

Supporting Information

Improving the Optical and Thermoelectric Properties of $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$ with Heavy Substitutional Doping: A DFT Insight

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SI 1. Structural details

The double-perovskite $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$ crystallizes in a face-centered cubic structure with 40 atoms per unit cell. The unit cell contains two octahedra: one InCl_6 and the other AgCl_6 . These two octahedra alternate along the different crystallographic planes: [100], [010], and [001].

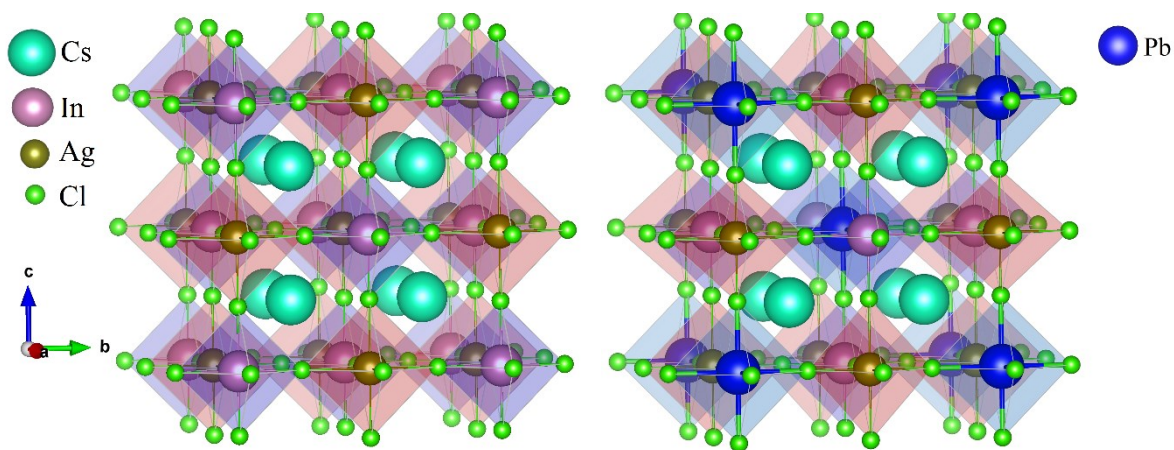


Fig. SI-1: Crystal structure of double perovskite $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$ (left panel), and Pb-substituted- $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$ (right panel).

The unit cell of $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$ is shown in the left panel of Fig. SI-1. The K/Rb based structure is almost identical to the pristine $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$ structure. The right panel shows the crystal structure of 25% Pb. We are not showing the crystal structure for other doped systems. This structure seems to be an octahedrally distorted antiperovskite type structure.

