

Supporting Information for

Spin Texture Evolution of Rashba Splitting under Pressure: A Case Study of Inorganic Nitride Perovskite Crystal

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Computational Methodology

The density functional theory (DFT)^{1,2} calculations were performed using Vienna Ab-initio Simulation Package (VASP),³ and the supplied PAW pseudo-potentials with Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof generalized gradient approximation (GGA).⁴ The potential for Ce and Ta included the semi-core d and p orbitals in the valence states, respectively. Thus, the valence configuration for Ce, Ta, and N atoms were $3d^{10}4f^15d^1$, $5p^66s^25d^3$ and $2s^22p^3$, respectively. The

optimization process, band structure, density of states (DOS), and spin texture calculations were performed with SOC included. The full cell lattice parameters and relaxation of inter-nal atomic positions were performed using a $9 \times 9 \times 6$ k-point mesh containing the Γ -point, and DOS was calculated using a $12 \times 12 \times 8$ mesh. A converged cutoff energy of 450 eV (Figure S1) was employed in all calculations. For the structural optimization, the change in total energy between two ionic relaxation steps was smaller than 10^{-7} eV, and the residual force on each ion was less than 0.001 eV/Å. Ferroelectric polarization has been evaluated using the modern theory (Berry-phase theory) of polarization. Phonon dispersion was calculated using the density functional perturbation theory.^{5,6} Both Ferroelectric polarization and phonon dispersion were computed using the Quantum-ESPRESSO package.⁵ We plotted spin textures using MCU⁷ and pyprocar⁸ codes.

Formation energy (E_f) was calculated using elemental reference energies in the equation

$$E_f = E_{\text{CeTaN}_3} - E_{\text{Ce}} - E_{\text{Ta}} - E_{\text{N}} \quad (1)$$

where E_{CeTaN_3} is the ground state total energy of the perovskite phase and E_{Ce} , E_{Ta} , and E_{N} are the energies of Ce, Ta, and N bulk phases, respectively. To calculate the elemental energies, we considered as reference their most stable structures reported in the Materials Project database.⁹ We used the finite difference method to obtain the Hessian matrix to calculate elastic constants. In this approach, displacements of every ion are made in the direction of each Cartesian coordinate in the lattice, and the Hessian is determined from the atomic displacements.¹⁰ The elastic tensor is then calculated by distorting the original lattice, and the desired elastic constants are derived using the strain-stress relationship.¹¹

