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Bulk and nanocrystalline cesium lead halide perovskites as seen by halide magnetic resonance

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Supplementary Note S1. Crystal structures of lead-halide perovskites

The cubic perovskite structure is the high-temperature phase for almost all APbX₃ compounds.¹⁻⁴ However, at room temperature (RT), this highest symmetry structure is stable only for MAPbCl₃ (MA = CH₃NH₃⁺, methylammonium),² MAPbBr₃,² and FAPbBr₃ (FA = CH(NH₂)₂⁺, formamidnium),⁵ whereas other APbX₃ compositions adopt tetragonal (I4/mcm for MAPbI₃),² orthorhombic (Pbnm for CsPbBr₃)⁶ or monoclinic (P2₁/m for CsPbCl₃)⁷ perovskite polymorphs (Figure 2), which can be derived from the cubic perovskite lattice *via* tilting of the PbX₆ octahedra. Exceptions are FAPbI₃ and CsPbI₃, which at ambient conditions lose corner-sharing topology and respectively adopt face- and edge-sharing 1D-network structures as their thermodynamically stable phases.⁸⁻⁹ A summary of the phase transitions and crystal structures of all perovskite APbX₃ phases is provided in the Supplementary Table S1.

Supplementary Table S1. Space groups and phase transition temperatures for APbX₃ (A = Cs, MA, FA; X = Cl, Br, I) perovskites and perovskite related materials

A-cation	Halide X	composition	Dimensionality	Space group	Stable temp.	Source
Cs	Cl	CsPbCl ₃	3D	$Pm\overline{3}m$	> 320 K	ref. ^{1, 6-7}
			3D	P4/mbm	315-320 K	
			3D	Стст	310-315 K	
			3D	$P2_1/m$	< 310 K	
	Br	CsPbBr ₃	3D	Pm∃m	>403 K	ref. ⁶
			3D	P4/mbm	361-403 K	
			3D	Pbnm	< 361 K	
	Ι	CsPbI ₃	3D	$Pm\overline{3}m$	> 554-602 K	ref. ^{1, 8, 10-11}
			3D	P4/mbm	457-554 K	
			3D	Pbnm	<457 K	
			1D	Рпта	< 553-602 K	
MA	Cl	MAPbCl ₃	3D	$Pm\overline{3}m$	> 177 K	ref. ^{2, 12}
			3D	P4/mmm	172-177 K	
			3D	Pnma / P222 ₁	< 172 K	
	Br	MAPbBr ₃	3D	$Pm\overline{3}m$	> 237 K	ref. ¹³
			3D	I4/mcm	155-237 K	
			3D	P4/mmm	150-155 K	
			3D	Pna2 ₁	< 145 K	
	Ι	MAPbI ₃	3D	$Pm\overline{3}m$	> 330 K	ref. ¹⁴
			3D	I4/mcm	162-330 K	
			3D	P4/mbm	< 162 K	
FA	Br	FAPbBr ₃	3D	Pm∃m	> 270 K	ref. ^{5, 15}
			3D	P/4mbm	140-270 K	
			3D	Рпта	< 140 K	
	Ι	FAPbI ₃	3D	$Pm\overline{3}m$	> 406 K	ref. ^{3, 16}
			1D	$P6_3/mmc$	<406 K]

Nucleus	Spin ¹⁷	Natural Abundance ¹⁷	Gyromagnetic Ratio γ (10 ⁶ rad s ⁻¹ T ⁻¹) ¹⁷	Quadrupole moment Q $(e \cdot fm^{-2})^{* 17}$
³⁵ Cl	³ / ₂	75.76%	26.241991	-8.165
³⁷ Cl	³ / ₂	24.24%	21.843688	-6.435
⁷⁹ Br	³ / ₂	50.69%	67.25619	30.5
⁸¹ Br	³ / ₂	49.31%	72.49779	25.4
¹²⁷ I	⁵ / ₂	100%	53.8957	-71

Supplementary Table S2. NMR properties of quadrupolar halide nuclei

^{*} e stands for the elementary charge $1.602 \cdot 10^{-19}$ C, with which the tabulated value Q must be multiplied in order to obtain the quadrupole moment in C/fm².

Supplementary Note S2. NMR and NQR spectroscopy of halide nuclei

Basic introduction and comparison of NMR and NQR

Solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) and nuclear quadrupole resonance (NQR) are two complementary magnetic resonance methods.¹⁸⁻²⁰ They are versatile, non-perturbing analytical methods, which are sensitive to structural properties and the chemical surrounding of an atomic nucleus, as well as to dynamic processes. Both capture the effects of the quadrupole interaction, which is the interaction between the electric field gradient (EFG) and the quadrupole moment of a nucleus. The EFG is described by a tensor of rank two and is parametrized by the asymmetry (η_Q) and the coupling strength given by the quadrupole constant (C_Q). It is produced by neighboring nuclei and electrons and reflects the chemical and electronic surrounding of a spin.

In NMR spectroscopy, the Zeeman interaction (H_{ZE}) induces the splitting of the nuclear spin states in a magnetic field. The spin energy transitions scale with the magnetic field strength and are characterized by the Larmor frequency, ω_0 . Slight deviations therefrom are induced by perturbing interactions such as the chemical shift or the dipole-dipole coupling.

For small quadrupole interactions, a perturbation approach is convenient to describe the spin system.²¹⁻²² If, instead, the Larmor frequency is of similar size as C_Q , the perturbation approximation breaks down and an exact calculation of the spectral features is required to interpret the NMR spectra of quadrupolar nuclei.²³ In such case, the NMR signals are very broad (several MHz in width) and the line-narrowing approaches which are commonly used in NMR spectroscopy, such as the rotation of the sample around the magic angle (magic angle spinning, MAS), do not bring impovements. It is therefore not surprising that the acquisition of halide NMR spectra of lead-halide perovskites materials has so far proven to be very challenging. A detailed discussion of the quadrupole interaction is found in the Supplementary Notes S3.

In the case of very large quadrupole interactions, in the range of several tens to hundreds of MHz, omitting the Zeeman interaction facilitates the study of spin energy transitions. Detection of NQR is conceptually the same as that of NMR, except that it does not require an external magnetic field. In pure NQR, only the EFG will lead to spin energy splitting in the form of the quadrupole interaction. In the case of half-integer quadrupolar spins, the EFG does not lift the degeneracy between spin states with magnetic quantum numbers \pm m_I, as illustrated with the example of a spin I = $^{3}/_{2}$ in Supplementary Figure S1. The greatest limitation of NQR spectroscopy is the difficulty to find the resonance lines, as there are no isotope-specific frequency regions. Depending on the size of the quadrupole interaction, the signals can appear between a few Hz and several hundreds of MHz. Without a sufficiently accurate prior guess, *e.g.* from quadrupole parameters extracted from NMR spectra or from DFT calculations, finding NQR frequencies resembles searching for a needle in a haystack. Once the resonance frequencies are known, recording the signal becomes relatively straightforward. In pure NQR spectra, the line widths are often narrow and are easily recorded with simple one-pulse or Hahn echo experiments. For strong quadrupole interactions, the

large spin energy difference results in large population differences, described by Boltzmann statistics, which is equivalent to more intense signals. Hence, in NQR, it is not possible to correlate the signal intensity to spin concentrations in the sample, especially when the resonance frequencies of the compared signals are far apart. In the case of a spin I = 3/2, NQR suffers from an additional drawback: only one NQR transition is allowed (m_Q = $\pm^1/_2 \rightarrow m_Q = \pm^3/_2$), and this is insufficient to determine the two quadrupole parameters, C_Q and η_Q , which define the EFG tensor and thereby the chemical surrounding of the spin. For quadrupolar spins I $\neq 3/2$, C_Q and η_Q can be deduced from the sufficiently large number (≥ 2) of NQR transitions.



Supplementary Figure S1 | Scheme of the continuous transition from NMR to NQR. In pure NMR, only the Zeeman interaction (H_{ZE}) leads to spin energy splitting, whereas in pure NQR, only the quadrupolar interaction (H_Q) leads to spin energy splitting. The transition from one to the other occurs when the applied magnetic field strength (B₀) decreases, and with it the Larmor frequency (ω_0) or the quadrupole coupling constant (C_Q) increase.¹⁹ The example of a spin I = $\frac{3}{2}$ is used to illustrate the fate of the spin states when transforming from the Zeeman frame (m_Z = $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $-\frac{1}{2}$, $-\frac{3}{2}$) to the principle axes of the quadrupole (m_Q = $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$). In the absence of other interactions, the spin energy transitions of the two extreme cases are well described by the Larmor frequency or by the quadrupole frequency (ω_Q), respectively. If either the Zeeman or the quadrupole interaction dominates, NMR and NQR spectra can be appropriately described using the perturbation approach. In the intermediate regime, where the C_Q is of comparable value as ω_0 , an exact description of the nuclear spin system is required.

