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# Abstract

Since their first synthesis in 2015, the all-inorganic lead halide perovskite nanocrystals CsPbX<sub>3</sub> (X = Cl, Br, I) have attracted a great attention due to their outstanding electronic and optical properties as well as their performances which outclass the ones of II-VI conterparts in many application fields. In addition to these properties, the understanding of the emission features in these systems at the single object scale is crucial e.g. for nanophotonics and quantum optics devices. The details of the band-edge excitonic emission are here theoretically explored. The contribution of the long-range exchange interaction to the bright-exciton splittings is computed in strong and weak confinement regimes by using the group theory and  $\mathbf{k}.\mathbf{p}$  arguments. We show that the shape anisotropy of a nanocrystal can also be at play with the crystalline (cubic, tetragonal or orthorhombic) structures to explain the emission properties. In the weak confinement regime, splittings are inversely proportional to the cube of the exciton Bohr radius and we observe an increase of the splittings from iodide, to bromide, then chloride perovskite compounds. However, in the strong confinement regime, splittings increase inversely proportional to the nanocrystal volume and, for a given nanocrystal size, the splitting values are comparable for the three halide perovskite materials. The present theoretical developments lead to quantitative contributions in good agreement with available experimental data mainly in the weak confinement regime.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Cesium lead halide perovskite nanocrystals (NCs) have recently emerged as an interesting alternative to II-VI material-based NCs, which have monopolized the attention of researchers over the last twenty years. Thanks to defect-tolerance behaviour [1], the halide perovskite NCs present a high luminescence yield (50% -90% at room temperature) without the constraint to synthesize "core-shell" structures [2, 3]. Their inorganic structure (CsPbX<sub>3</sub> where X is a halide anion (Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>)) also makes them relatively stable systems compared to organic-inorganic hybrid perovskites. They have unique optical properties: very bright emission with an energy easily tunable from the ultraviolet to the infrared range by combining substitution of halogen atoms and quantum confinement. Since their first synthesis, in 2015 [4], we assist to a skyrocketing scientific interest in these NCs. Recently, taking advantage of all these properties, various studies have explored perovskite NC applications in low-threshold lasers [5–7], LED emitters [8], photodetectors [9] and single photon emission [9–12].

An exhaustive understanding of the band-edge exciton states is fundamental to explain the excellent optical properties of these NCs and to investigate their high potential to work in nanophotonics and quantum optics or quantum information devices. Indeed, several proposed quantum devices are very much concerned with the existence of the brightexciton splittings. For example, in propositions exploiting the two distinguishable paths in the biexciton-exciton transition, this splitting becomes detrimental for the generation of polarization-entangled photon-pair if the splitting is larger than the linewidth of emitting states [13–16]. However, it is also possible to benefit from the bright-exciton splitting to build a two-bit conditional quantum logic gate in the two excitons configuration [17].

First experimental studies of low temperature photoluminescence (PL) on single halide perovskite NC without confinement effects have evidenced a fine structure of bright excitons: narrow lines grouped in a triplet [9]. More recent studies have shown the presence of triplets [18–21], doublets [18, 19, 21, 22] or single lines [21]. However, very few theoretical studies have been done [18, 19, 21]. In particular, Becker *et al* [21] explain explain these experimental results by the presence of a Rashba effect related to inversion symmetry breaking on a local scale resulting from dynamical fluctuations of  $Cs^+$  ions positions in the inorganic perovskite lattice. In contrast to authors of references [18, 19] they do not consider supplementary breaking of symmetry.

The bulk band structure of  $CsPbX_3$  and hybrid perovskites has been theoretically addressed in the past [23] and recently [4, 21, 24–26]. They are direct band-gap semiconductors with a reverse ordering of band-edge states as compared with more conventional semiconductors. The band-edge excitons are Coulomb bound states, pairing a hole in the upper valence band (VB)  $(j_h = 1/2, j_z^h = \pm 1/2)$  and an electron from the lowest split-off conduction band (CB)  $(j_e = 1/2, j_z^e = \pm 1/2)$  leading to four exciton states. The exciton states are split into several energy sublevels, named the exciton fine structure, as a result of the electron-hole exchange interaction (e-h EI) which is basically related to the Coulomb interaction. The exchange energy depends on the distance between the electrons and holes or more precisely, on the overlap of their wave functions. In semiconductor NCs, e-h EI, as well as direct Coulomb interaction, are greatly enhanced by quantum confinement due to the increased spatial overlap of the electron and hole wave functions [27–31]. In the framework of the effective mass approximation, the theory of the excitonic fine structure splittings due to the e-h EI in bulk semiconductor was put forward by Pikus and Bir [32, 33] and Denisov and Makarov [34]. Two main contributions can be considered, namely the short-range (SR) part and the long-range (LR) part as defined and discussed in Refs. [32, 33], after separation in the momentum space. Note that these SR and LR contributions are also named analytical and non-analytical contributions [34]. As discussed in Refs [35–37], the LR (non-analytical) part contains a contact term, sometimes included in the SR contribution. The theoretical reexamination of the e-h EI in NCs of « classical » semiconductors has been carried out [35, 38–42] in different works and, in particular, a special attention has been carried out to elucidate the LR and SR contributions to the exciton fine structure [43–46].

The CsPbX<sub>3</sub> perovskite NCs associate a conduction- and valence-bands ordering reversed with respect to more regular semiconductors and the presence of different crystallographic phases [18, 47–51]: the high temperature cubic phase ( $O_h$  point group), the tetragonal phase ( $D_{4h}$  point group), and the low-temperature orthorhombic phase ( $D_{2h}$  point group). Even another low-temperature monoclinic phase has been also observed [51] by neutron scattering for CsPbCl<sub>3</sub>. In inorganic bulk perovskites, all phase transitions occur well above room temperature [50, 51]. An elaborate review of the perovskites symmetry can be found in the literature [52, 53]. However, a detailed knowledge of the point-group symmetry and an appropriate irreductible representations become crucial to describe the band-edge excitons of highly anisotropic perovskite NCs.

For an isotropic NC with a cubic crystal phase, the fourfold degenerate excitons states constituted by the hole states of the upper VB and the electron states of the lower CB are splitted by e-h EI leading to an optically forbidden singlet state and three degenerate optically allowed exciton states. Becker *et al* [21] have calculated that the SR contribution to the bright-dark exciton splitting is of the order of hundreds of  $\mu$  eV. Very recently, Nestoklon *et al* [54] have calculated the LR contribution to bright exciton splitting of shape-anisotropic halide perovskite NCs with  $O_h$  as the point group. These authors have shown that an anisotropic shape is at the origin of the appearence of a doublet of bright exciton states in good agreement with experimental results of exciton optical orientation and alignement. However, for perfectly cubic shape NCs with  $O_h$  point symmetry, there are no bright exciton splittings.

