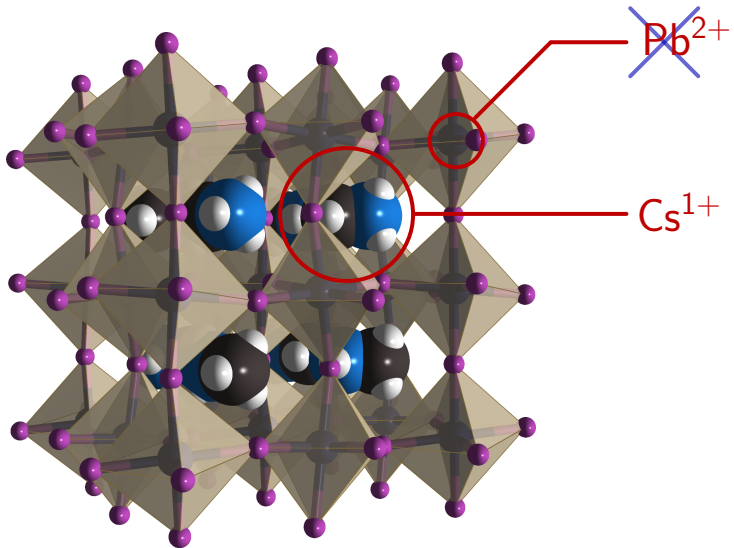
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# Homovalent Pb replacement

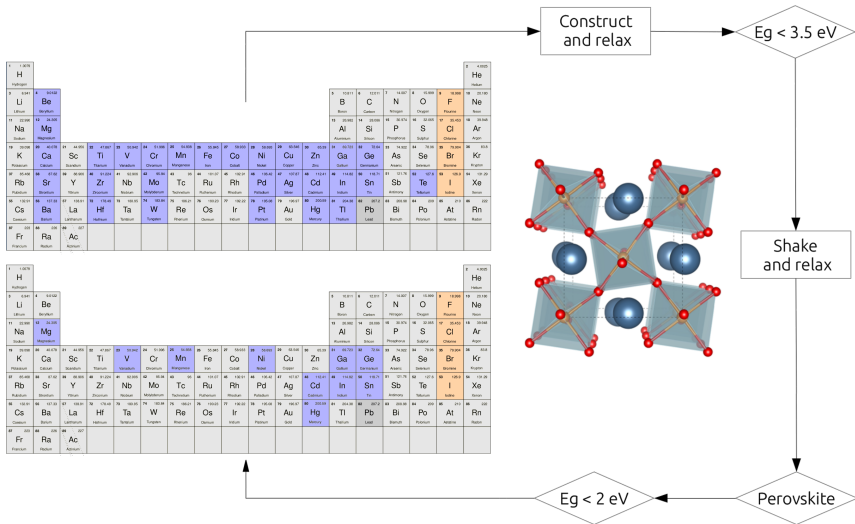
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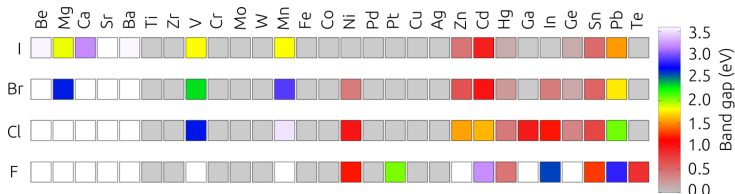
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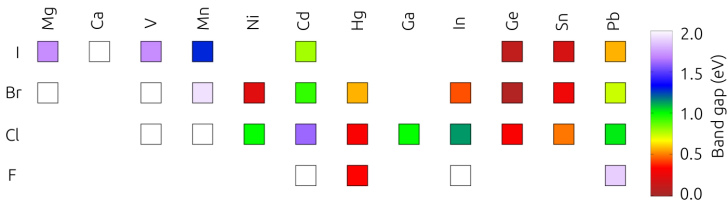




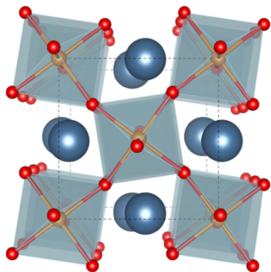
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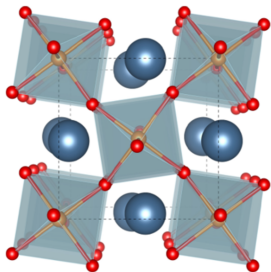


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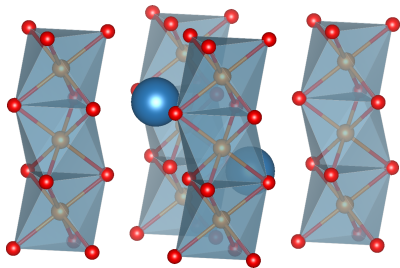


