



## Prediction Cell Parameter of $A_2MX_6$ Cubic Perovskites

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### ABSTRACT

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$A_2MX_6$  Perovskite materials have shown impressive advances in the last 50 years due to their photovoltaic application, making them one of the most promising technologies for next-generation solar cells. We present in this work a semi-empirical model for the prediction of cell parameters of cubic  $A_2MX_6$  perovskites. It is useful for providing the predicted structural information for estimating the physical properties of materials for which accurate structural data are not available. We propose a linear formula according to the factors: Interatomic distance  $R_A + R_X$  and  $R_M + R_X$  and electronegativity difference  $\chi_X - \chi_M$ . The interatomic distances  $d_{X-X}$  and  $d_{M-X}$  can be estimated from the crystalline structure of the compounds studied. A new prediction of cell parameter is estimated for 90 perovskites and the results are compared with the experimental one whose error is of the order of 1.13%.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Research on perovskite materials continues to grow year by year. The results obtained in this field have led to major developments, particularly in the photovoltaic field and various technical fields such as telecommunications and computing (resonators, capacitors, memories), or in various applications of electronics (capacitors high performance, insulators, and semiconductors) (C. Kalaiselvi et al. 2018, W. S. Yang et al. 2017, A. Kojima et al. 2009, A. E. Maughan et al. 2016), these materials are also useful for their piezoelectric properties (shock and acceleration sensor, sonar, loudspeaker ...).

The importance of perovskite materials  $A_2MX_6$  is also in the possibility of changing the atomic constituents A, M, and X according to the desired applications.

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The structural stability of the materials is linked to the knowledge of their crystalline structure, especially the cell parameters CP.

The determination of the CP is of great importance in determining the identity of the material. This type of prediction of CP minimizes the cost and time for experimental researchers or simulators. The paper is organized as follows: in section 2, we present a detailed history of different prediction models. Section 3 is divided into two parts: Application of Brik's model and in the second part new reformulation of Jiang's model with comparison and discussion of results. A new reformulation of Jiang's model is adapted for the cell parameter (CP) prediction of this family series. Finally, the conclusion is given in section 4.

## 2. HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF CELL PARAMETER PREDICTION MODEL'S

Several models of CP prediction have been developed during the last decades, especially for cubic perovskite structures of types  $ABX_3$  (Fukunaga et al. 1973; Chonghe et al. 2003; Lufaso et al. 2001; Lufaso et al. 2002; Jiang et al. 2006; Feng et al. 2008, Kumar et al. 2008; Moreira et al. 2007; Majid et al. 2010) and even double perovskite of type  $A_2XX'B_6$ . We first present a historical overview of different prediction cell models.

### 2.1 Osamu Fukunaga model's 1972

The ternary oxides of the ideal perovskite type took on great importance at that time. The first works of prediction of structural parameters of perovskites  $ABO_3$  are those of Fukunaga et al. (1973).

This model is based on a linear empirical relationship between the cell size and the ionic radius of the ternary components  $A^{+2}B^{+4}O_3$  with  $A = Ba, Pb, Sr, Ca, and Cd$ .  $B = Zr, Hf, Sn, and Ti$ . It started by presenting unit cell size as:

$$V^{1/3}=2R_{B-X} \quad (1)$$

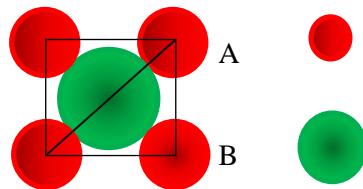


Fig 1. A and B atoms on the (100) plane of cubic perovskite.

Were  $R_{B-X} = r_B + r_X$ .

Initially, Fukunaga et al. (1973) offered two forms for the tolerance factors s and s':

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{2}[r_B+r_X]}{[r_A^{XII}+r_X]} \quad (2)$$

$$S' = \frac{\sqrt{2}[r_B+r_X]}{[r_A^{VIII}+r_X]} \quad (3)$$

S and S' introduce the coordination number CN effect, considering 8 for the anions A and 12 for cations B. By drawing the curve: of  $V^{1/3}$  as a function of  $R_{B-X}$  and S we can obtain a linear relation:

$$V^{1/3} = V_0^{1/3} - d(s - 1) \quad (4)$$

This formula was checked for 20 materials between oxides, hydrides, and chlorides. This allowed him to rephrase another empirical relationship:

$$V^{1/3} = 2[mr_B + nr_X] - d(S - 1) \quad (5)$$

With constant values for each type of anion X

Equation (2) is rewritten as :

$$V^{1/3} = ar_B + b \quad (6)$$

with

$$a = 2m - \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{d}{R_{A-X}} \right) \quad (7)$$

$$b = 2nr_X - \sqrt{2} - \left( \frac{dr_X}{R_{A-X}} \right) \quad (8)$$

The final empirical formulas after adjustment are given by:

$$V^{1/3} = 2.37r_B + 2.47 - 2(S - 1). \quad (9)$$

## 2.2 Structure Prediction Diagnostic Sofware of Michael W. Lufaso (1997-2001)

The SPuDS program (Structure Prediction Diagnostic Sofware) of Lufaso (2001; 2002) is a prediction program for the crystalline structure of perovskites including all possibilities of octahedron  $BX_6$  distortions. This program uses compound inputs to calculate the optimal structure for different Glazer systems (Feng et al. 2008).

