

Evidence of large polarons in photoemission band mapping of the perovskite semiconductor CsPbBr₃

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Lead-halide perovskite (LHP) semiconductors rival conventional semiconductors in multiple optoelectronic applications. The origin of such outstanding transport properties are however not yet fully understood. We find signatures of large polaron formation in the electronic structure of the inorganic LHP CsPbBr₃ by means of angle-resolved photoelectron spectroscopy. The experimental valence band dispersion shows a hole effective mass $0.26 \pm 0.02 m_e$, 50% heavier than the bare mass $m_0 = 0.17 m_e$ predicted by density functional theory. Calculations of electron-phonon coupling indicate that phonon dressing of the carriers mainly occurs via distortions of the Pb-Br bond with a Fröhlich coupling parameter $\alpha = 1.82$. A good agreement with our experimental data is obtained within the Feynmann polaron model, validating a viable theoretical method to predict the carrier effective mass of LHPs *ab initio*.

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