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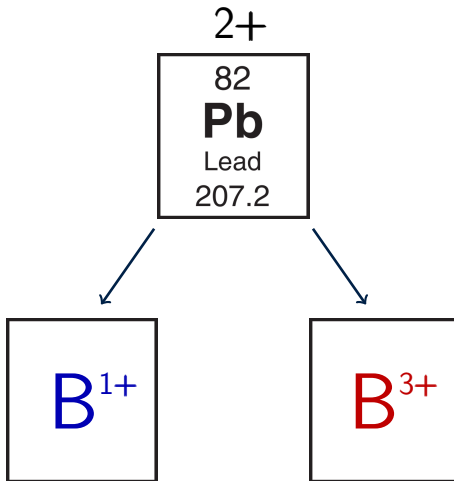
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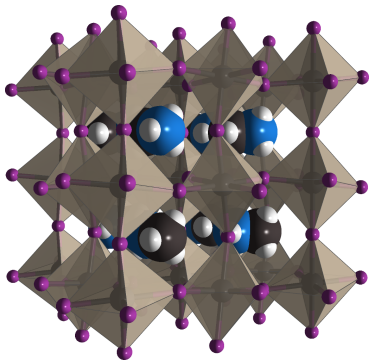


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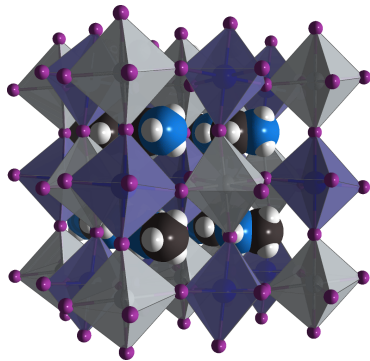
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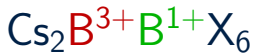


perovskite



double perovskite  
(elpasolite)

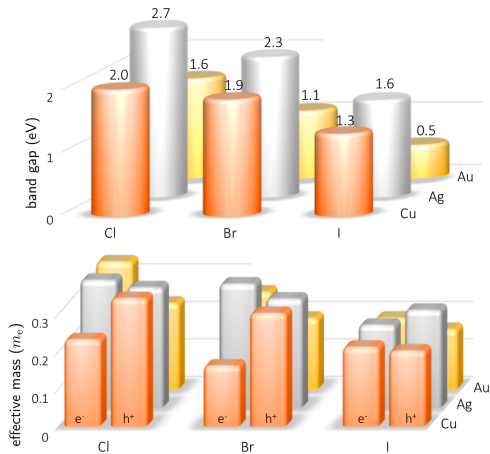
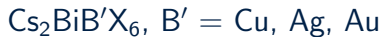
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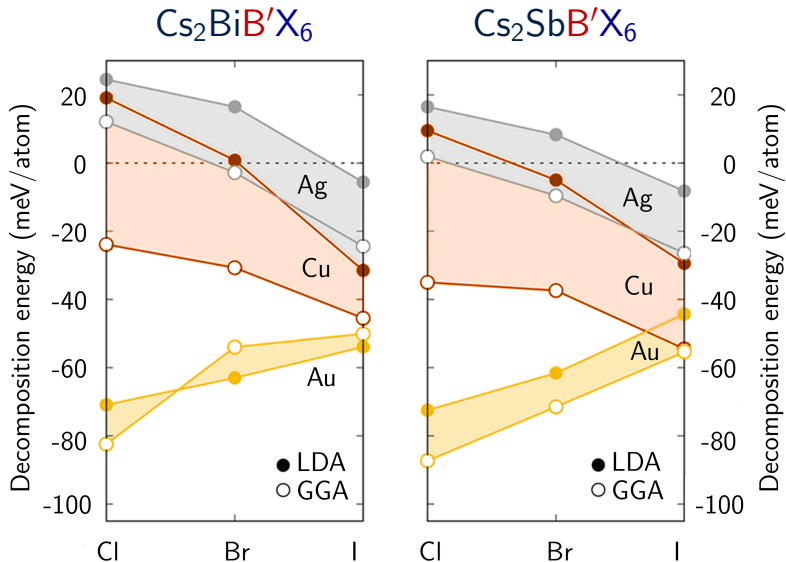
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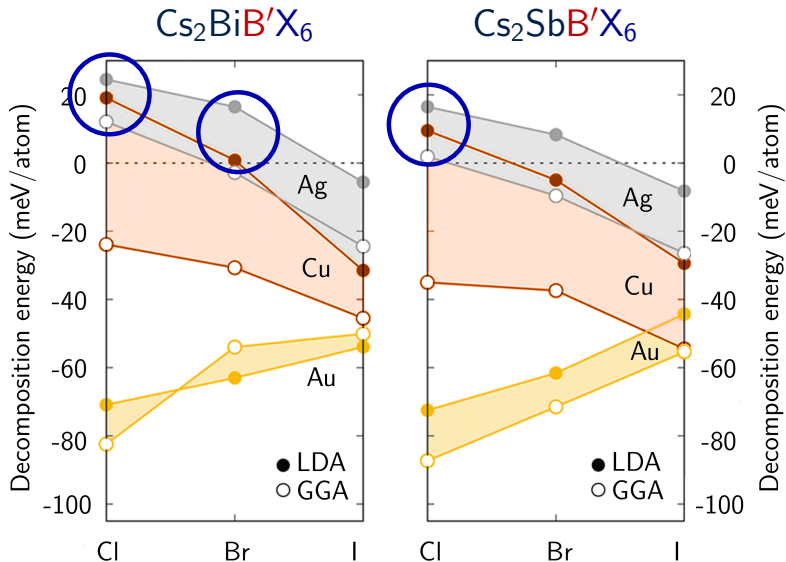
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Where do we start with experiments?