In this work, we have taken into account actual crystal structures of perovskites NCs in order to reach a fine description of this new class of materials and provide valuable informations for future applications in quantum nanodevices. We calculated the LR part of eh EI and its contribution to the bright exciton splittings for anisotropic halide perovskite NCs in the strong and in the weak confinement regimes. Two different origins of the reduction of symmetry are considered: (i) the anisotropy of the NC shape (as in Ref. [54]), (ii) the anisotropy of the crystalline phase of NCs. We do not address the SR contribution to the bright exciton splitting. In fact, for cubic-shaped NCs the SR interaction may have a significant contribution only for orthorhombic phase  $(D_{2h} \text{ point group})$  [54]. We show that doublets or triplets in the PL of a single NC can be observed even in a symmetric cristal phase like  $O_h$  due to anisotropic shapes. When isotropic shapes are considered, a cubic phase  $(O_h \text{ point group})$  leads to three degenerate bright exciton states, a tetragonal phase  $(D_{4h})$ point group) to a doublet and orthorhombic phase  $(D_{2h} \text{ point group})$  to a non-degenerate triplet exciton state. In a more general situation, bright-exciton fine structure is the result of an interplay of the shape and crystalline phase anisotropies. We draw an exhaustive panorama of the bright-exciton fine structure of all the more studied inorganic perovksite NCs which constitutes a valuable information to stimulate prospects on optimal quantum device performances based on these materials.

## II. THEORETICAL MODEL

The expression of the LR e-h Hamiltonian is written as follows [46]:

$$\mathcal{H}_{mn'n'}^{LR} \begin{pmatrix} r'_{e} & r'_{h} \\ r_{e} & r_{h} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\left(2\pi\right)^{3}} \int d\mathbf{q} \left(\frac{e^{2}}{\epsilon_{0}\epsilon_{X}} \frac{1}{q^{2}}\right) \left(\sum_{i,j} \mathfrak{Q}_{m' \ \kappa_{n}' \ m}^{ij} q_{i}q_{j}\right) \exp\left[i\mathbf{q} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_{e} - \mathbf{r}_{e}')\right] \ \delta(\mathbf{r}_{e} - \mathbf{r}_{h}) \ \delta(\mathbf{r}_{e}' - \mathbf{r}_{h}')$$

$$\tag{1}$$

in which m, m'(n, n') label the Bloch states of the electron in the CB (the hole in the VB),  $(\mathbf{r}_e, \mathbf{r}'_e)$  and  $(\mathbf{r}_h, \mathbf{r}'_h)$  denote the coordinates of the electrons and holes, respectively.  $\epsilon_X$  is the high-frequency (at the exciton frequency) dielectric constant. Including the spin degree of freedom,  $\mathfrak{Q}^{ij}_{m',K_n}$  is given by:

$$\mathfrak{Q}_{\mathcal{K}n' \mathcal{K}n}^{ij} = \frac{\hbar^2}{m_0^2} \frac{\langle m' | p_i | \mathcal{K}n' \rangle \langle \mathcal{K}n | p_j | m \rangle}{(E_m^0 - E_n^0) (E_{m'}^0 - E_{n'}^0)}$$
(2)

with  $p_i$   $(p_j)$  is the *i* (j) component of the **p** momentum,  $m_0$  is the free electron mass,  $E^0_{\nu}$  $(\nu = m, m', n, n')$  is the energy of the  $\nu th$  band, and  $\mathcal{K}$  is the time-reversal operator. Note that  $\mathcal{K}$  leaves **r** unchanged, changes the momentum **p** to  $(-\mathbf{p})$ , and changes the angular momentum to their opposite, in particular it changes Pauli operators  $\sigma$  to  $(-\sigma)$ . For each point group considered in this work, the explicit form of the matrix representation  $\mathfrak{Q}_{\substack{m' \\ \mathcal{K}n' \\ m}}^{ij}(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{i,j} \mathfrak{Q}_{\substack{ij \\ \mathcal{K}n' \\ m}}^{ij} k_n q_i q_j$  is given in Appendix B.

The exciton wave functions in NCs are the product of the Bloch functions and the exciton envelope wave function  $\Psi_X(\mathbf{r}_e, \mathbf{r}_h)$ , which describes the spatial motion of the exciton confined in the NC. In our modelization, we have taken into account the upper VB  $(j_h = 1/2, j_z^h = \pm 1/2)$  and the lowest split-off CB  $(j_e = 1/2, j_z^e = \pm 1/2)$ . We denote the hole Bloch wave functions as  $|W_1\rangle = |1/2, 1/2\rangle$ ,  $|W_2\rangle = |1/2, -1/2\rangle$ , and the CB Bloch wave functions as  $|C_1\rangle = |1/2, 1/2\rangle$ ,  $|C_2\rangle = |1/2, -1/2\rangle$ . The basis Bloch wave functions for conduction- and valence-bands are given explicitly in Appendix A. In what follows, we will model the envelope wave function of a particle (electron, hole or exciton) confined in the rectangular parallelepiped-shape NC by:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_{e,h}) = \sqrt{\frac{2^3}{L_x L_y L_z}} \cos(\pi x_{e,h}/L_x) \cos(\pi y_{e,h}/L_y) \cos(\pi z_{e,h}/L_z)$$
(3)

where  $L_x$ ,  $L_y$  and  $L_z$  are the edge lenghts of the rectangular parallelepiped-shape NC.

One distinguishes here two distinct regimes of exciton confinement in a NC. In the strongconfinement (sc) regime, when the size of the NC is less than the exciton Bohr diameter, we take  $\Psi_X^{sc}(\mathbf{r}_e, \mathbf{r}_h) = \Psi(\mathbf{r}_e) \Psi(\mathbf{r}_h)$ , where  $\Psi(\mathbf{r}_e)$  and  $\Psi(\mathbf{r}_h)$  are given by Eq. (3). In the weak-confinement (wc) regime, when the NC size is large compared with the exciton Bohr radius  $(a_X)$ , the exciton is localized within the NC as a whole and we take:

$$\Psi_X^{wc}(\mathbf{r}_e, \mathbf{r}_h) = \Psi(\mathbf{R})\Phi\left(\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_h\right) \tag{4}$$

in which **R** is the exciton mass-center, and  $\Phi$  the hydrogenoid function, with  $\Phi(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a_X^3}}$ . In the bulk (b) regime, the exciton wave function is written :

$$\Psi_X^b(\mathbf{r}_e, \mathbf{r}_h) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \exp(i\mathbf{K}.\mathbf{R}) \Phi\left(\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_h\right)$$
(5)

with **K** the exciton momentum ( $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{0}$  in the ground state). Note that, for the bulk, the e-h exchange coupling will be equal to the one obtained in the weak confinement regime, for an isotropic NC ( $L_x = L_y = L_z$ ).

