

Supporting Information

Efficient Solar Cells with Enhanced Humidity and Heat Stability Based on Benzylammonium-caesium-formamidinium Mixed-Dimensional Perovskites

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Experimental Section

Preparation of perovskite precursor

HC(NH₂)₂I (FAI) and HC(NH₂)₂Br (FABr) synthesis: FAI and FABr were prepared by dissolving formamidine acetate (98%, Sinopharm) in the excess of hydroiodic acid (HI, 57 wt% in H₂O, sigma-aldrich) and hydrobromic acid (HBr, 47 wt% in H₂O, sigma-aldrich) in a flask, respectively. After addition of HI or HBr, the solution was stirred at 0 °C for about 2 h. By rotary evaporation for 2 h at 60 °C, two white powders were obtained, respectively. After drying, the powders were recrystallized in diethyl ether. Finally, the purified FAI and FABr were gained by drying in a vacuum oven at 60 °C.

C₆H₅CH₂NH₃I (BEI) synthesis: BEI was obtained by reacting hydroiodic acid (HI, 57 wt%) with benzylamine (BE, 98.5%, Sinopharm) for about 1 h, the other preparation steps were same as the above.

Preparation of MD perovskite precursor solution: The [(BE₂PbI₄)_x(FA_{0.9}Cs_{0.1}PbI₃)_{1-x}]_{0.85}(FAPbBr₃)_{0.15} precursor solutions (1.35 M Pb²⁺) were obtained by dissolving corresponding lead iodide (PbI₂, TCI), lead bromide (PbBr₂, TCI), FAI, FABr, BEI and caesium iodide (CsI, Alfa) in mixed solvent of anhydrous methyl sulfoxide (DMSO, Sinopharm) and anhydrous N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF, Sinopharm) (DMSO:DMF=1:4 by volume) with stoichiometrically. MAPbI₃ perovskite solution (1.35 M Pb²⁺) was composed of corresponding lead iodide (PbI₂, TCI) and methylammonium iodide CH₃NH₃I (MAI, ≥99.5%, Xi'an p-OLED Corp.) in mixed solvent of anhydrous methyl sulfoxide (DMSO, Sinopharm) and anhydrous N, N-dimethylformamide (DMF, Sinopharm) (DMSO: DMF=4:1 by volume). Then, all the solutions were stirred for 1 h at 65 °C and filtered using 0.45 μm PVDF filters before film deposition.

Device fabrication: All of the perovskite devices were deposited on pretreated FTO substrate. The

compact layer of TiO₂ was coated by a spray pyrolysis method at 430 °C. The solution was gained by mixing the bis(acetylacetonate) (0.4 mL, Sinopharm, 99%) and titanium diisopropoxide (0.6 mL, Aldrich, 97%) in anhydrous isopropanol (7 mL, Sinopharm, 99.7%). Then, the mesoporous layer of TiO₂ was deposited by spin-coating the TiO₂ paste (30 nm, Dyesol, TiO₂: anhydrous ethanol =1:5.5 by weight) at 4000 r.p.m for 20 s and heated at 500 °C for 30 min. The perovskite layers were spin-coated on the mesoporous layer in the glovebox at 1100 r.p.m for 10 s and 4600 r.p.m for 35 s. Chlorobenzene (120 µL) was drop-added on the surface during the spin coating step 15 s before the end. Then, the substrate should be annealed for 50 min at 105 °C. The HTM solution, composing of 73-mg spiro-OMeTAD, 29-µL 4-tert-butylpyridine, 17-µL Li⁺ salt and 8-µL cobalt(III) salt in 1-mL chlorobenzene, was then spin-coated on the perovskite at 3000 r.p.m for 20 s. Finally, about 65-nm Au electrode was thermally evaporated under high vacuum.