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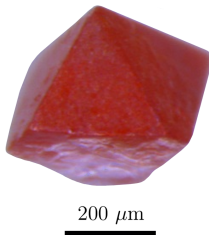
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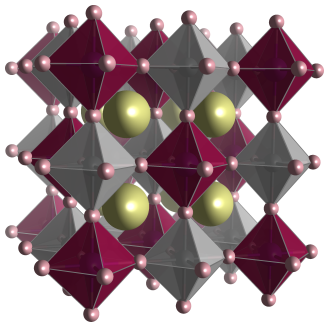
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solid-state reaction



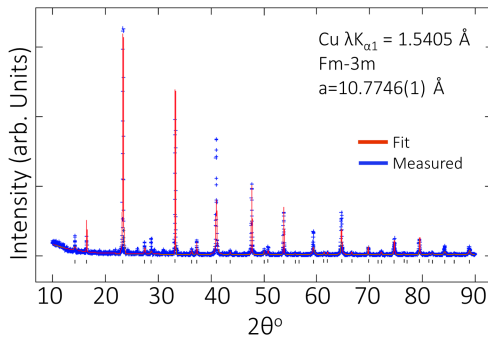
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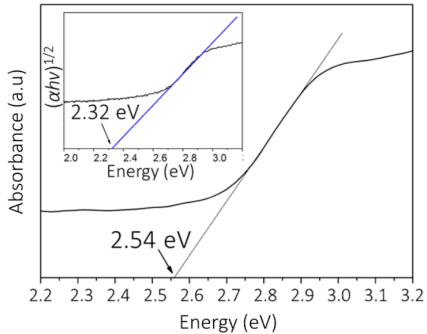
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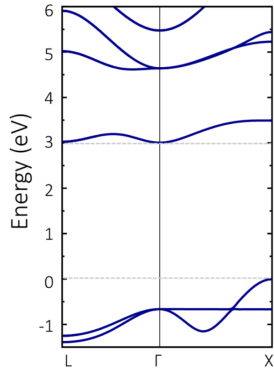




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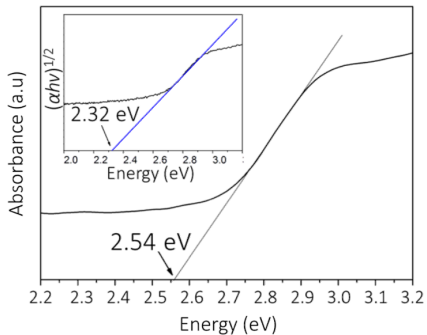


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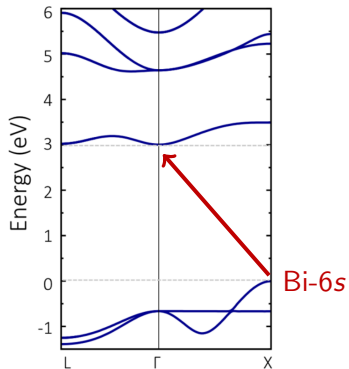




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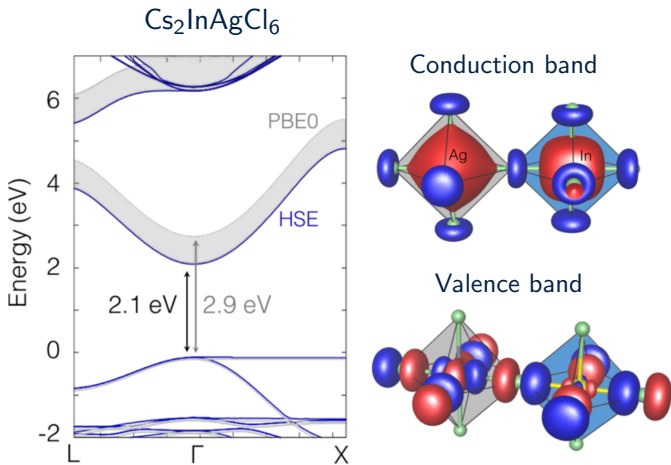
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$\text{In}^{3+}$ :  $5s^2$  empty

