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Direct Electron Transfer Enables Highly Efficient Dual Emission Modes of Mn²⁺-Doped Cs₂Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl₆ Double Perovskites

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ABSTRACT: Double perovskites with bright emission, low toxicity, and excellent stability have drawn considerable attention. Herein, we report the hydrothermal synthesis of Mn^{2+} -				CB •••	• Mn ² • 17 ⁰ • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

doped $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ double perovskites that exhibit dual emission modes. Introducing Ag^+ ions to $Cs_2NaBiCl_6$ samples enables a bright self-trapped exciton (STE) emission in orange-red color, whereas Mn^{2+} dopants induce a yellow-orange emission. Importantly, Mn^{2+} doping into $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ double perovskites with an indirect bandgap enables a high photoluminescence quantum yield of 49.52 \pm 2%. Density functional theory calculations reveal that bringing Ag^+ ions into $Cs_2NaBiCl_6$ can localize wave function to the $[AgCl_6]^{5-}$



octahedron and convert dark transitions to bright STE transitions. Moreover, the 3d orbitals of Mn^{2+} dopants hybridize with Bi-6p and Cl-3p orbitals at the conduction band minimum, resulting in direct electron transfer from the host to Mn^{2+} and a significant increase in photoluminescence efficiency. These results shed light on the optical physical process of Mn^{2+} -doped systems, providing useful information for further improvement of the photoluminescence efficiency of double perovskites.

ead halide perovskites $APbX_3$ (A = $CH_3NH_3^+$, CH- $(NH_2)_2^+$, Cs^+ ; $X = Cl^-$, Br^- , I^-) have attracted considerable attention in optoelectronic applications as excellent solution-processable semiconductors. 1-3 However, the toxicity of lead and the environmental instability of lead halide perovskites have limited their practical applications.^{4,5} To address these problems, one strategy is to substitute Pb²⁺ with other ions from the IV group, such as $Sn^{2+}/Ge^{2+.6}$ However, Sn²⁺ and Ge²⁺ ions are easily oxidized to their tetravalent state (Sn^{4+}/Ge^{4+}) in air, resulting in poor structural stability. Another promising way is to replace two divalent Pb²⁺ with a monovalent cation and a trivalent cation, forming a quaternary lead-free halide double perovskite with the basic formula $A_2M^1 M^2X_6$ (A = Cs⁺; M¹ = Ag⁺, Na⁺; M² = Bi³⁺, In³⁺, Sb^{3+} ; X = Cl⁻, Br⁻, I⁻).⁷ Because of their low toxicity, high stability, and small carrier effective mass, double perovskites have been proposed as promising candidates for photoelectric detectors, LEDs, and photovoltaic applications.⁸ Compared with traditional lead halide perovskites, Cs2AgBiBr6 exhibits a long photoluminescence lifetime of ca. 660 ns and high photoexcited carrier density of $2.2 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3.9}$

Despite their popularity in recent years, double perovskites have attracted great attention in recent years; they have weak PL and low power conversion efficiency due to their indirect bandgap or parity-forbidden direct bandgap.^{10–12} To date, alloying and doping serve as effective approaches to manipulate the bandgap of semiconductors. For example, a very high photoluminescence quantum yield (PLQY) of 86 ± 5% has been achieved in an alloyed $Cs_2Ag_{1-x}Na_xInCl_6$ system with Bi doping, which is several orders higher than that of pure $Cs_2AgInCl_6$ (PLQY < 0.1%).¹³ Of all the doped metals, Mn²⁺ is most frequently used to modulate the electronic structures and optical properties of double perovskites, allowing the introduction of an additional emission channel originating from the ${}^{4}T_{1}-{}^{6}A_{1}$ transition of the octahedral Mn^{2+} .^{14–16} In Mn^{2+} -doped double perovskite systems, most of the energy transfer processes usually take place from the STE state of the double perovskite to Mn^{2+} rather than directly from free electrons to Mn^{2+} ,^{14,17,18} which would generate a pronounced energy loss caused by the inevitable defects between the host and doped states.^{19,20} Therefore, realizing the direct energy transfer between the host and dopant is crucial for enhancing the PL efficiency of double perovskites.

