

Collective X-ray Diffraction and Photoluminescence in Perovskite Nanocrystal Superlattices

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Colloidal Semiconductor Nanocrystals



Lead Halide Perovskite Nanocrystals

CsPbBr₃







Efros, Even, Lounis, Sercel, and others





Guzelturk et al, *Nat. Mater.*, **2021**, 20, 618-623

Artificial Atoms and Collective Effects



8-10 nm CsPbBr₃ Nanocubes

C₁₈H₃₅NH₃⁺ Br⁻

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 $PbBr_2 + C_{17}H_{33}COOCs + C_{18}H_{35}NH_2 \rightarrow CsPbBr_3 + by-products$



Protesescu et al., *Nano Lett*, 15 (6), 3692-3696, **2015** Almeida et al., *ACS Nano*, 12 (2), 1704-1711, **2018**

Superlattices by Solvent Removal



Well-ordered in Electron Diffraction



Assembly by Solvent Evaporation



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[CsPbBr<sub>3</sub>]<sub>NC</sub> ≈ 0.8-1 µM
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Solvents: Toluene (*b.p.*111 °C) Tetrachloroethylene (b.p. 121 °C)

Evaporation takes 2-12 hours, depending on the amount of liquid.



Wide-Angle X-Ray Diffraction



Superlattice Satellites of the 1st Bragg Peak



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Drying Superlattice in Vacuum



Physical Picture of Superlattice Diffraction



Quantitative Structural Refinement



Toso, DB et al, ACS Nano 2021, 15, 4, 6243-6256; model based on Fullerton et al., Phys. Rev. B, 1992, 45, 16, 9292-9310

Quantification of Structural Parameters



Comparison with Model









Hallstrom et al., ACS Nano 2023, 17, 8, 7219-7228

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Exp 2: Toso et al., ACS Nano 2021, 15, 12, 20341-20352



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Predicting Diffraction Patterns



Diffraction and Interference

Experiments on Superfluorescence/-radiance in Perovskites

Dicke Superradiance, 1954

Experiment with HF gas, 1972

PRESSURE SQUARED (m Torr²)

Herman et al., in Laser Spectroscopy, 379-492, 1974

Superfluorescence, 1975

Bonifacio and Lugiato, Phys. Rev. A, 11 (5), 1975

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Experiment with Na vapor, 1976

Gross et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., 36 (17), 1035-1038, 1976

Looking for Superfluorescence

Baranov et al., ACS Nano, 15 (1), 650-664, 2021

Miloch et al., arXiv, 2023, 2303.08791

Important Open Questions

 T_1 , radiative decay T_2 , decoherence time T_{SR} , characteristic time

 $T_1 > T_{SR} > T_2$

 $I_{max}(t) \propto N$

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Timescales:

• Radiative vs. decoherence vs. cooperative

Disorder:

• Energy, position, and orientation

Interactions:

Dipole-dipole, long-range

Structure:

• intrinsic or necessary superlattice

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