Characterizations: XRD patterns were characterized using a Smartlab 9KW with the 2θ range from 5° to 50°. SEM images were recorded on a high-resolution field-emission scanning electron microscope (FE-SEM, sirion200, FEI Corp., Holland). Ultraviolet-visible absorption spectra were characterized by ultraviolet-vis (UV-vis) spectrophotometer (U-3900H, HITACHI, Japan) with the measurement from 300 nm to 900 nm. Steady-state Photoluminescence (PL) spectra were measured by the spectrofluorometer (photon technology international). They were analyzed by a software Fluorescence. The samples were excited with a standard 450 W xenon CW lamp with an exciting wavelength of 473 nm. *J-V* curves were measured by a solar simulator (Newport, Oriel Class A, 91195A) at 100 mW/cm² illumination AM 1.5G with an active area of 0.09 cm². The scan rate is 50 mV s⁻¹. The source meter is Keithley 2420. Incident photon to current conversion efficiency (IPCE) spectra (300 nm to 900 nm) were executed on dual Xenon/quartz halogen light source (PV

Measurements, Inc.) in DC mode without bias light. Transient absorption (TA) were performed by the spectra LKS (Applied photophysics). The laser energy was $150 \mu\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$ with a repetition rate of 5 Hz. The samples were tested under a 760-nm probe light wavelength and a 500-nm laser light wavelength. The construction of sample is glass/perovskite film.

Stability test: The perovskite devices were placed in a containers with $50\pm 5\%$ RH to measure the humidity stability at room temperature in dark. Heat stability measurement was executed in a container at 85°C in dark. All perovskite devices were aged under the same conditions.

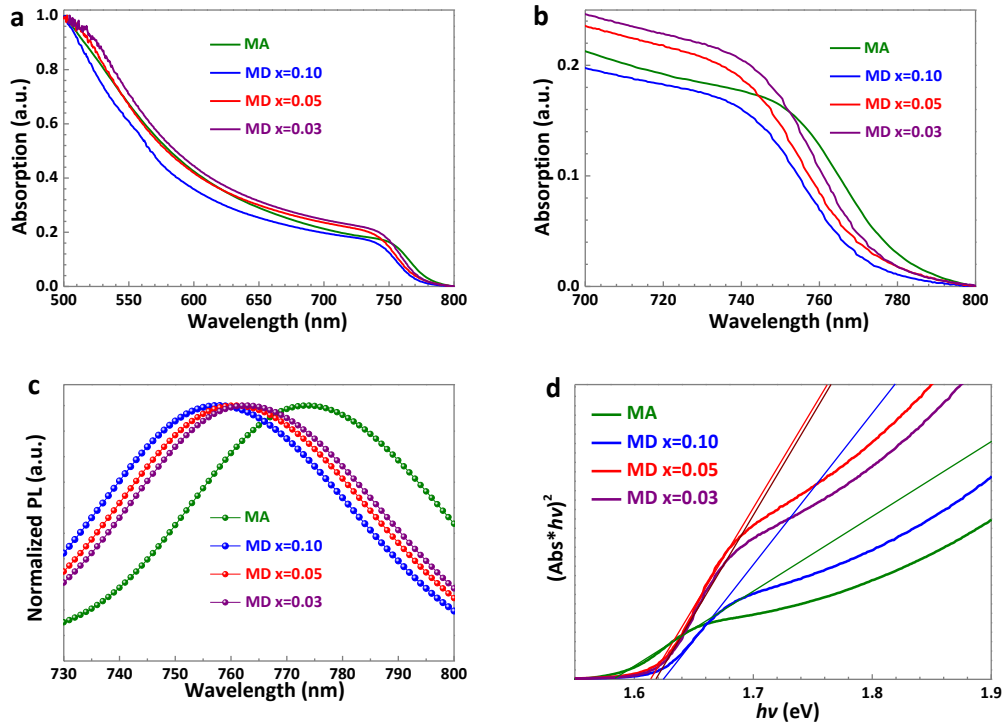


Fig. S1. (a) Normalized UV-vis absorption spectra, (b) partially enlarged normalized UV-vis absorption spectra and (c) partially enlarged normalized PL spectra of MAPbI₃ and [(BE₂PbI₄)_x(FA_{0.9}Cs_{0.1}PbI₃)_{1-x}]_{0.85}(FAPbBr₃)_{0.15} (x=0.03, 0.05, 0.10) thin films. (d) Tauc plot from the UV-vis spectra of MAPbI₃ and [(BE₂PbI₄)_x(FA_{0.9}Cs_{0.1}PbI₃)_{1-x}]_{0.85}(FAPbBr₃)_{0.15} (x=0.03, 0.05, 0.10) films.