## 2.3 Linear regression method of Li Chonghe 2003

Chonghe et al (2003) are interested in the CP of the  $GdFeO_3$  type perovskites that are correlated with the properties of their elemental constituents using a linear regression method LR. Firstly, the LR model was based only on the ionic radius of the constituents A and B, then it was developed to take into account 5 other properties: ionic radius, the electronegativity of the cations A and B, the ion valence that has diminished the error at less than 2%. The Gibbs energy gives accurate information on the equilibrium of a crystal. The network parameter corresponding to this equilibrium energy can be described as a parameter function:

$$A=f(Z_A, Z_B, Z_O, r_A, r_B, r_O, \chi_A, \chi_B, \chi_O) . \quad (10)$$

Z: valence

$\chi$ : electronegativity

r: ionic radius.

Oxygen variables are ignored since they are unchangeable for all compounds.

This model allowed the prediction of the CP for different perovskite structures: Rhombohedral, orthorhombic, tetragonal, and cubic by linear regression LR method. For example, tetragonal parameters  $a$  and  $b$  are given by:

$$a = 17.2443 + 7.5013 r_A - 3.2537 r_B - 17.4019.t - 2.1508(r_A/t). \quad (11)$$

$$b = -2.9248 - 0.1803 r_A + 8.2772 r_B + 10.7858 t - 28652 (r_A/t). \quad (12)$$

with  $t$  is the Goldsmith tolerance factor.

#### 2.4 Empiric prediction model of L. Q. Jiang (2008)

Most of the compounds have cubic structures of the type  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  where the size of atom  $A$  is greater than that of atom  $B$  (Jiang et al. 2006; Feng et al. 2008)). The cubic structure  $\text{Pm}3\text{m}$  is composed of three-dimensional octahedra  $BX_6$ . Atom  $A$  is surrounded by 12  $X$  anions, as shown in Figure (2).

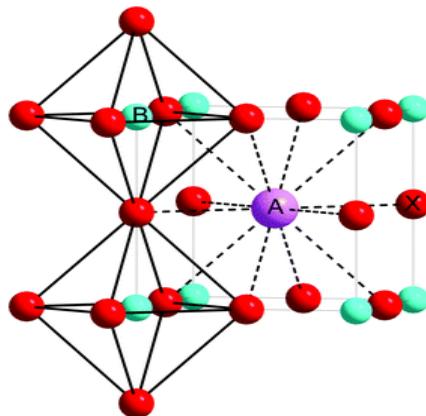


Fig 2. Ideal perovskite structure and the octahedron  $BX_6$ .

The stability of cubic perovskites is verified by the tolerance factor of Goldsmith  $t$ :

$$t = \frac{r_A + r_X}{\sqrt{2}(r_B + r_X)} \quad (14)$$

$r_A, r_B$  and  $r_X$  are the ionic radius of the A and B cations and the X anion respectively.

Geometrically the ratio between the interatomic distance  $D_{A-X}$  and  $D_{B-X}$  is equal to  $\sqrt{2}$ ; while the tolerance factor is 1.

Experimentally, the value of  $t$  for cubic perovskites is between 0.8 and 0.9.

Jiang et al. (2006) took 132 perovskite compounds between oxide and hydrides to arrive at a numerical formula of the lattice constant at cubic perovskites. The average error between prediction CP and experimental values is of the order of 0.63%. Other works tried to make some corrections or modifications to the previous models such as Moreira et al. (2007) and Majid et al. (2010).

#### 2-5 Interatomique model of Brik (2011)

Brik (2011) was interested in the cubic perovskite  $\text{K}_2\text{PtCl}_6$  type. His model is essentially based on the interatomic distances  $D_{A-X}$  and  $D_{M-X}$  in an  $\text{A}_2\text{MX}_6$  structure, and the difference in electronegativity of X and M components  $\chi_X, \chi_M$ .

All of these linear dependencies allow it to establish a CP prediction formula for 86 compounds.

### 3 MODELISATION OF CELL PARAMETER FOR $A_2MX_6$ PEROVSKITES

#### 3.1 Revised Brik's model

Brik's model is based on the geometric structure of the conventional cell presented in Figure (3). The Wyckoff positions of atoms take the following sites:

- A: 8c (0.25 0.25 0.25)
- M: 4a (0.0 0.0 0.0)
- X: 24 e (0.0 0.0 u)

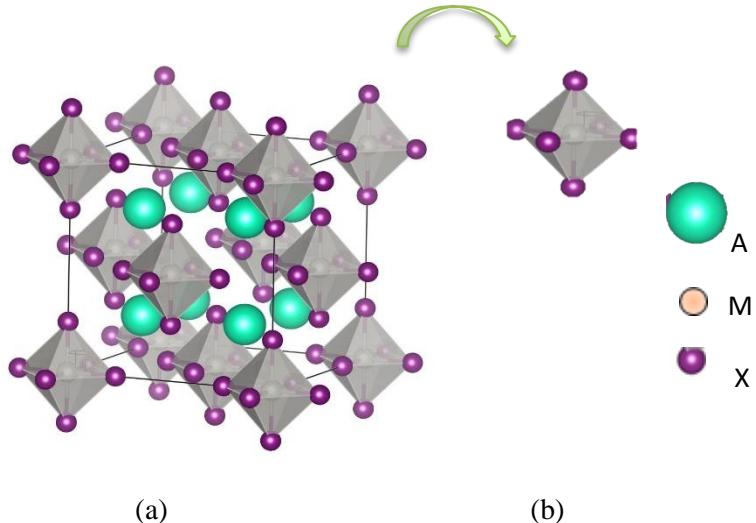


Fig 3. (a) conventional cell of cubic perovskite  $A_2MX_6$  (b) octahedral  $BX_6$ .

