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## Supplementary Information for On the Adsorption Mechanism of Caffeine on MAPbI $_3$ Perovskite Surfaces: A Combined UMC–DFT Study

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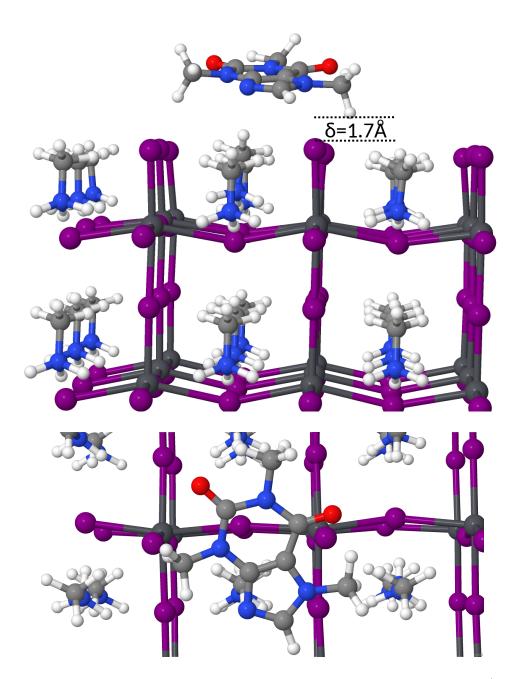


FIG. S1. DFT ground state configuration for the Methyl-ammonium covered PbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite. The caffeine/MAPbI<sub>3</sub> adsorption energy is  $E_0 = -1.14 \, \mathrm{eV}$ . A Mulliken charge of -0.334e is transferred from caffeine to MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite.  $\delta$  denotes the distance between the caffeine molecule and the perovskite surface.

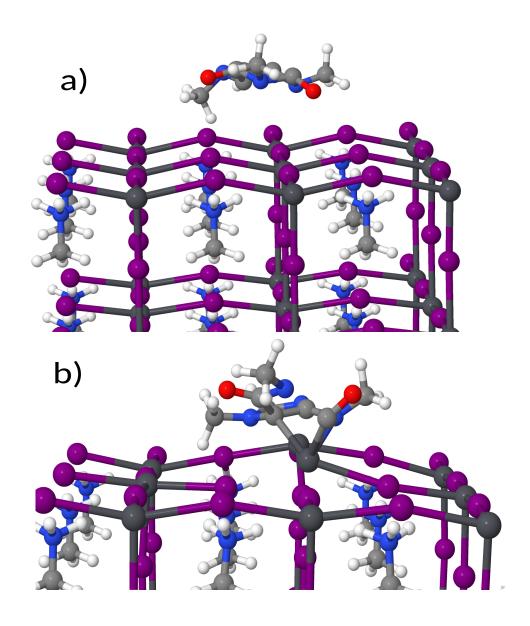


FIG. S2. Pb covered  $PbI_3$  perovskite interaction with a caffeine molecule: a) input structure and b) obtained DFT ground state configuration.

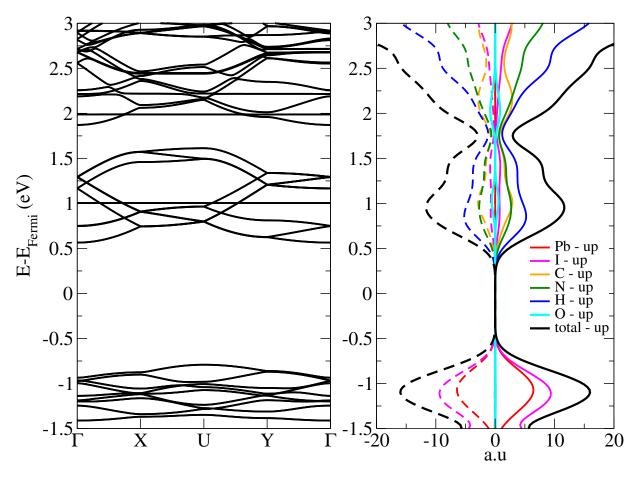


FIG. S3. From left to right: electronic band structure and the corresponding projected density of states (PDOS) for the MA covered  $MAPbI_3/caffeine$  system presented in Figure S1.