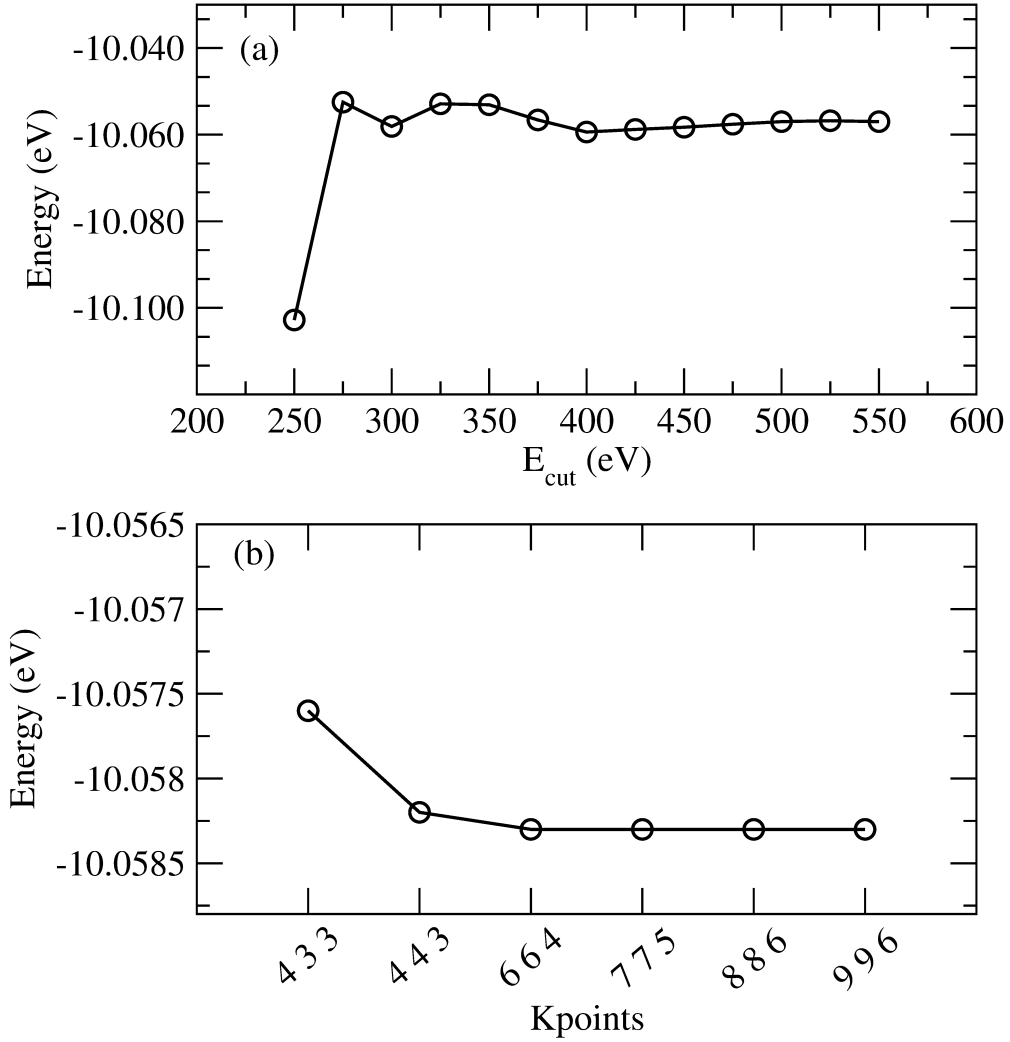


Figure S1: Energy plotted as a function of cutoff energy (E_{cut}) and K-points to determine the converged values of E_{cut} and K-grid. From (a), we used the E_{cut} 450 eV, and (b) indicates that energy converges after 6 6 4 K-point grid.

Table S1: Calculated energy (PBE+SOC.) and materials project id for some decomposition compounds considered in the present work. The calculated energy of CeTa₃N₃ is also included in the table

Compound	Materials Project-id	Energy on Convex hull (E_h)	Energy/fu (eV)
Ce ₂ (Ta ₃ N ₃) ₂	867221	0	109.111
CeN	293	0	-17.632
Ta ₃ N ₅	27488	0	-87.458
Ta ₅ N ₆	1642	0	-124.852
TaN	1279	0	-23.166
Ta ₂ N	107938	0	-36.177
CeTa ₃ N ₃	-	-	-50.291
N ₂ (g)	-	-	-14.867

Table S2: Calculated elastic constants (GPa) of CeTa₃N₃ in orthorhombic phase using PBE+SOC.

