## Supplementary Material:

Short range parameters of the form:  $V(r) = Aexp(-r/\rho) - Cr^{-6}$ 

Species	A (eV)	ρ(Å)	C (eVÅ <sup>-6</sup> )
Ba <sup>2+</sup> -F	589.94	0.3748	0.018
$Ca^{2+}$ - $F$	910.36	0.3135	2.490
F-F	1240.73	0.2795	22.900

Calculated lattice parameters,  $r_{lat}$  (Å), elastic constants, EC ( $10^{11} dyne/cm^2$ ) and activation energies,  $E_{act}$  (eV), for fluoride ion mobility in pure  $CaF_2$  and  $BaF_2$ ; experimental values are presented as a comparison.

	CaF <sub>2</sub>		BaF <sub>2</sub>	
	Calculated	Experiment	Calculated	Experiment
r <sub>lat</sub>	5.44	5.46	6.17	6.20
EC C <sub>11</sub>	17.17	16.42	8.87	9.20
$C_{12}$	3.59	4.40	2.21	4.16
$C_{44}$	3.58	3.37	2.20	2.57
$E_{\text{act}}$	1.2	1.31 Ref. [1]	1.1	1.04 Ref. [1]

## References:

[1] Ziraps, V., Kulis, P., Tale, I. And Viespals, A. Ion diffusion-controlled processes in fluoride crystals. Radiation Measurements 33, 633-636 (2001).