As quoted in Ref. [54], "In a NC of highly anisotropic shape, even when the crystal structure is cubic, the symmetry allows for the full splitting of the bright excitonic level into the  $|X\rangle$ ,  $|Y\rangle$ , and  $|Z\rangle$  states". Then, we consider a symmetry reduction due to NC shape anisotropy or/and, going further, a crystal symmetry lowering from  $O_h$  to  $D_{4h}$  or  $D_{2h}$ . In those cases, the fine structure of the bright-exciton can be found analytically from the  $\mathcal{H}_{exch}^{LR}$ matrix.

In the sub-space of bright triplet states  $(j = j_e + j_h = 1)$ , the basis elements are  $\{|+1\rangle, |-1\rangle, |O_B\rangle\}$ . The bright triplet states and the dark singlet state  $(j = 0), |O_D\rangle$ , are given explicitly in Appendix B. Substituting the square of the Fourier transform of the exciton wave function  $(\Psi_X^{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_e = \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}_h = \mathbf{R}), \alpha = sc, wc, b)$  into Eq. (1), the LR e-h EI matrix given in Eq. (B2) of appendix B is reduced, in the bright-state basis  $\{|+1\rangle, |-1\rangle, |O_B\rangle\}$ , to:

$$\mathcal{H}_{exch}^{LR} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_d & \Sigma_{od} & 0\\ \Sigma_{od} & \Sigma_d & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \Sigma_z \end{bmatrix}$$
(6)

The detailed derivation of  $\mathcal{H}_{exch}^{LR}$  matrix for each point group is given in Appendix B. It is then straightforward to calculate the fine anisotropic splitting in diagonalizing the LR

exchange matrix given by Eq. (6). It is clear that, for a general reduction of the symmetry case, all excitonic levels are non-degenerate and the bright excitonic levels are split into three non-degenerate states. The exciton energy labeling of the fine structure states is given in Fig. 1a. Fig. 1b shows the NC shape and the parameters  $L_x$ ,  $L_y$ ,  $L_z$ , r and s used in our calculations.

The bright-states energies are expressed in terms of the  $\Sigma_d$ ,  $\Sigma_{od}$  and  $\Sigma_z$  energies and the eigenenergies of  $\mathcal{H}_{exch}^{LR}$  are  $\Sigma_1 = (\Sigma_d - \Sigma_{od})$ ,  $\Sigma_2 = (\Sigma_d + \Sigma_{od})$ , and  $\Sigma_3 = \Sigma_z$ . In appendix B, we also give explicitly the different expressions of  $\Sigma_\ell$  ( $\ell = d$ , od, z).  $\Sigma_d$ ,  $\Sigma_{od}$  and  $\Sigma_z$  depend at first on the intrinsic properties of the NC, namely the point group of the NC constituent materials, and secondly on the extrinsic properties of the NC, namely their anisotropic shape. When all the bright excitonic energy levels  $\Sigma_1$ ,  $\Sigma_2$ , and  $\Sigma_3$  are distinct, they can be characterized by the two values of anisotropic splittings. In what follows, we denoted the smallest and the largest of these values by  $\Delta E_1 = (\Sigma_2 - \Sigma_3)$  and  $\Delta E_2 = (\Sigma_1 - \Sigma_3)$  (see Fig. 1a).



Fig. 1: (a) Energy labeling of the fine structure states. For the parameters used in this work : i) case of doublet, ii) case of triplet |X⟩, |Y⟩, |Z⟩; (b) The NC shape and their corresponding parameters (L<sub>x</sub>, L<sub>y</sub>, L<sub>z</sub>, r, s) used in our calculations.

	$E_g(eV)$	$\epsilon_r$	$\mu_X(m_0)$	$a_X(\mathring{A})$	$E_{P_{S,\rho}}(eV)$	$E_{P_{S,z}}(eV)$	$\epsilon_X$	$\left[E_{P_{S,\rho}}/E_g^2\epsilon_X\right] (eV^{-1})$
$\text{CsPbI}_3{}^a$	1.723	10	0.114	46.4	23	20.7	$6.32^{d}$	1.23
$\mathrm{CsPbBr_3}^a$	2.342	7.3	0.126	30.7	28	25.2	$4.96^{d}$	1.03
$\mathrm{CsPbCl}_3$	$3.04^{b}$	5.03	$0.125^{c}$	21.3	$30^c$	$27.0^{c}$	$4.07^{d}$	0.80

<sup>a</sup>Reference 56.

 $^{b}$ Reference 58.

 $^{c}$ Reference 57.

 $^{d}$ Reference 4.

TABLE I: Numerical values of the **k.p** parameters used in this work.

Let us remark that, a fine structure with a dark optical state and two bright components is possible under certain conditions for example in the tetragonal symmetry, in which the **k.p** parameters are partially anisotropic ( $P_{S,x} = P_{S,y} \neq P_{S,z}$ ; see appendix B for the definition of  $P_{S,\ell}$  ( $\ell = x, y, z$ )), assuming an isotropic envelope wave function ( $L_x = L_y = L_z$ ). Moreover, a doublet is also possible for the  $O_h$  point group assuming  $L_y = L_z \neq L_x$ . We denote the doublet energy by  $\Delta E$ .

