STUDY OF COHESIVE AND HARMONIC PROPERTIES OF ND4Br–ND4I MIXED CRYSTAL Alvin Daud

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Abstract

We have proposed a three–body Interaction potential for the study of cohesive, harmonic and anharmonic elastic properties of ND_4Br-ND_4I mixed crystal. Present interaction potential shall consist of the long–range coulombs vdW dipole–dipole and dipole– quadrupole interactions and overlap repulsive potential of Born Mayer. This model potential has succeeded in predicting the Cohesive energy, and the Second order elastic constants of the mixed deuterated ammonium halides.

Key words : Mixed , Deuterated, Ammonium, Halides.

I. Introduction

The materials with large concentration of substitutional impurity are called mixed crystals. They are an important example of randomly disordered matter, whose investigations have received much less attention by the physicist then did pure crystalline materials as is evident from the vast amount of work devoted in the study of static, dynamic, elastic and dielectric properties[1-20] of ionic crystals. This is so because the interaction mechanism in pure crystals is quite well known and also a wealth of experimental data exist on them. Their interaction system [21] mostly consists of the long–range Coulomb, three – body interaction (TBI), van–der Waal's (vdW) and short range overlap repulsion. Such interionic potential has been successfully used to describe the lattice, static, harmonic and an harmonic properties of perfect diatomic ionic crystals [22-25].Such a potential has also been used to study the various properties of mixed crystals [26-28]. However the role played by these interactions has not been investigated in describing the properties of the mixed deuterated ammonium halides.

The first study of their static properties was carried out by Reitz et. al. using the Born Mayer potential [29] extended to in-cooperate the van-der wall (vdW) dipole-dipole (d-d) interactions. Later on, this potential was further modified to include the vdW dipole- quadrupole (d-q) interaction effect and used to describe the lattice static properties of several fluoride compounds by M.P. Tosi[30]. In these studies, the use has been made of the vdW coefficients, evaluated from the perturbation method which is not so accurate as the Slater and Kirkwood (SKV) method [31]. Also these potentials are essentially two body interactions, which failed to predict the Cauchy violation, exhibited by the second and higher order elastic constants of various crystal.

The mixed crystal according to virtual crystal approximation (VCA) are regarded as an array of "average ions "whose masses, force constants and effective charges are assumed to scale linearly with the concentration.

The interaction potential employed for the present investigation consists of the long – range coulomb forces and three body interaction (TBI), the short range vdW attraction and overlap repulsion. The required vdW coefficients for the host and mixed halides crystals have been obtained by us using the SKV approach.[31] and considering the polarizability of the mixed crystals to vary linearly [27-28] with the concentration. The range parameters are different for different types of overlap repulsions. This interaction potential has only three model parameters and has been used to predict the cohesive energy, Second order elastic (SOE) constants of the host and mixed ND₄Br–I_{1–x} crystals. The details of the present inter ionic potential are given in **Section 2** and discussed in **Section 3**.

2. Theory

In order to describe interactions between ammonium, deuterated ammonium and halides ion in the mixed crystals, we have assumed that

- (a) The symmetry of the mixed system remains the same as that of the host crystals.
- (b) The change in the force constants is limited to only short-range interactions ions.
- (c) Atoms are held together with harmonic elastic forces and there is no internal strain within the crystals.
- (d) The three –body interactions (TBI) have only localised effects.

2 A. Interionic Potential

In the view of these assumptions, the potential energy of the host and mixed crystals with halides structure and interionic separation (r) is written as.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\mathbf{r})_{\text{Total}} &= \phi_c(\mathbf{r}) + \phi_v(\mathbf{r}) + \phi_T(\mathbf{r}) + \phi_R(\mathbf{r}) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$
the first term represent the Coulomb energy, expressed as
$$\phi_c(\mathbf{r}) &= -\frac{\Sigma}{lm} \frac{z_{l} z_{m} e^2}{r_{lm}} = -\frac{z^2 e^2 \alpha_m}{r} \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

with $\alpha_m (=1.7629$) as the Madelung constant $\mbox{ and } r_{lm}$ is the separation between l and m ions. and

$$\Phi_{\rm v}({\rm r}) = \frac{\Sigma}{lm} - \frac{c_{\rm lm}}{r_{\rm lm}^6} + \sum - \frac{d_{\rm lm}}{r_{\rm lm}^8}$$
(3)

With C_{lm} and d_{lm} as the vdW coefficients due to dipole–dipole and dipole–quadrupole interactions. These coefficients are calculated from the Slater Kirkwood variational approach [31]. However, the expression for C_{lm} and d_{lm} obtained by Slater and Kirkwood [31] and London et.al. [43] have been slightly modified by us to take account of the doping effect. These expression are written as

$$c_{lm} = \frac{3e\hbar}{2\sqrt{m}} \frac{\alpha_l \alpha_m}{\left[(\alpha_l/N_l)^{1/2} + (\alpha_m/N_m)^{1/2}\right]}$$
(4)
$$d_{lm} = \frac{27\hbar^2}{8m} \frac{\left[(\alpha_l/N_l)^{1/2} + (\alpha_m/N_m)^{1/2}\right]^2}{\left(\frac{\alpha_m}{N_m}\right) + \frac{20}{3} + (\alpha_l d_m/N_lN_m)^{1/2} + \left(\frac{\alpha_m}{N_m}\right)}$$
(5)