The principal quantities in this model are the ionic radius and electronegativity of the constituents. Table (1) shows the properties of the constituents of the studied materials.

Brik proposed a model of CP prediction in a linear form according to the factors: the interatomic distance  $d(X-X)$  and  $d(M-X)$  and the electronegativity difference  $\chi_X - \chi_M$ .

Two simple relations between  $a_{\text{exp}}$  and the interatomic distances are shown in Figures (5-6):

$$a = 1.416 \cdot d_{X-X} \quad (16)$$

And

$$a = 2.30916 \cdot d(M-X) \quad (17)$$

In these equations, all distances are in Å. It is noted that the shortest and longest inter-ion distances are as follows:

- The distance  $d(A-X)$  varies from 2.878 Å in  $K_2NiF_6$  to 4.109 Å in  $Rb_2SnI_6$ ; the distance  $d(M-X)$  is between 1.677 Å in  $K_2SiF_6$  and 2.847 Å in  $Rb_2SnI_6$ ; the distance  $d(A-M)$  increases from 3.511 Å in  $K_2NiF_6$  to 5.032 Å in  $Rb_2SnI_6$ .

Moreover, it is easy to obtain that:

$$d(A-A) = 2 \cdot d(A-M) \text{ and } d(X-X) = \sqrt{2} \cdot d(M-X) \text{ as shown in figure (4)}$$

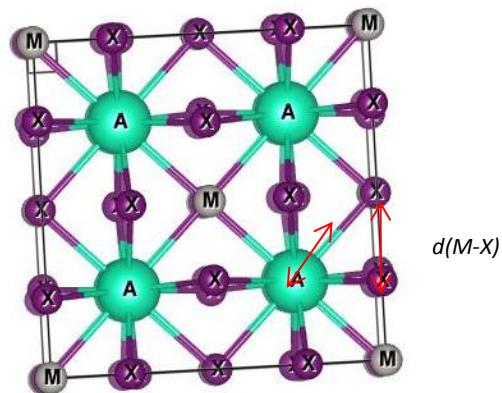


Fig 4. Illustration of interatomic distance  $d(M-X)$  and  $d(X-X)$ .

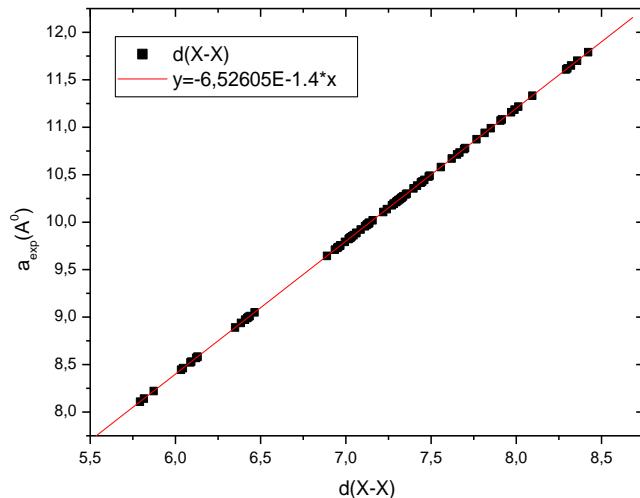


Fig 5. Experimental cell parameter as a function of  $d(X-X)$ .

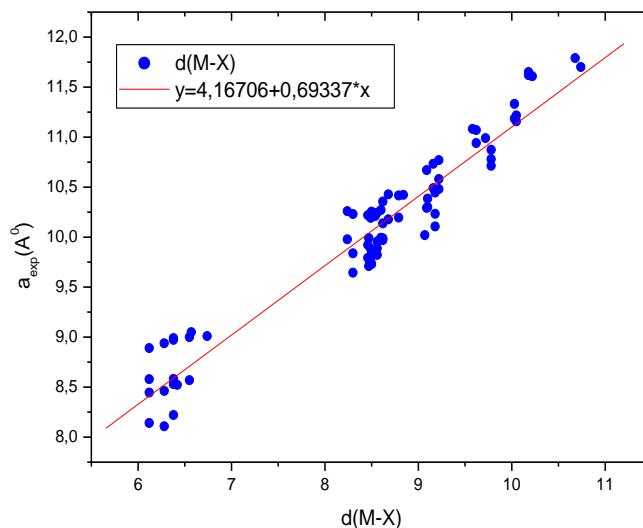


Fig 6. Experimental cell parameter as a function of  $d_{M-X}$ , the interatomic distance.

Table 1. Experimental data on lattice constants, ionic radius (Chen et al. 2018), electronegativity (D.R. Lide, 2004) predicted lattice constants, absolute error ( $\text{\AA}^\circ$ ), and percent relative error for 90  $\text{A}_2\text{XY}_6$  compounds.

