

*Supplementary Information*

**Investigation of High Contrast and Reversible  
Luminescence Thermochromism of Quantum Confined  
Cs<sub>4</sub>PbBr<sub>6</sub> Perovskite Solid**

Jin Woo Choi,<sup>a†</sup> Namchul Cho,<sup>b†</sup> Hee Chul Woo,<sup>a</sup> Byeong M. Oh,<sup>c</sup> Jawaher Almutlaq,<sup>d</sup> Osman M. Bakr,<sup>d</sup> Sung-Hoon Kim,<sup>\*e</sup> Chang-Lyoul Lee,<sup>\*a</sup> and  
Jong H. Kim<sup>\*b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Advanced Photonics Research Institute (APRI), Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST), Gwangju 61005, Republic of Korea.

<sup>b</sup>Department of Energy Systems, Soonchunhyang University, Asan 31538, Republic of Korea.

<sup>c</sup>Department of Molecular Science and Technology, Ajou University, Suwon 16499.

<sup>d</sup>King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), KAUST Solar Center, Physical Sciences and Engineering Division (PSE), Thuwal 23955-6900, Saudi Arabia.

<sup>e</sup>Department of Textile System Engineering, Kyungpook National University, Daegu, 702-701 Republic of Korea.

E-mail: jonghkim@ajou.ac.kr (Jong H. Kim), vsepr@gist.ac.kr (Chang-Lyoul Lee), shokim@knu.ac.kr (Sung-Hoon Kim)

Full width half maximum (FWHM) broadening can be described with addition of temperature-independent inhomogeneous broadening term and homogeneous photoluminescence (PL) emission broadening terms. In case of homogeneous PL broadening terms, acoustic homogeneous PL emission broadening term is proportional to the temperature, while optical (LO) phonon related to the function of Bose-Einstein distribution. Therefore, FWHM broadening depending on the temperature changes can be described as following equation.

$$\Gamma(T) = \Gamma_0 + \gamma_{ac}T + \frac{\gamma_{LO}}{e^{\frac{E_{LO}}{k_B T}} - 1}$$

Equation S1.

$\Gamma_0$  : Temperature-independent inhomogeneous broadening

$\gamma_{ac}$  : Homogeneous term from acoustic phonon

$\gamma_{LO}$  : Homogeneous term from LO phonon

$E_{LO}$  : Weakly dispersive LO phonon generation energy

The PL intensity of semiconductors can be expressed with radiative recombination rate, trap related exciton dissociation rate, thermal dissociation rate, and the thermal escape rate. Furthermore, contribution of PL intensity enhancement above 200 K due to the thermal escape of carriers through quantized energy was considered.

$$I(T) = \frac{I_0 + I' e^{-\frac{\Delta E_t}{k_B T}}}{1 + A e^{\left(-\frac{E_a}{k_B T}\right)} + B e^{\left(-\frac{E_b}{k_B T}\right)} + C \left(e^{\frac{E_{LO}}{k_B T}} - 1\right)^{-m}}$$

Equation S2

$I_0$  : PL intensity at 0 K

$I'$  : Density of trap state produced inside QDs

$\Delta E_t$  : Activation energy for carrier generated from shallow trap

$E_a$  : Shallow trap related thermal activation energy

$E_b$  : Exciton binding energy

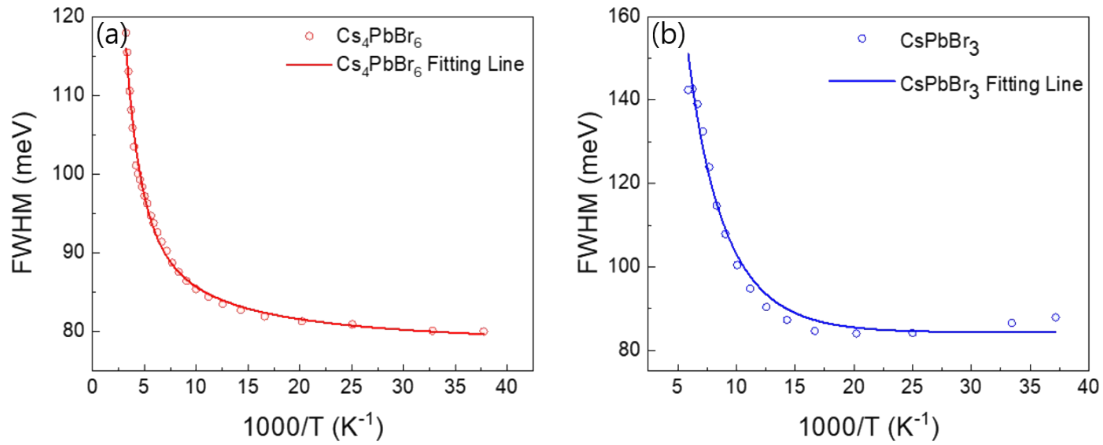
$k_B$  : Boltzmann constant

$E_{LO}$  : Weakly dispersive LO phonon generation energy

$m$  : Number of LO phonons involved in the thermal escape

$A, B, C$ : Proportional coefficient

The parameters,  $\gamma_{ac}$ ,  $\gamma_{LO}$  and  $E_{LO}$  are determined by fitting equation S1 to the temperature-dependent full width half maximum (FWHM) as shown in Fig. S1.