C ₁₁	C ₂₂	C ₃₃	C ₄₄	C ₅₅	C ₆₆	C ₁₂	C ₁₃	C ₂₃
359.07	340.0	410.16	103.40	138.39	124.01	140.33	15.98	141.32

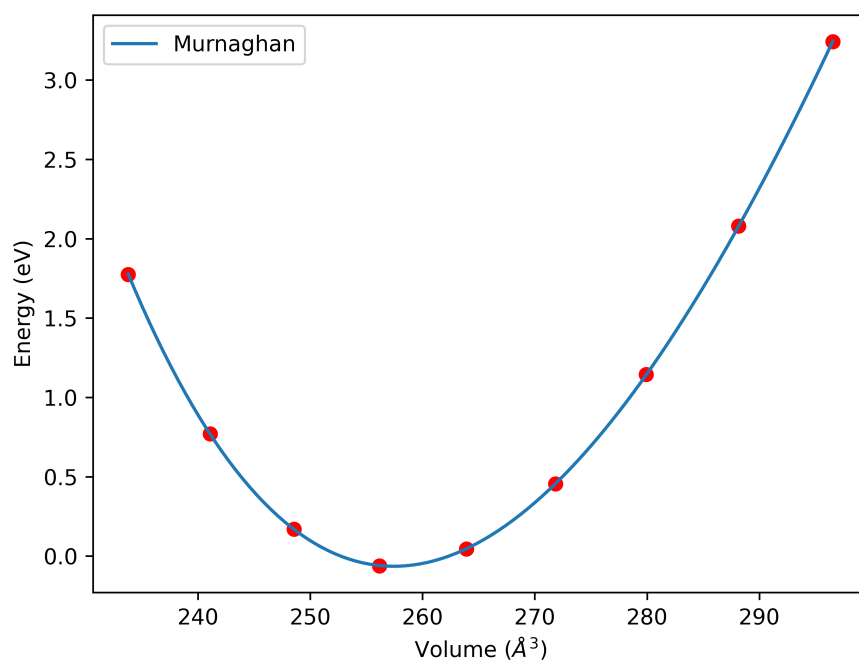


Figure S2: Energy as a function of volume. By fitting Murnaghan¹² EOS to energy vs. volume data, we obtained a Bulk Modulus of 228.03 GPa for CeTaN₃. Red circles denote the calculated values, and the blue line represents the fitted line. The large bulk modulus indicates high resistance to external stress.

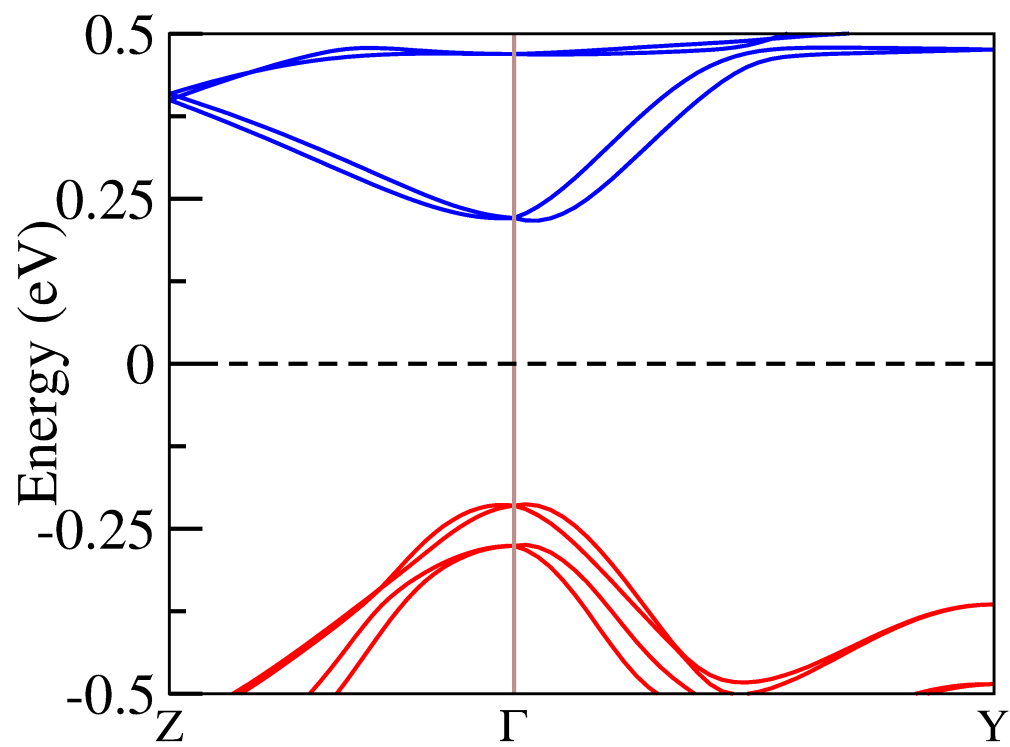


Figure S3: SOC band structure. Both CBM and VBM are offset from the Γ -point due to which direct band gap nature is preserved