SI 2. Electronic structure

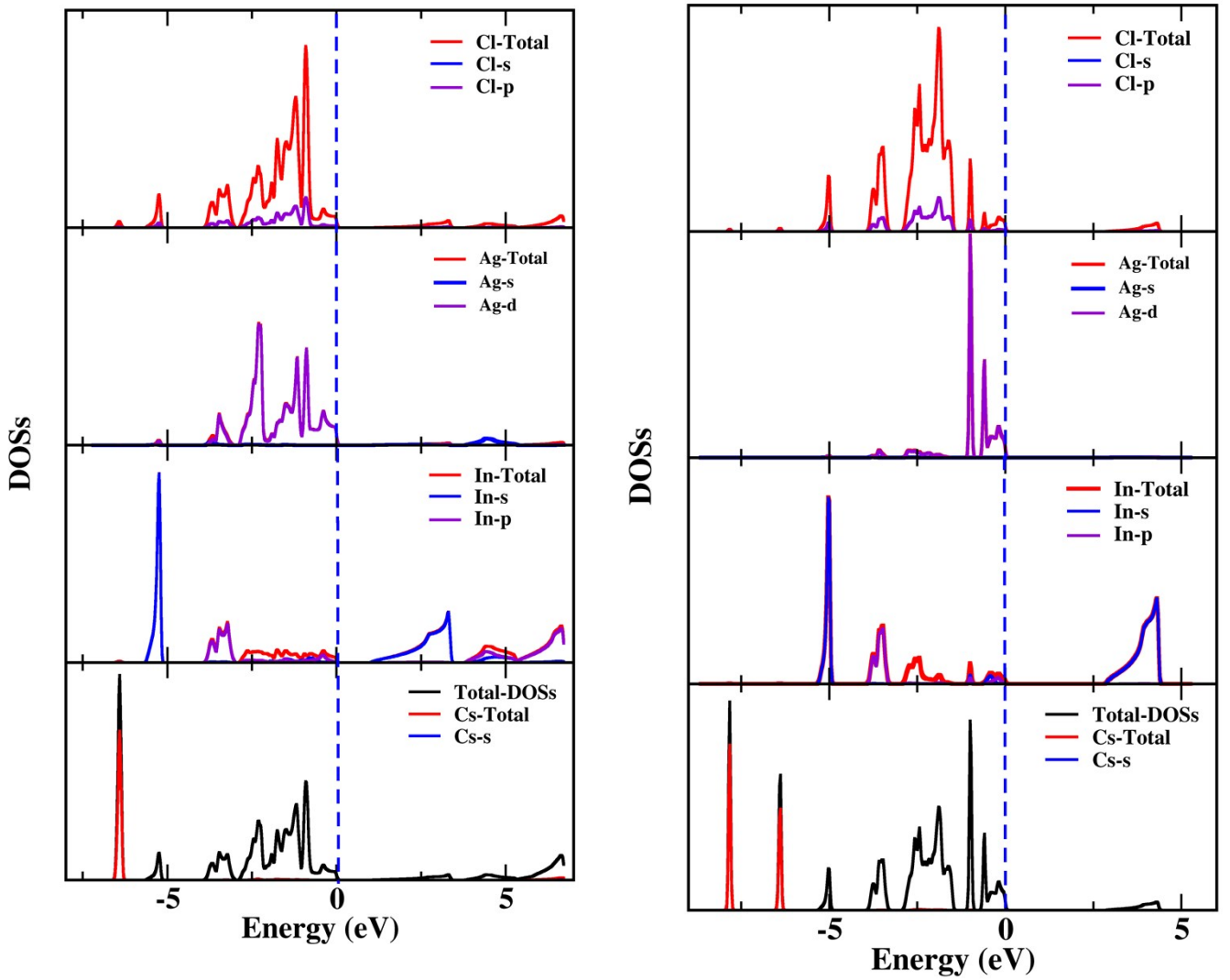


Fig. SI-2: Calculated total, atom, and orbital decomposed density of states of pristine $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$ by using PBE functional (left panel) and with KTB-mBJ+SO potential (right panel).

We see from DOSs that in the pristine case the valence band maximum (VBM) is composed of Ag-*d* and Cl-*p* states while conduction band minimum is originated from In-*s* and Ag-*s* (minor contribution) states. Assuming a similar trend for PBE and KTB-mBJ+SO for doped materials as we observe for pristine, we report only KTB-mBJ+SOC band structure only for the doped case.