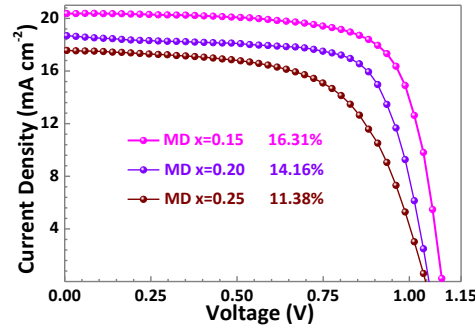


Fig. S2. J – V curves of $[(\text{BE}_2\text{PbI}_4)_x(\text{FA}_{0.9}\text{CS}_{0.1}\text{PbI}_3)_{1-x}]_{0.85}(\text{FAPbBr}_3)_{0.15}$ ($x=0.15, 0.20, 0.25$) PSCs.

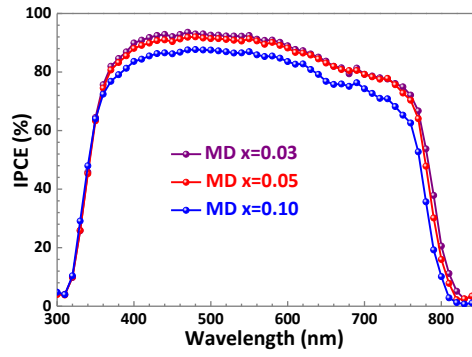


Fig. S3. IPCE spectra of the MD ($x=0.03, 0.05$ and 0.10) perovskite devices.

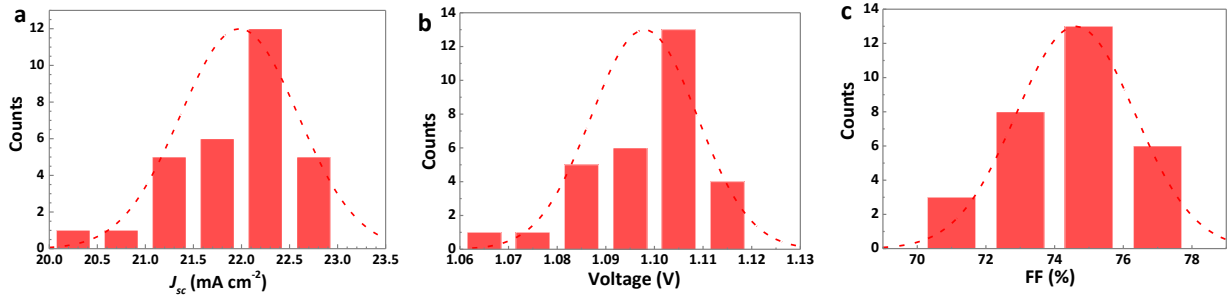


Fig. S4. (a) Short-circuit current density (J_{sc}), (b) Open circuit voltages (V_{oc}) and (c) Fill factor (FF) histogram fitted with a Gaussian distribution of the MD ($x=0.05$) perovskite devices over 30 measured devices.

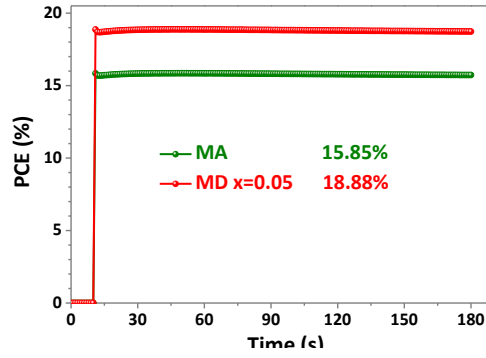


Fig. S5. Stabilized power output at maximum power point as a function of time for the best performing MAPbI₃ and MD (x=0.05) devices.