Where α_l and N_l are the polarizability and number of outermost electron of the cation, while α_m is given by

$$\alpha_{m} = \beta \alpha_{1} + (1 - \beta) \alpha_{2}$$
(6)

with α_1 and α_2 as the polarizability of the two type of anions (i.e. Cl⁻ and Br⁻ respectively). Also

$$N_{m} = \beta N_{1} + (1 - \beta) N_{2}$$
(7)

is the sum of outermost electrons in the two type of anions mentioned above. β is the concentration dependent parameters which assume value from zero to unity.

The third term of equation (1) represent three body interaction (TBI)energy, expressed as

$$\Phi_T(r) = \sum_{lm}^{\Sigma} \frac{z_l z_m e^2}{r_{lm}} f(r_{lm})$$
(8)

is contributed by three–body interactions (TBI), which arise from the charge transfer effect between the adjacent ions. The function f(r) is a TBI parameter dependent of the overlap integrals.

The last term of equation (1) represent the short –range overlap repulsive energy expressed as.

$$\Phi_{\rm R}(\mathbf{r}) = 8\,\beta_{\rm lm}\,\mathrm{b}\mathrm{e}^{(-\mathbf{r}_{\rm lm}/\rho)} \tag{9}$$

Here β_{lm} are defined as Pauling coefficients defined as

 $\beta_{lm} = 1 + \frac{z_l}{n_l} + \frac{z_m}{n_m} \tag{10}$

With Z_l and Z_m are the valency and N_l and N_m are the numbers of the outermost electrons of l and m ions.

It is seen that there are only three unknown parameters in the above–mentioned interaction potential, viz. the repulsive strength parameter (b, ρ) and third body interaction (TBI)parameter f(r). The two repulsive strength parameters (b, ρ) can be calculated from the equilibrium conditions.

$$\left(\frac{d\Phi_{\text{total}}(r)}{dr}\right)_{r=r_0} = 0 \tag{11}$$

And bulk modulus expression

$$\left(\frac{d^2\Phi_{\text{total}}(r)}{dr^2}\right)_{r=r_0} = \frac{18r_0}{\beta_T} \tag{12}$$

The three body interaction(TBI) parameter can be evaluated by the expression of the second order elastic constant expression [44].

$$C_{11} = \frac{e^2}{4a^4} \left[0.7010 \, Z_m^2 + \frac{A_{lm} + 2 \, B_{lm}}{6} + 5.4283 \, Zr_0 f_0^{\ \prime} \right] \tag{13}$$

$$C_{12} = \frac{e^2}{4a^4} \left[-0.6898 \, Z_m^2 + \frac{A_{lm} - 4 \, B_{lm}}{6} + 5.4283 \, Z r_0 f_0' \right] \tag{14}$$

$$C_{44} = \frac{e^2}{4a^4} \left[-0.3505 \, Z_m^2 + \frac{A_{lm} + 2 \, B_{lm}}{6} \right] \tag{15}$$

COMPUTATIONS

The vdW coefficient (C_{lm} and d_{lm}) required for the present study have been calculated by using the expression (4) and (5) for the mixed ND₄Br– ND₄I crystals. Their value listed in Table 4 for the host and mixed ND₄Br– ND₄I crystals and used to obtain repulsive strength parameters (b, ρ) whose values are listed in table 2. The required three body interaction (TBI) parameters f(r) have been calculated by using the expression (13) to (15). The equilibrium in inter ionic separation r_0 are used as input data are listed in Table 1. A linear variation of r_0 with concentration, as depicted in Fig. 1, is a feature identical to that exhibited by other mixed crystals (AgCl–AgBr)[42],KCl– KBr [27] and KBr- KI & KI– KCL [28] mixed crystals.

The values of these models parameter together with vdW coefficient listed in table 4 and 2 have been used to compute the cohesive energy and the second order elastic constant (SOE) using the equation given from (13) to (15). Their value have been listed in Table 1-5 and plotted respectively in figure 1 and figure 2 against the percentage concentration of ND₄Br– ND₄I mixed crystals.

Our results on the cohesive energy and harmonic and elastic constant of ND_4Br-ND_4I have been compared with the available experimental and other theoretical results. Such comparison for the mixed crystals could not be possible in the absence of measured data on them.

TABLE – 1

Input data of the mixed crystalND₄Cl- ND₄Br.