To estimate the values of  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta E_1$  and  $\Delta E_2$ , we use the bulk parameters of inorganic perovskites summarized in Table I.  $E_g$  is the bulk band-gap energy.  $\epsilon_r$  is the effective dielectric constant and  $\mu_X$  the exciton reduced mass; both are related to the exciton binding energy  $E_X = (\mu_X e^4 / 8\epsilon_0^2 \epsilon_r^2 h^2)$ .  $a_X$  is the exciton Bohr radius defined as  $a_X = (m_0 / \mu_X) \epsilon_r a_0$ .  $E_{P_{S,\rho}} = (2m_0/\hbar^2) P_{S,\rho}^2$  is the related energy to the interband momentum matrix element  $(P_{S,\rho})$ , and can be estimated from the relation  $E_{P_{S,\rho}} = (3/2) (m_0/\mu_X) E_g$  [55]. In  $D_{4h}$  and  $D_{2h}$  symmetries, we assumed a 10 % anisotropy between the momentum matrix elements and deduced  $E_{P_{S,z}} = (2m_0/\hbar^2)P_{S,z}^2$ . The band parameters at 2 K of CsPbI<sub>3</sub> and CsPbBr<sub>3</sub> are extracted from the experimental data given in Table I of Ref. [56]. For CsPbCl<sub>3</sub>, we have performed a 40-band **k.p** calculation [57] leading to  $E_{P_{S,\rho}} = 30 \text{ eV}, E_{P_{S,z}} = 27 \text{ eV},$ and  $\mu_X = 0.125 \ m_0 (\text{deduced from the couple} \ (m_e = 0.390 \ m_0, m_h = 0.184 \ m_0))$ . Taking the measured  $E_g = 3.04 \text{ eV}$  [58] and  $E_X = 67 \text{ meV}$  [58], we get  $\epsilon_r = 5.03$  and  $a_X = 21.3 \text{ Å}$ . Finally,  $\epsilon_X$  is the high-frequency (at exciton resonance) dielectric constant. In the literature, it is very difficult to find an accurate experimental determination of the dielectric constant as a function of the frequency, for inorganic halide perovskites. However, several studies are found for hybrid halide perovskite [59, 60] and we observe the following main trends: the  $\epsilon_X$  value is smaller than the experimentally found  $\epsilon_r$  [61] and is slightly larger than the calculated high frequency dielectric constant  $\epsilon_{\infty}$  [62], while the  $\epsilon_X$  value decreases with increasing  $E_X$ . That is why, we give in Table 1 a lower bound to the  $\epsilon_X$  by identifying it to the theoretical value of  $\epsilon_{\infty}$  [4].

### III. RESULTS

In the following, we will calculate and discuss the contribution of the LR e-h EI, on the bright exciton splittings, for the three inorganic halide perovskites  $CsPbX_3$  (X = I, Br, Cl). From our modelization, we can take into account both intrinsic (or crystallographic) and extrinsic (or shape) anisotropies. We have particularly considered the three different phases: cubic  $(O_h)$ , tetragonal  $(D_{4h})$  and orthorhombic  $(D_{2h})$ .

In the cubic symmetry  $(O_h)$ , all the momentum matrix elements are equal :  $P_{S,x} = P_{S,y} =$  $P_{S,z}$  (see Appendix B). In bulk or in a shape-isotropic NC ( $L_x = L_y = L_z$ ), the three bright exciton states are degenerate and there is no splitting. In a NC (either in the strong or weak confinement regime), an anisotropy along one single direction  $(L_y = L_z \neq L_x)$  will induce a partial degeneracy lift and the appearance of a doublet splitting  $\Delta E$ . This splitting is shown in Fig. 2 (green lines), for the different compounds and a fixed shape anisotropy : r = s = 0.9 with  $r = L_y/L_x$  and  $s = L_z/L_x$  (the other parameters are given in Table I). In the weak confinement regime, one observes an increase of  $\Delta E$  from iodide (75.2  $\mu \,\mathrm{eV}$ ) to bromide (219  $\mu$  eV), then chloride (506  $\mu$  eV). This increase is mainly related to the  $a_X^{-3}$ dependence of the e-h EI. In the strong confinement regime, for a given NC size, the splitting is no more  $a_X$ -dependent, but is proportional to  $\left(E_{P_{S,\rho}}/E_g^2\epsilon_r\right)$  (almost constant for the three compounds  $(E_{P_{S,\rho}}/E_g^2\epsilon_r) = (1.01 \pm 0.22) \text{ eV}^{-1}$ , which explains comparable splitting values for the three compounds, for small NC. In a NC of highly anisotropic shape, a full splitting of the bright excitonic level into a triplet  $|Y\rangle$ ,  $|X\rangle$ , and  $|Z\rangle$  is obtained. The energy splitting of the triplets are shown in Fig. 2 (red and blue lines) with a shape anisotropy  $r = L_y/L_x = 0.9$ and  $s = L_z/L_x = 1.1$ . The splittings  $\Delta E_1$  and  $\Delta E_2$  are inversely proportional to the NC volume. For this particular set of parameters,  $\Sigma_3 < \Sigma_2 < \Sigma_1$ , respectively associated to the  $|Z\rangle$ ,  $|X\rangle$  and  $|Y\rangle$  states. Note that this order can be changed with the parameters (r, s) and then Fig. 1a will be modified.



Fig. 2: Bright-exciton splitting due to NC anisotropy calculated in four-band **k.p** model for three perovskite materials as a function of NC size in the cubic symmetry  $(O_h)$ , assuming 10 % shape anisotropy of the NC. Solid lines show the weak confinement regime, the

dash-dotted lines the strong confinement regime, and the dashed lines (linking the two regimes) are guides to the eye. Doublet splitting  $\Delta E$  is calculated for r = s = 0.9. Triplet splittings  $\Delta E_1$  and  $\Delta E_2$  are calculated for r = 0.9 and s = 1.1. In the tetragonal symmetry  $(D_{4h})$ , the three bright exciton states are no more fully degenerate, in a bulk or in a shape-isotropic NC; this intrinsic asymmetry induces a partial degeneracy lift.



Fig. 3: Bright-exciton splitting, due to both intrinsic and extrinsic properties, calculated in the four-band k.p model for CsPbI<sub>3</sub> as a function of NC size : (a) in the tetragonal symmetry (D<sub>4h</sub>), (b) in the orthorhombic symmetry (D<sub>2h</sub>). "Anisotropic" refers to a fixed anisotropy of 10 % for NC shape (r = s = 0.9). Solid lines show the weak confinement regime, the dash-dotted lines the strong confinement regime, and the dashed lines are guides to the eye.

There are two contributions, caused by the tetragonal crystal field. The main one is associated to the change in the CB wave functions, related to the parameter  $\theta$  (see Appendix A). The second contribution to the exciton splitting is due to the anisotropic momentum matrix elements:  $P_{S,x} = P_{S,y} \neq P_{S,z}$  (see Appendix B). The splitting  $\Delta E$  is shown in Figs. 3a, 4a and 5a (red lines), for the different compounds CsPbX<sub>3</sub>, X = I, Br and Cl, respectively. We have assumed a 10 % anisotropy between the momentum matrix elements (see Table I).



Fig. 4: Bright-exciton splitting, due to both intrinsic and extrinsic properties, calculated in the four-band **k.p** model for  $CsPbBr_3$  as a function of NC size: (a) in the tetragonal symmetry  $(D_{4h})$ , (b) in the orthorhombic symmetry  $(D_{2h})$ . "Anisotropic" refers to a fixed anisotropy of 10 % for NC shape (r = s = 0.9). Solid lines show the weak confinement regime, the dash-dotted lines the strong confinement regime, and the dashed lines are guides to the eye.