In this work, we synthesized Mn^{2+} -doped lead-free double perovskites $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ ($0 \le x < 1$) by the hydrothermal method. By optimizing the Na^+/Ag^+ ratio, the $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$ sample exhibits a bright orange-red emission mode originating from the recombination of the bright STE state. Then, an additional yellow-orange emission mode of characteristic emission of Mn^{2+} is achieved when an appropriate amount of Mn^{2+} is doped into $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$, with a highest PLQY of 49.52 \pm 2%. The calculation results suggest that the introduced Ag^+ is the key factor for the formation of the bright STE state and that the hybridizations of Mn-3d with Bi-6p and Cl-3p orbitals at the CBM in the doped systems give rise to direct electron

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transfer from the $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$ host to Mn^{2+} dopants, resulting in highly efficient dual emission modes.

A hydrothermal method was employed to synthesize the Mn^{2+} -doped $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ ($0 \le x < 1$) double perovskite (Supporting Information). Pure $Cs_2NaBiCl_6$ crystal adopts a space group $Fm\overline{3}m$, with alternating corner-sharing $[NaCl_6]^{5-}$ and $[BiCl_6]^{3-}$ octahedra and the Cs⁺ cations in the framework cavities to maintain charge neutrality.^{21,22}Figure 1a shows the crystal structure of alloyed $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ in which the central $[NaCl_6]^{5-}$ octahedron is replaced by an $[AgCl_6]^{5-}$ octahedron. Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of the



Figure 1. (a) Crystal structure of $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$. (b) UV-vis absorption spectra and (c) PL spectra of alloyed $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ samples with different Ag^+ feeding ratios (x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, and 20%). (d) Bandgap and PL peak position of alloyed $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ samples as a function of Ag^+ feeding ratio.

as-prepared Cs₂Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl₆ samples with varying Ag⁺/Na⁺ ratios (0, 0.5, 1, 2, and 4%) are shown in Figure S1a. The alloyed samples can be well indexed into cubic $Fm\overline{3}m$ with no detectable impurities, indicating that Ag⁺ ions do not change the crystal structure of the pure sample. In the enlarged view, the characteristic diffraction peak (i.e., at 14.76°) of the alloyed sample shifts to high angles with increasing Ag⁺ content (Figure S1b) due to the lattice contraction caused by the replacement of Na⁺ by the smaller Ag⁺.^{13,17}

X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) (Figure S2) of the $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$ sample shows that all elements are present in the expected oxidation state. Scanning electron microscopy–energy dispersive spectroscopy (SEM-EDS) mapping reveals that Ag^+ ions are uniformly distributed in the alloyed sample (Figure S3). These results from XRD, XPS, and SEM-EDS analyses indicate that the alloyed samples have been successfully obtained by modulating the Ag^+/Na^+ ratios in the precursor solution. In addition, inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES) was performed to verify the actual Ag^+ concentration in the alloyed sample. The result indicates that the Ag^+/Na^+ ratios in the alloyed lattice almost match the original concentration of Ag^+ in the precursor solution (Table S1).

Lattice compression or expansion can alter the overlap of electronic wave function in perovskite systems in close proximity to their bandgap, thereby modifying their optical properties.^{23,24} To verify this, UV–vis absorption data for



Figure 2. (a) Crystal structure of Mn^{2+} -doped $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$. (b) Room-temperature EPR spectrum of Mn^{2+} -doped (25%) $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$. (c) Tauc plots of Mn^{2+} -doped $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$ samples with different Mn^{2+} (%) ratios in the precursor solution. (d) PL peak position and PL intensity vs Mn^{2+} doping ratio in the precursor solution. (e) Fitted PL spectra of the Mn^{2+} -doped (25%) $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$. The fitted two peaks are 586 and 616 nm.



Figure 3. (a) Band structure of $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$ computed using GGA-PBE functional. This 40-atom structural model was constructed by $2 \times 2 \times 2$ replication of the cubic unit cell $(Fm\overline{3}m)$ of $Cs_2NaBiCl_6$. The enlarged view of band structure near the CBM is shown in the inset. (b) Total and partial density of states (DOS) plots of $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$. (c) Wave functions of $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$ on $[AgCl_6]^{5-}$ octahedra at the VBM and CBM and the corresponding isosurface are 7×10^{-8} and 5×10^{-8} e bohr⁻³, respectively.