There is no fixed ratio between C_Q and ω_0 at which perturbation approaches fail or at which NQR becomes a more appropriate analytical technique than NMR. Instead, there exists a continuum between the two situations, from when the spin states are defined exclusively by the Zeeman interaction (left side of Supplementary Figure S1) to when the EFG is solely responsible for the

spin energy splitting (Supplementary Figure S1). The smooth transition from an NMR to an NQR experimental regime is driven by the increase of the quadrupole interaction strength given by C_Q and/or the reduction of the external magnetic field strength B_0 , which is equivalent to a reduction of the Larmor frequency, ω_0 . NQR is favored over NMR in case of large C_Q (several tens to hundreds of MHz). NQR and NMR signals are induced or influenced by the quadrupole interaction and both contain information about the strength, the symmetry and the fluctuation of the EFG and hence about the electrons and nuclei around a spin. For structural information, the line shape analysis in NMR and the frequency analysis in NQR provide all the required information from the evaluation of C_Q and η_Q . C_Q corresponds to the strength of the coupling, which encodes the distance of the charges relative to the spin, and η_Q describes the symmetry of the EFG and the arrangement of the charges in the spin surrounding.

Halide NMR and NQR

Producing sufficiently strong static external magnetic fields for the Zeeman interaction to dominate over the quadrupole interaction of halide nuclear spins is technically limited. Consequently, the magnetic resonance studies on ^{35/37}Cl, ^{79/81}Br and ¹²⁷I spins in lead-halide perovskite materials have thus far focused on NQR.²⁴⁻³² ³⁵Cl, ^{79/81}Br and ¹²⁷I NQR helped to elucidate the symmetry of the nuclei's surroundings and the phase transitions in CsPbCl₃,²⁴⁻²⁶ MAPbCl₃,²⁷ CsPbBr₃,²⁸⁻²⁹ MAPbI₃.^{27, 30-33} and FAPbI₃.³³

In this work, we present the first ³⁵Cl and ⁷⁹Br NMR spectra of CsPbCl₃ (bulk and NCs, Fig. 3 and Supplementary Fig. S2) and CsPbBr₃ (bulk, Fig. 5), as well as MAPbBr₃ and FAPbBr₃ (both bulk, Supplementary Fig. S3). The acquisition of sub-spectra (3 for CsPbCl₃ and 42 for CsPbBr₃) and the possibility to refocus the magnetization by Carr-Purcell-Meiboom-Gill (CPMG) pulse trains, both indicate that the halide NMR signals are inhomogeneously broadened. The ³⁵Cl NQR spectra were not recorded, due to the low resonance frequencies expected around 7.7 MHz (as calculated from the quadrupole parameters obtained from the NMR spectra and as reported in literature).²⁴ Their intensities are low because of the Faraday's law of induction and unfavorable Boltzmann statistics for such small energy transitions. The larger quadrupole couplings of lead-bromide perovskites (133.59, 136.36 MHz for CsPbBr₃, 141.02 MHz for MAPbBr₃ and 149.10 MHz for FAPbBr₃) allow for a more facile recording of their NQR spectra. The ⁷⁹Br NQR spectrum of bulk CsPbBr₃ consists of two lines, one line per bromine species (one for the two axial bromines at lower frequencies and one for the four equatorial bromines at higher frequencies, see Figure 5b). Equivalent ⁸¹Br NQR lines are found at lower frequencies²⁸⁻²⁹ and provide the same information about the EFG at bromine sites as ⁷⁹Br NQR transitions. For CsPbBr₃ NCs, no signal was found at lower frequencies, where the second signals from orthorhombic and tetragonal crystal structures are expected although the spectral range down to -76.66 MHz was screened. Since the NC signal (Figure 5b) exhibits strong inhomogeneous broadening, a comparable effect must also apply to the low-frequency line of eventual orthorhombic and tetragonal phases. However, its effective width is probably broader as the inhomogeneous broadening scales with the absolute resonance frequency. Hence, the signal might be too broad and too weak to be resolved from noise.



Supplementary Figure S2 | ³⁵Cl NMR static spectra of bulk CsPbCl₃ and CsPbCl₃ NCs recorded at various temperatures. The experimental data is plotted as black, solid lines. The signals are constructed by taking the skyline of three wide-band, uniform-rate, and smooth truncation - Carr-Purcell-Meiboom-Gill (WURST-CPMG) sub-spectra with different frequency offsets for each temperature. The simulations (blue, dashed lines) are based on the exact description of the quadrupole interaction in the Zeeman frame. Other spin interactions and the chemical shift anisotropy (CSA) could be neglected due to their low influence on the spectra (Supplementary Fig. S4). All bulk CsPbCl₃ could be simulated with $C_Q = 15.48$ MHz, $\eta_Q = 0$, $\delta_{iso} = 221$ ppm and only small variations of the amplitude were required to match the experimental data due to increasing Gaussian line broadening for lower temperatures. The CsPbCl₃ NCs spectra could be simulated with $C_Q = 15.51$ MHz, $\eta_Q = 0$, $\delta_{iso} = 221$ ppm, except for the one at 100 K, where $C_Q = 15.49$ MHz was used. The Gaussian broadening was kept constant for all simulations of NC spectra, but Maurer statistics³⁴ was included by implementing the analytical joint distribution density reported by Seleznyova *et al.*³⁵ to account for the distribution of quadrupole parameters. A distribution of C_Q and η_Q is most likely present because of equal or inverted intensity ratio of the horns. Simulating the second species, responsible for the step at the high-frequency end of the spectrum, was not attempted, due to the lack of resolved spectral features.



Supplementary Figure S3 | ⁷⁹Br static NMR spectra of bulk FAPbBr₃ and MAPbBr₃. The experimental data (solid, black lines) was simulated (dashed, blue lines) using an exact description of the quadrupole interaction, using the following parameters for FAPbBr₃ $C_Q = 149.1034$ MHz, $\eta_Q = 0.0642$, $\delta_{iso} = -371$ ppm and for MAPbBr₃ $C_Q = 141.0185$, $\eta_Q = 0.0099$, $\delta_{iso} = -293$ ppm.



Supplementary Figure S4 | Exact simulations of ³⁵Cl and ⁷⁹Br NMR spectra of CsPbCl₃ and CsPbBr₃. The spectra were simulated with the QUadrupolar Exact SofTware (QUEST)²³ taking in consideration both, the quadrupole coupling and the CSA. The latter is defined by the anisotropy (Δ) and the asymmetry (η),

which are related to the principal tensor elements of the CSA: δ_{xx} , δ_{yy} , and δ_{zz} . Their values satisfy the following ordering: $|\delta_{ZZ} - \delta_{iso}| \ge |\delta_{XX} - \delta_{iso}| \ge |\delta_{YY} - \delta_{iso}|$. Thereby, the isotropic chemical shift is defined as $\delta_{iso} = (\delta_{XX} + \delta_{YY} + \delta_{ZZ})$ and the anisotropy and asymmetry are given by the following expressions: $\Delta = \delta_{ZZ} - \delta_{iso}$, and $\eta = (\delta_{YY} - \delta_{XX})/\Delta$. For the simulations, $\omega_0 = -58.7894$ MHz and -175.4104 MHz were used as Larmor frequencies and $C_Q = 15$ MHz and 150 MHz as quadrupole parameters respectively. Perfect asymmetry was assumed for both nuclei and for both interactions ($\eta_Q = 0$ and $\eta_{CSA} = 0$). The PAS were set the same for both, the CSA and the EFG.

For the Larmor frequency of ¹²⁷I to be of equal size as the ¹²⁷I quadrupole couplings of lead-iodide perovskites, magnetic field strengths of approximately 35-50 T would be required. Such high magnetic fields are not likely to be easily accessible to NMR spectroscopy any time soon. Currently, even 28 T (1.2 GHz) spectrometers are not yet commercially available. The attempt to acquire a ¹²⁷I NMR signal of bulk CsPbI₃ on presently available spectrometers, such as the 16.4 T (700 MHz) at the home institution of the authors (Laboratory of Inorganic Chemistry, ETH Zurich), would be expected to produce spectra such as the one simulated in Figures 1c (γ -phase) and Supplementary Fig. S5 (δ -phase). Since neither the quadrupole nor the Zeeman terms clearly dominate the Hamiltonian in these cases, the shapes of the signals are non-trivial, and any sort of perturbation approach is inadequate. Instead, an exact description of the spin energy states is required to reconstruct the entire magnetic resonance spectrum, and this involves the diagonalization of the sum of the Zeeman and quadrupole Hamiltonians to obtain the eigenstates of the spin system. Such a simulation predicts these unfamiliar signal shapes and a very broad NMR signal (Fig. 1c and Supplementary Fig. S5). Attempting to record such NMR signals would be troublesome due to the low intensity expected from the large linewidth of more than 200 MHz. Any type of signal averaging method, such as MAS, would lead in the present case to the smearing out of the signal. Under static conditions, using the WURST-CPMG pulse sequence (see also Supplementary Note S3), as it was done in this work for CsPbCl₃ materials and bulk CsPbBr₃, recording the signal might be theoretically possible, but prohibitively long acquisition times would result due to the large number (several hundreds) of sub-spectra that would be required to sample the complete ¹²⁷I NMR signal. Additionally, such a spectrum would be very limited in accessible information as spectral interpretation would require simulations based on previous knowledge or on DFT calculations with long computation times. This is a general issue for lead-iodide perovskite materials due to their large quadrupole interactions. We illustrate this with the broad, atypically shaped NMR signals of γ -CsPbI₃ in Supplementary Fig. S5 (of C_Q = 424.3 MHz, η_Q = 0.311; C_Q = 319.7 MHz, $\eta_Q = 0.4148$) and MAPbI₃ in Supplementary Figure S6 (C_Q = 556.139 MHz, $\eta_Q =$ 0.010; $C_0 = 573.063$ MHz, $\eta_0 = 0.012$).²⁷



Supplementary Figure S5 | ¹²⁷I NQR and NMR simulation of δ -CsPbI₃. (a) ¹²⁷I NQR lines δ -CsPbI₃ as acquired (black) and simulated (blue). The difference in signal intensity between simulation and experimental data arises from neglecting the Boltzmann statistics in the simulation. (b) Simulated ¹²⁷I NMR spectrum of δ -CsPbI₃ powder at 16.4 T using the quadrupole parameters obtained from the ¹²⁷I NQR spectrum (of C_Q = 424.3 MHz, η_Q = 0.311; C_Q = 319.7 MHz, η_Q = 0.4148). The corresponding NQR resonances are plotted as superposed (dark blue) to illustrate the influence of the Zeeman splitting on the quadrupole interaction.