ICSD reports  $\text{Cs}_2\text{InNaCl}_6$

1 1.0079 H Hydrogen																	2 4.0026 He Helium		
3 6.941 Li Lithium	4 9.0122 Be Beryllium													5 10.811 B Boron	6 12.011 C Carbon	7 14.007 N Nitrogen	8 15.999 O Oxygen	9 18.998 F Fluorine	10 20.180 Ne Neon
11 22.990 Na Sodium	12 24.305 Mg Magnesium													13 26.982 Al Aluminium	14 28.086 Si Silicon	15 30.974 P Phosphorus	16 32.065 S Sulphur	17 35.453 Cl Chlorine	18 39.948 Ar Argon
19 39.098 K Potassium	20 40.078 Ca Calcium	21 44.956 Sc Scandium	22 47.867 Ti Titanium	23 50.942 V Vanadium	24 51.996 Cr Chromium	25 54.938 Mn Manganese	26 55.845 Fe Iron	27 58.933 Co Cobalt	28 58.693 Ni Nickel	29 63.546 Cu Copper	30 65.39 Zn Zinc	31 69.723 Ga Gallium	32 72.64 Ge Germanium	33 74.922 As Arsenic	34 78.96 Se Selenium	35 79.904 Br Bromine	36 83.8 Kr Krypton		
37 85.468 Rb Rubidium	38 87.62 Sr Strontium	39 88.906 Y Yttrium	40 91.224 Zr Zirconium	41 92.906 Nb Niobium	42 95.94 Mo Molybdenum	43 96 Tc Technetium	44 101.07 Ru Ruthenium	45 102.91 Rh Rhodium	46 106.42 Pd Palladium	47 107.87 Ag Silver	48 112.41 Cd Cadmium	49 114.82 In Indium	50 118.71 Sn Tin	51 121.76 Sb Antimony	52 127.6 Te Tellurium	53 126.9 I Iodine	54 131.29 Xe Xenon		
55 132.91 Cs Caesium	56 137.33 Ba Barium	57 138.91 La Lanthanum	72 178.49 Hf Hafnium	73 180.95 Ta Tantalum	74 183.84 W Tungsten	75 186.21 Re Rhenium	76 190.23 Os Osmium	77 192.22 Ir Iridium	78 195.08 Pt Platinum	79 196.97 Au Gold	80 200.59 Hg Mercury	81 204.38 Tl Thallium	82 207.2 Pb Lead	83 208.98 Bi Bismuth	84 209 Po Polonium	85 210 At Astatine	86 222 Rn Radon		
87 223 Fr Francium	88 226 Ra Radium	89 227 Ac Actinium																	
			57 138.91 La Lanthanum	58 140.12 Ce Cerium	59 140.91 Pr Praseodymium	60 144.24 Nd Neodymium	61 145 Pm Promethium	62 150.36 Sm Samarium	63 151.96 Eu Europium	64 157.25 Gd Gadolinium	65 158.93 Tb Terbium	66 162.50 Dy Dysprosium	67 164.93 Ho Holmium	68 167.26 Er Erbium	69 168.93 Tm Thulium	70 173.04 Yb Ytterbium	71 174.97 Lu Lutetium		
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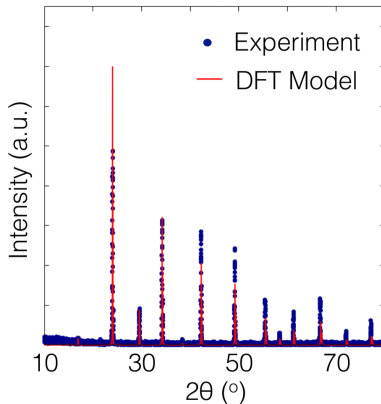




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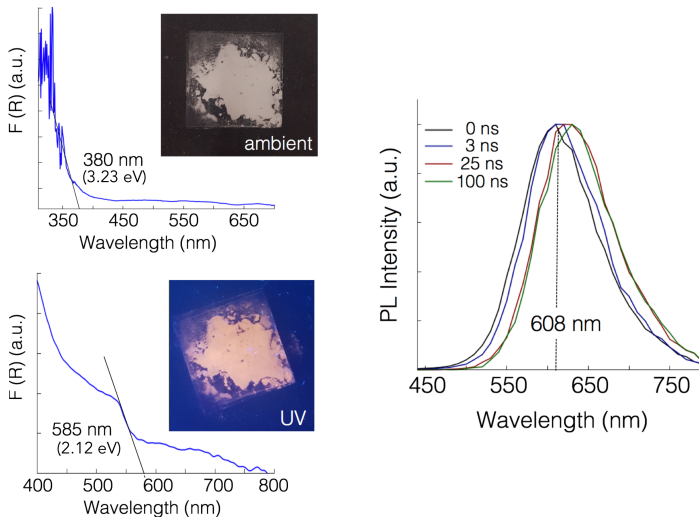
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## Powder X-ray diffraction