	$D_{4h}$	L	$O_{2h}$
$m\mathrm{eV}$	$\Delta E$	$\Delta E_1$	$\Delta E_2$
$\mathrm{CsPbI}_3$	0.33	0.22	0.44
$\mathrm{CsPbBr}_3$	0.96	0.65	1.27
$\mathrm{CsPbCl}_3$	2.21	1.5	2.95

TABLE II: Calculated exchange splittings for the bulk CsPbX<sub>3</sub> (X = Cl, Br, I) for both tetragonal and orthorhombic symmetries.

As in the cubic symmetry  $(O_h)$ , in the weak confinement regime, one observes an increase of  $\Delta E$  from iodide (331  $\mu$  eV) to bromide (962  $\mu$  eV), then chloride (2.21 meV) due to the  $a_X$  dependence. Once again, in the strong confinement regime, the splitting values are comparable for the three halide perovskite NC. When the NC shape is anisotropic along one direction, the bright excitonic levels are completely splitted, forming a triplet  $|Y\rangle$ ,  $|X\rangle$ , and  $|Z\rangle$ .

The energy splitting of the triplets,  $\Delta E_1$  and  $\Delta E_2$ , are shown in Figs. 3a, 4a and 5a (black and blue lines) with a shape anisotropy r = s = 0.9. This shape anisotropy increases slightly the level splittings:  $\Delta E_1 < \Delta E < \Delta E_2$ . Once again, for this particular shape anisotropy (r = s = 0.9), the eigenstates are  $|Y\rangle$ ,  $|X\rangle$ , and  $|Z\rangle$ , with decreasing energy (this may vary with the values of r and  $\theta$ ). We have verified that the calculated  $\Delta E$  values with  $L_x = L_y = L_z$  in the  $D_{4h}$  symmetry for the weak confinement regime are the same as the computed ones in the bulk which are given in Table II.

In the orthorhombic symmetry  $(D_{2h})$ , the bright excitonic levels are completely splitted, in a shape-isotropic NC. While in the tetragonal symmetry  $(D_{4h})$ , the conduction states present equal weight in the  $X_C$  and  $Y_C$  Bloch components, the situation is different in the  $D_{2h}$  symmetry, due to the orthorhombic crystal field ( $\alpha \neq \beta$ , see Appendix A).

Due to the previous contributions (tetragonal crystal field, anisotropic momentum matrix elements), one has then a full degeneracy splitting. The splittings  $\Delta E_1$  and  $\Delta E_2$  are shown in Figs. 3b, 4b and 5b (red and green lines), for the different compounds and an isotropic NC shape. We have assumed the same anisotropy of the momentum matrix elements, as for  $D_{4h}$ (neglecting the x-y anisotropy). As in the cubic symmetry  $(O_h)$ , in the weak confinement regime, one observes an increase of  $\Delta E_1$  and  $\Delta E_2$  from iodide, to bromide, then chloride. Once again, in the strong confinement regime, the splitting values are comparable for the three halide perovskite NC. For comparison, we have also calculated the size-dependence of the splitting for an anisotropic NC, along one direction r = s = 0.9 (see Figs. 3b, 4b and 5b; black and blue lines), with a significant change for  $\Delta E_1$ , while  $\Delta E_2$  is almost unchanged.



Fig. 5: Bright-exciton splitting, due to both intrinsic and extrinsic properties, calculated in the four-band **k.p** model for  $CsPbCl_3$  as a function of NC size : (a) in the tetragonal symmetry  $(D_{4h})$ , (b) in the orthorhombic symmetry  $(D_{2h})$ . "Anisotropic" refers to a fixed anisotropy of 10 % for NC shape (r = s = 0.9). Solid lines show the weak confinement regime, the dash-dotted lines the strong confinement regime, and the dashed lines are guides to the eye.

Let us recall that the behaviours of "anisotropic"  $\Delta E_1$  and  $\Delta E_2$  have been computed here

in the particular anisotropy conditions, namely r = s = 0.9. Note that  $\Delta E_2$  is more sensitive upon r than  $\Delta E_1$ . Finally, in the  $D_{2h}$  symmetry, we have also checked that the calculated isotropic  $\Delta E_1$  and  $\Delta E_2$  values with  $L_x = L_y = L_z$  in the weak confinement regime are equal to the bulk computed values listed in Table II. In Fig. 6, we plot the exchange splittings as a function of  $a_X^{-3}$  and one observes a linearly dependence obtained for  $\Delta E$  in  $D_{4h}$  and  $(\Delta E_1, \Delta E_2)$  in  $D_{2h}$ , indicating that in the weak confinement regime, the splitting is mainly related on the  $a_X^{-3}$  dependence.



Fig. 6: The dependence of the splitting on the  $a_X^{-3}$  in the weak confinement regime.

Few experimental PL studies on a single NC have been performed up to now. Recent results obtained in pure (unalloyed) perovskite compounds are presented in Table III, with doublet or triplet splittings, and the average NC size and exciton emission. Table III shows also results concerning alloyed NCs. The comparison with theoretical results are more complicated for the latter cases. However, large splitting have been observed by Becker *et al* [21] who have invoked Rashba effects in distorted orthorhombic lattices. Note that for this alloyed compound CsPbBr<sub>3-x</sub>Cl<sub>x</sub>, the measured splittings are intermediate between our calculated splittings for CsPbBr<sub>3</sub> and CsPbCl<sub>3</sub>.

Concerning non-alloyed CsPbBr<sub>3</sub> and CsPbI<sub>3</sub> NCs, we observe for comparable NC sizes, a larger doublet splitting  $\Delta E$  for the bromide than for Iodide compound, in agreement with

Reference	Compound	< L >	$\Delta E$	$\Delta E_1$	$\Delta E_2$	Emission energy
		(nm)	$(\mathrm{meV})$	$(\mathrm{meV})$	(meV)	(eV)
Ramade $et \ al^a$	$CsPbBr_3$	11.5	$1.00\pm0.20$	$0.50\pm0.20$	$1.0\pm0.2$	2.47 - 2.51
Fu $et \ al^b$	$CsPbBr_3$	9.0	1.00	0.60	1.0	2.39 - 2.45
Yin $et \ al^c$	$\mathrm{CsPbI}_3$	9.3	0.40			1.70 - 1.75
Nestoklon $et \ al^d$	$\mathrm{CsPbI}_3$	10.0	0.12			1.72
Raino $et \ al^e$	$CsPb(Cl/Br)_3$	9.5		0.75	1.5	2.48
Becker $et \ al^f$	$CsPbBr_2Cl$	$14.0\pm1.0$	1.63	1.07	2.3	2.5 - 2.6

 $^{a}$ Reference 19.

 $^{b}$ Reference 18.