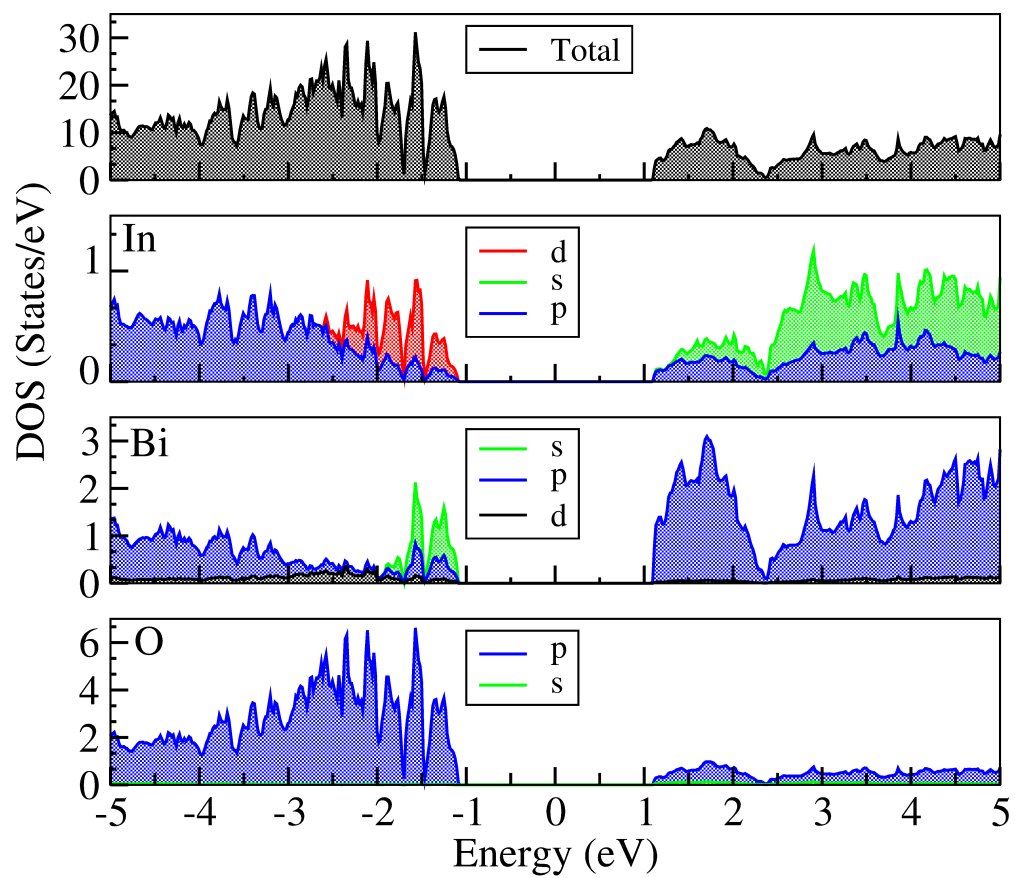
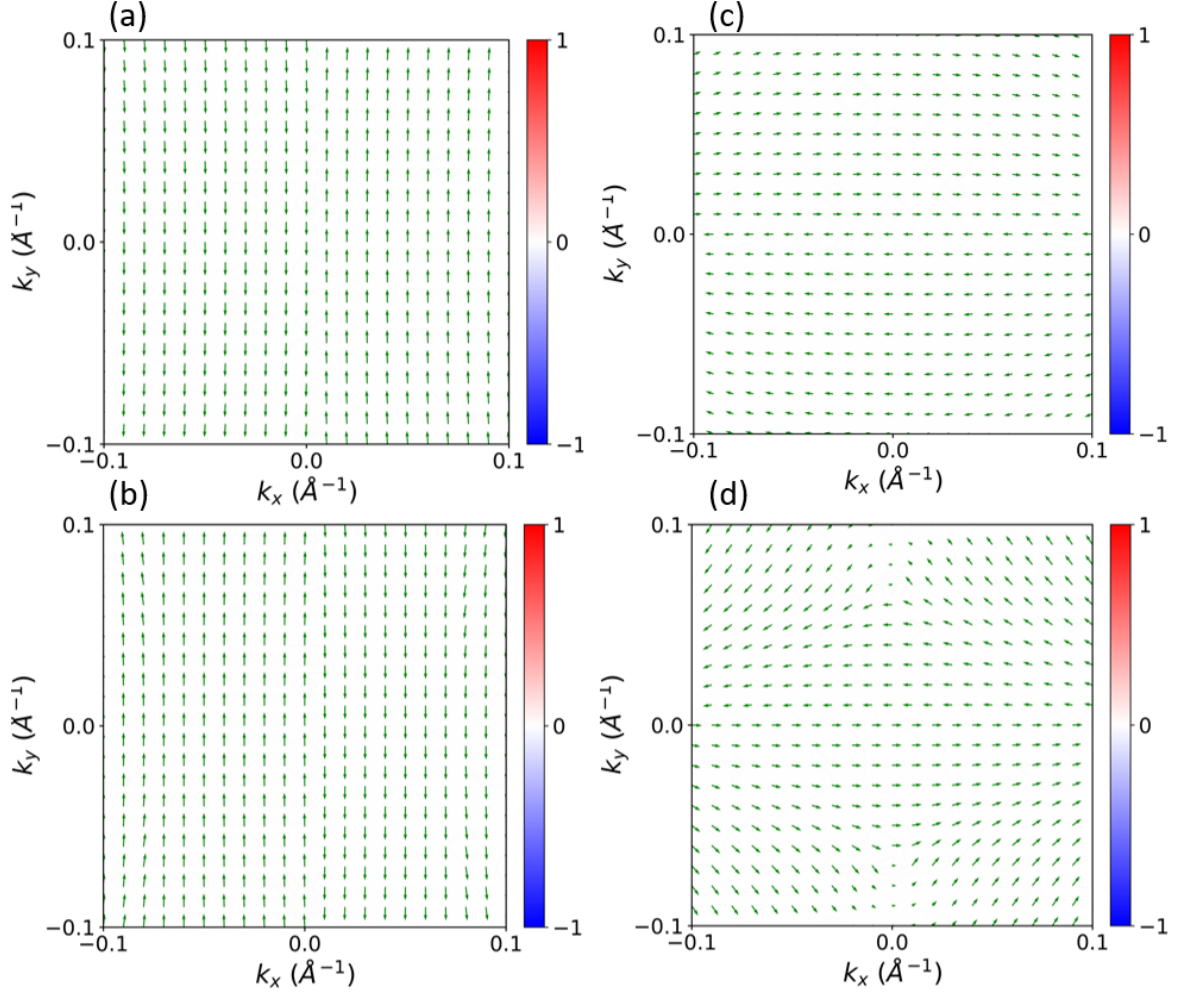