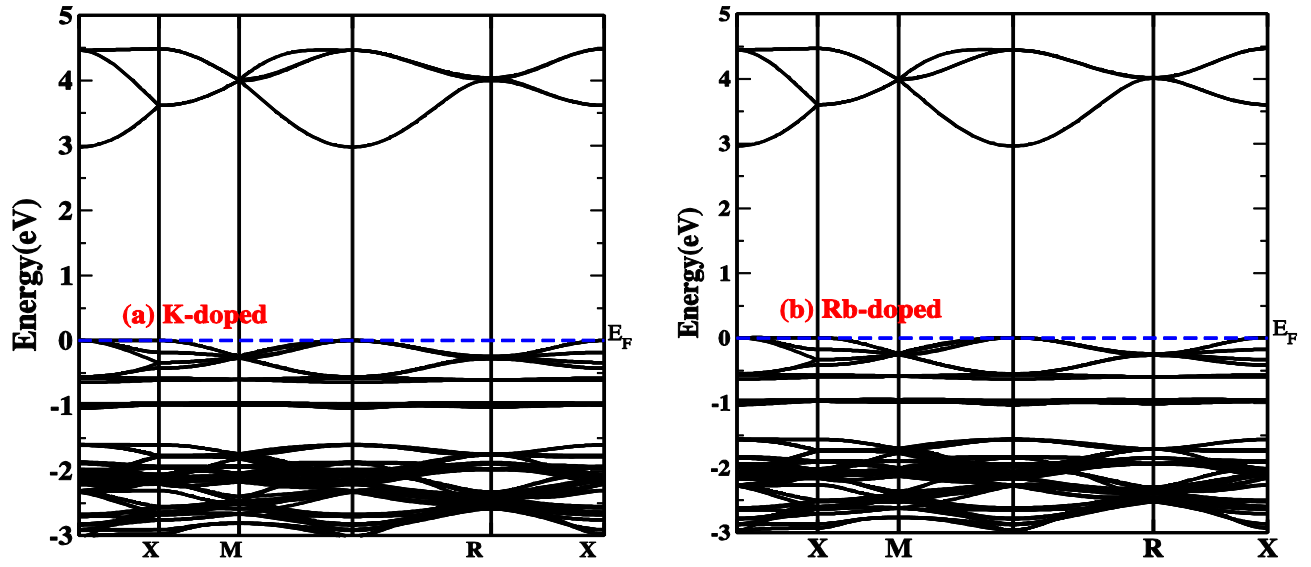


Fig. SI-3: Electronic dispersion relations of: (a) K- doped and (b) Rb-doped $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$ by using PBE functional with KTB-mBJ potential including SO effect. The blue dash line represents the Fermi level.

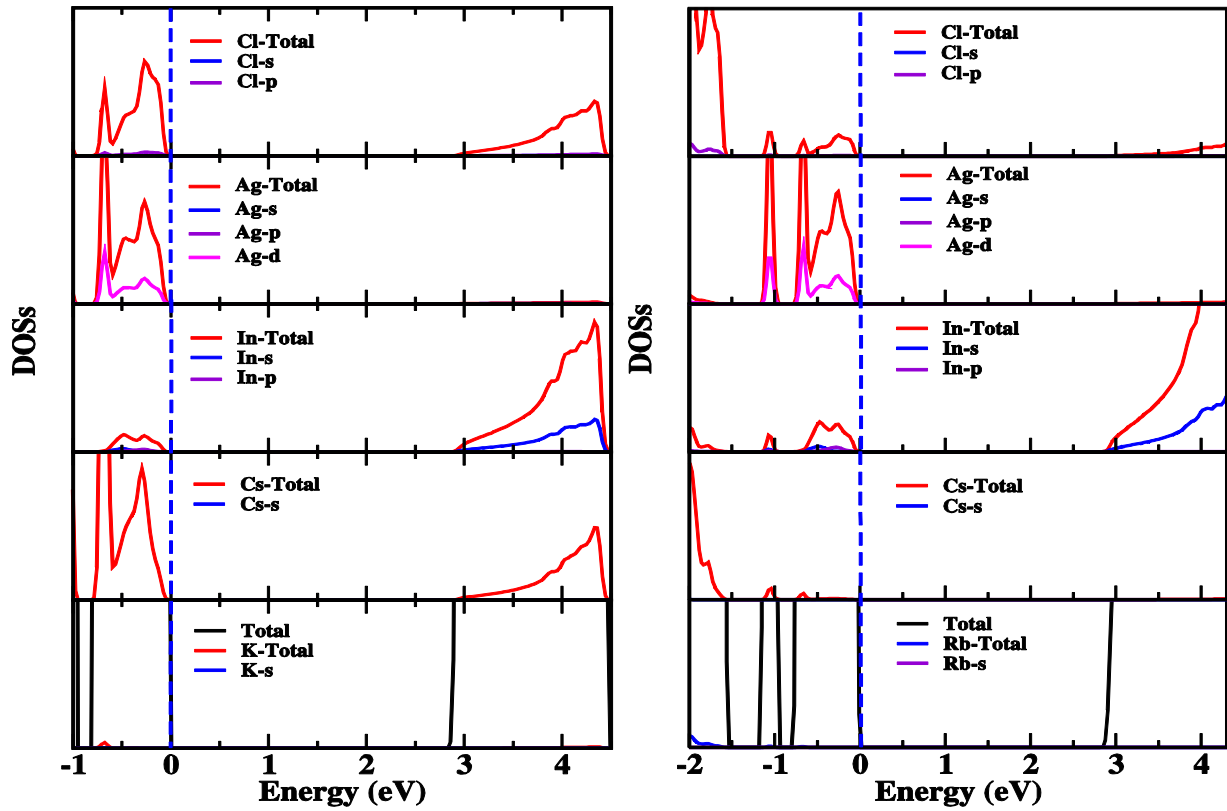


Fig. SI-4: Calculated total, atom, and orbital decomposed density of states of 25% K- (Left panel) and Rb-doped (Right panel).

