

# Supporting Information

## ELUCIDATING THE METHYLAMMONIUM (MA) CONFORMATION IN MAPbBr<sub>3</sub> PEROVSKITE WITH APPLICATION IN SOLAR CELLS

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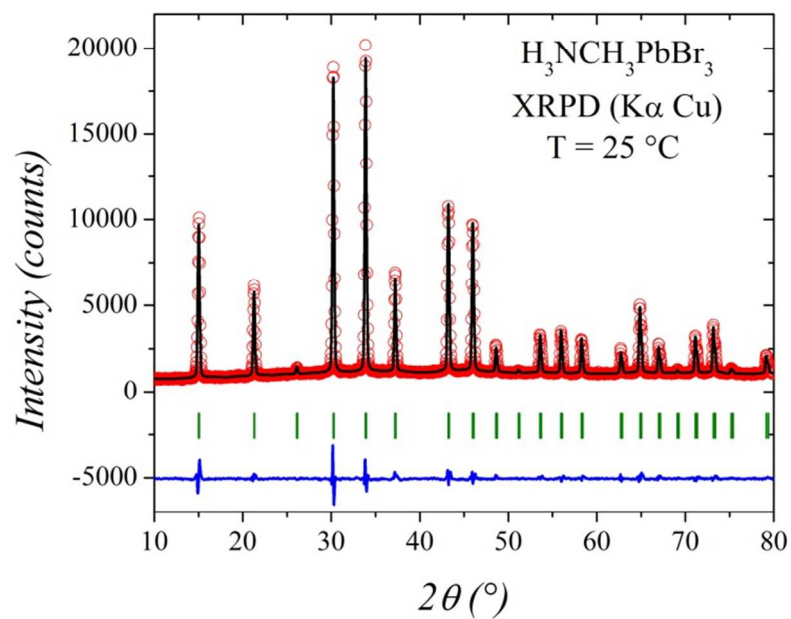
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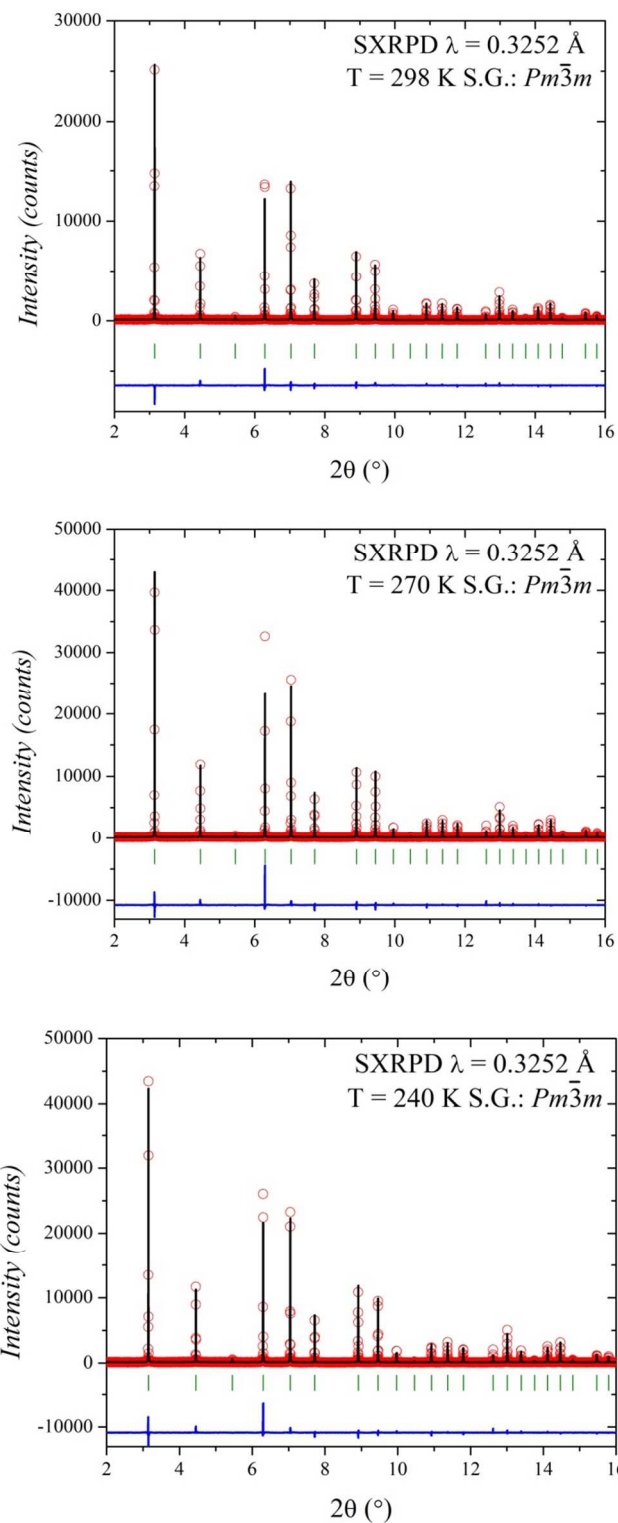
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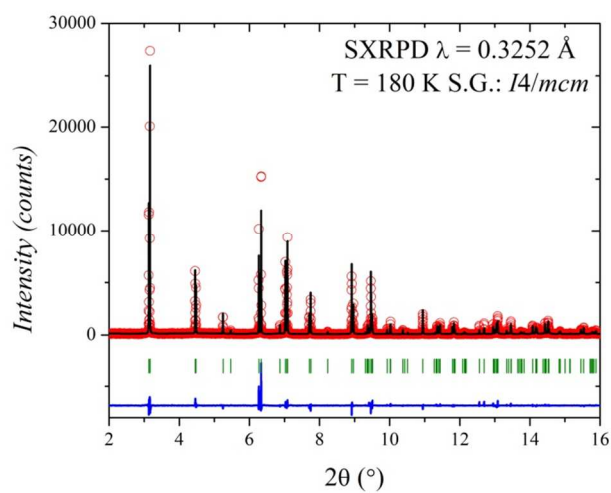
