# **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 ND4Br– ND4I 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  $ND_4BT-I_{1-x}$  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.

$$
\phi(\mathbf{r})_{\text{Total}} = \phi_c(\mathbf{r}) + \phi_v(\mathbf{r}) + \phi_T(\mathbf{r}) + \phi_R(\mathbf{r})
$$
\n(1)

\nthe first term represent the Coulomb energy, expressed as

\n
$$
\Phi_c(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{\Sigma}{lm} \frac{\mathbf{z}_1 \mathbf{z}_m \mathbf{e}^2}{\mathbf{r}_m} = -\frac{\mathbf{z}^2 \mathbf{e}^2 \alpha_m}{\mathbf{r}_m}
$$
\n(2)

with  $\alpha_{\rm m}$ (= 1.7629) as the Madelung constant and r<sub>lm</sub> is the separation between l and m ions. and

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

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<sub>lm</sub> 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

$$
c_{lm} = \frac{3e\hbar}{2\sqrt{m}} \frac{\alpha_l \alpha_m}{[(\alpha_l/N_l)^{1/2} + (\alpha_m/N_m)^{1/2}]}
$$
(4)  

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

Where  $\alpha_1$  and N<sub>l</sub> are the polarizability and number of outermost electron of the cation, while $\alpha_m$  is given by

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

with  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  as the polarizability of the two type of anions (i.e. Cl and Br respectively). Also

$$
N_m = \beta N_1 + (1-\beta) N_2 \tag{7}
$$

is the sum of outermost electrons in the two type of anions mentioned above. $\beta$  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

$$
\Phi_T(r) = \frac{\sum \limits_{lm} \frac{z_l z_m e^2}{r_{lm}} f(r_{lm})} \tag{8}
$$

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.

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

Here βlm are defined as Pauling coefficients defined as  $\beta_{lm} = 1 + \frac{z_l}{n}$  $\frac{z_l}{n_l} + \frac{z_m}{n_m}$ 

 $n_m$ 

With  $Z_1$  and  $Z_m$  are the valency and  $N_1$  and  $N_m$  are the numbers of the outermost electrons of 1 and m ions.

It is seen that there are only three unknown parameters in the above–mentioned interaction potential, viz. the repulsive strength parameter  $(b, \rho)$  and third body interaction (TBI)parameter f(r). The two repulsive strength parameters  $(b, \rho)$  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

(10)

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

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

$$
C_{11} = \frac{e^2}{4a^4} \Big[ 0.7010 Z_m^2 + \frac{A_{lm} + 2 B_{lm}}{6} + 5.4283 Z r_0 f_0' \Big] \tag{13}
$$

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

$$
C_{44} = \frac{e^2}{4a^4} \left[ -0.3505 Z_m^2 + \frac{A_{lm} + 2 B_{lm}}{6} \right]
$$
 (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  $r<sub>0</sub>$  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 ND4Br– ND4I 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**



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



# **Table– 1: Input data of the Mixed Crystal ND4Br– ND4I**

Where  $\beta$  is the concentration of mixed crystal.

# **Table –2 : Model Parameter of mixed crystal**



## $\bf{b}$  and  $\bf{\rho}$  are in unit of  $10^{-8}$  cm

# **Table – 3: Model parameters of ND4Br – ND4I Mixed Crystals**

% Crystal	A <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	$C_1 = A_1^2/B_1$
$ND_4 Br_{100}I_0$	4.2138736	$-0.3254832$	$-54.554984$
$ND_4 Br_{80} I_{20}$	4.1441856	$-0.3292266$	$-52.165512$
$ND_4 Br_{60} I_{40}$	4.055537	$-0.3334319$	-49.327555
$ND_4 Br_{40} I_{60}$	3.9458633	$-0.3381293$	$-46.046992$
$ND_4 Br_{20} I_{80}$	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**





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