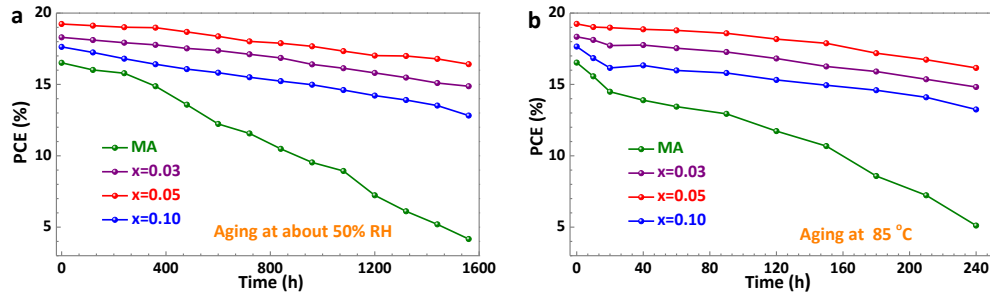
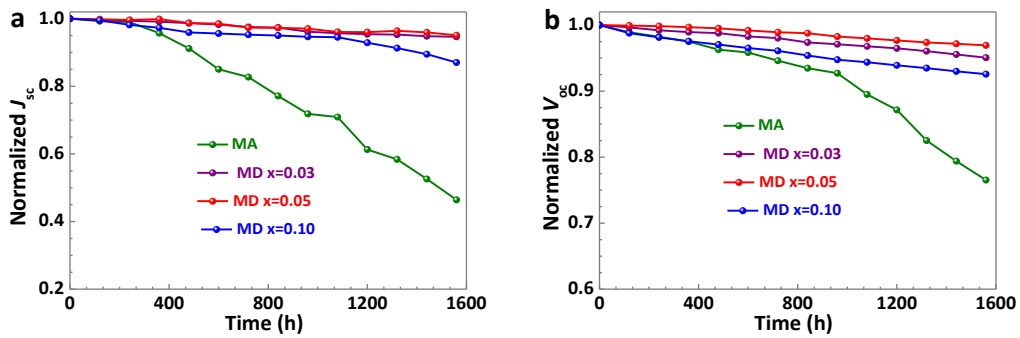


Fig. S6. PCE variation curves of unsealed MAPbI₃ and [(BE₂PbI₄)_x(FA_{0.9}Cs_{0.1}PbI₃)_{1-x}]_{0.85}(FAPbBr₃)_{0.15} (x=0.03, 0.05, 0.10) perovskite devices when exposing to (a) 50% RH for 1600 h and (b) 85 °C for 240 h.



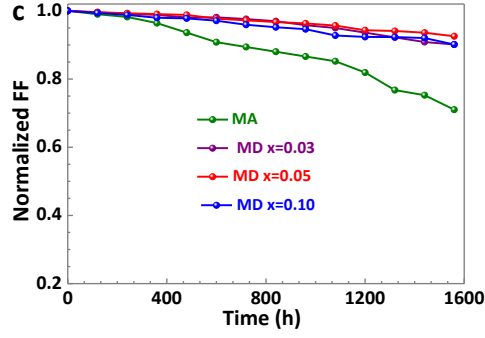


Fig. S7. Normalized (a) short-circuit current density (J_{sc}), (b) open circuit voltages (V_{oc}) and (c) fill factor (FF) variation curves of unsealed MAPbI₃ and [(BE₂PbI₄)_x(FA_{0.9}Cs_{0.1}PbI₃)_{1-x}]_{0.85}(FAPbBr₃)_{0.15} ($x=0.03, 0.05, 0.10$) perovskite devices under about 50% RH.