Supplementary Figure S6 | Simulated ¹²⁷I NMR spectrum of MAPbI₃. This is an exact simulation of the ¹²⁷I NMR spectrum of MAPbI₃ at 16.4 T. The following quadrupole parameters were used, as reported in literature: ³¹ C_Q = 528.1 MHz, $\eta_Q = 0.29$; C_Q = 558.6 MHz, $\eta_Q = 0.34$.

Supplementary Note S3. Quadrupolar nuclei and the acquisition of their NMR spectra

Most of the elements in the periodic table feature isotopes with spins I > 1/2, which thus possess a non-vanishing quadrupole moment. The latter couples with the gradient of the electric field generated by charges present in the system, *i.e.* other nuclei and electrons. This is called the quadrupole interaction. Its strength can vary by several orders of magnitude depending on the size of the EFG and quadrupole moment described by a second rank tensor. The quadrupole moment is, like the gyromagnetic ratio, a nucleus-specific, constant property, different for every isotope. The quadrupole interaction is generally among the larger spin interactions present in NMR, usually exceeding the chemical shielding or the dipole-dipole interaction. Occasionally, the quadrupole interaction can dominate over the Zeeman interaction, in which case NMR is not the appropriate spectroscopic method to study such a spin system but NQR is preferred as discussed further below.

The effect of quadrupole couplings on NMR spectra depends on the nature of the sample. In solution-state NMR, the quadrupole interaction usually manifests itself only through accelerated spin relaxation of the quadrupole spin and of neighboring nuclei. No line-shape changes other than signal broadening is observed, due to the fast, isotropic tumbling of nuclei in solution. In solutionstate NMR, the quadrupole interaction is averaged over time, similarly as it is the case for other anisotropic interactions such as the CSA.³⁶ For large quadrupole interactions, the signal of the quadrupolar nucleus is oftentimes too broad to be resolvable from noise as it relaxes too quickly to be detected. The anisotropy of the quadrupole interaction translates into an orientation dependence of the quadrupole interaction. As a consequence in solid-state NMR, the random alignment of the crystallites in powdered samples leads to very broad powder patterns since every crystallite orientation aligns differently relative to the external, applied magnetic field and produces a different resonance frequency. This produces so-called powder averaged spectra with inhomogenously broadened linewidths, and their line shapes encode the symmetry of the EFG. The span of frequencies that are induced by large quadrupole interactions can reach hundreds of MHz and the line shapes can vary dramatically depending on the spin multiplicity of the quadrupolar nucleus, the symmetry of the EFG and its size relative to the Zeeman interaction. Although the acquisition and interpretation of quadrupole spectra is much more challenging than for spectra of nuclear spins $I = \frac{1}{2}$, the large size of the interaction makes it very sensitive to small changes in the EFG which directly reflect the chemical and electronic structure of the spin surrounding.

The quadrupole Hamiltonian describes the quadrupole interaction:

$$\widehat{H}_{Q} = \frac{eQ}{2I(2I-1)\hbar} \, \widehat{\vec{I}} \cdot V \cdot \widehat{\vec{I}} \tag{1}$$

Thereby, eQ is the quadrupole moment, constituted of the elementary charge e and the tabulated, isotope-specific constant Q. I is the spin quantum number, \hbar is the reduced Planck constant, \hat{I} is

the spin vector operator and V is the matrix describing the EFG, whose elements are defined as follows:

$$V_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} \qquad \qquad \alpha, \beta = x, y, z \qquad (2)$$

U stands for the electrostatic potential generated by surrounding charges (electrons and other atomic nuclei) in the center of the studied nucleus. $V_{\alpha\beta}$ are the Cartesian components of the second rank, symmetrical, but purely anisotropic tensor *V*. In the principal axis system (PAS) X, Y, Z of the EFG, *V* is diagonal:

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{XX} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & V_{YY} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & V_{ZZ} \end{pmatrix}$$
(3)

Herein, capital letters are used for the PAS, while lower case letters are used for a general axis system. Since the charge distribution generating the electrostatic potential is external to the nucleus, the Laplace equation $V_{XX} + V_{YY} + V_{ZZ} = 0$ holds for V and using the convention $|V_{XX}| \le |V_{YY}| \le |V_{ZZ}|$, the EFG can be fully parametrized with solely the asymmetry parameter

$$\eta_Q = \frac{V_{XX} - V_{YY}}{V_{ZZ}} \tag{4}$$

and the quadrupole constant

$$C_Q = \frac{eQV_{ZZ}}{h} \tag{5}$$

The asymmetry parameter describes the deviation of the EFG from axial symmetry and the quadrupole constant characterizes the strength of the quadrupole interaction. While η_Q can only take values between 0 and 1, C_Q can exhibit values from a few Hz up to hundreds of MHz. In a fully isotropic surrounding, for example in perfect tetrahedral, octahedral or cubic sites, $C_Q = 0$ as the quadrupole interaction is averaged by symmetry.

A robust approach to record very wide NMR spectra, such as the ones from halide spins, involves acquiring stepwise sub-spectra with varying frequency offsets under static conditions. For more efficient excitation, adiabatic pulses, such as WURST³⁷ are used within an echo-train such as the CPMG sequence,³⁸⁻³⁹ as described in several reviews.⁴⁰⁻⁴² This approach has been applied in this work to record static bulk CsPbCl₃ (Fig. 3 and Supplementary Fig. S2), bulk CsPbBr₃ (Fig. 5 and Supplementary Fig. S3) and CsPbCl₃ NC (Fig. 3 and Supplementary Fig. S2) NMR spectra. It is to our knowledge the first time that the WURST-CPMG sequence is applied to lead-halide perovskite materials.

Supplementary Note S4. Comparison of signal-to-noise in ³⁵Cl NMR

spectra

The NMR signal scales linearly with both the sample quantity and the number of scans. At the same time, the noise increases as a square-root of the number of scans (*ns*) and hence the signal-to-noise (S/N) also scales as \sqrt{ns} . Hence NMR signals of different forms of the same CsPbX₃ material (bulk, nanocrystals (NCs), *etc.*) may be properly compared only when taking S/N and normalizing it to the number of scans and sample quantity (when all other experimental parameters are maintained the same).

The experimental S/N values were obtained with the measurement routine from the Topspin® program provided by Bruker to control the NMR spectrometers. Supplementary table S3 also presents typical quantities of CsPbCl₃ in the experiment, being systematically smaller for NCs due to the contribution of the organic capping ligand (16 weight% from thermogravimetric analysis). Furthermore, much larger number of scans was applied in the experiments with NCs.

The comparison of S/N values, normalized by both the weight and the number of scans, shows that the signal of NCs is 2-6 times weaker than bulk at 100 K and 25-32 times weaker at 273 K. As discussed in the Main text, it is the difference in the spin relaxation that leads to the much smaller amount of signal obtained from the same number of nuclei in the case of NCs.

	Bulk CsPbCl ₃	CsPbCl ₃ NCs
Sample mass	~35-45 mg	~17-32 mg
Inorg. mass	~35-45 mg	~14-27 mg
<i>ns</i> @ 100 K	64	384
<i>ns</i> @ 273 K	1024	327'680
S/N @ 100 K	~70	~23
S/N @ 273 K	~107	~42
S/N normalized to 1 ns @ 100 K	~9	~1
S/N normalized to 1 ns @ 273 K	~3	~0.1
S/N normalized to 1 <i>ns</i> & to 1 g sample material @ 100 K	~192-246	~44-84
S/N normalized to 1 ns & to 1 g sample material @ 273 K	~74-94	~3-5

Supplementary Table S3. Summary of signal parameters to compare S/Ns between bulk and nanocrystalline CsPbCl₃ ³⁵Cl NMR spectra

Supplementary Note S5. Relaxation and chemical exchange in halide magnetic resonance spectra of CsPbX₃ perovskites

Introduction to T₁ and T₂ relaxation

 T_1 relaxation (longitudinal relaxation or spin-lattice relaxation) and T_2 relaxation (transverse relaxation or spin-spin relaxation) are phenomenological descriptions of the magnetization behavior and are often not exclusively based on stochastic relaxation processes. T_1 describes how fast the relaxation returns to its equilibrium state after excitation, and T_2 describes how fast the signal dephases. T_1 is always larger than T_2 due to energy conservation. Spin-spin relaxation is produced, for example, by nuclear dynamics and magnetic field fluctuations. Theoretically, T_2 corresponds to the decay rate of the free induction decay (FID). In practice, other contributions or so-called inhomogeneous contributions, produce signal dephasing and eventually an accelerated signal decay.