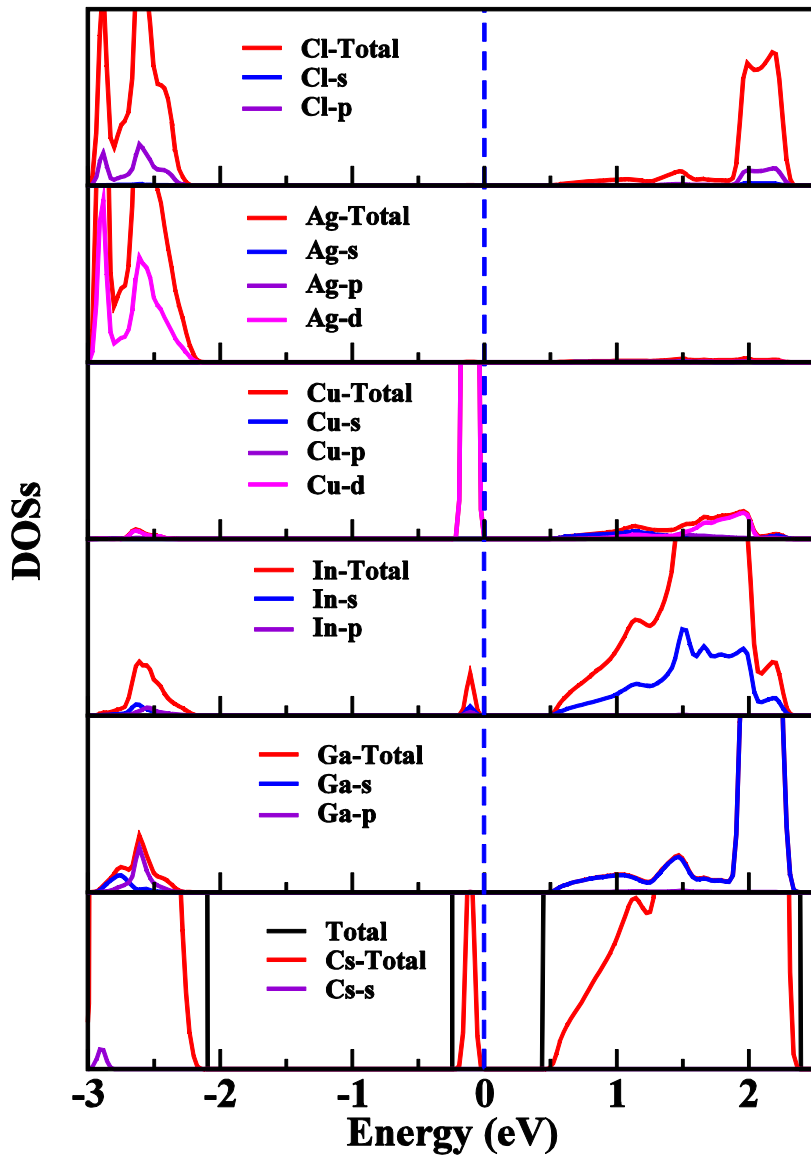


Fig. SI-5: Calculated total, atom, and orbital decomposed density of states of 12.5% Cu & 12.5% Ga-co-doped $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$.

Table-SI-1: Equilibrium lattice parameters of pristine $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$ along with its doped derivatives with experimental and other available data (symbols have their usual meaning).