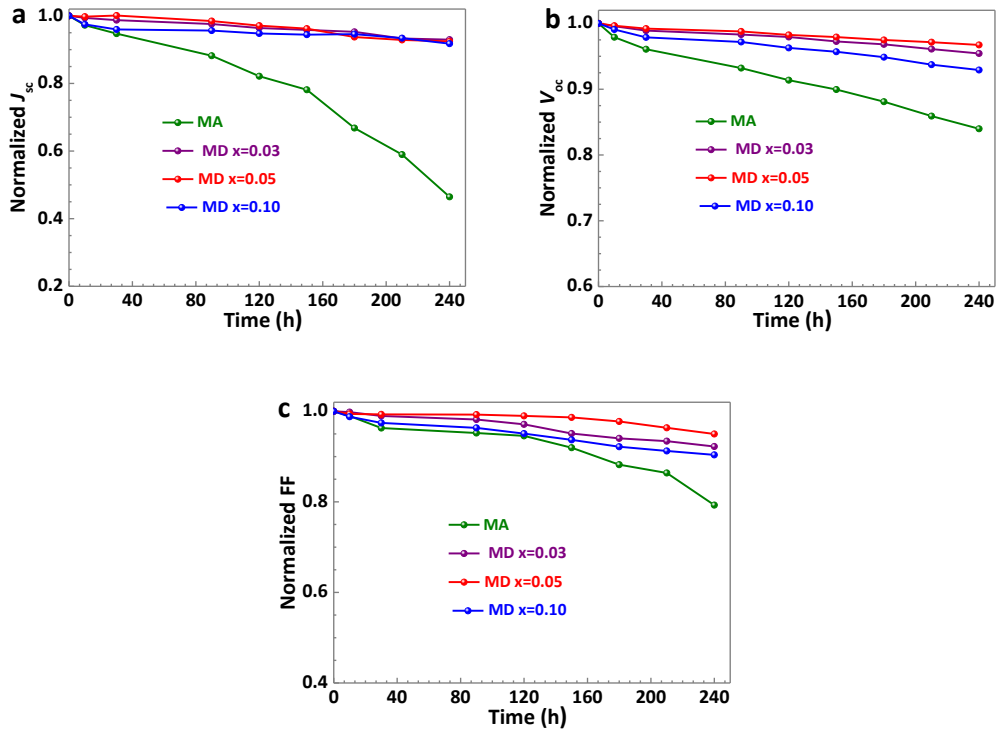


Fig. S8. Normalized (a) short-circuit current density (J_{sc}), (b) open circuit voltages (V_{oc}) and (c) fill factor (FF) variation curves of unsealed MAPbI₃ and [(BE₂PbI₄)_x(FA_{0.9}Cs_{0.1}PbI₃)_{1-x}]_{0.85}(FAPbBr₃)_{0.15} ($x=0.03, 0.05, 0.10$) perovskite devices at 85 °C.

Table S1. Photovoltaic parameters of the MAPbI₃ and the MD (x=0.05) perovskite devices under reverse and forward scan directions.

| Device | J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²) | V_{oc} (V) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| MA-Reverse | 21.49 | 1.07 | 71.67 | 16.53 |
| MA-Forward | 20.18 | 1.07 | 68.74 | 14.86 |
| MD-Reverse | 22.79 | 1.10 | 76.74 | 19.24 |
| MD-Forward | 22.38 | 1.10 | 75.80 | 18.69 |

Table S2. Photovoltaic parameters of [(BE₂PbI₄)_x(FA_{0.9}Cs_{0.1}PbI₃)_{1-x}]_{0.85}(FAPbBr₃)_{0.15} (x=0.15, 0.20, 0.25) PSCs.

| Device | J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²) | V_{oc} (V) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|--------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| x=0.15 | 20.38 | 1.10 | 73.07 | 16.31 |
| x=0.20 | 18.69 | 1.06 | 71.67 | 14.16 |
| x=0.25 | 17.55 | 1.05 | 61.94 | 11.38 |

Table S3. Photovoltaic parameters of [(BE₂PbI₄)_x(FA_{0.9}Cs_{0.1}PbI₃)_{1-x}]_{0.85}(FAPbBr₃)_{0.15} (x=0.15, 0.20, 0.25) PSCs for humidity stability measurements under about 50% RH.

| MAPbI ₃ | J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²) | V_{oc} (V) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| 0 h | 21.49 | 1.07 | 71.67 | 16.51 |
| 120 h | 21.33 | 1.06 | 70.96 | 16.02 |