Usually, the dominant mechanism for spin relaxation is the fluctuation of the dipole coupling strengths with neighboring spins, which are subject to small atomic motion. Another important factor influencing relaxation times of quadrupolar nuclei are the temporal fluctuations of the local EFG. In solution-state NMR, Brownian motion is usually the major driving force for relaxation. In solid-state NMR, the relaxation times correlate directly to internal motion within the sample, *e.g.* rotations or vibrations. Hence, signal decay rates are interesting probes to determine dynamics in solids, which is sensitive to slower motions. However, interpretation of relaxation time constants from solid-state NMR experiments is challenging as incoherent contributions are difficult to distinguish from effects due to molecular dynamics.

In NMR and in NQR alike, the signal linewidth and T_1 and T_2 relaxation times are influenced by nuclear motion and therefore comprise information about structural dynamics inside the sample. Overall, NQR provides the same information as NMR regarding the quadrupolar interaction as well as the derived structural and dynamical insights.

Introduction to chemical exchange

Chemical exchange is a phenomenon involving the displacement of nuclei in a system in equilibrium. The structure of the system after chemical exchange is indistinguishable from the structure prior to exchange. Only the surrounding of the individual spin is changing, which can lead to a variety of effects in the NMR spectrum depending on which timescale it occurs. Chemical exchange is a very vast field within NMR spectroscopy, which we cannot extensively discuss here. The interested reader is referred to the comprehensive collection of reviews discussing chemical exchange.⁴³⁻⁵⁸

Chemical exchange can affect the NMR and NQR spectra in diverse ways: line shape deformation, simple line-broadening, influencing relaxation times, or giving rise to additional signals. In which way chemical exchange affects the spectrum depends on the rate of the nuclei exchange relative to the timescale of the NMR experiment. Three major chemical exchange regimes can be defined. When the exchange rate is much smaller than the difference between the resonance frequencies of the involved nuclear spins, one speaks about slow exchange. If the rate is much larger than the difference between resonance frequencies, it is called fast exchange; when the exchange rate is of the same order as the difference between resonance frequency, the system is in the intermediate regime.

In the slow exchange regime, the linewidth is influenced by the exchange rate. Detecting the chemical exchange can be challenging as there are numerous contributions to the linewidth; but with the proper experimental design, the precise determination of exchange rates is possible. For instance, in selective inversion T_1 experiments.⁵⁹. Since the nuclei exchange on the time scale of the experiment (*i.e.* a nucleus might, but does not have to, have exchanged between the beginning and the end of the experiment), 2D exchange spectroscopy (EXSY)⁶⁰ can be performed. By varying the exchange time (also called mixing time), approximate exchange rates can be deduced. An estimate of the exchange rate can also be obtained from the ratio of the cross-peak to diagonal peak volume.

In the intermediate exchange regime coalescence is observed, and the spectral features, *i.e.* resonance frequency and linewidths, change drastically upon small changes in the experimental conditions, such as temperature or concentration. The evaluation of this parameter dependence permits the determination of exchange rates. However, simulations could be required for complex spin systems.

In the fast exchange regime, the signals have a Lorentzian line shape and the linewidth is seldom defined by the chemical exchange anymore. Nuclei can exchange multiple times during an NMR experiment. In this regime, chemical exchange is best observed by the dependence of the rate of signal dephasing during an echo train experiment. When the echo delay is shorter than the time a nucleus requires to exchange, the FID dephases slowly. However, as soon as the echo delay is longer than the exchange rate, signal dephasing occurs rapidly as the magnetization cannot be refocused due to the changed surrounding of the individual spin. In relaxation dispersion experiments,⁶¹⁻⁶⁷ which are often applied to study protein dynamics,⁶⁸ a series of echo trains are acquired with varying echo delay times. The exchange rate is then approximated to the delay time when the signal dephasing accelerates.

Discussion of ³⁵Cl NMR relaxation times

 T_1 times usually increase with decreasing temperature as atomic and molecular motion are reduced and the corresponding fluctuations of the local magnetic field decrease. This is also the behavior we found for T_1 times in bulk and nanocrystalline CsPbCl₃ NCs (Fig. 3b). It is noteworthy, that the NC's spin-lattice relaxation times are systematically shorter than the ones of bulk, which could be explained by a higher concentration of defects, *e.g.* surface termination and surface induced rearrangement, or by larger mean square thermal displacement, which probably all induce faster and/or more frequent local magnetic field fluctuations. T_1 times were obtained by fitting the evolution of the integral of the whole signal with increasing recovery delays. A qualitatively better fit could be obtained with a stretched exponential function, but this leads to larger uncertainty in the fit parameters. Hence, a mono-exponential fit function was chosen, keeping in mind that the obtained T_1 time is most likely the dominant value from a distribution of relaxation environments of the ³⁵Cl spin within the sample.⁶⁹

 T_2 times describe how fast the signal (*i.e.* the FID) decays. The T_2 times of bulk CsPbCl₃ dramatically increase by around two orders of magnitude when cooling from around 273 K to 200 K. This behavior is expected, since atomic and molecular dynamics, which contribute to the signal dephasing, slow down or freeze at lower temperature. Opposite to this, T_2 times of CsPbCl₃ NCs are independent of temperature within the experimental error and remain constant at *ca.* 1-2 ms over a temperature range of 100-300 K. The more rapid loss of coherence in the FID of ³⁵Cl nuclei contributes to the lower signal-to-noise in the spectra of CsPbCl₃ NCs. This reduces the number of acquirable echoes in the CPMG train and results in lower signal intensity. This faster loss of coherence in the CsPbCl₃ NC FIDs compared to that of bulk CsPbCl₃ is apparent when comparing the CPMG echo-train decay rates of both samples, which we call T_2 times for simplicity (Fig. 3c). The CPMG echo-trains of bulk and nanocrystalline CsPbCl₃ are well described by a mono-exponential function that includes a scaling and an offset parameter to match the experimental data. The T_2 times are obtained from the negative inverse exponent.

At 100 K, the signal of bulk CsPbCl₃ decays about 100-times slower than in NCs. This means that, in the CPMG echo-train, about half of the initial echo intensity is still detected after 325 ms and almost 1200 echoes later. In comparison, at the same temperature, the FID of CsPbCl₃ NCs has completely decayed after only 8 ms and 30 refocusing echoes. By increasing the temperature, the T₂ times of bulk CsPbCl₃ remain rather unaffected until 200 K, at which point they dramatically decrease until attaining values of around 8 ms at 273 K, and almost reaching decay rates found in CsPbCl₃ NCs. T₂ times above 273 K could not be determined, possibly due to the ferroelastic phase transitions and softening of phonon modes in bulk CsPbCl₃ when approaching RT, thus impeding NMR signal detection.⁷⁰⁻⁷⁷ In NCs, these appear to be absent, or occur at higher temperatures since ³⁵Cl NMR spectra could be acquired without difficulties at RT.

The dramatic dissimilarities in value and in the temperature dependence between the CsPbCl₃ nanocrystalline and bulk ³⁵Cl NMR T₂ times, which are not reflected in the T₁ times, is surprising. The most plausible explanation for this observation is, in our opinion, dynamic processes such as chemical exchange in the fast regime (*i.e.* the exchange rate is shorter than the frequency difference of the exchanging spins). Most relaxation-rate-influencing interactions, such as dipole-dipole coupling, CSA, *etc.* induce spin-state fluctuations, which influence both T₁ and T₂. Chemical