Compounds	$a_{exp}(\text{\AA}^\circ)$	$R_A$	$R_M$	$R_X$	$X_A$	$XM$	$Xx$	$a_{pred}(\text{\AA}^\circ)$	$ \Delta a (\text{\AA}^\circ)$	Relative error%
$\text{Cs}_2\text{GeF}_6$ (Wyckoff & Müller 1927)	8,99	1,88	0,53	1,33	0,79	2,01	3,98	8,85321	0,13	1,49
$\text{Cs}_2\text{MnF}_6$ (Wyckoff & Müller 1927)	8,972	1,88	0,53	1,33	0,79	1,55	3,98	8,89024	0,081	0,91
$\text{Cs}_2\text{NiF}_6$ (Hoppe & Hofmann 1977)	8,938	1,88	0,48	1,33	0,79	1,91	3,98	8,8138	0,1241	1,38
$\text{Cs}_2\text{PdF}_6$ (Bode et al. 1956)	9	1,88	0,615	1,33	0,79	2,2	3,98	8,92428	0,0757	0,84
$\text{Cs}_2\text{PtF}_6$ (Hoppe et al 1952)	9,05	1,88	0,625	1,33	0,79	2,2	3,98	8,93409	0,1159	1,28
$\text{Cs}_2\text{SiF}_6$ (Bork et al 1996),	8,89	1,88	0,4	1,33	0,79	1,9	3,98	8,736141	0,1538	1.73
$\text{Rb}_2\text{CrF}_6$ (Schütz, 1936)	8,523	1,72	0,55	1,33	0,82	1,66	3,98	8,587397	0,0643	0,75
$\text{Rb}_2\text{GeF}_6$ (Hoppe & Klemm 1952)	8,5825	1,72	0,53	1,33	0,82	2,01	3,98	8,541201	0,0412	0,48
$\text{K}_2\text{HfF}_6$ (Saalfeld & Guse 1983)	9,01	1,64	0,71	1,33	0,82	1,3	3,98	8,6146357	0,39536 43	4,38
$\text{K}_2\text{MnF}_6$ (Jiang et al 2006)	8,221	1,64	0,53	1,33	0,82	1,55	3,98	8,4190696	0,19806 96	2,40
$\text{K}_2\text{NiF}_6$ (Taylor 1987)	8,109	1,64	0,48	1,33	0,82	1,91	3,98	8,3426838	0,23368 38	2,88
$\text{K}_2\text{SiF}_6$ (Hester et al 1993)	8,1419	1,64	0,4	1,33	0,82	1,9	3,98	8,2649615	0,12306 15	1,51
$\text{Rb}_2\text{MnF}_6$ (Hoppe et al. 1952)	8,531	1,72	0,53	1,33	0,82	1,55	3,98	8,5761296	0,04512 96	0,52
$\text{Rb}_2\text{NiF}_6$ (Wyckoff & Müller 1927)	8,462	1,72	0,48	1,33	0,82	1,91	3,98	8,4997438	0,03774 38	0,44
$\text{Rb}_2\text{PdF}_6$ (Hoppe & Klemm 1952)	8,57	1,72	0,615	1,33	0,82	2,2	3,98	8,6101618	0,04016 18	0,46
$\text{Rb}_2\text{SiF}_6$ (Ketelaar et al 1937)	8,446	1,72	0,4	1,33	0,82	1,9	3,98	8,4220215	0,02397 85	0,28
$\text{Tl}_2\text{SiF}_6$ (Ketelaar et al 1937)	8,58	1,7	0,4	1,33	1,8	1,9	3,98	8,3827565	0,19724 35	2,29
$\text{Cs}_2\text{GeCl}_6$ (Laubengayer et al 1940)	10,23	1,88	0,53	1,81	0,79	2,01	3,16	10,206308 8	0,02369 12	0,23
$\text{Cs}_2\text{IrCl}_6$ (Coll et al 1990)	10,2119	1,88	0,625	1,81	0,79	2,2	3,16	10,285079	0,07317 9	0,71
$\text{Cs}_2\text{MoCl}_6$ (Hu et al 2005)	10,2121	1,88	0,65	1,81	0,79	2,16	3,16	10,312641 7	0,10054 17	0,98
$\text{Cs}_2\text{PbCl}_6$ (Engel 1935)	10,416	1,88	0,775	1,81	0,79	1,8	3,16	10,462604	0,04660 4	0,44