Figure 4. (a) Band structure of Mn^{2+} -doped (25%) Cs₂Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl₆ computed by spin-polarized DFT calculations using GGA-PBE functional. A Hubbard U parameter (DFT + U) value of 4.3 eV was introduced for Mn^{2+} to treat 3d correlations. This 40-atom structural model was constructed by a 2 × 2 × 2 replication of the cubic unit cell (*Fm*3*m*) of Cs₂NaBiCl₆. (b) Total and partial DOS plots of Mn^{2+} -doped (25%) Cs₂Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl₆. (c) Enlarged DOS plots of the area surrounded by gray dashed lines in (b). (d) Real-space wave functions of VBM and (f) CBM of Mn^{2+} -doped Cs₂Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl₆ (25%) with an isosurface of 5 × 10⁻⁸ e bohr⁻³.

samples of alloyed $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ were collected. Absorption spectra reveal that the bandgap of $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ can be tuned in the ultraviolet region by altering Ag^+/Na^+ ratios

(Figure 1b). As Ag⁺ content increases in alloyed $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$, the absorption band edge experiences a red-shift, as shown in the Tauc plot (Figure S4). The bandgap of alloyed sample gradually reduces from 3.36 to 2.98 eV when the concentration of Ag⁺ rises from 0 to 5%. The dark STE state in the pure Cs₂NaBiCl₆ sample results in a very weak emission.^{20,23} Upon Ag^+ alloying, the $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ sample exhibits a broad orange-red PL emission peak at \approx 616 nm with a large Stokes shift. As the concentration of Ag⁺ increases, the alloyed Cs₂Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl₆ sample experiences an evident increase in PL intensity with a maximum at x = 2% and then declines steadily thereafter (Figures 1c and S5). As with PL spectra, the PLQY of alloyed samples exhibit a similar trend with Ag⁺ concentration, with a value is 42.06 \pm 1% for the $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$ sample (Figure S6). $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ alloys show notable shifts in absorption edges as the Ag⁺/ Na⁺ ratio changes, but their PL peaks remain unchanged (Figure 1d). Combined with the previous research works, the broad emission band with large Stokes shift can be attributed to STE emission, which occurs in double perovskites with localized carriers and soft lattice.^{13,26,27} With Ag⁺ concentrations varying from 2 to 10%, the effective PL lifetime of Cs₂Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl₆ alloys monotonically decreases from 4.83 to 1.10 μ s (Figure S7). This indicates that the excess Ag⁺ content would increase the nonradiative transition channels and ultimately accelerates PL dynamics.²³

To further enhance the PL efficiency, we doped the $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ system with Mn^{2+} ions. In general, Mn^{2+} dopants can introduce a new efficient emission channel from the ${}^{4}T_1 - {}^{6}A_1$ transition.^{16,19} The XRD patterns of Mn^{2+} -doped $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ (x = 0.02) samples indicate that the samples retain the original cubic phase structure without any second phase impurity (Figure S8). XPS and SEM-EDS characterizations of the Mn^{2+} -doped (25%) $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$ sample reveal that only a limited amount of Mn^{2+} dopants are contained in the crystal, despite a high feeding ratio of Mn^{2+} to Na^+ and Bi^{3+} (Figures S9 and S10), consistent with ICP-OES results. The concentration of Mn^{2+} increases from 0.09 to 2.63% in doped samples (Table S2), in sharp contrast to the initial ratios of $Mn^{2+}/(Na^+ + Bi^{3+})$ (5–35%) in the precursor solution. To explore the local coordination environment of Mn

Scheme 1. Illustration of the Emission Mechanism for Mn²⁺-Doped Cs₂Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl₆ Sample



ions in the doped sample, electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectroscopy was performed on the Mn^{2+} -doped $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$ sample. The EPR spectrum exhibits a 6-fold splitting pattern with a hyperfine splitting constant of 8.8 mT (Figure 2b), suggesting that the doped Mn ions have the +2 oxidation state and are located in an octahedral coordination environment.^{14,22}

