

Hybrid Organic-Inorganic Perovskite (HOIP) based Glasses as Multifunctional Materials

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ABX₃ type hybrid organic-inorganic perovskites (HOIPs) are a new class of materials recently known for their barocaloric properties in crystalline phases.¹ I intend to broaden the international perception of HOIPs beyond barocalorics, explore their liquid and glass forming behaviour, and create a family of highly dense semiconducting materials for **thermoelectrics**.² In my previous position at Cambridge, I discovered the structural phase transforming ability of crystalline hybrid perovskite frameworks (e.g. [TPrA][M(dca)₃], where TPrA = tetrapropylammonium cation; M = Mn, Fe, Co; dca = dicyanamide anion) to molten liquid at high-T ($T_m = \sim 250$ °C) and then to glasses upon quenching to the low-T.^{2,3} These are important given (i) they are only the second known family of hybrid glasses, i.e. those formed from connected inorganic and organic components, and (ii) they were found to exhibit lower thermal conductivities than traditional inorganic TE material families which involve high processing cost and possess environmentally unsuitable chemical components.

In this talk, I will provide an overview of my research, which aims to produce a new category of functional materials, based on ABX₃ type HOIP glass materials. In particular, I will present the fundamental synthesis and processing of these highly dense perovskite liquids and glasses, and show their mechanical, dynamical and thermomechanical properties and compare its cost-effectiveness and use with other organic polymeric, ceramic and elastomeric type materials. Physical properties in several key areas will be addressed for potential applications – for example, tuning electrical conductivities to increase **thermoelectric figure of merit**,² generating optical transparency to form a glass matrix to enhance **optoelectronic performance** for future generation **photovoltaics**.⁴

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