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$\text{Cs}_2\text{PtCl}_6$ (Engel 1935)	10,192	1,88	0,625	1,81	0,79	2,2	3,16	10,285079	0,093079	0,91
$\text{Cs}_2\text{ReCl}_6$ (Sperka & Maunter, 1988)	10,255	1,88	0,63	1,81	0,79	1,9	3,16	10,312763	0,0577631	0,56
$\text{Cs}_2\text{SeCl}_6$ (Engel 1935)	10,26	1,88	0,5	1,81	0,79	2,55	3,16	10,135876	0,124124	1,20
$\text{Cs}_2\text{SnCl}_6$ (Brill et al 1974)	10,3552	1,88	0,69	1,81	0,79	1,96	3,16	10,367068	0,0118685	0,11
$\text{Cs}_2\text{TaCl}_6$ (Yun & Jang, 2007)	10,271	1,88	0,68	1,81	0,79	1,5	3,16	10,392186 <sub>1</sub>	0,1211861	1,17
$\text{Cs}_2\text{TeCl}_6$ (Engel 1935)	10,445	1,88	0,97	1,81	0,79	2,1	3,16	10,631123 <sub>9</sub>	0,1861239	1,78
$\text{Cs}_2\text{TiCl}_6$ (Hu et al 2005)	10,219	1,88	0,61	1,81	0,79	1,54	3,16	10,320477 <sub>5</sub>	0,1014775	0,99
$\text{Cs}_2\text{WCl}_6$ (MÖws et al 1966)	10,245	1,88	0,66	1,81	0,79	1,7	3,16	10,357379 <sub>7</sub>	0,1123797	1,09
$\text{Cs}_2\text{ZrCl}_6$ (Engel, 1935),	10,428	1,88	0,72	1,81	0,79	1,33	3,16	10,444335	0,016335	0,15
$\text{K}_2\text{MnCl}_6$ (Edwards et al 1962)	9,6445	1,64	0,53	1,81	0,82	1,55	3,16	9,7700566	0,1255566	1,30
$\text{K}_2\text{MoCl}_6$ (McCullough, 1936)	9,85	1,64	0,65	1,81	0,82	2,16	3,16	9,8414617	0,0085383	0,08
$\text{K}_2\text{OsCl}_6$ (Takazawa et al 1988)	9,729	1,64	0,63	1,81	0,82	2,2	3,16	9,8188041	0,0898041	0,92
$\text{K}_2\text{PdCl}_6$ (Williams et al 1973)	9,7097	1,64	0,615	1,81	0,82	2,2	3,16	9,8040888	0,0943888	0,97
$\text{K}_2\text{PtCl}_6$ (Grundy & Brown 1970)	9,751	1,64	0,625	1,81	0,82	2,2	3,16	9,813899	0,062899	0,64
$\text{K}_2\text{ReCl}_6$ (Deloume et al. 1979)	9,84	1,64	0,63	1,81	0,82	1,9	3,16	9,8415831	0,0015831	0,016
$\text{K}_2\text{RuCl}_6$ (Boysen & Hewat, 1978)	9,737	1,64	0,62	1,81	0,82	2,2	3,16	9,8089939	0,0719939	0,73
$\text{K}_2\text{SnCl}_6$ (Jongen & Meyer 2004)	9,9877	1,64	0,69	1,81	0,82	1,96	3,16	9,8958885	0,0918115	0,91
$\text{K}_2\text{TaCl}_6$ (Elder et al 1967)	9,9935	1,64	0,68	1,81	0,82	1,5	3,16	9,9210061	0,0724939	0,72
$\text{K}_2\text{TeCl}_6$ (Bland & Flengas 1961)	9,83	1,64	0,645	1,81	0,82	2,1	3,16	9,8411124	0,0111124	0,11
$\text{K}_2\text{TiCl}_6$ (Bland & Flengas 1961)	9,792	1,64	0,61	1,81	0,82	1,54	3,16	9,8492975	0,0572975	0,58
$\text{K}_2\text{WCl}_6$ (Xu & Zhao, 2012)	9,8223	1,64	0,66	1,81	0,82	1,7	3,16	9,8861997	0,0638997	0,65
$\text{Rb}_2\text{MnCl}_6$ (Lalancette et al 1972)	9,838	1,72	0,53	1,81	0,82	1,55	3,16	9,9271166	0,0891166	0,9058 <sub>406</sub>
$\text{Tl}_2\text{MoCl}_6$ (Beck & Hengstmann, 1998)	9,8635	1,7	0,65	1,81	1,8	2,16	3,16	9,9592567	0,0957567	0,9708 <sub>186</sub>
$\text{Rb}_2\text{NbCl}_6$ (Henke, 2007)	9,989	1,72	0,68	1,81	0,82	1,6	3,16	10,070473	0,0814731	0,8156 <sub>281</sub>
$\text{Rb}_2\text{PbCl}_6$ (Engel, 1935)	10,195	1,72	0,775	1,81	0,82	1,8	3,16	10,148484	0,046516	0,4562 <sub>628</sub>