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|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| 240 h | 21.27 | 1.05 | 70.39 | 15.79 |
| 360 h | 20.57 | 1.05 | 69.09 | 14.87 |
| 480 h | 19.59 | 1.03 | 67.09 | 13.58 |
| 600 h | 18.27 | 1.03 | 65.08 | 12.23 |
| 720 h | 17.78 | 1.02 | 64.08 | 11.57 |
| 840 h | 16.58 | 1.00 | 63.08 | 10.49 |
| 960 h | 15.44 | 0.99 | 62.07 | 9.53 |
| 1080 h | 15.23 | 0.96 | 61.07 | 8.94 |
| 1200 h | 13.17 | 0.93 | 58.70 | 7.23 |
| 1320 h | 12.55 | 0.89 | 55.01 | 6.11 |
| 1440 h | 11.30 | 0.85 | 53.94 | 5.19 |
| 1560 h | 9.97 | 0.82 | 50.90 | 4.17 |
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| MD (x=0.03) | J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²) | V_{oc} (V) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
| 0 h | 22.83 | 1.09 | 73.63 | 18.30 |
| 120 h | 22.74 | 1.09 | 73.27 | 18.11 |
| 240 h | 22.68 | 1.08 | 72.99 | 17.92 |
| 360 h | 22.62 | 1.08 | 72.77 | 17.77 |
| 480 h | 22.52 | 1.08 | 72.18 | 17.52 |
| 600 h | 22.43 | 1.07 | 72.23 | 17.37 |

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| 720 h | 22.26 | 1.07 | 71.87 | 17.12 |
| 840 h | 22.22 | 1.06 | 71.39 | 16.86 |
| 960 h | 21.95 | 1.06 | 70.53 | 16.40 |
| 1080 h | 21.85 | 1.06 | 69.94 | 16.14 |
| 1200 h | 21.78 | 1.05 | 68.92 | 15.81 |
| 1320 h | 21.75 | 1.05 | 67.91 | 15.48 |
| 1440 h | 21.64 | 1.04 | 66.89 | 15.10 |
| 1560 h | 21.61 | 1.04 | 66.37 | 14.87 |

| MD (x=0.05) | J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²) | V_{oc} (V) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| 0 h | 22.77 | 1.10 | 76.74 | 19.23 |
| 120 h | 22.73 | 1.10 | 76.44 | 19.12 |
| 240 h | 22.68 | 1.10 | 76.20 | 19.01 |
| 360 h | 22.74 | 1.10 | 76.01 | 18.98 |
| 480 h | 22.48 | 1.10 | 75.82 | 18.68 |
| 600 h | 22.43 | 1.09 | 74.98 | 18.37 |
| 720 h | 22.17 | 1.09 | 74.61 | 18.02 |
| 840 h | 22.16 | 1.09 | 74.22 | 17.89 |
| 960 h | 22.10 | 1.08 | 73.91 | 17.67 |
| 1080 h | 21.88 | 1.08 | 73.42 | 17.33 |

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|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| 1200 h | 21.86 | 1.08 | 72.38 | 17.02 |
| 1320 h | 21.95 | 1.07 | 72.20 | 16.99 |
| 1440 h | 21.85 | 1.07 | 71.82 | 16.79 |
| 1560 h | 21.65 | 1.07 | 71.02 | 16.42 |
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| MD (x=0.10) | J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²) | V_{oc} (V) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
| 0 h | 21.71 | 1.12 | 72.57 | 17.63 |
| 120 h | 21.61 | 1.11 | 72.12 | 17.24 |
| 240 h | 21.32 | 1.10 | 71.71 | 16.80 |
| 360 h | 21.13 | 1.09 | 71.10 | 16.41 |
| 480 h | 20.83 | 1.09 | 70.98 | 16.07 |
| 600 h | 20.76 | 1.08 | 70.47 | 15.82 |
| 720 h | 20.68 | 1.08 | 69.62 | 15.50 |
| 840 h | 20.63 | 1.07 | 69.09 | 15.23 |
| 960 h | 20.55 | 1.06 | 68.67 | 14.98 |
| 1080 h | 20.52 | 1.06 | 67.33 | 14.61 |
| 1200 h | 20.17 | 1.05 | 67.02 | 14.22 |
| 1320 h | 19.82 | 1.05 | 66.99 | 13.91 |
| 1440 h | 19.43 | 1.04 | 66.79 | 13.52 |
| 1560 h | 18.90 | 1.04 | 65.42 | 12.82 |