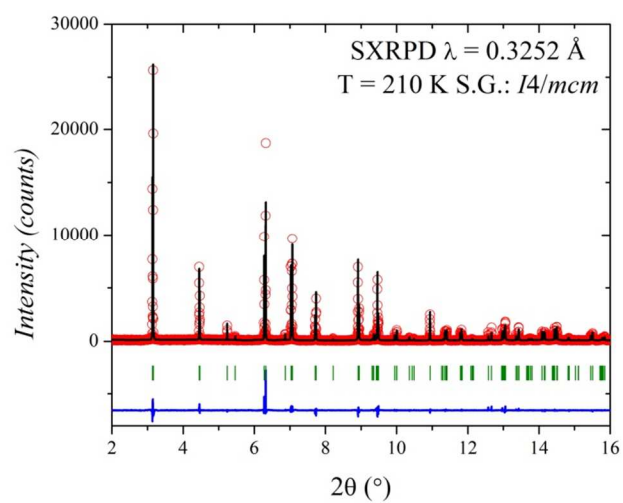
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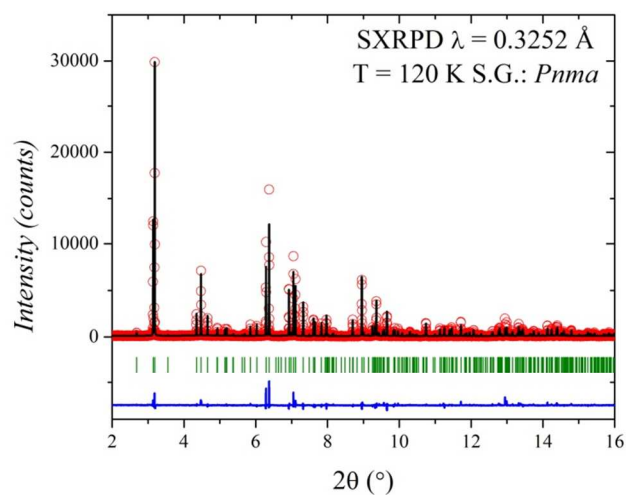
**Figure S1.** Observed (red circles), calculated (black line) and difference (blue line) laboratory X-ray diffraction pattern, at room temperature, refined in the cubic system, space group  $Pm\bar{3}m$  using the Le Bail method.