Figure S4: Total and projected DOS of BiInO₃ with SOC included.



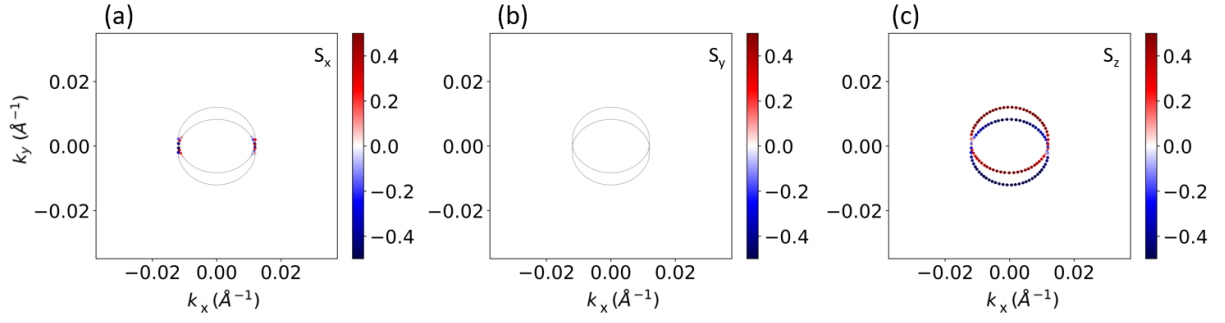


Figure S6: Spin texture plotted for valence band of CeTaN₃ around symmetry point Γ of the Brillouin zone at 0 GPa. Constant energy contours (a) – (c) show S_x , S_y , and S_z spin components in the valence band at -0.25 eV below the Fermi energy. The color scale shows the up and down spin components.