DFT lattice parameter  
set to experimental value

## Optical absorption and photoluminescence of $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$





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## Efficient and stable emission of warm-white light from lead-free halide double perovskites

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**The optimally alloyed  $\text{Cs}_2(\text{Ag}_{0.60}\text{Na}_{0.40})\text{InCl}_6$  with 0.04 per cent bismuth doping emits warm-white light with  $86 \pm 5$  per cent quantum efficiency and works for over 1,000 hours. We anticipate that these results will stimulate research on single-emitter-based white-light-emitting phosphors and diodes for next-generation lighting and display technologies.**



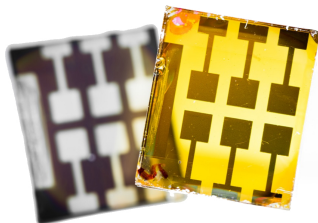
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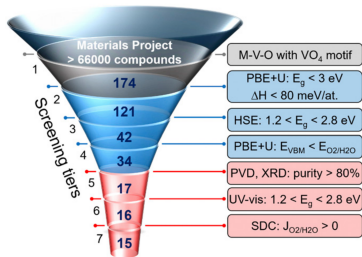
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The mineral was discovered in the [Ural Mountains](#) of [Russia](#) by [Gustav Rose](#) in 1839 and is named after Russian mineralogist [Lev Perovski](#) (1792–1856).<sup>[2]</sup> Perovskite's notable crystal structure was first described by [Victor Goldschmidt](#) in 1926, in his work on tolerance factors.<sup>[7]</sup> The crystal structure was later published in 1945 from [X-ray diffraction](#) data on [barium titanate](#) by [Helen Dick Megaw](#).<sup>[8]</sup>



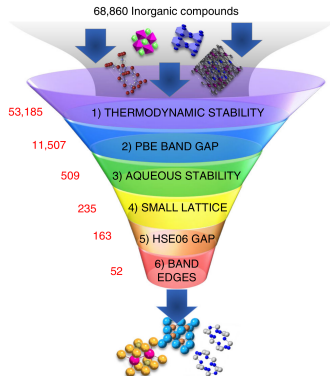
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Other perovskites for photovoltaics?



**Fig. 1.** Tiered screening pipeline for accelerated discovery of solar fuels photoanodes. The number of compounds (bold) and screening criteria used in this study for the seven-tier pipeline that integrates database mining (gray), high-throughput computational screening (blue), and high-throughput experimental screening (red).

Yan et al., PNAS 114, 3040 (2017)



**Fig. 2** The selection criteria, as well as the number of materials which satisfy the criterion, are shown for each tier. Note that less than 5% of the semiconductors from tier 2 make it through tier 3, highlighting that very few semiconductors are water-stable at the reducing conditions needed for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction

Singh et al., Nat. Commun. 10, 443 (2019)

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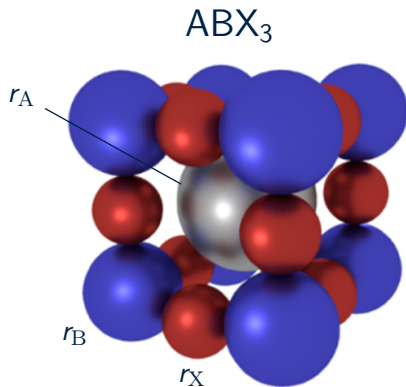
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Assuming 1h of HPC per calculation,  
screening this database would require

160 years



tolerance factor

$$t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{r_A + r_X}{r_B + r_X}$$

octahedral factor

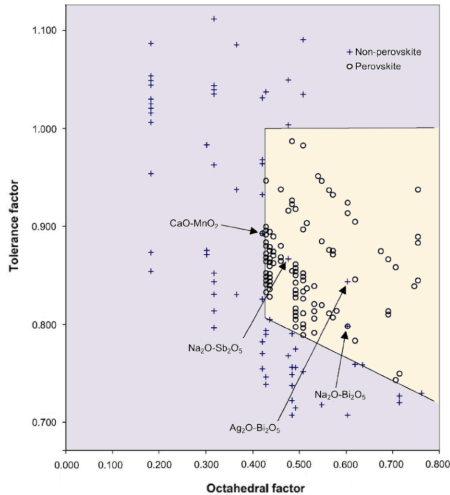
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V. M. Goldschmidt, *The laws of crystal chemistry*, Naturwissenschaften 14, 477 (1926)