exchange is a dynamic equilibrium between structurally indistinguishable states of spin systems. In other words, chemical exchange is a phenomenon of structural dynamics (as opposed to spin dynamics) that is present in a system in equilibrium.⁴³ Exchange rates faster than the acquisition time can accelerate the dephasing of the signal as refocusing fails for spins which have exchanged. As a result, the apparent T_2 times will be shorter. The chemical exchange hypothesis is further supported by the acceleration of signal dephasing with longer echo delay times. When echo delays of the CPMG trains are increased, the FID of the ³⁵Cl NMR signal of bulk and nanocrystalline CsPbCl₃ decays faster. Series of FIDs during WURST-CPMG echo-trains are plotted in Supplementary Figure S7 and S8, which are similar to the relaxation dispersion experiments⁶¹⁻⁶⁷ that are often used to study protein dynamics.⁶⁸ An abrupt decrease of the T₂ times is observed in both bulk and nanocrystalline CsPbCl₃ when increasing the echo-delay time from 0.5 to 1.3 ms, which defines the range for the exchange rate. Since the drop-in decay rate occurred at the same echo delay times in NCs and in bulk, the sampled dynamic process is the same. More processes must be present and determine the overall T₂ times of NCs and bulk; however, they are out of reach for these relaxation dispersion-type experiments. It is remarkable that the 35 Cl NMR T₂ times of CsPbCl₃ NCs (1-2 ms) are similar to the time range obtained from the echo-trains. This indicates that there must be more chemical exchange processes occurring at an equal or faster rate. Faster atomic or molecular dynamics in NCs compared to bulk appear reasonable. NCs possess a larger mean square thermal displacement and a higher density of defects than bulk, mostly due to the large specific surface area, as well as the reduced lattice constraints due to the small size of the crystallites. All these are factors that help the crystal structure to accommodate widespread atomic motion. Accelerated dynamical processes and chemical exchange in CsPbCl₃ NCs would be consistent with the fast anion exchange reaction reported for lead halide perovskite NCs.⁷⁸⁻⁷⁹ Actually, chemical exchange has been already detected in ²⁰⁷Pb NMR spectra of bulk $FAPbCl_{1.5}Br_{1.5}$ and $MAPbCl_xBr_{3-x}$ (x = 0-3) by the Michaelis group using 2D EXSY experiments.⁸⁰⁻⁸¹ They conclude that the exchange of Cl and Br ions occurs on the range of µs-ms. However, the measurements of the influence of chemical exchange on relaxation time performed in the present work does not necessarily involve bond breaking and dislocation of atoms as it is the case for the mixed halide perovskites studied by the Michaelis group.⁸⁰⁻⁸¹ Alternative dynamics, which could lead to the observation of chemical exchange in NMR or NQR are concerted distortions of the lattice through torsion, stretching or compression of the PbCl₆ octahedra and other phonon modes. All these forms of structure dynamics do not involve any bond breaking nor do they change the overall average structure of the lead-halide perovskite, yet they influence spin surrounding. In this study, ab-initio molecular dynamics is used to assess whether low-energy structure dynamics is enhanced in the NCs as compared to the bulk material (see the Main Text and Supplementary Figures S10 and S11.)



Supplementary Figure S7 | ³⁵Cl NMR FIDs of bulk CsPbCl₃ acquired with a WURST-CPMG pulse sequence at 250 K. From top to bottom, the echo delays were increased from 272 μ s, 452 μ s, 1.252 ms, 2.252 ms, 3.252 ms, 4.252 ms, 6.252 ms, to 10.252 ms. For all the experiments, T₂-times were determined; however, confidence intervals were large due to poor signal-to-noise ratio. This series of experiments resembles relaxation dispersion studies in proteins.⁶¹⁻⁶⁷



Supplementary Figure S8 | ³⁵Cl NMR FIDs of CsPbCl₃ NCs acquired with a WURST-CPMG pulse sequence at 250 K. From top to bottom, the echo delays were increased from 272 μ s, 452 μ s, 1.252 ms, 2.252 ms to 3.252 ms. For all the experiments, T₂-times were determined, however confidence intervals were large due to poor signal-to-noise ratio. This series of experiments is reminiscent of relaxation dispersion studies.⁶¹⁻⁶⁷

Discussion of ⁷⁹Br NQR relaxation times

We have shown that the analysis and comparison of 35 Cl NMR relaxation times of bulk and nanocrystalline material provide a better understanding for dynamics present in these materials. A similar approach was applied also to their bromide cousins. Analogously to bulk CsPbCl₃, chemical exchange is also readily detectable in bulk CsPbBr₃, and likely exists in the corresponding NC materials as well, although it could not be experimentally evidenced due to the very low NC signal intensities. T₂ times of the bulk ⁷⁹Br NQR signal exhibit a dependency on the echo-delay times used in the CPMG echo-train experiments. For echo delays of 20 µs, T₂ times between 1.49 ms and 2.42 ms are obtained, while T₂ time values decrease to 0.13-0.18 ms for echo delays of 110 µs. These results set the range for the rate constants of present dynamics to about 0.1-2.4 ms in bulk CsPbBr₃, commensurate to that found for bulk CsPbCl₃ (0.5-1.3 ms).

Generally, it is puzzling that ⁷⁹Br NMR and NQR signals of bulk CsPbBr₃ are comparably easy to detect while cumbersome experimental conditions at low temperatures and highly sensitive equipment are required to acquire signals from CsPbBr₃ NCs. One possible explanation can be obtained by comparing the ⁷⁹Br NQR relaxation times of bulk CsPbBr₃ (Fig. 5c and 5d) with the ³⁵Cl NMR relaxation times of bulk and nanocrystalline CsPbCl₃ (Fig. 4b and 4c). The ⁷⁹Br NQR T₁ times increase with decreasing temperature, similarly to the ³⁵Cl NMR T₁ times of CsPbCl₃ (Fig. 5c). Within experimental error, the ⁷⁹Br T₁-times of the two NQR lines cannot be distinguished. Also, the T₂ times of the two ⁷⁹Br NQR transitions of CsPbBr₃ are comparable; they are about 1-2 orders of magnitude faster than T₁ times, depending on the echo delay time used (short echo delays

of 20 μ s, light markers; long echo delays of 110 μ s, dark markers in Fig. 5d). Overall, the ³⁵Cl NMR relaxation times of bulk CsPbCl₃ are 1-2 orders of magnitude slower than the ⁷⁹Br NQR relaxation times of bulk CsPbBr₃. If also in CsPbBr₃ NCs the relaxation is 1-2 orders of magnitude faster than in CsPbCl₃ NCs, an extremely fast signal dephasing, on the order of 50-500 μ s, would be extrapolated for CsPbBr₃ NCs (from 0.7-1.9 ms values of CsPbCl₃ NCs). These are time scales which are barely or not detectable by NMR and NQR spectroscopy, independently of the utilized electronics. By the time the excitation pulse has rung down, the signal from the ⁷⁹Br spins in CsPbBr₃ will be significantly reduced or will have completely decayed. This explains the low signal intensity found at 90 K, as it represents the small fraction of the signal which has not decayed by the time when FID acquisition starts. Furthermore, such fast T₂-times rationalize our incapacity to detect ⁷⁹Br NMR signals of CsPbBr₃ NCs at RT as the signal would presumably decay even faster than at 90 K and be completely dephased before the acquisition has begun. The results of the comparison of the ⁷⁹Br NQR and ³⁵Cl NMR relaxation times must be interpreted with caution since the interactions dominating relaxation and signal dephasing phenomena may differ in contribution and in nature in NMR and NQR.

Supplementary Figure S9.



Supplementary Figure S9 | **Background NMR signal from the probe.** Background signal obtained over the ⁷⁹Br NMR frequency range at 16.1 T of lead-bromide perovskite signals when the rotor is filled with a bromine-free sample (glycine). The sharp signal at -182.4 MHz is attributed to the metallic aluminium shield of the probe. The other background signals could not be identified but are suspected to (at least partially) originate from plastic (carbon-containing) components of the probe. The very long T_2 of most of the background allowed to reduce its impact on the sample signal by discarding later echoes of the CPMG-train.

Supplementary Figure S10.



Supplementary Figure S10 | *Ab-Initio* calculations of CsPbBr₃ NCs. (A) Atomistic model of a 4.6 nm CsPbBr₃ NC, with a cross-section removed to indicate the four regions of interest within the NC. (B) Plots of the statistical distribution of Pb-Br-Pb angles, α , within each region of the NC. (C) Standard deviation of α as a function of distance of the Br atom from the surface of the NC, *d*. (D) Plot of the partial phonon density of states in each of the four regions of the NC, normalized to the phonon frequency squared. The dashed line is that calculated for bulk CsPbBr₃. (E) Plot of the mean-squared-thermal-displacement, $\langle u^2 \rangle$, of each atom type in each of the 4 regions of the NC. The dashed lines correspond to the $\langle u^2 \rangle$ calculated for bulk CsPbBr₃.

Supplementary Figure S11.



Supplementary Figure S11 | **Phonon Density of States.** The computed partial phonon density of states, and partial density of states for each atom type, of the CsPbCl₃ (left panel) and CsPbBr₃ (right panel) NCs, in each of the four regions of the NC (see Figure 4 and Figure S10). The phonon density of states of bulk orthorhombic CsPbCl₃ and CsPbBr₃ are given in the bottom row of each panel.

