

Supporting Information

Manipulating the inorganic motif by kinetic control of organic-inorganic antimony halide for larger Stokes shift and significantly enhanced quantum efficiency

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Materials.

SbCl₃ (99.9% metals basis) were purchased from Alfa Aesar, 1-carboxymethyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride ([HO₂CMMIm]Cl, 98%) were purchased from Merck, Acetonitrile (>99%) , Ethylacetate (EA, AR, 99%) were purchased from Aladdin. All reagents and solvents were used without further purification unless otherwise stated.

Experimental details.

Single crystal Synthesis of compound 1-2.

A mixture of SbCl₃ (0.228 g, 1 mmol), 1-carboxymethyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride ([HO₂CMMIm]Cl, 0.354 g, 2 mmol) in Acetonitrile (20 mL) and Ethylacetate (20 mL) was stirred and heated in 100 mL round bottom flask fitted with a chilled-water cooled condenser allowing the liquid to condense during the experiment. A flask containing these ingredients was heated to 90 °C for 6 hours and colorless crystals of compound **1** slowly precipitated out from the solution on the wall of the flask and the products were separated as soon as they formed. A few hours

later, compound **2** with green emission started to form quickly at the bottom of the flask. Stopped the reaction and cooled slowly to room temperature. To separate the two different phases, crystals **2** were firstly suck out. Crystal sample of **1** were collected by filtration from the reaction solution and washed with a small amount of acetonitrile for three times. These samples were then dried in a vacuum oven overnight before other measurements were made.

Single crystal X-ray diffraction (SXRD). Single crystals of $\text{H}_3(\text{L})_3\text{SbCl}_5 \cdot \text{Cl}$ were selected and diffraction data were collected at 200K on a Bruker D8 Venture CCD diffractometer with the use of $\text{I}\mu\text{S}$ 3.0 microfocus X-ray Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares on F^2 using the Bruker SHELXTL package. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_re-request/cif. The CCDC number of compound **1** is 2190859.

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD). PXRD analyses were performed on Bruker D8 Powder X-ray Diffractometer with Advance automated diffraction system using Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$) at 40 kV/40 mA. The sample pattern was collected at room temperature in a 2θ range of $5\text{--}50^\circ$ with a step size of 0.01 and the simulated pattern was calculated by Mercury software using the crystallographic information from cif file.

Thermogravimetric (TG) analysis. TG analyse of the compound **1** was measured on a computer-controlled TG 550 system. The powder sample was loaded into platinum pans and heated with a ramp rate of $10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ from room temperature to $500 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ under a nitrogen flux of $40 \text{ mL}/\text{min}$.

Optical diffuse reflectance measurements. Optical diffuse reflectance spectra were carried out at room temperature on a Shimadzu UV-3600 spectrophotometer with BaSO_4 powder as the reflectance reference. Raw data were collected in the wavelength range of 200-800 nm and converted to absorption via the Kubelka-Munk function.

Microscope. The microscope images were obtained on Nikon Eclipse Ci-POL microscope with DS-Fi3 camera module under UV (360 nm) LED light source.

Excitation and photoluminescence spectrum measurements. Excitation and Steady-state photoluminescence spectra were obtained from 77K to room temperature using cryostat pattern (by liquid nitrogen) on a Edinburgh Instrument FLS1000 spectrofluorometer.

Internal quantum yield measurements. Internal quantum yields (IQYs) of powder sample was acquired on a FS5 fluorescence spectrometer with C9920-03 absolute quantum yield measurement system (Hamamatsu Photonics) with a 150 W xenon monochromatic light source and 3.3 inch integrating sphere.

Time-resolved photoluminescence. Time-Resolved Emission data were collected at room temperature using the FLS100 spectrofluorometer. The dynamics of emission decay were monitored by using the FLS1000's time-correlated single-photon counting capability (1024 channels; $100 \mu\text{s}$ window) using Xe flash lamp as the excitation source. The average lifetime was obtained by mono-exponential fitting as followed:

$$\tau_{\text{ave}} = \frac{A_1\tau_1^2 + A_2\tau_2^2 + A_3\tau_3^2}{A_1\tau_1 + A_2\tau_2 + A_3\tau_3}$$

where A_1, A_2, A_3 are the pre-exponential factor, and τ_1, τ_2, τ_3 are the lifetimes components, if necessary.