The bandgap of Mn^{2+} -doped $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$ sample reduces from 3.07 to 2.94 eV with increasing Mn²⁺ concentration (Figures 2c and S11). This could be due to the size disparity among Mn²⁺, Na⁺, and Bi³⁺. Compared with undoped $Cs_2Na_{0.98}Ag_{0.02}BiCl_6$, Mn^{2+} doping results in an additional weak absorption peak at 430 nm. This may be contributed by the d-d transition of Mn^{2+} dopants, as it differs from the exciton absorption of the host.^{19,28} When Mn^{2+} ions are added to doped samples, the PL peak blue-shifts and remains unchanged at the high concentrations (Figure S12). The PL intensity of doped samples increases with the concentration of Mn^{2+} (0–25%). However, the PL intensity gradually decreases when the concentration exceeds 25% due to the quenching effect (Figure 2d).^{33,34} The highest PL intensity is obtained at 25% Mn²⁺ doping concentration, with a PLQY of 49.52 \pm 2% (Figure S13). Interestingly, the PL spectrum of doped samples can be fitted into two peaks (Figure 2e): the STE emission (616 nm) of the host and a new emission peak at 586 nm. On the basis of the absorption result and previous work, it is possible that the new emission is characteristic emission of Mn^{2+, 15,29-31} Upon excitation at 430 nm, the doped samples show a narrow emission band around 583 nm (Figure S14). In addition, the new emission has a long lifetime of 0.28 ms, consistent with the spin-forbidden character of the $^4T_1-^6A_1$ transition of Mn^{2+} (Figure S15). Therefore, the new emission state at 586 nm in the doped system can be ascribed to ${}^{4}T_{1}-{}^{6}A_{1}$ transition of Mn²⁺. The 3 nm red-shift might be caused by the coexistence of Mn^{2+} and STE emission states. Although Mn²⁺ and STE emission states coexist in the entire PL spectrum, the proportion of the Mn²⁺ emission has a positive correlation with the concentration of Mn^{2+} dopants, in contrast to the STE emission (Figure S16a). Excited electrons of the host may contribute to the efficient emission of Mn²⁺ by transferring directly to Mn²⁺ dopants.³² In addition, full width at half-maximum (FWHM) reduces from 106 to 73 nm after Mn^{2+} doping (Figure S16b).

Next, we explored the stability of all samples. The Mn^{2+} doped sample maintains a high level of crystallinity and luminescence after three months of exposure to ambient light and atmosphere (Figure S17). The doped sample also shows high resistance to water when embedded in polydimethylsiloxane. Furthermore, the thermal stability of all samples was investigated by thermogravimetric analysis. Expectedly, the Mn^{2+} -doped sample exhibits an improved thermal stability; that is, the presence of Mn^{2+} increases the decomposition temperature relative to pure and alloyed samples (Figure S18). These findings confirm prior observations that Mn^{2+} dopants can enhance the stability of perovskites.^{14,35}

Density functional theory (DFT) calculations were performed to investing electronic and optical effects of Ag^+ and Mn^{2+} dopants on $Cs_2NaBiCl_6$. For pure samples, the valence band maximum (VBM) and the conduction band maximum (CBM) are located at the k-points UlK and L, in good agreement with previous reports that bulk $Cs_2NaBiCl_6$ features an indirect bandgap (Figure S19a).^{36,37} It is evident from the total DOS plot that the VBM consists mainly

composed of 3p orbitals of Cl, whereas the CBM consists predominantly of 6p orbitals of Bi and 3p orbitals of Cl (Figure S19b). In addition, the wave functions of the pure sample are uniformly delocalized over the whole supercell (Figure S19c). There are some significant changes in the original electronic structure of the pure sample when the Na⁺ at the center of the supercell is replaced by the Ag⁺ ion. For instance, the alloyed sample has a smaller bandgap than the pure sample because the 5s orbitals of Ag⁺ decrease the position of the CBM (Figure 3a),³⁸ which is qualitatively consistent with the experimental results. Additionally, the VBM of the alloyed sample is composed of Ag-4d and Cl-3p orbitals (Figure 3b). Ag⁺ incorporation breaks the delocalized wave function of the pure sample and confines the wave function at [AgCl₆]⁵⁻ octahedra by the surrounding $[NaCl_6]^{5-}$ barriers (Figure 3c). On the basis of previous reports, the $[AgCl_6]^{5-}$ octahedra with a strong Jahn-Teller distortion in the excited state plays a critical role in forming the bright STE state.^{13,20,25} Therefore, the weak photoluminescence efficiency can be attributed to the dark STE state in the pure Cs₂NaBiCl₆ sample, while the efficient orange-red emission originates from the bright STE state in the alloyed Cs₂Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl₆ samples. In addition, the $[AgCl_6]^{5-}$ octahedron has a smaller volume than $[NaCl_6]^{5-}$ (Figure S20), leading to a slight lattice distortion in alloyed samples. Therefore, alloyed samples exhibit a fast decay process at the early stage due to the nonradiative loss (Figure **S**7).