Supplementary Note S6. Density functional theory calculations of the EFGs and quadrupole parameters of the halide spins in CsPbBr₃

The calculations of EFG tensors of halide spins in CsPbBr₃ were performed using Vienna ab-initio simulation package (VASP) code. The projector augmented wave (PAW)⁸²⁻⁸³ potentials for atoms were used. For generalized gradient approximation (GGA) Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof exchangecorrelation functional (PBE)⁸⁴⁻⁸⁵ was used. A single cell comprising 20 atoms with a kinetic energy cut-off of 237 eV and an automatic y-centered mesh of 11x11x11 k-points were used. Ionic minimization was performed until all forces on atoms wee smaller than 0.001 eV/Å. A mixture of blocked Davidson iteration scheme and subsequent residual minimization scheme, direct inversion in the iterative subspace (RMM-DIIS) algorithm was used for the electronic optimization. Spinorbit coupling (SOC) was not taken into account due to known self-interaction error that raises valence band maximum.⁸⁶⁻⁸⁷ This result is fortuitous, because the position of conduction and valence band edges is wrong but their difference, which makes the band gap, is close to experimental value. As a result, the combination of PBE and SOC produces a very poor match with experiment. On the other hand, hybrid functionals in combination with SOC were reported to reproduce experimental values much more accurately.⁸⁸ Hybrid calculations considering the SOC are computationally more expensive. For the relative comparison of EFG values for the step-wise structural change, GGA without SOC calculation has proven to be sufficiently accurate. EFG tensors were calculated using the PAW method as implemented in the VASP code.⁸⁹

The quadrupole parameters calculated for various structures of $CsPbBr_3$ are plotted in Supplementary Figure S12. The studied structures of $CsPbBr_3$ encompass the highly symmetric cubic perovskite structure over to orthorhombic distorted structures obtained by gradual tilting of the $PbBr_6$ octahedra.



Supplementary Figure S12 | ⁷⁹Br quadrupole and crystal structure parameters of CsPbBr₃ by DFT calculations. DFT calculations of the ⁷⁹Br quadrupole parameters [C_Q in (a) and η_Q in (b)] and the NQR resonance frequencies (c) of the bromine species in various CsPbBr₃ perovskite structures. The latter are obtained by gradual tilting of the octahedra, thereby gradually reducing the symmetry from cubic over tetragonal to orthorhombic crystal structure. The symmetry breaking in non-cubic structures leads to inequality of the bromine atoms, hence the occurrence of two bromine species. Although the calculated quadrupole parameters deviate from experimental data by about 10%, tendencies such as high sensitivity of the C_Q towards the structure of CsPbBr₃ is retained, as can be seen from the small changes in crystal lattices (d) and lead-bromide distances (e) in the different structures. The spectral resolution of NMR and NQR spectrometers are in the order of sub-Hz, much below the deviations of quadrupole parameters, which occur in the kHz-MHz range.

Supplementary Table S4. Spectra parameters of ¹²⁷I NQR signals from different CsPbI₃ materials

Experimental ¹²⁷I NQR frequencies, FWHM and T₂ relaxations of bulk γ -CsPbI₃, bulk δ -CsPbI₃ and CsPbI₃ NCs. The quadrupole interaction constants (C_Q = e²Qqh⁻¹) and the asymmetry parameter (η_Q) were calculated according to literature.⁹⁰ The background had a T₂ relaxation time of \leq 0.02 ms.

Sample	ν / MHz	FWHM / kHz	T_2 / ms	C_Q / MHz	η_Q
	-77.75	159.4	0.14	517.09	0.025
γ-CsPbI ₃	-155.34	295.8	0.13	517.90	0.025
bulk	-81.50	171.4	0.17	527 26	0 101
	-160.88	279.3	0.15	557.50	0.101
	-56.21	102.8		210.82	0.414
δ-CsPbI ₃	-92.98	81.6		517.62	0.414
bulk	-70.10	60.6		424 21	0.212
	-124.90	70.4		424.21	0.515
	-77.79	95.1	0.07	510 10	0.020
CaDhi NCa	-155.41	157.1	0.06	516.12	0.029
CSF 013 INCS	-81.42	287.8	≤ 0.02	527.01	0.100
	-160.78	165.8	≤ 0.02	557.01	0.100

Supplementary Figure S13.



Supplementary Figure S13 | ¹²⁷I NQR spectra of bulk γ -CsPbI₃ and CsPbI₃ NCs. In the case of the bulk (a), the spectrum was reconstructed from several sub-spectra (individual thin lines) at different carrier frequencies, by taking only the intensity at the carrier frequency (black points). For the NCs (b), first, the background (in blue) had to be subtracted. The background was determined by measuring with a rotor filled with glycine and fitting the intensities at the carrier frequencies. This was then used as a baseline for the fitting of the NC signals. Such procedure was not required for the bulk signal due to its much larger intensity leading to the background signal not exceeding noise level.

Supplementary Methods

Ab-initio calculations

Ab-initio calculations were performed within the CP2K program suite using the quickstep module.⁹¹ Calculations were carried out using a dual basis of localized Gaussians and planewaves,⁹² with a 300Ry plane-wave cut-off. Double-Zeta-Valence-Polarization (DZVP),⁹³ Goedecker–Teter–Hutter pseudopotentials⁹⁴ for core electrons, and the PBE exchange correlation functional were used. In all calculations, convergence to 10^{-8} in Self-Consistent Field is enforced. For the calculations on NCs, non-periodic boundary conditions in atomic coordinates and electric potential were used, through the use of a wavelet Poisson solver.⁹⁵ Geometry optimization was performed with the Quickstep module using the Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shannon (BFGS) optimizer. All atoms in were systems are relaxed using maximum force of 24 meVÅ⁻¹ as convergence criteria. For bulk calculations, Cell optimizations of the orthorhombic unit cell was performed, with convergence to 100 bar. AIMD simulations were performed in the NVT ensemble at 300K, with a 10 fs step size, using a CSVR (canonical sampling through velocity rescaling) thermostat.⁹⁶ To equilibrate the temperature and total energy, 2 ps were run with a thermostat time constant of 15 fs, after which the time constant is switched to 1 ps, and the AIMD is run for a minimum of 13 ps. The first 3 ps of the AIMD are discarded for data analysis, and trivial translation and rotation of the entire NC is removed from the atomic trajectories.⁹⁶ We note that while we include the charge compensation from the ligands in the calculations, we did not explicitly include the ligands themselves. Full charge compensation from ligands for the NC here would require 17 ligands, and given that there are 378 surface Cs atoms available for bonding, we do not expect significant deviation of the structure with the inclusion of ligands.

The four regions of the NCs (Figure 4a in the main text and Figure S10a in SI) are defined by cutting up the NC into concentric regions, where each region contains one Cs-halide and Pb-halide layer. For the Pb-halide-Pb bonding angles, the distance from the NC surface is determined from the midpoint between the Pb atoms. Note that for binning of the Pb-halide-Pb angles in the four regions, angles between Pb atoms in two different layers are grouped into the outer layer. The specific binning for the CsPbCl₃ NC presented in the main text is shown in Figure S14. The regions were identically defined for the CsPbBr₃ NC presented in the SI.



Figure S14 | **Binning of Pb-Cl-Pb angles and atom positions for the CsPbCl₃ NC presented in the main text.** A) plot of the Pb-Cl-Pb bonding angles as a function of distance from the NC surface, with dashed lines indicating binning regions used for computing the distribution of angles used in Fig. 4b and 4c of the main text. B) Plot of the distance for each atom in the NC from the NC surface. Points are randomly scattered on the vertical axis for clarity. The dashed lines represent the regions used for binning the mean-squared displacement and partial-phonon density of states in Fig. 4d and 4e of the main text.

Materials

Bulk CsPbX₃

Bulk $CsPbCl_3$ and δ - $CsPbI_3$ powders crystallized from concentrated aqueous HX (X = Cl, I) containing PbX₂ and CsX with adaptations from earlier literature.⁹⁷⁻⁹⁸ PbX₂ (5 mmol) were dissolved in 7.5 mL of concentrated aqueous HX (37% HCl or 57% HI) and then mixed with aqueous CsX (5 mmol in 1 mL of water), yielding the respective CsPbX₃ powders. The latter were washed three times with ethanol and dried under vacuum.

*Bulk CsPbBr*³ powders were obtained from finely crushed CsPbBr₃ single crystals. The latter were synthesized using the inverse temperature crystallization method as described in literature,⁹⁹ from CsBr and PbBr₂ solutions in dimethylsulfoxide, mixed with cyclohexanol and dimethylformamide.

Bulk γ -*CsPbI*³ was synthesized by heating δ -CsPbI₃ to 600 K and quenching by rapidly cooling to RT, following the procedure from Sutton *et al.*¹¹ The black powder still contained δ -CsPbI₃ impurities according to powder X-ray diffraction (XRD).

CsPbX₃NCs

 $CsPbCl_3$ and $CsPbBr_3 NCs$ were synthesized using the hot-injection method of Krieg *et al.*,¹⁰⁰ using zwitterionic capping ligands and with metal oleates as precursors. Lead(II)-oleate, cesium-oleate and the C₃-sulfobetaine (ligand) were mixed in octadecene and heated to 150 °C (for chloride) or 130 °C (for bromide). At these temperatures, TOPX₂ (X = Cl, Br; a halide source) was injected via syringe and the reaction mixture was quickly cooled to RT. Purification and size-selection was performed by repeated dissolution/precipitation with toluene and ethylacetate, respectively, as a solvent and antisolvent.

*CsPbI*₃ *NCs* were prepared by reacting PbI₂ with cesium-oleate using, in the presence of oleic acid and oleylamine as capping ligands, as described by Protesescu *et al.*¹⁰¹ Cesium-oleate was injected to a hot PbI₂-ligand solution in octadecene (170 °C) and quickly cooled to RT. Purification and size-selection was performed by repeated dissolution/precipitation with hexane and methylacetate.