<sup>c</sup>Reference 22.

 $^{d}$ Reference 54.

 $^{e}$ Reference 9.

<sup>*f*</sup>Reference 21.

TABLE III: Summarized experimental data, namely the bright-exciton splittings and the emission energy, from literature.

the theoretical prediction. For CsPbI<sub>3</sub>, Yin *et al.* [22] have observed a doublet splitting  $\Delta E = 0.4 \pm 0.1 \text{ meV}$  ( $\langle L \rangle = 9.3 \text{ nm}$ ). This value compares well with our calculation for  $D_{4h}$  crystal and isotropic shape (Fig. 3a ;  $\Delta E = 0.422 \text{ meV}$  for  $\langle L \rangle = 9.4 \text{ nm}$ ). More recently, Nestoklon *et al.* [54] have measured over an ensemble doublet splitting  $\Delta E = 120 \mu \text{ eV}$ , in NC with a cubic symmetry ( $O_h$ ) and an anisotropic shape ( $\langle L \rangle = 10 \text{ nm}$ ; 10 % anisotropy). This has to be compared with our theoretical value 99  $\mu \text{ eV}$  (Fig. 2a) in  $O_h$  symmetry (and 10 % anisotropy), or with  $\Delta E = 331 \mu \text{ eV}$  in  $D_{4h}$  symmetry (isotropic NC).

For CsPbBr<sub>3</sub> NC, the doublet splitting is typically  $\Delta E = 1$  meV, while the triplet splitting are  $\Delta E_1 \simeq 0.6$  meV and  $\Delta E_2 \simeq 1.0$  meV, for  $\langle L \rangle = 9.5 - 11.5$  nm [18, 19]. These triplet splittings are comparable to calculation for isotropic NC in the orthorhombic phase (see Fig. 4b; 0.649 and 1.276 meV, in the weak confinement regime).

# IV. CONCLUSION

The contribution of the long range electron-hole exchange interaction, for the bright exciton splittings, in CsPbX<sub>3</sub> (X = Cl, Br, I) NCs is studied using the group theory and **k.p** arguments. We show that the exciton fine structure is the result of an interplay of the shape and the crystalline phase anisotropies of inorganic halide perovskite NCs. The calculated exchange magnitudes agree fairly well with experimental results and set up a suitable model correlating the observed bright-exciton splittings to specific perovskite NCs characteristics (size, composition, crystal structure, anisotropic shape). That provides valuable informations to seek the possibility of realizing nanophotonic quantum devices based on the manipulation of the bright-exciton fine structure.

NCs with  $O_h$  crystallographic phase and isotropic shape show a single PL line, but triplet PL lines can also be observed experimentally in highly shape anisotropic NCs. In tetragonal symmetry, a simple shape anisotropy is sufficient to lead to a triplet state, while in orthorhombic symmetry, no shape anisotropy is necessary. Moreover, if we take into account thermal population for NCs in strong confinement regime, it will be also possible to observe experimentally, for  $D_{4h}$  and  $D_{2h}$  phases, single lines in the photoluminescence spectra of single NCs when the thermal energy is lower than the splitting energy of the upper excitonic levels. Finally, in order to account for both influences of crystal structure and shape anisotropy of a single NC on its emission characteristics, the correlation between observations in electronic and luminescence microscopies and X-ray diffraction represents striking and pertinent further investigations.

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#### **APPENDIX A: BLOCH FUNCTIONS**

This appendix outlines the basis Bloch wave functions of the upper VB and the lowest split-off CB. The top of the VB arises from the cationic s-orbitals resulting from the overlap between metal s-orbitals and halide p-orbitals, with an overall s symmetry. We denote the hole Bloch wave functions as

$$|W_1\rangle = |S_V\uparrow\rangle \quad ; \quad |W_2\rangle = |S_V\downarrow\rangle \tag{A1}$$

where  $\uparrow$  ( $\downarrow$ ) denotes the spin-up (down) state and  $|S_V\rangle$  represents the s-like VB Bloch wave functions.

The CB arises from the metal p-orbitals, leading to three possible orthogonal spatial components for the Bloch wave functions, namely  $|X_C\rangle$ ,  $|Y_C\rangle$  or  $|Z_C\rangle$ . The reduction of the lattice point symmetry from cubic  $(O_h)$  to tetragonal  $(D_{4h})$  or orthorhombic  $(D_{2h})$  leads to an additional term in the Hamiltonian due to the crystal field. Consequently, from one group to another, the CB Bloch wave functions do not have the same expressions.

The Bloch wave functions for the irreductible representation  $\Gamma_6^-$  of the group  $D_{4h}$ , which corresponds to the lowest CB, are given by

$$C_1 \rangle = -i \left[ \frac{\cos \theta}{\sqrt{2}} \left| \left( X_C + i Y_C \right) \downarrow \right\rangle + \sin \theta \left| Z_C \uparrow \right\rangle \right]$$
(A2)

$$|C_2\rangle = i \left[ -\frac{\cos\theta}{\sqrt{2}} \left| (X_C - iY_C) \uparrow \rangle + \sin\theta \left| Z_C \downarrow \right\rangle \right]$$
(A3)

in which  $\tan 2\theta = 2\sqrt{2}\Delta/(\Delta - 3T)$  (with  $0 < \theta < \pi/2$ ),  $\Delta$  is the spin-orbit splitting of the CB and T is the additional tetragonal crystal field term.

The phases of these functions are chosen to yield the Bloch wave functions of the representation  $\Gamma_6^-$  of the group  $O_h$  in the limit T = 0, thus leads to take the values  $\cos \theta = \sqrt{2/3}$ and  $\sin \theta = \sqrt{1/3}$  in Eqs. ((A2)-(A3)).

For the  $D_{2h}$  case, an additional crystal field term,  $\epsilon$ , is required to account the symmetry lowering in the orthorhombic structure. Following the development given in Ref. [18], we write the lowest CB states as

$$|C_1\rangle = i \left[-\alpha \left|X_C \downarrow\right\rangle - i\beta \left|Y_C \downarrow\right\rangle + \gamma \left|Z_C \uparrow\right\rangle\right] \tag{A4}$$

$$|C_2\rangle = i \left[-\alpha \left|X_C \uparrow\right\rangle + i\beta \left|Y_C \uparrow\right\rangle - \gamma \left|Z_C \downarrow\right\rangle\right] \tag{A5}$$

with  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 1$ . The real constants  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  are given explicitly in Ref. [19]. They depend on  $\epsilon$ ,  $\theta$ , and the bottom energies of the different CBs. The lowest CB states of the  $D_{2h}$  case tend towards the ones of the  $D_{4h}$  group in the limit  $\epsilon \to 0$ .