DFT calculation: First-principle calculations of the density of states (DOS) of compounds **1** were carried out using the CASTEP code implemented in the Material studio. Generalized gradient approximations (GGA) with Perdew–Burke–Ernzerhof (PBE) exchange–correlation functional (xc) were used in all calculations. The plane-wave basis set energy cutoff was set at 10.0 eV, ultrasoft pseudopotentials were used for all chemical elements and the total energy tolerance was set to be $1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}/\text{atom}$.

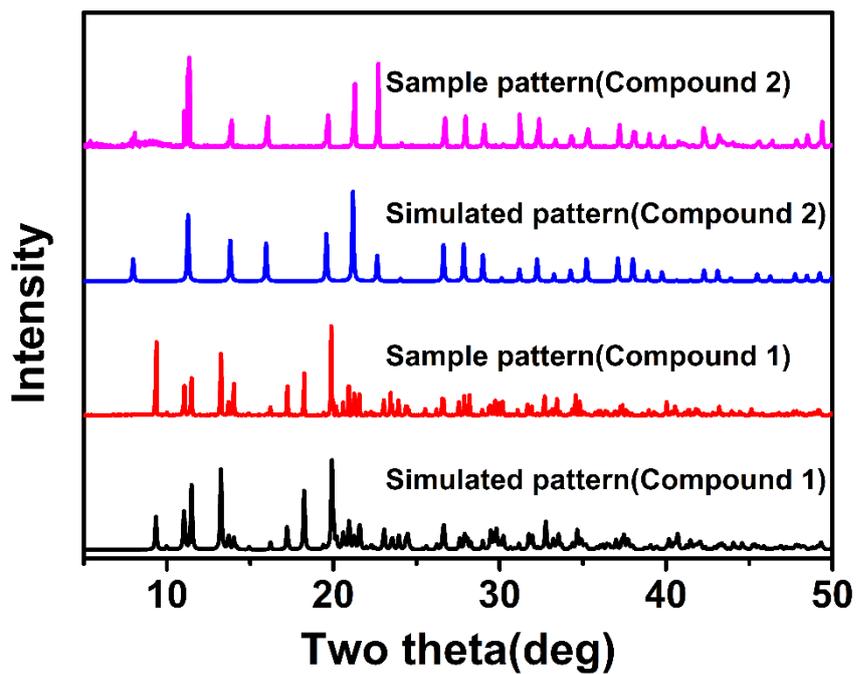


Figure S1. PXRD patterns of simulated pattern of compound 1 compound 2.

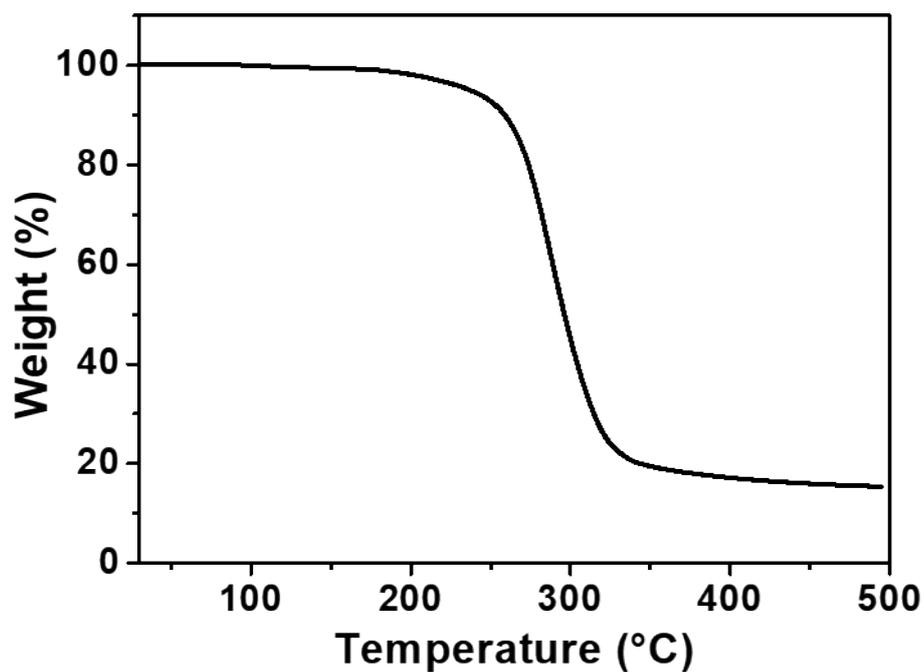


Figure S2. TG plot of compound 1.