In the Mn²⁺-doped structural model, one Na⁺ ion and one Bi³⁺ ion are replaced by two Mn²⁺ ions. Upon Mn²⁺ doping, the bandgap further decreases (Figure 4a). A smaller Mn^{2+} ion would narrow the bandgap by promoting orbital overlap and enhancing electronic band dispersion due to the lattice constriction.^{21,39,40} VBM and CBM are located at the k-points Γ and A, indicating that doped samples keep the indirect bandgap character of the pure sample. Both the VBM and CBM belong to the same spin channels (spin-up) (Figure S21), which contributes to a highly efficient transition without the barrier from spin flip. The DOS plot shows that the VBM mainly originates from Ag-4d and Cl-3p orbitals and the CBM is composed with Bi-6p, Cl-3p, and slight Mn-3d orbitals (Figure 4b). Significantly, the enlarged DOS and band structure (Figures 4c and S22) exhibit pronounced orbital hybridizations among Mn-3d, Bi-6p, and Cl-3p at CBM. Moreover, the CBM wave function for the doped system is mostly localized on $[BiCl_6]^{3-}$ and $[MnCl_6]^{4-}$ octahedra (Figure 4f). These results confirm that the orbitals of Mn^{2+} participate in forming the conduction band edge in the doped system. Consequently, free electrons can transit directly from the excited state of the host to the Mn-3d orbitals and ultimately achieve efficient yellow-orange emission via the ${}^{4}T_{1} - {}^{6}A_{1}$ recombination of Mn²⁺.

According to the above findings, a detailed mechanism for the highly efficient dual emission modes of Mn^{2+} -doped $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ is illustrated in Scheme 1. It has been reported that the generated free excitons relax to the ground state by nonradiative recombination due to the presence of the dark SET state in the pure sample.²⁰ Therefore, the pure sample exhibits weak photoluminescence efficiency. Interestingly, the dark SET state can be converted into a bright STE state by the introduced Ag⁺. Upon excitation, free excitons can transfer to the bright STE state in a rapid process,⁴¹⁻⁴⁴ leading to a bright orange-red emission via radiative transition. In the Mn^{2+} -doped sample, there is a new emission channel except for the bright STE state in the host. The 3d orbitals of the Mn^{2+} dopant can obtain excited electrons directly from the conduction band because they hybridize with the Bi-6p and Cl-3p orbitals at CBM, resulting in efficient yellow-orange emission from Mn^{2+} (586 nm). In this case, direct electron transfer not only avoids large energy losses caused by the energy difference between the host and Mn^{2+} but also shortens the time for energy transfer. Consequently, the efficient Mn^{2+} emission mode dominates the overall recombination progress, although the transfer process from the host to the STE state takes several picoseconds.^{25,45}

In summary, we have synthesized a series of Mn²⁺-doped $Cs_2Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl_6$ samples with highly efficient dual emission modes. The alloyed Cs₂Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl₆ samples exhibit a bright orange-red STE emission with an intensity hundreds of times higher than that of the Cs₂NaBiCl₆ sample. Upon doping Mn²⁺ into the alloyed samples, an efficient orange-yellow emission of Mn^{2+} was observed, with a maximum PLQY of 49.25 \pm 2% at 25% Mn^{2+} concentration. DFT calculations show that Ag^+ introduction is the critical factor for the formation of the bright STE state in Cs₂Na_{1-x}Ag_xBiCl₆ samples, which contributes to the bright orange-red emission around 616 nm. Moreover, the 3d orbitals of Mn²⁺ are involved in the CBM composition of the Mn²⁺-doped sample, which enables direct electron transfer from the host to Mn²⁺ dopants and results in efficient Mn²⁺ emission around 586 nm. Our findings provide insight into the Mn²⁺ emission mechanism in Mn²⁺-doped lead-free double perovskites as well as an effective method for optimizing the properties of lead-free double perovskites.

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