In Appendix B, the states  $|W_1\rangle$ ,  $|W_2\rangle$ ,  $|C_1\rangle$ , and  $|C_2\rangle$  will be used to obtain the matrix elements of the LR e-h EI.

# APPENDIX B: MATRIX REPRESENTATION OF LONG-RANGE EXCHANGE INTERACTION

The point-group symmetry provides a standard systematic approach to construct the matrix representation  $\mathfrak{Q}_{m'_{\kappa n'}m}(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{i,j} \mathfrak{Q}_{m'_{\kappa n'}m}^{ij} q_i q_j$ . The crux at our approach is to identify the nonzero matrix elements of the operator  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{k}.\mathbf{p}} = \frac{\hbar}{m_0} \mathbf{k}.\mathbf{p}$ , where  $m_0$  is the free electron mass. For this purpose, we must use the appropriate irreductible representation for the momentum operator  $\mathbf{p}$  for each point group. Indeed, due to lattice or shape distortions, the irreductible representation of operator  $\mathbf{p}$  is modified when we descend in symmetry from cubic  $(O_h)$  to tetragonal  $(D_{4h})$  or orthorhombic  $(D_{2h})$ .

### 1. Orthorhombic phase $D_{2h}$

Under  $D_{2h}$  operations, the components  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ ,  $p_z$  transform like  $\Gamma_4^-$ ,  $\Gamma_2^-$ ,  $\Gamma_3^-$ , respectively. Moreover, we have  $(X_C, Y_C, Z_C) \sim (\Gamma_4^-, \Gamma_2^-, \Gamma_3^-)$  and  $S_V \sim \Gamma_1^+$ . The symbol "~" tells us how these orbital functions transform under  $D_{2h}$  operations. Note that  $S_V$  remains  $\sim \Gamma_1^+$ in the different phases: cubic  $(O_h)$ , tetragonal  $(D_{4h})$  and orthorhombic  $(D_{2h})$ . According to the point group symmetry and **k.p** arguments, the nonzero matrix elements constructed from the momentum operator **p** are  $P_{S,x} = \frac{\hbar}{m_0} \langle S_V | p_x | i X_C \rangle$ ,  $P_{S,y} = \frac{\hbar}{m_0} \langle S_V | p_y | i Y_C \rangle$ ,  $P_{S,z} = \frac{\hbar}{m_0} \langle S_V | p_z | i Z_C \rangle$ . All these **k.p** matrix elements are real parameters. With the basis  $|C_m W_n\rangle$  taken in the order  $\begin{cases} |C_1 W_1\rangle = \left|j_z^e = 1/2, j_z^h = 1/2\right\rangle, |C_2 W_1\rangle = |-1/2, 1/2\rangle, \\ |C_1 W_2\rangle = |1/2, -1/2\rangle, |C_2 W_2\rangle = |-1/2, -1/2\rangle, \end{cases}$ the matrix  $\mathfrak{Q}_{\frac{m'}{\kappa_n'} \frac{\kappa_n}{m}}(\mathbf{q})$  takes the form:

$$\frac{1}{E_g^2} \begin{bmatrix} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} \alpha^2 P_{S,x}^2 q_x^2 \\ +\beta^2 P_{S,y}^2 q_y^2 \end{array} \right) \gamma P_{S,z} q_z \begin{pmatrix} \alpha P_{S,x} q_x \\ -i\beta P_{S,y} q_y \end{array} \right) \gamma P_{S,z} q_z \begin{pmatrix} \alpha P_{S,x} q_x \\ -i\beta P_{S,y} q_y \end{pmatrix} - \left( \begin{array}{ccc} \alpha P_{S,x} q_x \\ i\beta P_{S,y} q_y \end{array} \right)^2 \\ cc & \gamma^2 P_{S,z}^2 q_z^2 & \gamma^2 P_{S,z}^2 q_z^2 & \gamma P_{S,z} q_z \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha P_{S,x} q_x \\ +i\beta P_{S,y} q_y \end{pmatrix} \\ cc & cc & \gamma^2 P_{S,z}^2 q_z^2 & \gamma P_{S,z} q_z \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha P_{S,x} q_x \\ +i\beta P_{S,y} q_y \end{pmatrix} \\ cc & cc & cc & \left( \begin{array}{c} \alpha^2 P_{S,x}^2 q_x^2 \\ +i\beta P_{S,y} q_y \end{pmatrix} \\ cc & cc & cc & cc & \left( \begin{array}{c} \alpha^2 P_{S,x}^2 q_x^2 \\ +\beta^2 P_{S,y}^2 q_y^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \end{bmatrix} \\ \end{bmatrix} \\ \end{array} \right)$$

where  $E_g$  is the band-gap energy and cc denotes the complex conjugate. Let us introduce the bright triplet states  $(j = j_e + j_h = 1)$ ,  $|+1\rangle$ ,  $|O_B\rangle$ ,  $|-1\rangle$ , and the dark singlet state (j = 0),  $|O_D\rangle$ :

$$\begin{cases} |+1\rangle = \left| j_z^e = 1/2, j_z^h = 1/2 \right\rangle \\ |O_B\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |1/2, -1/2\rangle + |-1/2, 1/2\rangle \right) \quad ; \quad |O_D\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |1/2, -1/2\rangle - |-1/2, 1/2\rangle \right) \\ |-1\rangle = |-1/2, -1/2\rangle \end{cases}$$

In the basis  $\{ |+1\rangle, |-1\rangle, |O_B\rangle; |O_D\rangle \}$ , we can rewriting the LR e-h EI matrix as:

$$\frac{1}{E_g^2} \begin{bmatrix} \left( \begin{array}{c} \alpha^2 P_{S,x}^2 q_x^2 \\ +\beta^2 P_{S,y}^2 q_y^2 \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \alpha P_{S,x} q_x - \\ i\beta P_{S,y} q_y \end{array} \right)^2 & \sqrt{2} \gamma P_{S,z} q_z \begin{pmatrix} \alpha P_{S,x} q_x \\ -i\beta P_{S,y} q_y \end{pmatrix} & 0 \\ \\ \frac{1}{E_g^2} \begin{bmatrix} cc & \left( \begin{array}{c} \alpha^2 P_{S,x}^2 q_x^2 \\ +\beta^2 P_{S,y}^2 q_y^2 \end{array} \right) & -\sqrt{2} \gamma P_{S,z} q_z \begin{pmatrix} \alpha P_{S,x} q_x \\ +i\beta P_{S,y} q_y \end{pmatrix} & 0 \\ \\ \frac{cc & cc & 2\gamma^2 P_{S,z}^2 q_z^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{B2}$$