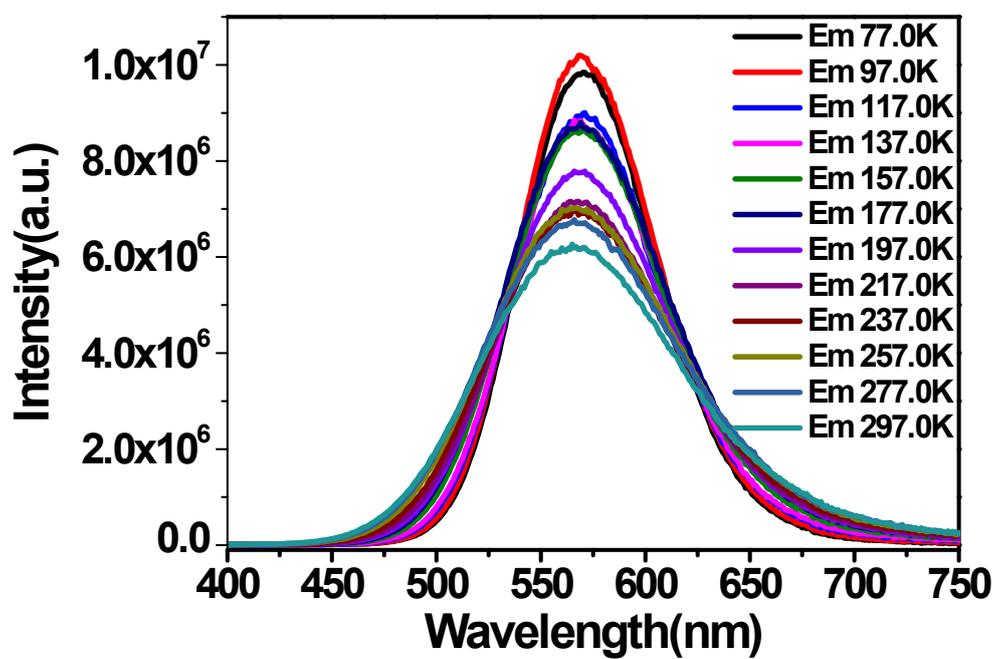


Figure S3. Temperature-dependent photoluminescence spectra of compound 1 under 340 nm excitation.

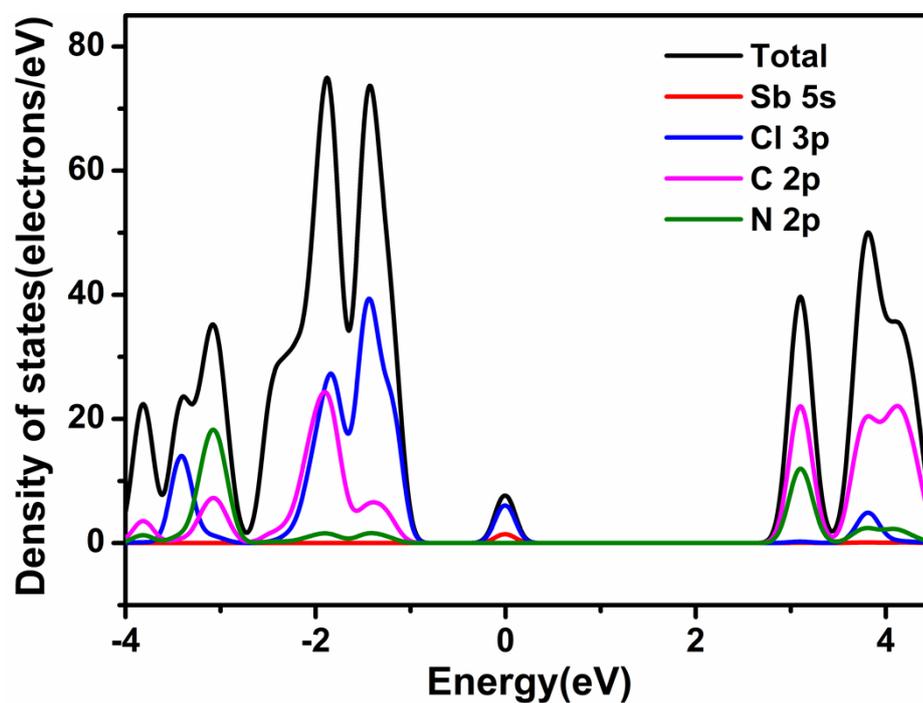


Figure S4. Density of states plot of compound 2.