The quality of NCs was confirmed by the optical absorption and photoluminescence spectroscopies, powder XRD (not shown) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM, Supplementary Fig. S15)



Figure S15 | HAADF-STEM image of CsPbCl₃ NCs and TEM images of CsPbX₃ NCs (X = Cl, Br, I). These NCs exhibit mean edge length of 8.5 nm, 13 nm and 8 nm, respectively. The STEM image was recorded with a high-angle annular dark field (HAADF) detector on an aberration-corrected HD2700CS microscope (Hitachi) at an acceleration voltage $V_{acc} = 200 \text{ kV}$. The TEM images were recorded on a Hitachi HT7700 microscope operating at 100 kV or on a JEOL JEM-1400 Plus microscope operated at 120 kV.

Experimental details about NMR and NQR experiments

Figure 3a: ³⁵Cl NMR spectra of CsPbCl₃ NCs and bulk CsPbCl₃

Powders of $CsPbCl_3 NCs$ and bulk $CsPbCl_3$ were ground with a mortar when necessary and packed into 3.2 mm sapphire rotors.

A WURST-CPMG pulse sequence as described by O'Dell and Schurko¹⁰² was used to acquire subspectra at different frequency offsets. The individual echoes of the sub-spectra were apodised with a \cos^2 -function and summed before Fourier transformation (FT). From the superposition of all processed sub-spectra in magnitude mode, the skyline was taken to yield the complete signal of a CsPbCl₃ material at a certain temperature. The sample was left in the probe head when changing the temperature from one experiment to another to avoid metastable phases.

Acquisition parameters for ³⁵Cl NMR WURST-CPMG sub-spectra of CsPbCl₃ NCs

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Magnetic field	14.1 T
Larmor frequency (MHz)	58.7894
Temperature (K)	100, 150, 200, 250, 273
Rotor diameter (mm)	3.2
Pulse Sequence	WURST-CPMG
Number of scans	384, 2048, 24576, 65536, 327680
frequency offset (ppm/kHz)	0/0, -2501/-147.0, -5003/-294.1
Recycle delay (s)	5.0, 1.0, 0.5, 0.1, 0.05
Spectral width (kHz)	1500
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0
Acquisition length (number of points)	24972
echo delay (µs)	111
number of echoes	30
WURST pulse type	WURST-80 ³⁷
WURST pulse length (µs)	50
Numb. of points in WURST pulse	1000
Excitation width	1 MHz
Sweeping direction	Low to high frequency

Acquisition parameters for ³⁵Cl NMR WURST-CPMG sub-spectra of bulk CsPbCl₃

Magnetic field	14.1 T
Larmor frequency (MHz)	58.7894
Temperature (K)	100, 150, 200, 250, 273
Rotor diameter (mm)	3.2
Pulse Sequence	WURST-CPMG
Number of scans	64, 64, 128, 512,1024
frequency offset (ppm/kHz)	0/0, -2501/-147.0, -5003/-294.1
Recycle delay (s)	10.0, 5.0, 2.0, 0.5,0.5

Spectral width (kHz)	1500
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0
Acquisition length (number of points)	24972
echo delay (µs)	111
number of echoes	30
WURST pulse type	WURST-80 ³⁷
WURST pulse length (µs)	50
Numb. of points in WURST pulse	1000
Excitation width	1 MHz
Sweeping direction	Low to high frequency

Figure 3b and 3c: ³⁵Cl NMR T₁- and T₂-times of CsPbCl₃ NCs and bulk CsPbCl₃

Powders of $CsPbCl_3 NCs$ and bulk $CsPbCl_3$ were ground with a mortar when necessary and packed into 3.2 mm sapphire rotors.

³⁵Cl NMR T₁ time constants were obtained by fitting the integral of processed WURST-CPMG acquired with different recovery delays using the following mono-exponential function:

Integral(
$$\tau$$
) = $c_1 \left(1 - e^{-\tau/T_1} \right) + c_2$

Next to T_1 , a scaling factor c_1 and an offset c_2 were optimized in order to fit experimental data. Integral(τ) is the integral of the processed spectrum at the recovery delay time τ . Spectra were processed in a similar way as for Figure 3a, except for using only one sub-spectrum per temperature for reasons of experimental time expenses. As pulse sequence for the spectra acquired at different recovery delay times τ a WURST-CPMG sequence as described by O'Dell and Schurko¹⁰² was used. The individual echoes of the spectra were apodised with a cos²-function and summed before FT. Integration was done on the magnitude mode spectra. The experiments were performed on the same samples as in Figure 3a and were conducted right before the acquisition of the spectrum in Figure 3a of the corresponding temperature.

Acquisition parameters for ³⁵ Cl NMR T	¹ Experiments on CsPbCl ₃ NCs
Magnetic field	14.1 T
Larmor frequency (MHz)	58.7894
Temperature (K)	100, 150, 200, 250, 273, 295
Rotor diameter (mm)	3.2
Pulse Sequence	WURST-CPMG
Number of scans	256 - 5696
frequency offset (ppm/kHz)	-2501/-147.0
Recycle delay (s)	0.1 - 5.0
Spectral width (kHz)	1500

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Spinning frequency (Hz)	0
Acquisition length (number of points)	24972
echo delay (µs)	111
number of echoes	30
WURST pulse type	WURST-80 ³⁷
WURST pulse length (µs)	50
Numb. of points in WURST pulse	1000
Excitation width	1 MHz
Sweeping direction	Low to high frequency

Acquisition parameters	for ³⁵ Cl NMR T ₁	experiments on bul	k CsPbCl ₃
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Magnetic field	14.1 T
Larmor frequency (MHz)	58.7894
Temperature (K)	100, 150, 200, 250, 273
Rotor diameter (mm)	3.2
Pulse Sequence	WURST-CPMG
Number of scans	64 - 521
frequency offset (ppm/kHz)	-2501/-147.0
Recycle delay (s)	0.1 - 5.0
Spectral width (kHz)	1500
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0
Acquisition length (number of points)	24972
echo delay (µs)	111
number of echoes	30
WURST pulse type	WURST-80 ³⁷
WURST pulse length (µs)	50
Numb. of points in WURST pulse	1000
Excitation width	1 MHz
Sweeping direction	Low to high frequency

 35 Cl NMR T₂-time constants were obtained by fitting the integral of the higher horn in the spectra of the individual echoes of the CPMG echo-train. Only the most intense parts were used for better signal-to-noise and hence more precise fit results as only a qualitative interpretation is aspired for. Fits of the right horn yielded comparable T₂-time constants. The following monoexponential function was used for the fit:

$$Integral(\tau) = c_1 e^{-\tau/T_2} + c_2$$

Next to T_2 , a scaling factor c_1 and an offset c_2 were optimized in order to fit experimental data. Integral(τ) is the integral of the echo appearing at time τ in the FID. Similar as to the T_1 -time measurements, only one sub-spectrum was used for every temperature for reasons of experimental time expenses. As pulse sequence for the spectra acquired at every temperature, a WURST-CPMG sequence as described by

O'Dell and Schurko¹⁰² was used. The FID was segmented into the individual echoes generated by the CPMG sequence. Each echo was then Fourier transformed, set to magnitude mode and integrated separately.

Acquisition parameters for "CI NVIK I	² experiments on CSP DCI ₃ NCS
Magnetic field	14.1 T
Larmor frequency (MHz)	58.7894
Temperature (K)	100, 150, 200, 250, 273, 295
Rotor diameter (mm)	3.2
Pulse Sequence	WURST-CPMG
Number of scans	384 - 327680
frequency offset (ppm/kHz)	-2501/-147.0
Recycle delay (s)	0.05 - 5.0
Spectral width (kHz)	1500
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0
Acquisition length (number of points)	24972
echo delay (μs)	111
number of echoes	30
WURST pulse type	WURST-80 ³⁷
WURST pulse length (µs)	50
Numb. of points in WURST pulse	1000
Excitation width	1 MHz
Sweeping direction	Low to high frequency

Acquisition	parameters fo	or ³⁵ Cl NMR	T ₂ experiments	on CsPbCl ₃ NCs
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Acquisition parameters for ³⁵Cl NMR T₂ experiments on bulk CsPbCl₃

Magnetic field	14.1 T
Larmor frequency (MHz)	58.7894
Temperature (K)	100, 150, 200, 250, 273
Rotor diameter (mm)	3.2
Pulse Sequence	WURST-CPMG
Number of scans	242 - 8192
frequency offset (ppm/kHz)	0/0,
Recycle delay (s)	0.5 - 10.0
Spectral width (kHz)	1500
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0
Acquisition length (number of points)	979692
echo delay (µs)	111
number of echoes	1200
WURST pulse type	WURST-80 ³⁷
WURST pulse length (µs)	50
Numb. of points in WURST pulse	1000
Excitation width	1 MHz
Sweeping direction	Low to high frequency

Figure 5a: ⁷⁹Br NMR of bulk CsPbBr₃

Bulk CsPbBr₃ single crystals were ground with a mortar to be packed into a 4 mm zirconia rotor for the NMR experiment and into a 3.2 mm sapphire rotor for the NQR experiment.