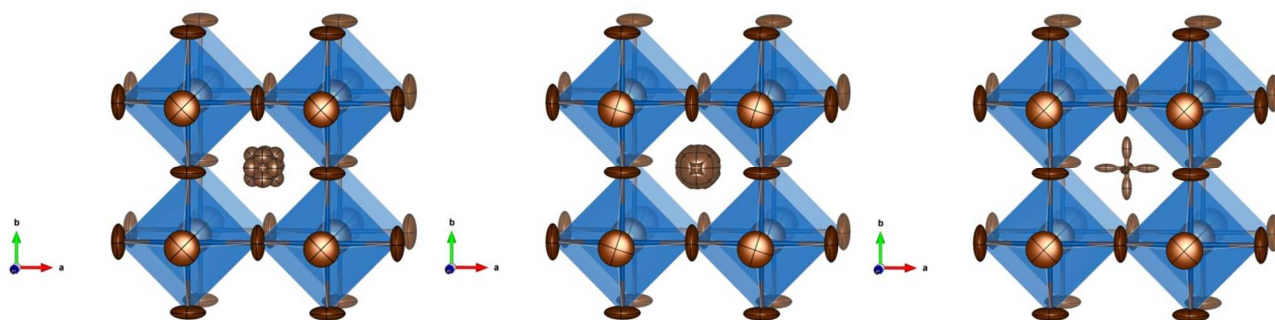
**Figure S2.** Observed (red circles), calculated (black line) and difference (blue line) synchrotron X-ray diffraction patterns at 298, 270 and 240 K, refined in the cubic system, space group  $Pm\bar{3}m$ .



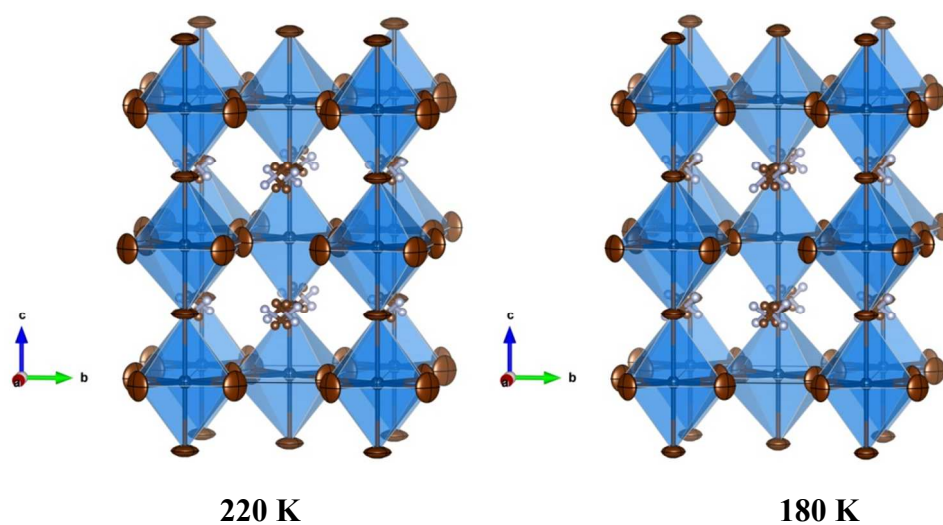
**Figure S3.** Observed (red circles), calculated (black line) and difference (blue line) synchrotron X-ray diffraction patterns at 210 and 180 K, refined in the tetragonal system, space group  $I4/mcm$ .