Table S4. Photovoltaic parameters of $[(\text{BE}_2\text{PbI}_4)_x(\text{FA}_{0.9}\text{Cs}_{0.1}\text{PbI}_3)_{1-x}]_{0.85}(\text{FAPbBr}_3)_{0.15}$ ($x=0.15, 0.20, 0.25$) PSCs for heat stability measurements 85 °C.

| MAPbI ₃ | J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²) | V_{oc} (V) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|--------|---------|
| 0 | 21.48 | 1.07 | 71.67 | 16.53 |
| 10 | 20.89 | 1.05 | 70.92 | 15.57 |
| 20 | 20.35 | 1.03 | 69.02 | 14.49 |
| 40 | 19.77 | 1.02 | 68.89 | 13.89 |
| 60 | 19.39 | 1.01 | 68.56 | 13.44 |
| 90 | 18.95 | 1.00 | 68.23 | 12.94 |
| 120 | 17.64 | 0.98 | 67.78 | 11.73 |
| 150 | 16.78 | 0.97 | 65.91 | 10.68 |
| 180 | 14.35 | 0.95 | 63.22 | 8.58 |
| 210 | 12.67 | 0.92 | 61.91 | 7.23 |
| 240 | 9.98 | 0.90 | 56.82 | 5.11 |
| MD ($x=0.03$) | J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²) | V_{oc} (V) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
| 0 | 22.83 | 1.09 | 73.63 | 18.34 |
| 10 | 22.67 | 1.09 | 73.50 | 18.12 |
| 20 | 22.53 | 1.08 | 72.87 | 17.72 |
| 40 | 22.64 | 1.08 | 72.61 | 17.76 |

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|-----|-------|------|-------|-------|
| 60 | 22.41 | 1.07 | 72.37 | 17.54 |
| 90 | 22.27 | 1.07 | 72.29 | 17.27 |
| 120 | 22.00 | 1.07 | 71.51 | 16.81 |
| 150 | 21.87 | 1.06 | 70.02 | 16.26 |
| 180 | 21.74 | 1.06 | 69.23 | 15.90 |
| 210 | 21.29 | 1.05 | 68.77 | 15.36 |
| 240 | 21.22 | 1.04 | 67.90 | 14.82 |

| MD (x=0.05) | J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²) | V_{oc} (V) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| 0 | 22.77 | 1.10 | 76.74 | 19.24 |
| 10 | 22.72 | 1.10 | 76.29 | 19.02 |
| 20 | 22.79 | 1.09 | 76.21 | 18.98 |
| 40 | 22.70 | 1.09 | 76.22 | 18.86 |
| 60 | 22.62 | 1.09 | 76.20 | 18.79 |
| 90 | 22.42 | 1.09 | 76.18 | 18.58 |
| 120 | 22.11 | 1.08 | 75.97 | 18.18 |
| 150 | 21.91 | 1.08 | 75.70 | 17.89 |
| 180 | 21.34 | 1.07 | 75.01 | 17.19 |
| 210 | 21.15 | 1.07 | 73.94 | 16.73 |
| 240 | 21.05 | 1.07 | 72.89 | 16.16 |

| MD (x=0.10) | J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²) | V_{oc} (V) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| 0 | 21.71 | 1.12 | 72.57 | 17.65 |
| 10 | 21.16 | 1.11 | 71.70 | 16.84 |
| 20 | 20.83 | 1.10 | 70.71 | 16.16 |
| 40 | 21.14 | 1.09 | 70.84 | 16.33 |
| 60 | 20.92 | 1.09 | 70.09 | 15.98 |
| 90 | 20.76 | 1.09 | 69.91 | 15.80 |
| 120 | 20.58 | 1.08 | 68.99 | 15.31 |
| 150 | 20.50 | 1.07 | 67.99 | 14.94 |
| 180 | 20.53 | 1.06 | 66.89 | 14.60 |
| 210 | 20.28 | 1.05 | 66.21 | 14.10 |
| 240 | 19.92 | 1.04 | 65.58 | 13.25 |