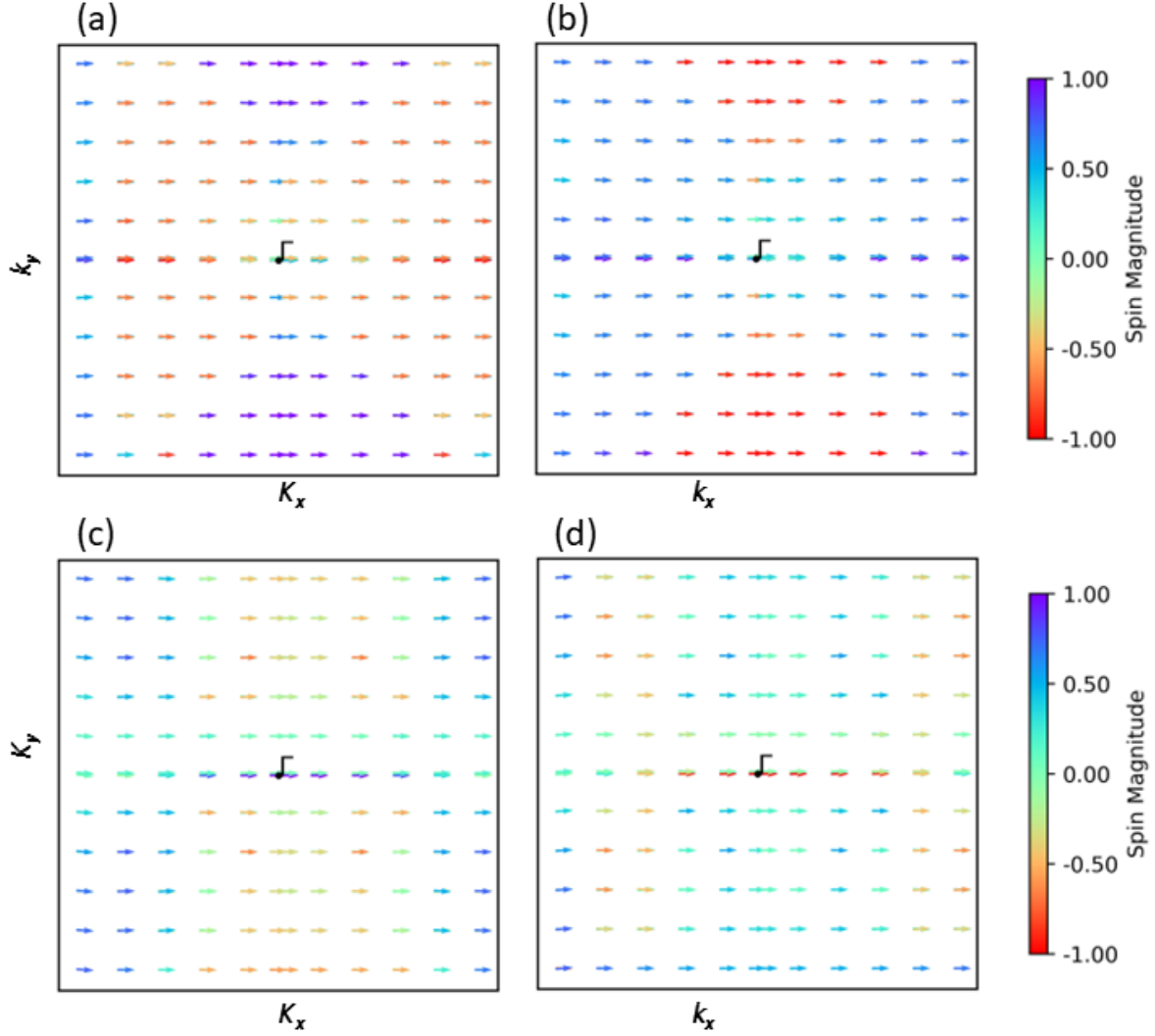


Figure S7: Spin texture plotted for conduction band minimum and valence band maximum of CeTaN_3 at symmetry point Y of the Brillouin zone at 0 GPa. (a) and (b) inner branch and outer branches of the valence band, (c) and (d) inner branch of the conduction band. The arrows denote in-plane spin texture and the color of the arrows signifies the spin component in the perpendicular direction (z-axis). Nota bene: This type of spin texture was plotted using vaspkit.¹³

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