Input ND₄I

$r_0 = 3.67 \times 10^{-8} cm$
$C_{11} = 2.79 \times 10^{11} dyn./cm^2$
$C_{12} = 0.64 \times 10^{11} dyn./cm^2$
$C_{44} = 0.43 \times 10^{11} dyn./cm^2$
$\alpha_{+} = 1.154 \times 10^{-24} Ref 5$
$\alpha_{-} = 5.355 \times 10^{-24}$
$N_{+} = 17.0$
$N_{-} = 25.0$

Input ND4Br
$r_0 = 3.51 \times 10^{-8} cm$
$C_{11} = 3.4293 \times 10^{11} dyn./cm^2$
$C_{12} = 0.7716 \times 10^{11} dyn./cm^2$
$C_{44} = 0.7605 \times 10^{11} dyn./cm^2$
$\alpha_{+} = 1.154 \times 10^{-24} Ref 5$
$\alpha_{-} = 4.157 \times 10^{-24}$
$N_{+} = 17.0$
N = 22.0

% Crystal	$r_0 = (1-\beta) r_{0,cl} + \beta r_{0.}$ Br	$C_{11} =$ (1- β) $C_{11,cl} + \beta C_{11}$, Br	$C_{12} = (1-\beta) C_{12,cl} + \beta C_{12},$ Br	$C_{44} = (1-β) C_{44,cl} + βC_{44, Br}$	$\alpha_{-} = (1-\beta) \alpha_{-, cl} + \beta \alpha_{-, Br}$	$N_{-} = [(1-\beta) N_{-}, Cl + \beta N_{-}, Br$
ND4 Br100 I0	3.510 [37]	4.79000 [39]	1.64000 [39]	1.43000 [39]	3.3550 [41]	17.00
ND4 Br80 I20	3.5420	4.51786	1.46632	1.29600	3.5154	18
ND4 Br ₆₀ I40	3.574	4.24572	1.29264	1.16220	3.6758	19.0
ND4 Br40 I60	3.606	3.97358	1.11896	1.0283	3.8362	20.0
ND ₄ Br ₂₀ Ir ₈₀	3.638	3.70144	0.94528	0.8944	3.9966	21.0
ND4 Br0 I100	3.67 [38]	3.4293 [40]	0.77160[40]	0.7605 [40]	4.1570 [41]	22.0

Table-1: Input data of the Mixed Crystal ND4Br-ND4I

Where β is the concentration of mixed crystal.

Table -2 : Model Parameter of mixed crystal

% Crystal	f(r)	r ₀ f ₀ '	b	ρ	Zm ²
ND ₄ Br ₁₀₀ I ₀	-0.019 <mark>3552</mark>	<mark>0.0089</mark> 146	1.3009872	0.2975072	0.6903168
ND ₄ Br ₈₀ I ₂₀	-0.018 <mark>6131</mark>	0.0075873	1.0575996	0.3072031	0.70219
ND ₄ Br ₆₀ I ₄₀	-0.017 <mark>9</mark> 31	0.0061014	0.8251143	0.3186851	0.7131036
ND4 Br40 I60	-0.0173145	0.0044476	0.6157548	0.3323826	0.7229665
ND ₄ Br ₂₀ I ₈₀	-0.0167697	0.0026 <mark>1</mark> 64	0.4380948	0.3488702	0.7316833
ND ₄ Br ₀ I ₁₀₀	-0.0163027	0.0005979	0.296205	0.3689367	0.7391555

<u>b and ρ are in unit of 10^{-8} cm</u>

Table - 3: Model parameters of ND4Br - ND4I Mixed Crystals

% Crystal	A ₁	B 1	$C_1 = A_1^2 / B_1$
$ND_4 Br_{100}I_0$	4.2138736	-0.3254832	-54.554984
ND4 Br80 I20	4.1441856	-0.3292266	-52.165512
ND4 Br60 I40	4.055537	-0.3334319	-49.327555
ND4 Br40 I60	3.9458633	-0.3381293	-46.046992
ND4 Br20 I80	3.8129571	-0.3433694	-42.341111
ND ₄ Br ₀ I ₁₀₀	3.6541123	-0.3491897	-38.238633

 Table 4: Calculation of the Cohesive Energy in K. Cal/mole of ND4Br–ND4I

Crystal %	Φ_c	Φ_v	Φ_I	Φ_R	Φ_{total}	Φ_{exp} . Φ_{other}
ND4 Br ₁₀₀ I ₀	-166.91375	-12.129678	0.0839175	25.202502	-153.75701	$-143.0.2 \Phi_{exp}$ $-130.65 \Phi_{other}$

ND4 Br ₈₀ I ₂₀	-162.91113	-12.549836	0.08048422	24.866076	-152.1196	
ND4Br60 I40	-158.91401	-12.202793	0.07838566	24.052464	-150.4822	
ND4 Br40 I60	-154.86656	-11.848388	0.06893434	23.494012	-148.8429	
ND4 Br ₂₀ I ₈₀	-150.86702	-11.089801	0.06554247	23.027313	-147.2074	
ND4 Br ₀ I ₁₀₀	-146.91375	-10.129678	0.0639175	22.202502	-145.5701	-133.0 Φ _{exp} -130.65 Φ _{other}

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