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$\text{Rb}_2\text{PdCl}_6$ (Ketelaar, 1935)	9,99	1,72	0,615	1,81	0,82	2,2	3,16	9,9611488	0,02885 12	0,28880 08
$\text{Rb}_2\text{PtCl}_6$ (Engel, 1935)	9,884	1,72	0,625	1,81	0,82	2,2	3,16	9,970959	0,08695 9	0,87979 56
$\text{Tl}_2\text{PtCl}_6$ (Engel, 1935)	9,755	1,7	0,625	1,81	1,8	2,2	3,16	9,931694	0,17669 4	1,81131 72
$\text{Rb}_2\text{SeCl}_6$ (Engel, 1935),	9,978	1,72	0,5	1,81	0,82	2,55	3,16	9,821756	0,15624 4	1,56588 495
$\text{Rb}_2\text{SnCl}_6$ (Abriel et al 1987)	10,137	1,72	0,69	1,81	0,82	1,96	3,16	10,052948	0,08405 15	0,82915 557
$\text{Rb}_2\text{TeCl}_6$ (Collins & Webster, 1974)	10,233	1,72	0,97	1,81	0,82	2,1	3,16	10,317003	0,08400 39	0,82091 176
$\text{Rb}_2\text{TiCl}_6$ (Wang et al 2002)	9,922	1,72	0,61	1,81	0,82	1,54	3,16	10,006357	0,08435 75	0,85020 661
$\text{Rb}_2\text{WCl}_6$ (Zheng et al 1998)	9,957	1,72	0,66	1,81	0,82	1,7	3,16	10,043259	0,08625 97	0,86632 219
$\text{Rb}_2\text{ZrCl}_6$ (Magette & Fuger, 1977)	10,178	1,72	0,72	1,81	0,82	1,33	3,16	10,130215	0,04778 5	0,46949 302
$\text{Tl}_2\text{SnCl}_6$ (Bagnall et al 1956)	9,97	1,7	0,69	1,81	1,8	1,96	3,16	10,013683	0,04368 35	0,43814 945
$\text{Tl}_2\text{TeCl}_6$ (Ferrari & Coghi, 1941)	10,107	1,7	0,97	1,81	1,8	2,1	3,16	10,277738	0,17073 89	1,68931 335
$\text{Tl}_2\text{WCl}_6$ (Ketelaar et al 1937)	9,8873	1,7	0,66	1,81	1,8	1,7	3,16	10,003994	0,11669 47	1,18024 84
$\text{Cs}_2\text{NpBr}_6$ (Vdovenko et al 1973)	11,082	1,88	0,87	1,96	0,79	1,3	2,96	11,020220 4	0,06177 96	0,55747 699
$\text{Cs}_2\text{PoBr}_6$ (Zheng et al 1997b)	10,99	1,88	0,94	1,96	0,79	2	2,96	11,035740	0,04574 08	0,41620 382
$\text{Cs}_2\text{PtBr}_6$ (Abriel & White 1990)	10,67	1,88	0,625	1,96	0,79	2,2	2,96	10,711533	0,04153 35	0,38925 492
$\text{Cs}_2\text{SnBr}_6$ (Abriel, 1984)	10,77	1,88	0,69	1,96	0,79	1,96	2,96	10,793523	0,02352 3	0,21841 226
$\text{Cs}_2\text{TeBr}_6$ (Stoll et al 1926)	10,873	1,88	0,97	1,96	0,79	2,1	2,96	11,057578	0,18457 84	1,69758 484
$\text{Cs}_2\text{UBr}_6$ (Abriel, 1984)	11,07	1,88	0,89	1,96	0,79	1,7	2,96	11,009468	0,06053 12	0,54680 397
$\text{Cs}_2\text{WBr}_6$ (Zheng et al 1997b)	10,733	1,88	0,66	1,96	0,79	1,7	2,96	10,783834	0,05083 42	0,47362 527
$\text{K}_2\text{OsBr}_6$ (Takazawa et al 1988)	10,3	1,64	0,63	1,96	0,82	2,2	2,96	10,245258	0,05474 14	0,53146 99
$\text{K}_2\text{PtBr}_6$ (Deloume et al 1979)	10,293	1,64	0,625	1,96	0,82	2,2	2,96	10,240353	0,05264 65	0,51147 867
$\text{K}_2\text{ReBr}_6$ (Deloume et al 1979)	10,385	1,64	0,63	1,96	0,82	1,9	2,96	10,268037	0,11696 24	1,12626 288
$\text{K}_2\text{SeBr}_6$ (Schupp et al 2000)	10,4224	1,64	0,5	1,96	0,82	2,55	2,96	10,091150	0,33124 95	3,17824 589
$\text{K}_2\text{SnBr}_6$ (Abriel, 1984)	10,48	1,64	0,69	1,96	0,82	1,96	2,96	10,322343	0,15765 7	1,50436 069
$\text{K}_2\text{TeBr}_6$ (Stoll et al 1926)	10,78	1,64	0,97	1,96	0,82	2,1	2,96	10,586398	0,19360 16	1,79593 321

Table 1. Experimental data on lattice constants, ionic radius (Chen et al. 2018), electronegativity (D.R. Lide et al. 2004) predicted lattice constants, absolute error ( $\text{Å}^\circ$ ), and percent relative error for 90  $\text{A}_2\text{XY}_6$  compounds (*Continued 3*)

Compounds	$a_{exp}(\text{Å}^\circ)$	$R_A$	$R_M$	$R_X$	$X_A$	$XM$	$Xx$	$a_{pred}(\text{Å}^\circ)$	$ \Delta a (\text{Å}^\circ)$	Relative error%
$\text{Rb}_2\text{PdBr}_6$ (Abriel, 1984)	10,02	1,72	0,615	1,96	0,82	2,2	2,96	10,387603	0,36760 33	3,66869 561
$\text{Rb}_2\text{SnBr}_6$ (Zheng et al 1997a)	10,58	1,72	0,69	1,96	0,82	1,96	2,96	10,479403	0,10059 7	0,95082 231
$\text{Rb}_2\text{TeBr}_6$ (Schupp et al 2000)	10,713	1,72	0,97	1,96	0,82	2,1	2,96	10,743458	0,03045 84	0,28431 252
$\text{Rb}_2\text{UBr}_6$ (Thiele et al 1983)	10,94	1,72	0,89	1,96	0,82	1,7	2,96	10,695348	0,24465 12	2,23629 982
$\text{Rb}_2\text{WBr}_6$ (Werker, 1939)	10,489	1,72	0,66	1,96	0,82	1,7	2,96	10,469714	0,01928 58	0,18386 691
$\text{Rb}_2\text{PdI}_6$ (Sinram et al 1982)	11,185	1,72	0,615	2,2	0,82	2,2	2,66	11,071449	0,11355 09	1,01520 697
$\text{Rb}_2\text{PtI}_6$ (Schupp et al 2000)	11,217	1,72	0,625	2,2	0,82	2,2	2,66	11,081259	0,13574 07	1,21013 373
$\text{Rb}_2\text{SnI}_6$ (Zheng et al 1997a)	11,62	1,72	0,69	2,2	0,82	1,96	2,66	11,163248	0,45675 12	3,93073 322
$\text{Cs}_2\text{HfI}_6$ (Sinram et al 1982)	11,609	1,88	0,71	2,2	0,79	1,3	2,66	11,547103	0,06189 7	0,53318 115
$\text{Cs}_2\text{PdI}_6$ (Schupp et al 2000)	11,332	1,88	0,615	2,2	0,79	2,2	2,66	11,385569	0,05356 91	0,47272 414
$\text{Cs}_2\text{PoI}_6$ (Bagnall et al 1955)	11,79	1,88	0,94	2,2	0,79	2	2,66	11,719586	0,07041 34	0,59722 986
$\text{Cs}_2\text{PtI}_6$ (Thiele et al 1983)	11,158	1,88	0,625	2,2	0,79	2,2	2,66	11,395379	0,23737 93	2,12743 592
$\text{Cs}_2\text{SnI}_6$ (Werker, 1939)	11,65	1,88	0,69	2,2	0,79	1,96	2,66	11,477368	0,17263 12	1,48181 288
$\text{Cs}_2\text{TeI}_6$ (Thiele et al 1983)	11,7	1,88	0,97	2,2	0,79	2,1	2,66	11,741424	0,04142 42	0,35405 299
$\text{Cs}_2\text{TiBr}_6$ (Smok et al 2002)	10,92	1,88	0,61	1,96	1,05222 7	0,64	9,96	11,346779	0,42677 9	3,90823 26
$\text{Cs}_2\text{TlI}_6$ (Smok et al 2002)	11,67	1,88	0,61	2,2	1,02250 5	0,43	9,96	12,069349	0,39934 91	3,42201 457
$\text{Cs}_2\text{HfCl}_6$ (Nagorny, 2021)	10,42	1,88	0,71	1,81	1,03118 7	0,34	10,36	11,056391	0,63639 15	6,10740 403
$\text{Cs}_2\text{HfBr}_6$ (Yao et al 2022)	10,83	1,88	0,71	1,96	1,01281 8	0,15	10,36	11,512458	0,68245 87	6,30155 771