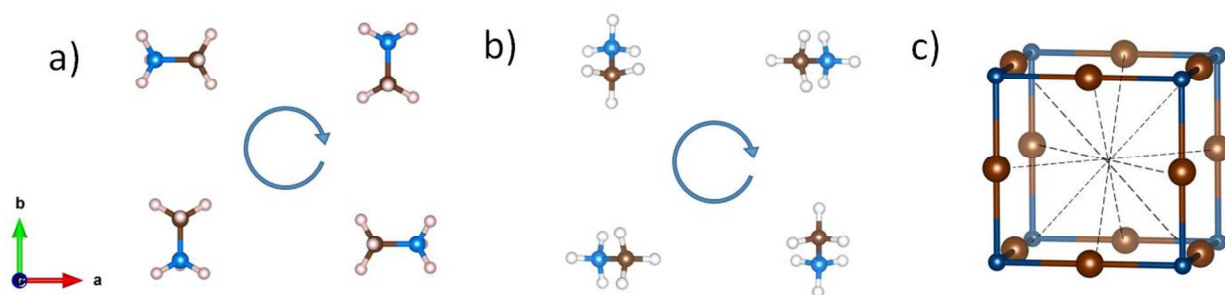
**Figure S4.** Observed (red circles), calculated (black line) and difference (blue line) synchrotron X-ray diffraction patterns at 120 K in the orthorhombic system, space group *Pnma*.



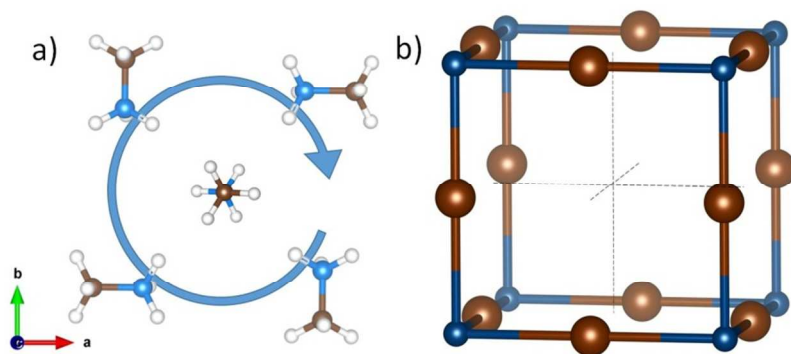
**Figure S5.** Thermal evolution of the crystal structure in the cubic system (at 298, 270 and 240 K, from left to right), where the main change is due to methylammonium orientation.



**Figure S6.** Crystal structures in the tetragonal system at 220 and 180 K.



**Figure S7.** Schematic view of different orientations of MA contained in a) (001) plane and b) at 45° of (100) plane at room temperature, deduced from NPD at RT. The dashed lines in c) indicate the directions [110] that contain the MA figures in a) and b).



**Figure S8.** a) Schematic view of different orientations of MA at 240 K deduced from SXRPD.

The dashed lines in c) indicate the [100] directions that contain the MA figures in a).

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for MAPbBr<sub>3</sub> from SXRPD data at room temperature (298 K).System: cubic, Space group:  $Pm\bar{3}m$ ,  $a = 5.93076(2)$  Å.

| Atom | x   | y       | z       | U <sub>iso</sub> */U <sub>eq</sub> | Occ    |
|------|-----|---------|---------|------------------------------------|--------|
| Pb   | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0.0236(5)                          | 1      |
| Br   | 0.5 | 0       | 0       | 0.098(2)                           | 1      |
| C    | 0.5 | 0.42(1) | 0.42(1) | 0.03(5)                            | 0.0833 |
| N    | 0.5 | 0.42(1) | 0.42(1) | 0.03(5)                            | 0.0833 |