**Fig. S1.** Temperature-dependent FWHM of (a) Cs<sub>4</sub>PbBr<sub>6</sub> and (b) CsPbBr<sub>3</sub>.

With the obtained  $E_{LO}$ , the exciton binding energy,  $E_b$  was determined by fitting equation S2 to the temperature-dependent integrated PL intensity.

As stated in the manuscript, the photoluminescence of Cs<sub>4</sub>PbBr<sub>6</sub> originates from its zero-

dimensional structure, where the  $[\text{PbBr}_6]^{4-}$  octahedrons are surrounded by Cs. In this structure, Cs prevents interactions among the  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  ions and the Br vacancy defects ( $[\text{PbBr}_5]^{3-}$ ) formed in the isolated  $[\text{PbBr}_6]^{4-}$  octahedrons serving as radiative states for green light emission. Therefore, the  $\text{Cs}_4\text{PbBr}_6$  PL is solely dependent on the Br vacancy defects (zero-dimensional)-related radiative states, and is not affected by structural defect (three-dimensional) ones. For this reason, the parameters,  $A$  and  $E_a$  in equation S2 are ignored for  $\text{Cs}_4\text{PbBr}_6$  and the fitting equation used for  $\text{Cs}_4\text{PbBr}_6$  was,

$$I(T) = \frac{I_0 + I' e^{-\frac{\Delta E_t}{k_B T}}}{1 + B e^{-\frac{E_b}{k_B T}} + C \left( e^{-\frac{E_{LO}}{k_B T}} - 1 \right)^{-m}}$$

Equation S3

On the other hands, like other bulk semiconductors, the radiative state of the  $\text{CsPbBr}_3$  perovskite is dependent on the structural defect states, and thus,  $A$  and  $E_a$  were considered. Meanwhile, because of the thermal relaxation of carriers in such bulk materials, the thermal escape process is ignored for  $\text{CsPbBr}_3$  and thus, parameters  $C$  and  $m$  are not considered in equation S2. Therefore, the fitting equation for  $\text{CsPbBr}_3$  is,

$$I(T) = \frac{I_0}{1 + A e^{-\frac{E_a}{k_B T}} + B e^{-\frac{E_b}{k_B T}}}$$

Equation S4

where all the results are represented in the Table S1.

**Table S1.** The resultant fitting parameters for  $\text{Cs}_4\text{PbBr}_6$  and  $\text{CsPbBr}_3$ .

	$A$	$B$	$C$	$E_a$ [meV]	$E_b$ [meV]	$E_{LO}$ [meV]	$I'$	$m$	$\Delta E_t$ [meV]
Cs <sub>4</sub> PbBr <sub>6</sub>	-	124616	2093	-	368.15	61.97	4.16	3.96	84.62
CsPbBr <sub>3</sub>	7.08	238.72	-	9.78	73.15	23.24	-	-	-

**Table S2.** PL lifetime of Cs<sub>4</sub>PbBr<sub>6</sub> films in different temperature. The monitored wavelength was 520 nm. The PL decay curves were fitted by a tri-exponential function. The intensity-weighted average exciton lifetime ( $\tau_{avr}$ ) was  $f_1\tau_1 + f_2\tau_2 + f_3\tau_3$ , where  $f_1, f_2$  and  $f_3$  are fractional intensities and  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  and  $\tau_3$  are lifetimes.

Film	$\tau_1(f_1)$ [ns]		$\tau_2(f_2)$ [ns]		$\tau_3(f_3)$ [ns]		$\chi^2$	$\tau_{avr}$ [ns]
Cs <sub>4</sub> PbBr <sub>6</sub> film RT	1.80	(0.08)	10.16	(0.42)	43.00	(0.50)	1.084	25.91
Cs <sub>4</sub> PbBr <sub>6</sub> film 90°C	1.31	(0.07)	9.28	(0.35)	44.50	(0.58)	1.119	29.15
Cs <sub>4</sub> PbBr <sub>6</sub> film Re-RT	1.80	(0.09)	9.76	(0.42)	43.01	(0.49)	1.079	25.34