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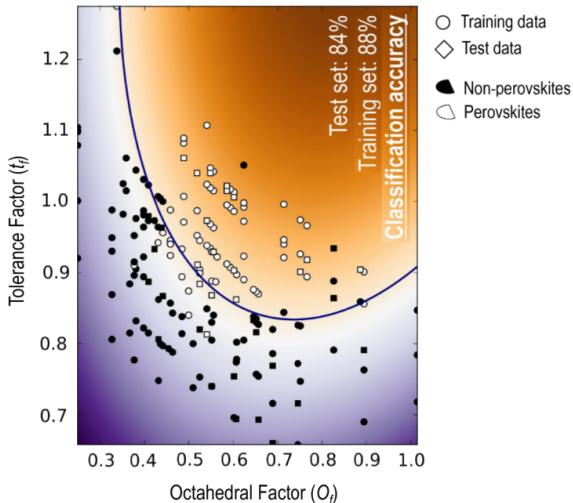
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## 171 oxides

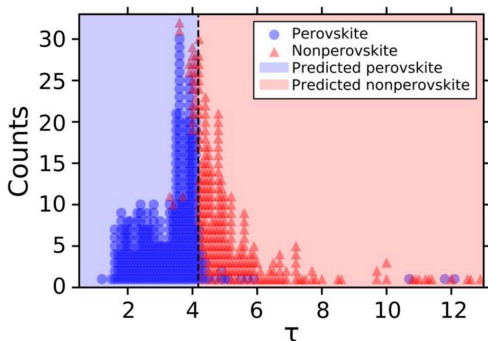




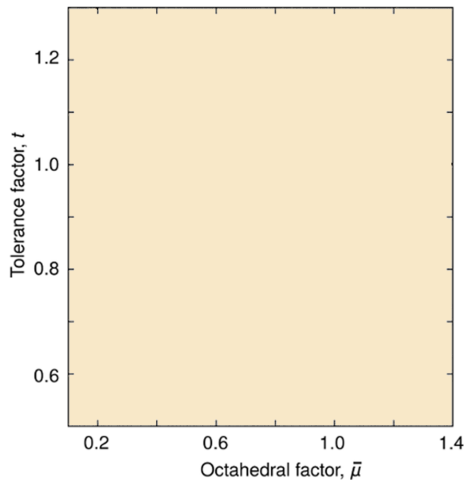
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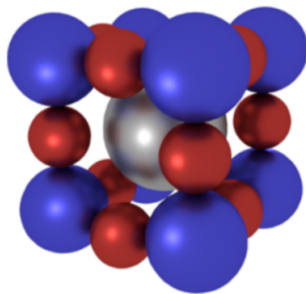
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(sure independence screening and sparsifying operator)

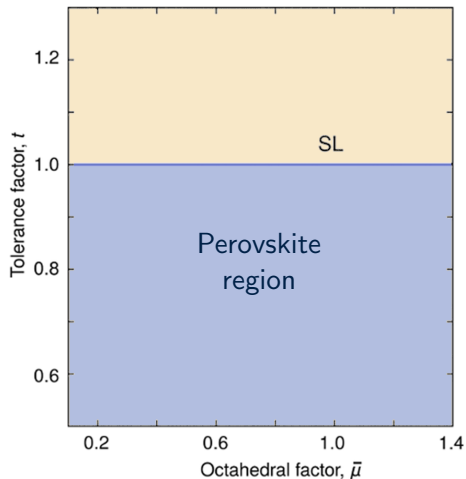


$$\tau = \frac{r_X}{r_B} - n_A \left( n_A - \frac{r_A/r_B}{\log r_A/r_B} \right)$$