Material	Space group	a (Å) (PBE)	($\Delta a/a$)%	Exp. [17]	Cal. (Others)
$\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$	225 (Fm-3m)	10.676	-	10.467	10.20 (LDA) [17], 10.23 (LDA) [36], 10.62 (HSE) [17]
Cu-Ga co-doped	221 (Pm-3m)	10.545	1.23	-	-
K-0.25	224 (Pn-3m)	10.629	0.28	-	-
Rb-0.25	224 (Pn-3m)	10.646	0.44	-	-
Sn-0.25	221 (Pm-3m)	10.854	1.67	-	-
Pb-0.25	221 (Pm-3m)	10.916	2.25	-	-

Pb/Rb/K/Cs/Sn/In/Ag*/Cl*: 2.5/2.5/2.5/2.5/2.5/2.5/2.37/2.4/1.85

* R_{mt} for Ag/Cl for pristine case is 2.5/2.04.

Table-SI-2: Calculated bandgap of $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$ by using different approaches of functional along with other theoretical and experimental values. The bandgap of the studied alloys is listed for PBE functional and KTB-mBJ potential only.

Compound	PBE	TB-mBJ		nKTB-mBJ		KTB-mBJ		HSE	PBE0	EXP.	
	PBE	+SOC	mBJ	+SOC	mBJ	+SOC	mBJ	+SOC			
Cs ₂ InAgCl ₆	1.03	1.004	2.57	2.46	2.68	2.56	2.91	2.85 (d)	2.6[1]	2.7[1]	3.3[1]
Cu &Ga	0.12	0.09	-	-	-	-	-	0.65 (I)	-	-	-
K-0.25	1.11	1.08	-	-	-	-	-	3.03 (d)	-	-	-
Rb-0.25	1.11	1.09	-	-	-	-	-	3.01 (d)	-	-	-
Pb-0.25	2.13	1.85	-	-	-	-	-	2.40 (I)	-	-	-
Sn-0.25	1.66	1.59	-	-	-	-	-	2.08 (I)	-	-	-

Formation energy:

To check the chemical and mechanical stability of the studied compounds, we have computed the formation energy (using Eq.-1) and elastic constants. Negative formation energies confirmation that these systems are chemically stable. The calculated the elastic constants satisfies the necessary mechanical stability condition (Eq.-8) for cubic case which predicts the mechanical stability of pristine $\text{Cs}_2\text{AgInCl}_6$ and its doped derivatives.

Computational Details:

To calculate the formation energy, we performed a series of calculations by using plane wave (PW) method as implemented in Quantum Espresso¹. We used 100(1000) Ry kinetic cut-off energy for wavefunction(charge density). convergence threshold on forces (a.u) for ionic minimization was 10^{-3} and convergence threshold on total energy (a.u) for ionic minimization was 10^{-4} . Structre was visualised using XcrySDen software².

Formation Energy:

The chemical stability of the pristine and doped systems was checked using below equation:

$$E_{\text{formation}} = E_{\text{product}} - E_{\text{reactant}} \quad (1)$$

The calculated values are:

$$E(\text{Pristine}) = -8.17306 \text{ Ry} \quad (2)$$

$$E(\text{Cu \& Ga co-doping}) = -8.21226 \text{ Ry} \quad (3)$$

$$E(\text{K-25\% doped}) = -8.24138 \text{ Ry} \quad (4)$$

$$E(\text{Rb-25\% doped}) = -8.25616 \text{ Ry} \quad (5)$$

$$E (\text{Pb-25\% doped}) = -8.35351 \text{ Ry} \quad (6)$$

$$E (\text{Sn-25\% doped}) = -8.33529 \text{ Ry} \quad (7)$$

From above equations (2-7), we can see that the energy difference between the product and the reactant is negative, which confirms the chemical stability of the studied systems. In the **Table-SI3**, we give ground state energy of the calculated systems.

Table-SI-3: Calculated formation energy of $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$ and its doped derivatives. Unit is in Ry.