R<sub>p</sub>: 12.3%; R<sub>wp</sub>: 16.2%; R<sub>exp</sub>: 14.2%;  $\chi^2$ : 2.1; R<sub>Bragg</sub>: 7.7%

|           | U <sup>11</sup> | U <sup>22</sup> | U <sup>33</sup> | U <sup>12</sup> | U <sup>13</sup> | U <sup>23</sup> |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Pb</b> | 0.0236(5)       | 0.0236(5)       | 0.0236(5)       | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Br</b> | 0.021(2)        | 0.136(3)        | 0.136(3)        | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>C</b>  | 0.04(9)         | 0.03(3)         | 0.03(3)         | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00(3)         |
| <b>N</b>  | 0.04(9)         | 0.03(3)         | 0.03(3)         | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00(3)         |

**Table S2.** Crystallographic data for MAPbBr<sub>3</sub> from SXRPD data at 270 K. System: cubic, Space group:  $Pm\bar{3}m$ ,  $a = 5.92382(3)$  Å.

|           | x   | y        | z        | U <sub>iso</sub> */U <sub>eq</sub> | Occ    |
|-----------|-----|----------|----------|------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Pb</b> | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0.0220(4)                          | 1      |
| <b>Br</b> | 0.5 | 0        | 0        | 0.102(2)                           | 1      |
| <b>C</b>  | 0.5 | 0.404(3) | 0.404(3) | 0.0431(8)                          | 0.0833 |
| <b>N</b>  | 0.5 | 0.404(3) | 0.404(3) | 0.0431(8)                          | 0.0833 |

R<sub>p</sub>: 11.5%; R<sub>wp</sub>: 15.0%; R<sub>exp</sub>: 11.3%;  $\chi^2$ : 2.6; R<sub>Bragg</sub>: 5.7%

|           | U <sup>11</sup> | U <sup>22</sup> | U <sup>33</sup> | U <sup>12</sup> | U <sup>13</sup> | U <sup>23</sup> |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Pb</b> | 0.0220(4)       | 0.0220(4)       | 0.0220(4)       | 0.00000         | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |
| <b>Br</b> | 0.0200(2)       | 0.143(2)        | 0.143(2)        | 0.00000         | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |
| <b>C</b>  | 0.062(2)        | 0.0337(4)       | 0.0337(4)       | 0.00000         | 0.00000         | -0.03(2)        |
| <b>N</b>  | 0.062(2)        | 0.0337(4)       | 0.0337(4)       | 0.00000         | 0.00000         | -0.03(2)        |

**Table S3.** Crystallographic data for MAPbBr<sub>3</sub> from SXRPD data at 240 K. System: cubic, Space group:  $Pm\bar{3}m$ , a = 5.91685(3) Å.

|                                                                                                                            | x               | y               | z               | U <sub>iso</sub> */U <sub>eq</sub> | Occ             |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Pb</b>                                                                                                                  | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0.0205(4)                          | 1               |                 |
| <b>Br</b>                                                                                                                  | 0.5             | 0               | 0               | 0.102 (2)                          | 1               |                 |
| <b>C</b>                                                                                                                   | 0.355(5)        | 0.5             | 0.5             | 0.03(2)                            | 0.16667         |                 |
| <b>N</b>                                                                                                                   | 0.355(5)        | 0.5             | 0.5             | 0.03(2)                            | 0.16667         |                 |
| R <sub>p</sub> : 11.4%; R <sub>wp</sub> : 14.6%; R <sub>exp</sub> : 11.2%; χ <sup>2</sup> : 2.5; R <sub>Bragg</sub> : 5.4% |                 |                 |                 |                                    |                 |                 |
|                                                                                                                            | U <sup>11</sup> | U <sup>22</sup> | U <sup>33</sup> | U <sup>12</sup>                    | U <sup>13</sup> | U <sup>23</sup> |
| <b>Pb</b>                                                                                                                  | 0.0205(4)       | 0.0205(4)       | 0.0205(4)       | 0.00000                            | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |
| <b>Br</b>                                                                                                                  | 0.020(2)        | 0.143 (2)       | 0.143(2)        | 0.00000                            | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |
| <b>C</b>                                                                                                                   | 0.06(2)         | 0.01(1)         | 0.01(1)         | 0.00000                            | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |
| <b>N</b>                                                                                                                   | 0.06(2)         | 0.01(1)         | 0.01(1)         | 0.00000                            | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |