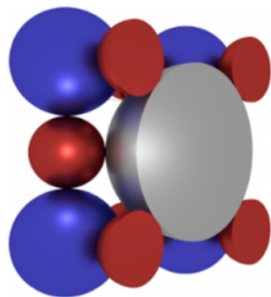


Cubic perovskite



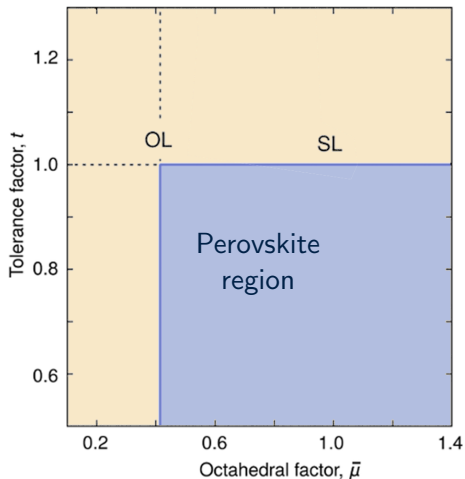


Stretch limit

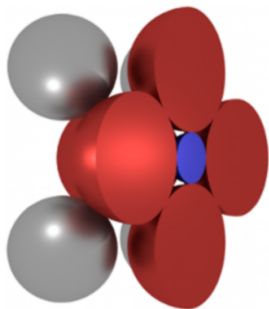


$$r_A + r_X = \sqrt{2}(r_B + r_X)$$

$$t = 1$$

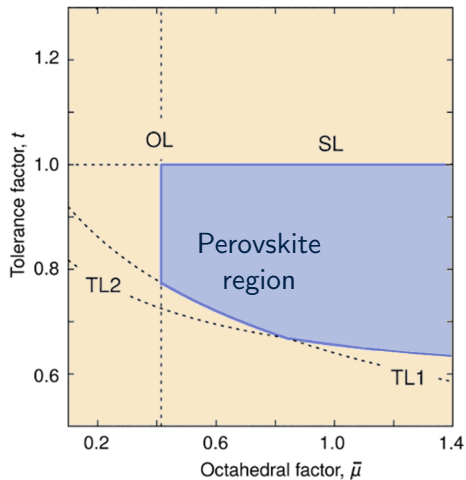


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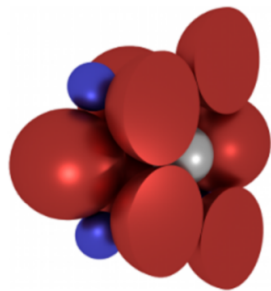


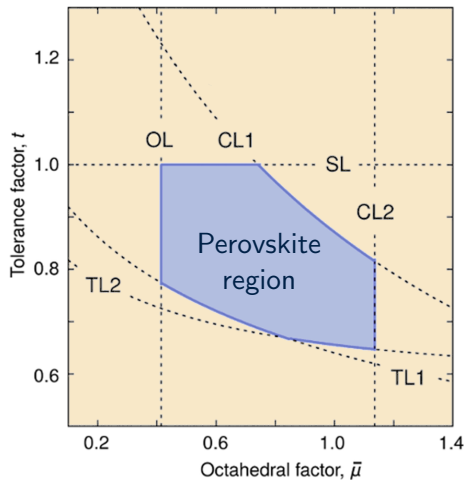
$$\sqrt{2}(r_B + r_X) = 2r_X$$

$$\mu = \sqrt{2} - 1$$

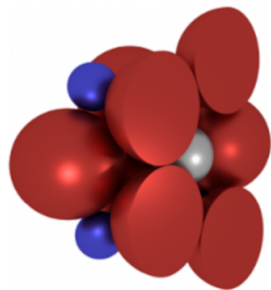


Tilt limit





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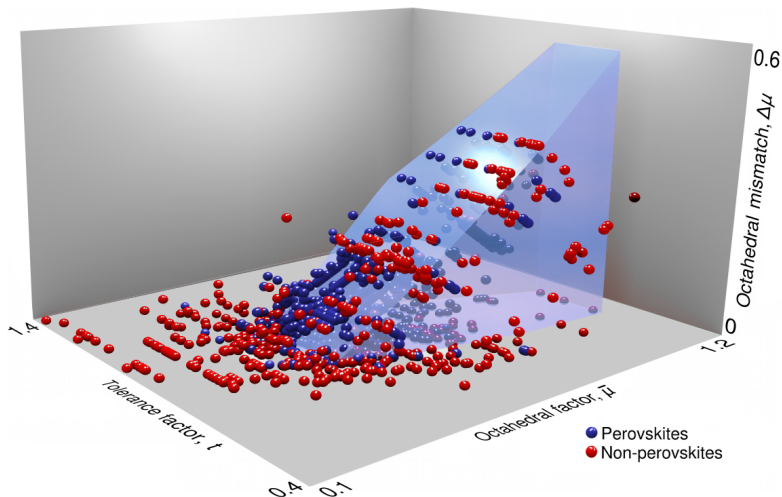


Bound type	Abbreviation	Inequality
Stretch limit	SL	$t \leq 1$
Octahedral limit	OL	$\bar{\mu} \geq \sqrt{2} - 1 + \Delta\mu$
Tilt limit	TL1	$t \geq (0.44 \bar{\mu} + 1.37)/\sqrt{2}(\bar{\mu} + 1)$
	TL2	$t \geq (0.73 \bar{\mu} + 1.13)/\sqrt{2}(\bar{\mu} + 1)$
Chemical limit	CL1	$t \leq 2.46/[2(\bar{\mu} + 1)^2 + \Delta\mu^2]^{1/2}$
	CL2	$\bar{\mu} \leq 1.05$

$$t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{r_A + r_X}{r_B + r_X} \quad \mu = \frac{r_B}{r_X}$$