For the acquisition of the ⁷⁹Br NMR signal of bulk CsPbBr₃, a WURST-CPMG pulse sequence as described by O'Dell and Schurko¹⁰² was used to acquire 41 sub-spectra at different frequency offsets, under static conditions and at RT. The difference in frequency between offsets was chosen to be a multiple of the inverse of the echo delay in order for the spikelet of the FT sub-spectra to overlap. Subspectra were truncated after 1212 points and the 3 remaining echoes were apodized individually with a cos²-function. After reconstruction and zero-filling up to the initial acquisition length the FID the subspectra were FT and superposed to take the skyline spectrum.

Acquisition parameters for "Br NNIK WUK	SI-CPNIG sub-spectra of bulk CSPbBr ₃
Magnetic field	16.4 T
Larmor frequency (MHz)	175.4104
Temperature	RT
Rotor diameter (mm)	4
Pulse Sequence	WURST-CPMG
Number of scans	8192
frequency offset (ppm/kHz)	45607.3/800052448.4/-9200
Recycle delay (s)	0.1
Spectral width (kHz)	2000
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0
Acquisition length (number of points)	53248
echo delay (µs)	75
number of echoes	64
WURST pulse type	WURST-80 ³⁷
WURST pulse length (µs)	50
Numb. of points in WURST pulse	1000
Excitation width	1 MHz
Sweeping direction	Low to high frequency

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Figure 5b: NQR spectra of bulk and nanocrystalline CsPbBr₃

Powders of bulk and nanocrystalline CsPbBr₃ were ground with a mortar to be filled into a Teflon® tube of 2 mm diameter, which was closed on both sides with home-made Teflon®-plugs.

Due to the narrow detection width of the probe several sub-spectra had to be acquired to sample the complete signal width. The sub-spectra were acquired with a conventional Hahn echo pulse sequence. Pulse ringing and excess noise were truncated for every echo, and the FIDs were Fourier transformed and phased. Phasing of the spectra was facilitated by the collection of full echoes. From the superposition of all sub-spectra the complete spectrum was generated by taking the skyline.

Acquisition parameters for ⁷⁹ Br NQR spectra of bulk CsPbBr ₃		
Magnetic field	0 T	
Temperature	90 K, 200 K 298 K	
Sample diameter (mm)	2	
Pulse Sequence	Hahn echo	
Number of scans	1024	
Carrier frequency (MHz)	66.80 - 67.35	
Recycle delay (ms)	50	
Spectral width (kHz)	20'000	
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0	
Acquisition length (number of points)	8192	
echo delay (µs)	10	
90° pulse length (µs)	6.5	

Acquisition parameters for ⁷⁹ Br NQR spec	ctra of CsPbBr ₃ NCs
Magnetic field	0 T
Temperature	90 K
Sample diameter (mm)	2
Pulse Sequence	Hahn echo
Number of scans	10'000
Carrier frequency (MHz)	66.53 - 67.555
Recycle delay (ms)	40
Spectral width (kHz)	20'000
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0
Acquisition length (number of points)	8192
echo delay (μs)	10
90° pulse length (μ s)	6.5

Figure 5c and d: T₁- and T₂-times of bulk CsPbBr₃

Bulk CsPbBr₃ single crystals were ground with a mortar to be packed into a 3.2 mm sapphire rotor for T_2 -time measurements. For the T_1 -time measurements the same powder was filled into a Teflon® tube of 2 mm diameter, which was closed on both sides with home-made Teflon®-plugs.

⁷⁹Br NQR T₁ time constants were obtained by fitting the integral of processed Hahn echoes acquired after a saturating pulse train with different recovery delays using the following mono-exponential function:

Integral(
$$\tau$$
) = $c_1 \left(1 - e^{-\tau/T_1} \right) + c_2$

Next to T_1 , a scaling factor c_1 and an offset c_2 were optimized in order to fit experimental data. Integral(τ) is the integral of the processed spectrum at the recovery delay time τ . Before integration of the signal, pulse ringing and excess noise were truncated, and the FIDs were Fourier transformed and phased. Phasing of the spectra was facilitated by the collection of full echoes.

Acquisition parameters for "Br NQR I_1 Ex	xperiments on bulk CsPbBr ₃
Magnetic field	0 T
Temperature (K)	90, 120, 200, 250, 273, 295
Sample diameter (mm)	2
Pulse Sequence	Satrec-Hahn echo
Number of scans	128 - 256
Carrier frequency (MHz)	66.80 - 70.36
Recycle delay (ms)	0.005 - 2'621.4
Spectral width (kHz)	25'000
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0
Acquisition length (number of points)	4096
echo delay (μs)	50
90° pulse length (µs)	6
180° pulse length for inversion pulse (µs)	12

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⁷⁹Br NQR T₂ time constants were obtained by fitting the integral of the individual echoes from the QCPMG echo-train using the following mono-exponential function:

$$Integral(\tau) = c_1 e^{-\tau/T_2} + c_2$$

Next to T_2 , a scaling factor c_1 and an offset c_2 were optimized in order to fit experimental data. Integral(τ) is the integral of the echo appearing at time τ in the FID. A conventional QCPMG pulse sequence was used as provided by Bruker. The FIDs were segmented into the individual echoes generated by the QCPMG echo-train. Each echo was then Fourier transformed, set to magnitude mode and integrated separately.

Acquisition parameters for ⁷⁹Br NQR T₂ Experiments on bulk CsPbBr₃

Magnetic field	0 T
Temperature (K)	100, 150, 200, 250, 295
Rotor diameter (mm)	3.2
Pulse Sequence	QCPMG
Number of scans	4096
Carrier frequency (MHz)	66.8000 - 70.1322
Recycle delay (s)	0.05
Spectral width (kHz)	1250
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0
Acquisition length (number of points)	2048
echo delay (µs)	20, 110
90° pulse length (µs)	2.75

Figure 6: ¹²⁷I NQR spectrum of CsPbI₃ NCs and bulk CsPbI₃

All CsPbI₃ samples were handled in a glovebox. Bulk CsPbI₃ powder was packed as synthesized into a 4 mm sapphire rotor. NCs were dried under vacuum and packed as a powder into the rotor. Background spectra were acquired using a sapphire rotor filled with glycine.

For the acquisition of the ¹²⁷I NQR lines of bulk $CsPbI_3$ the conventional Hahn echo pulse sequence was used as provided by Bruker. Pulse ringing and excess noise were truncated and replaced by zero filling. Phasing of the spectra was facilitated by the collection of full echoes.

Acquisition parameters for ¹²⁷ I NQR spectra on bulk CsPbI ₃		
Magnetic field	0 T	
Temperature	RT	
Rotor diameter (mm)	4	
Pulse Sequence	Hahn echo	
Number of scans	16384	
Carrier frequency (MHz)	77.4 - 81.8, 150.0 - 161.5	
Recycle delay (s)	0.001	
Spectral width (kHz)	1250	
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0	
Acquisition length (number of points)	2048	
echo delay (μs)	150	
90° pulse length (μs)	4.25	

Acquisition parameters for ¹²⁷ I NQR spectra on CsPbI ₃ NCs		
Magnetic field	0 T	
Temperature	RT	
Rotor diameter (mm)	4	
Pulse Sequence	Hahn echo	
Number of scans	16384	
Carrier frequency (MHz)	77.45 - 81.8, 155.1 - 161.2	
Recycle delay (s)	0.001	
Spectral width (kHz)	1250	
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0	
Acquisition length (number of points)	2048	
echo delay (μs)	138	
90° pulse length (µs)	4.25	

 127 I NQR T₂ time constants were obtained by fitting the integral of the individual echoes from the QCPMG echo-train using the following mono-exponential function:

$$Integral(\tau) = c_1 e^{-\tau/T_2} + c_2$$

Next to T_2 , a scaling factor c_1 and an offset c_2 were optimized in order to fit experimental data. Integral(τ) is the integral of the echo appearing at time τ in the FID. A conventional CPMG pulse sequence was used as provided by Bruker. The FIDs were segmented into the individual echoes generated by the CPMG echotrain. Each echo was then Fourier transformed, set to magnitude mode and integrated separately.

Acquisition parameters for ²² I NQR 1 ₂ Experiments on bulk CsPb1 ₃ and background		
Magnetic field	0 T	
Temperature (K)	295	
Rotor diameter (mm)	4	
Pulse Sequence	CPMG	
Number of scans	87k - 2M	
Carrier frequency (MHz)	77.75, 155.400, 160.875	
Recycle delay (s)	0.005	
Spectral width (kHz)	1000000	
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0	
Acquisition length (number of points)	8592	
echo delay (μs)	40	
90° pulse length (µs)	4.25	

Acquisition parameters for ¹²⁷ I NOR T	2 Experiments on bulk	CsPbI ₃ and background
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Acquisition para	meters for ¹²⁷ I NO)R T₂ Experiments	on CsPbI ₃ NCs
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Magnetic field	0 T
Temperature (K)	295
Rotor diameter (mm)	4
Pulse Sequence	CPMG
Number of scans	4M
Carrier frequency (MHz)	77.75, 81.85, 155.375, 160.875
Recycle delay (s)	0.005
Spectral width (kHz)	1000000
Spinning frequency (Hz)	0
Acquisition length (number of	f points) 8592
echo delay (µs)	40
90° pulse length (µs)	4.25

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