$\text{Cs}_2\text{AgInCl}_6$	$\text{Cs}_2\text{Ag}(\text{Cu})\text{In}(\text{Ga})\text{Cl}_6$	$\text{Cs}(\text{K})_2\text{AgInCl}_6$	$\text{Cs}(\text{Rb})_2\text{AgInCl}_6$	$\text{Cs}_2\text{Ag}(\text{Pb})\text{In}(\text{Pb})\text{Cl}_6$
-3067.83703430	-3278.685788	-3167.676406	-3039.52761796	-4376.87914
$\text{Cs}_2\text{Ag}(\text{Sn})\text{In}(\text{Sn})\text{Cl}_6$	-	-	-	-
-2962.20007834	-	-	-	-
Cs	Ag	In	Cl	K
-63.065709720	-287.14287239	-144.67274095	-34.494826600	-112.951240
Rb	Sn	Pb	Cu	Ga
-48.869451860	-163.00821624	-870.33864204	-364.89183305	-277.733337

Optical Properties:

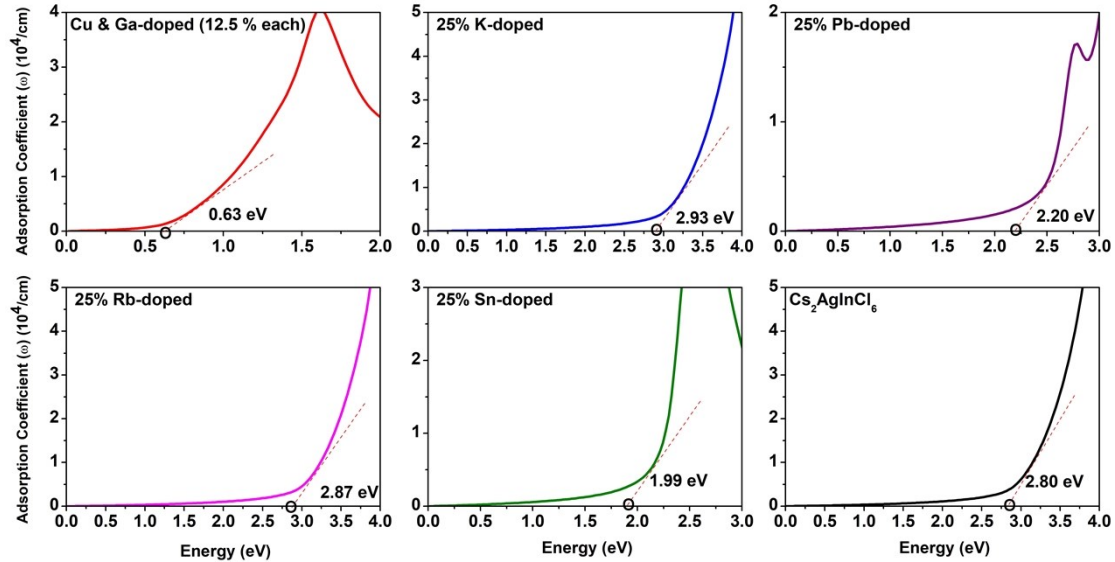


Fig. SI-6: Extrapolated band gap of pristine and its doped derivatives.

From the Table-SI2 and Fig. SI-6, we see that the optical band gap is slightly underestimated.

Mixing Energy:

To understand the stability of the studied doped systems we have calculated the mixing energies as follows,

$$E_{\text{mixing}} = E_{\text{doped system}} + E_{\text{replaced}} - E_{\text{pristine}} - E_{\text{substituent}}$$

Where all the terms in the right side are the total energy of the respective bulk system. A positive value of E_{mixing} means the substitutional doping is endergonic in comparison to the pristine $\text{Cs}_2\text{InAgCl}_6$ and a negative value of E_{mixing} means the substitutional doping is exergonic and more stable than pristine system. The calculated values of E_{mixing} for all the doped systems are presented in Table-SI-4.

Table-SI-4: Calculated mixing energies of the doped systems studied in this work.

System	E_{mixing} (eV)
$\text{Cs}(\text{K})_2\text{AgInCl}_6$	0.70
$\text{Cs}(\text{Rb})_2\text{AgInCl}_6$	0.38
$\text{Cs}_2\text{Ag}(\text{Pb})\text{In}(\text{Pb})\text{Cl}_6$	-1.40
$\text{Cs}_2\text{Ag}(\text{Sn})\text{In}(\text{Sn})\text{Cl}_6$	-0.79
$\text{Cs}_2\text{Ag}(\text{Cu})\text{In}(\text{Au})\text{Cl}_6$	0.88

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