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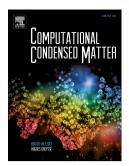
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#### Abstract

The structural, elastic, thermodynamic, and electronic properties of cubic perovskite BaHfO<sub>3</sub> are calculated by means of the full-potential linearized augmented plane wave (FP-LAPW) method and the quasi-harmonic Debye model. Accurate structural and elastic parameters are obtained by using the GGA-PBEsol scheme of the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) to describe the exchange-correlation potential. BaHfO<sub>3</sub> is found brittle, mechanically stable, and elastically anisotropic, with a predominance of directional bonding. First predictions of the Grüneisen parameter, the specific heat at constant volume, the isothermal bulk modulus, and the adiabatic bulk modulus are given. BaHfO<sub>3</sub> has high thermal expansion coefficient. The effects of pressure and temperature on the thermodynamic parameters are also investigated. The electronic properties are calculated using the Tran-Blaha modified Becke-Johnson (TB-mBJ) exchange-correlation potential. BaHfO<sub>3</sub> has an indirect band gap R- $\Gamma$  of 5.66 eV. The top of the valence band is due essentially to O 2p states while the bottom of the conduction band results mainly from Ba d and Hf d t2g states. The Hf-O bonds have an iono-covalent character while the Ba-O bonds are ionic.

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