**Table S4.** Crystallographic data for MAPbBr<sub>3</sub> from SXRPD data at 210 K. System: tetragonal, Space group: I4/mcm, a = 8.33828(3), 11.8750(1) Å and V = 825.63(1) Å<sup>3</sup>.

|                                                                                                                      | x               | y               | z               | U <sub>iso</sub> */U <sub>eq</sub> | Occ             |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Pb</b>                                                                                                            | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.0186(6)                          | 1               |                 |
| <b>Br1</b>                                                                                                           | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.25            | 0.064(3)                           | 1               |                 |
| <b>Br2</b>                                                                                                           | 0.2791(3)       | 0.7791(3)       | 0.00            | 0.073(2)                           | 1               |                 |
| <b>N</b>                                                                                                             | 0.578(4)        | 0.078(4)        | 0.274(6)        | 0.05(3)*                           | 0.25            |                 |
| <b>C</b>                                                                                                             | 0.471(5)        | −0.029(5)       | 0.209(5)        | 0.04(3)*                           | 0.25            |                 |
| R <sub>p</sub> : 11.6%; R <sub>wp</sub> : 15.0%; R <sub>exp</sub> : 12.1%; $\chi^2$ : 2.1; R <sub>Bragg</sub> : 6.7% |                 |                 |                 |                                    |                 |                 |
|                                                                                                                      | U <sup>11</sup> | U <sup>22</sup> | U <sup>33</sup> | U <sup>12</sup>                    | U <sup>13</sup> | U <sup>23</sup> |
| <b>Pb</b>                                                                                                            | 0.0181(5)       | 0.0181(5)       | 0.0196(9)       | 0.00000                            | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |
| <b>Br1</b>                                                                                                           | 0.088(3)        | 0.088(3)        | 0.015(3)        | 0.00000                            | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |
| <b>Br2</b>                                                                                                           | 0.059(2)        | 0.059(2)        | 0.101(3)        | 0.045(2)                           | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |

**Table S5.** Crystallographic data for MAPbBr<sub>3</sub> from SXRPD data at 180 K. System: tetragonal, Space group: I4/mcm, a = 8.31933(6), b = 11.8909(1) Å and V = 822.98(1) Å<sup>3</sup>.

|            | x         | y         | z        | U <sub>iso</sub> */U <sub>eq</sub> | Occ  |
|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------------------------------|------|
| <b>Pb</b>  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0.0161(6)                          | 1    |
| <b>Br1</b> | 0         | 0         | 0.25     | 0.049(2)                           | 1    |
| <b>Br2</b> | 0.2858(3) | 0.7858(3) | 0        | 0.059(2)                           | 1    |
| <b>N</b>   | 0.577(4)  | 0.077(4)  | 0.287(5) | 0.02(2)*                           | 0.25 |
| <b>C</b>   | 0.471(5)  | -0.029(5) | 0.218(6) | 0.05(3)*                           | 0.25 |

R<sub>p</sub>: 12.0%; R<sub>wp</sub>: 15.4%; R<sub>exp</sub>: 12.0%;  $\chi^2$ : 2.1; R<sub>Bragg</sub>: 6.9%

|            | U <sup>11</sup> | U <sup>22</sup> | U <sup>33</sup> | U <sup>12</sup> | U <sup>13</sup> | U <sup>23</sup> |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Pb</b>  | 0.0151(5)       | 0.0151(5)       | 0.0179(9)       | 0.00000         | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |
| <b>Br1</b> | 0.065(2)        | 0.065(2)        | 0.017(3)        | 0.00000         | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |
| <b>Br2</b> | 0.048(2)        | 0.048(2)        | 0.080(3)        | 0.034(2)        | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |

**Table S6.** Crystallographic data for MAPbBr<sub>3</sub> from SXRPD data at 120 K. System: orthorhombic, Space group: *Pnma*, a = 7.99820(6), b = 11.85699(8) Å, c = 8.57117(6) Å and V = 812.84(1) Å<sup>3</sup>.

|            | x         | y         | z         | U <sub>iso</sub> */U <sub>eq</sub> | Occ |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Pb</b>  | 0         | 0         | 0.5       | 0.0083(7)                          | 1   |
| <b>Br1</b> | 0.9694(6) | 0.25      | 0.4871(8) | 0.019(3)                           | 1   |
| <b>Br2</b> | 0.2927(3) | 0.0267(2) | 0.7103(3) | 0.022(2)                           | 1   |
| <b>N</b>   | 0.560(5)  | 0.25      | 0.594(5)  | 0.02533*                           | 1   |
| <b>C</b>   | 0.476(4)  | 0.25      | 0.429(4)  | 0.02533*                           | 1   |

R<sub>p</sub>: 12.0%; R<sub>wp</sub>: 15.4%; R<sub>exp</sub>: 12.0%;  $\chi^2$ : 1.8; R<sub>Bragg</sub>: 7.9%

|            | U <sup>11</sup> | U <sup>22</sup> | U <sup>33</sup> | U <sup>12</sup> | U <sup>13</sup> | U <sup>23</sup> |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Pb</b>  | 0.0156(7)       | 0.0041(7)       | 0.0051(7)       | -0.000(1)       | 0.000(1)        | 0.001(1)        |
| <b>Br1</b> | 0.039(4)        | 0.002(2)        | 0.016(3)        | 0.00000         | 0.003(3)        | 0.00000         |
| <b>Br2</b> | 0.027(2)        | 0.023(2)        | 0.018(2)        | -0.003(2)       | -0.010(2)       | 0.004(2)        |

**Table S7.** Crystallographic data for MAPbBr<sub>3</sub> from NPD data at room temperature (298 K).System: cubic, Space group:  $Pm\bar{3}m$ , a = 5.9259(4) Å.

|                                                                                                                   |     | x               | y               | z               | Uiso*/Ueq       | Occ.            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Pb</b>                                                                                                         | 1a  | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0.025(2)        | 1               |
| <b>Br</b>                                                                                                         | 3d  | 0.5             | 0               | 0               | 0.098(5)        | 1               |
| <b>C</b>                                                                                                          | 24i | 0.5             | 0.407(2)        | 0.407(2)        | 0.039(7)        | 0.08333         |
| <b>N</b>                                                                                                          | 24i | 0.5             | 0.407(2)        | 0.407(2)        | 0.039(7)        | 0.08333         |
| <b>H1</b>                                                                                                         | 24l | 0.5             | 0.414(9)        | 0.247(9)        | 0.06(1)*        | 0.08333         |
| <b>H2</b>                                                                                                         | 48n | 0.326(3)        | 0.326(3)        | 0.448(4)        | 0.06(1)*        | 0.16667         |
| R <sub>p</sub> : 1.3%; R <sub>wp</sub> : 1.6%; R <sub>exp</sub> : 1.7%; $\chi^2$ : 1.1; R <sub>Bragg</sub> : 3.9% |     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|                                                                                                                   |     | U <sup>11</sup> | U <sup>22</sup> | U <sup>33</sup> | U <sup>12</sup> | U <sup>13</sup> |
| <b>Pb</b>                                                                                                         |     | 0.025(2)        | 0.025(2)        | 0.025(2)        | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |
| <b>Br</b>                                                                                                         |     | 0.018(5)        | 0.138(5)        | 0.138(5)        | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |
| <b>C</b>                                                                                                          |     | 0.004(8)        | 0.057(7)        | 0.057(7)        | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |
| <b>N</b>                                                                                                          |     | 0.004(8)        | 0.057(7)        | 0.057(7)        | 0.00000         | 0.00000         |