Using the Fourier transform of the exciton envelope function,  $\Psi_X^{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_e, \mathbf{r}_h)$  ( $\alpha = sc, wc, b$ ), with coinciding electron and hole coordinates, and substituting its square into Eq. (1), we get the LR matrix representation  $\mathcal{H}_{exch}^{LR}$  (see Eq. (6)) in which ( $\Sigma_d, \Sigma_{od}, \Sigma_z$ ) are given by the following relationships:

$$\begin{cases} \Sigma_{d} = \frac{\alpha^{2}}{E_{g}^{2}} \left( \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m_{0}} E_{P_{S,x}} \right) \int d\mathbf{q} q_{x}^{2} \mathcal{V}_{q} \left| \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi_{X}^{\alpha} \exp(i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}) \right|^{2} \\ + \frac{\beta^{2}}{E_{g}^{2}} \left( \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m_{0}} E_{P_{S,y}} \right) \int d\mathbf{q} q_{y}^{2} \mathcal{V}_{q} \left| \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi_{X}^{\alpha} \exp(i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}) \right|^{2} \\ \Sigma_{od} = -\frac{\alpha^{2}}{E_{g}^{2}} \left( \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m_{0}} E_{P_{S,x}} \right) \int d\mathbf{q} q_{x}^{2} \mathcal{V}_{q} \left| \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi_{X}^{\alpha} \exp(i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}) \right|^{2} \\ + \frac{\beta^{2}}{E_{g}^{2}} \left( \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m_{0}} E_{P_{S,y}} \right) \int d\mathbf{q} q_{y}^{2} \mathcal{V}_{q} \left| \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi_{X}^{\alpha} \exp(i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}) \right|^{2} \\ \Sigma_{z} = \frac{2\gamma^{2}}{E_{g}^{2}} \left( \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m_{0}} E_{P_{s,z}} \right) \int d\mathbf{q} q_{z}^{2} \mathcal{V}_{q} \left| \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi_{X}^{\alpha} \exp(i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}) \right|^{2} \end{cases}$$
(B3)

where  $\mathcal{V}_q = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \left(\frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_X}\right) \frac{1}{q^2}$  is the Fourier transform of the Coulomb potential. We define the related energies as usual, namely the energies  $E_{P_{S,\ell}}$   $(\ell = x, y, z)$  are defined by  $E_{P_{S,\ell}} = (2m_0/\hbar^2) P_{S,l}^2$ .

### **2.** Tetragonal phase $D_{4h}$

Under  $D_{4h}$  operations, the two transverse components  $(p_x, p_y)$  transform like  $\Gamma_5^-$  while  $p_z$ transforms such as  $\Gamma_2^-$ . Contrary to the upper VB, the lowest split-off CB no longer belongs the same irreductible representation. We have  $(X_C, Y_C) \sim \Gamma_5^-$  and  $Z_C \sim \Gamma_2^-$ . Only two momentum matrix elements can be constructed. We denote them by  $P_{S,\rho} = \frac{\hbar}{m_0} \langle S_V | p_x | i X_C \rangle =$  $\frac{\hbar}{m_0} \langle S_V | p_y | i Y_C \rangle$  and  $P_{S,z} = \frac{\hbar}{m_0} \langle S_V | p_z | i Z_C \rangle$ . Following the usual procedure and taking for the tetragonal symmetry,  $\alpha = \beta = (\cos \theta) / \sqrt{2}$ ,  $\gamma = -\sin \theta$ ,  $P_{S,x} = P_{S,y} = P_{S,\rho}$ , we can deduce  $\mathcal{H}_{exch}^{LR}$ . The nonzero matrix elements of  $\mathcal{H}_{exch}^{LR}$ ,  $(\Sigma_d, \Sigma_{od}, \Sigma_z)$ , can now be written as

$$\begin{cases} \Sigma_{d} = \frac{1}{2E_{g}^{2}} \left( \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m_{0}} E_{P_{S,\rho}} \right) (\cos^{2}\theta) \int d\mathbf{q} q_{\rho}^{2} \mathcal{V}_{q} \left| \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi_{X}^{\alpha} \exp(i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}) \right|^{2} \\ \Sigma_{od} = \frac{1}{2E_{g}^{2}} \left( \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m_{0}} E_{P_{S,\rho}} \right) (\cos^{2}\theta) \int d\mathbf{q} \left( q_{x}^{2} - q_{y}^{2} \right) \mathcal{V}_{q} \left| \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi_{X}^{\alpha} \exp(i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}) \right|^{2} \\ \Sigma_{z} = \frac{2}{E_{g}^{2}} \left( \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m_{0}} E_{P_{S,z}} \right) (\sin^{2}\theta) \int d\mathbf{q} q_{z}^{2} \mathcal{V}_{q} \left| \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi_{X}^{\alpha} \exp(i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}) \right|^{2} \end{cases}$$
(B4)

where  $q_{\rho}^2 = (q_x^2 + q_y^2)$  and  $E_{P_{S,\ell}} = (2m_0/\hbar^2) P_{S,\ell}^2$   $(\ell = \rho, z)$ .

# 3. Cubic phase $O_h$

In the cubic system, we have  $\cos \theta = \sqrt{2/3}$ ,  $\sin \theta = \sqrt{1/3}$ ,  $P_{S,\rho} = P_{S,z} = P_S = \frac{\hbar}{m_0} \langle S_V | p_x | i X_C \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{m_0} \langle S_V | p_y | i Y_C \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{m_0} \langle S_V | p_z | i Z_C \rangle$ , and the nonzero matrix elements of  $\mathcal{H}_{exch}^{LR}$  become

$$\begin{cases} \Sigma_{d} = \frac{1}{3E_{g}^{2}} \left( \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m_{0}} E_{P_{S}} \right) \int d\mathbf{q} \left( q_{x}^{2} + q_{y}^{2} \right) \mathcal{V}_{q} \left| \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi_{X}^{\alpha} \exp(i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}) \right|^{2} \\ \Sigma_{od} = \frac{1}{3E_{g}^{2}} \left( \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m_{0}} E_{P_{S}} \right) \int d\mathbf{q} \left( q_{x}^{2} - q_{y}^{2} \right) \mathcal{V}_{q} \left| \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi_{X}^{\alpha} \exp(i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}) \right|^{2} \\ \Sigma_{z} = \frac{2}{3E_{g}^{2}} \left( \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m_{0}} E_{P_{S}} \right) \int d\mathbf{q} q_{z}^{2} \mathcal{V}_{q} \left| \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi_{X}^{\alpha} \exp(i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}) \right|^{2} \end{cases}$$
(B5)

in which  $E_{P_S} = (2m_0/\hbar^2) P_S^2$ .

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