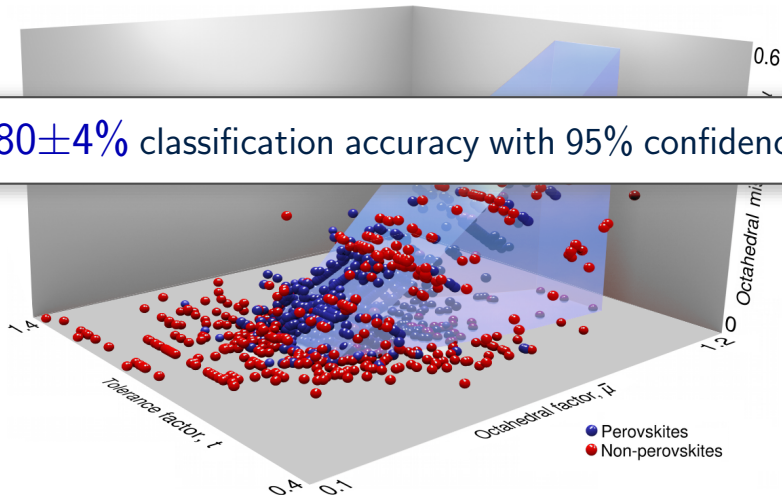


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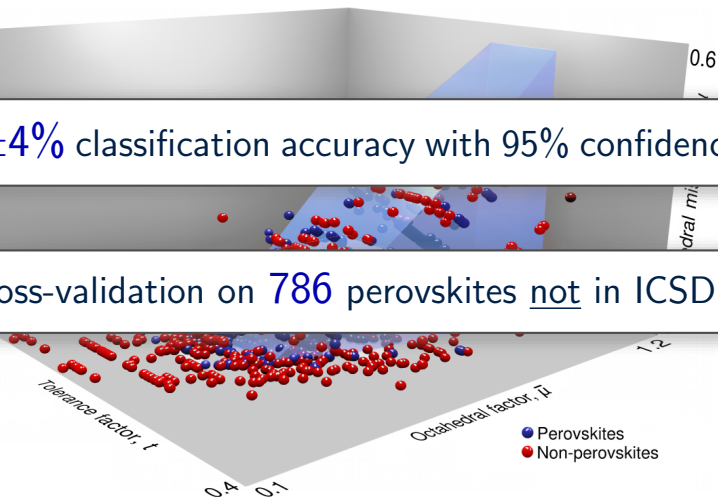
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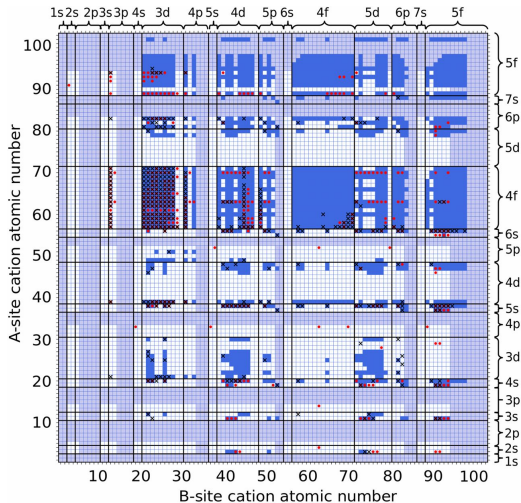
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Cross-validation on 786 perovskites not in ICSD



DFT calculations from Emery et al, Chem Mater 28, 5621 (2016),  $ABO_3$  compounds



× experiment (382 perovskites)

■ geometric model (92%)

● DFT (59%)

Screening of 4M compounds yields

**94,232**

perovskites

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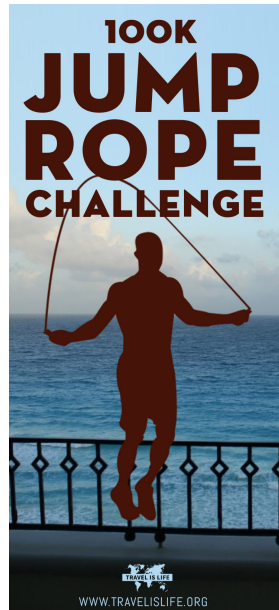




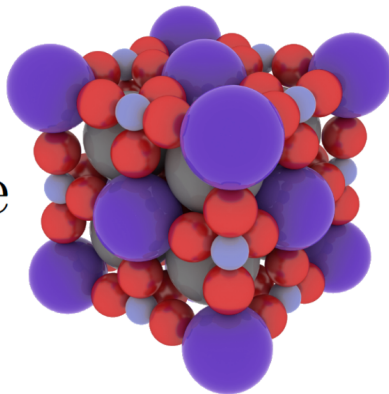
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# 100K Perovskite Challenge



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- The new lead-free perovskites are promising for photovoltaics and lighting
- By combining DFT and experiments we can truly make new materials for energy
- Simple concepts such as ionic radii can go a long way in materials discovery

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