Although ionic radius is a primary factor governing the structure of the crystal lattice, ionic radius alone can't adequately describe the parameter variation of the lattice in this series.

To properly manage this situation and similar situations, the electronegativity of the corresponding chemical elements should also be considered.

Because the cell parameter  $a$  represents a balance between effective ionic radii and their electronegativity, the CP in this model has been expressed as a linear function of the following variables:

Two sums of ionic rays ( $R_A + R_X$ ), ( $R_M + R_X$ ) and electronegativity difference ( $\chi_X - \chi_M$ ) The regression by the least square method resulted in the following linear function:

$$a = 1.96325 \cdot (R_A + R_X) + 0.98102 \cdot (R_M + R_X) + 0.07593 \cdot (\chi_X - \chi_M) + 0.57901 \quad (18)$$

On our part, we have generalized the formula of briks by adding 4 new materials recently synthesized (S. Nagorny et al. 2021). The application of this formula based on 90 materials allowed the prediction of CP a with a relative error of 1.22%. The results of this prediction are presented in Table (1).

Figure (7) shows the different families studied separately: Fluorides  $A_2MF_6$ , Chlorides  $A_2MCl_6$ , Bromides  $A_2MBr_6$ , and Iodides  $A_2MI_6$ .

The interpretation of the prediction results leads us to the following remarks:

The big error value on fluorides  $K_2HfF_6$  is: 4.38%

The big error values to the family bromides are:

- $Cs_2HfBr_6$ : 6.30%
- $Cs_2TiBr_6$ : 3.90%
- $Rb_2PdBr_6$ : 3.66%
- $K_2SeBr_6$ : 3.17%

The large error on chloride is 6.10% for  $Cs_2HfCl_6$ .

The big error values of the iodides family are:

- $Rb_2SnI_6$ : 3.93%
- $Cs_2TiI_6$ : 3.422%.

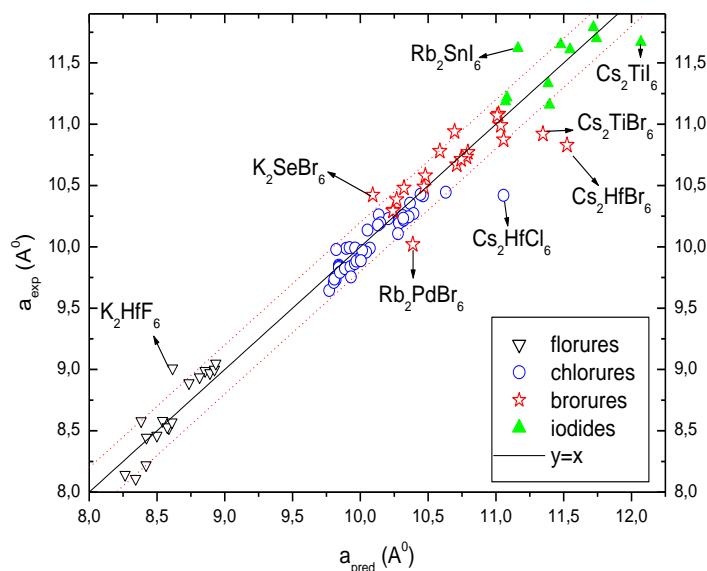


Fig 7.  $a_{\text{pred}}$  as a function of  $a_{\text{exp}}$  for different perovskites series.