Table S1. Single crystal X-ray diffraction data of compound **1**

Empirical formula	C ₁₈ H ₂₇ N ₆ O ₆ SbCl ₆
Formula mass	757.92
Space group	P21/c
a/Å	20.8758(6)
b/Å	8.7858(2)
c/Å	17.7065(4)
α /°	90
β /°	114.926(1)
γ /°	90
V/Å ³	2945.06(13)
Z	4
λ	0.71073
T/K	200K
R ¹ [a]	0.0501
wR ²	0.0948

Table S2. Selected bond angles for compound **1** and **2**.

1				2			
Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
Cl1	Sb	Cl2	97.25(3)	Cl1 ⁱ	Sb	Cl1 ^v	91.28(2)
Cl1	Sb	Cl3	173.06(3)	Cl1 ^v	Sb	Cl1 ⁱⁱⁱ	88.02(2)
Cl3	Sb	Cl2	83.97(3)	Cl1 ⁱⁱ	Sb	Cl1 ⁱⁱⁱ	91.98(2)
Cl4	Sb	Cl1	90.97(3)	Cl1 ^v	Sb	Cl1 ^{iv}	88.02(2)
Cl4	Sb	Cl2	171.75(3)	Cl1 ⁱ	Sb	Cl1 ^{iv}	88.02(2)
Cl4	Sb	Cl3	87.78(3)	Cl1 ^{iv}	Sb	Cl1 ⁱⁱⁱ	91.98(2)
Cl5	Sb	Cl1	85.72(3)	Cl1 ^v	Sb	Cl1	91.98(2)
Cl5	Sb	Cl2	89.10(3)	Cl1 ^{iv}	Sb	Cl1 ⁱⁱ	91.28(2)
Cl5	Sb	Cl5	87.48(3)	Cl1 ⁱ	Sb	Cl1	91.28(2)
				Cl1 ⁱⁱ	Sb	Cl1	88.02(2)
				Cl1 ⁱ	Sb	Cl1 ⁱⁱ	88.02(2)
				Cl1 ⁱⁱⁱ	Sb	Cl1 ⁱⁱ	88.02(2)

Table S3. Bond lengths for compound **1** and **2**.

1			2		
Atom	Atom	Length/ ^o	Atom	Atom	Length/ ^o
Sb	Cl1	2.5828(10)	Sb	Cl1	2.6470(6)
Sb	Cl2	2.7334(10)	Sb	Cl1#1	2.6470(6)
Sb	Cl3	2.6612(10)	Sb	Cl1#1	2.6470(5)
Sb	Cl4	2.5444(10)	Sb	Cl1#1	2.6470(6)
Sb	Cl5	2.4029(9)	Sb	Cl1#1	2.6470(6)
			Sb	Cl1#1	2.6470(5)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 (1-y, x-y, z), (1/3+x-y, -1/3+x, 2/3-z), (1/3+y, 2/3-x+y, 2/3-z), (4/3-x, 2/3-y, 2/3-z) 2.6471(5), (1-x+y, 1-x, z).

Table S4. Hydrogen bonds for compound **1**.

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	Angle(DHA)
O(2)-H(2)... Cl(6)	0.84	2.30	3.097(3)	159.0
O(3)-H(3A) ...Cl(6)	0.84	2.17	2.997(3)	168.0
C(2)-H(2B) ...Cl(2)	0.99	2.09	3.444(4)	115.0
C(3)-H(3)... Cl(2)	0.95	2.73	3.574(4)	148.4
C(16)-H(16) ...Cl(2)	0.95	2.85	3.622(4)	139.1
C(8)-H(8A) ...Cl(3)	0.99	2.65	3.569(4)	154.0
C(8)-H(8A) ...Cl(4)	0.99	2.95	3.620(4)	125.5
C(9)-H(9)... Cl(5)	0.95	2.73	3.544(4)	145.9

Table S5. Hydrogen bonds for compound **2**.

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(DHA)
C(2)-H(2A) ...Cl(1)	0.97	2.85	3.539(2)	128.7
C(3)-H(3)... Cl(1)	0.93	2.98	3.433(2)	111.9
C(3)-H(3)... Cl(1)	0.93	2.78	3.624(2)	151.0