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Vacancy defects in CsPbBr₃

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The metal halide perovskites (MHPs) are attracting intense research interest due to their excellent optoelectronic properties. The all-inorganic member CsPbBr₃ is of particular interest for gamma-ray detector applications and LEDs. Further, single crystals can be grown via a solution route or by a melt process, and thin films can be solution processed or produced by vapour deposition.

Here we report the results of two-component density functional theory (TC-DFT) calculations for CsPbBr₃ and the results from variable-energy positron annihilation lifetime spectroscopy measurements on a range of single crystal CsPbBr₃ samples as well as vapour processed thin samples. The TC-DFT calculations return positron lifetime values approximately similar to those previously reported for the model MHP MAPbI₃. Evidence for the detection of both B-site and A-site vacancy defects is presented.

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