### 3.2 New Modelisation using Jiang's Model

Jiang's model (L.Q. Jiang et al. 2008) was applied for perovskites  $ABX_3$  of cubic structure type pm3m. In this work, we will apply this model for materials  $A_2MX_6$ . The input parameters of this model are:

- The ionic radius of the constituents and the tolerance factor of Goldsmith  $t$ .
- Tolerance factor values for  $A_2MX_6$  are presented in Figure 8.
- We plot the curve that shows the variation of  $a_{\text{exp}} - 4(r_M + r_X)$  as a function of  $t$  as shown in Fig. (9)

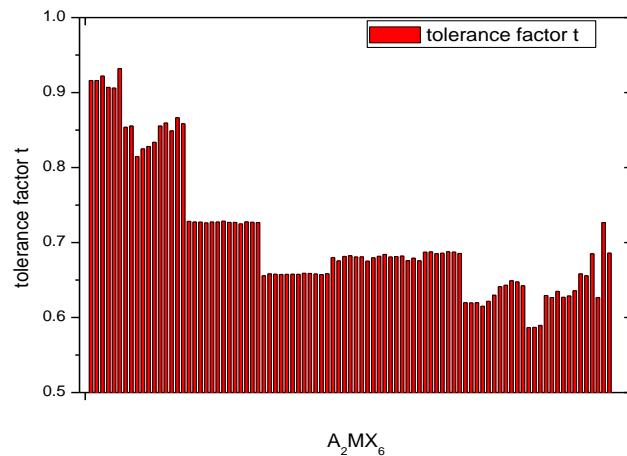


Fig 8. Tolerance factor  $t$  values of 90  $\text{A}_2\text{MX}_6$  compound.

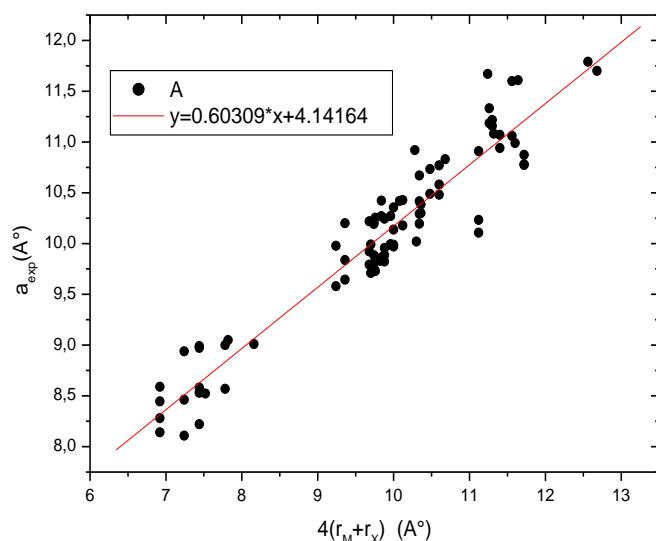


Fig 9. Linear relationship between  $a_{exp}$  and  $4(r_M + r_X)$ .

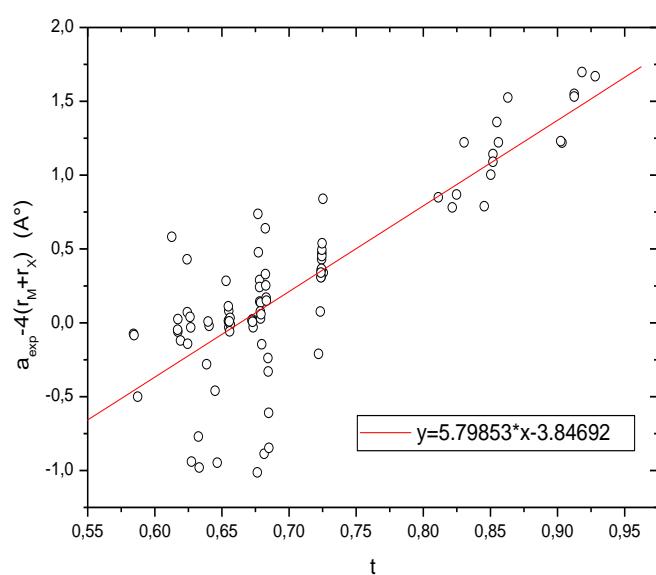


Fig 10. Variation of  $a_{exp} - 4(r_M + r_X)$  as tolerance factor  $t$ .

From linear regression LR of these inputs, we find:

$$a_{exp} - 4(r_M + r_X) = 5.798*t - 3.84692 \quad (18)$$

and the relation obtained from Fig. 9 is

$$a_{exp} = 0.604*(r_M + r_X) + 4.14 \quad (19)$$

So

$$2a_{exp} = (1.6)*4(r_M + r_X) + 5.798*t + 4.14 - 3.84 \quad (20)$$

Which result

$$a_{exp} = 3.2*(r_M + r_X) + 2.899t - 0.15 \quad (21)$$

A new prediction formula is obtained as:

$$a_{pred} = 3.2*(r_M + r_X) + 2.899t - 0.15 \quad (22)$$

This formula is used to predict the CP of studied materials and a comparison between prediction and experimental values of CP with an average error of 1.13%.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

The prediction of the CP of the different crystalline structures makes the object of several searches (L.Q. Jiang et al. 2006; M.W. Lufaso 2001; A. Kojima et al. 2009; W. S. Yang et al. 2017; C. Kalaiselvi et al. 2018; L. Chonghe et al. 2003). We presented in this paper two semi-empirical models: the model of Brik et al. (2011) and the model of Jiang et al. (2006).

The application of the two models on a set of 90 compounds of types  $A_2 MX_6$  and comparison of the prediction results using these models gives a relative error of the order of:

- 1.22% for Brik's model.
- 1.13% for Jiang's model.

Reformulation of Jiang's model for  $A_2 MX_6$  perovskites gives a new equation of prediction with less error than Brik's model. This prediction can be useful for the estimation of physical properties of new compounds as  $Cs_2ZrI_6$  that we predict its CP to be  $a=9.13\text{A}^\circ$ .

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