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Oxidation-Induced Phase Transformations of Hybrid Tin Bromide Single

Crystals Enable the Occurrence of Second-Harmonic Generation

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Characterizations

Powder and Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction Measurements. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns were measured on a PANalytical XPert Pro MPD equipment with Cu-K_a radiation in the 2 θ range of 10-80° using reasonable step size and step time settings. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker D8 advance diffractometer equipped with a CCD detector (graphite-monochromated Mo-K_a radiation, λ = 0.71073 Å) at 293(2) K. APEX3 software was used for data integration and cell refinements. The crystal was kept at 293(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2,¹ the structure was solved with the Olex2.solve² structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the XL³ refinement package using Least Squares minimization.

X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) Measurements. Polycrystalline samples were extracted using a sample transporter that protects against air exposure. The sample transporter is connected to the ultra-high vacuum chamber and then transferred to the XPS systems for characterizations. Pass energy values are 160 eV for XPS wide scan, 10 eV for high resolution scan. All the data analysis about XPS was performed using the XPS Peaks Fit software. All the elements were fitted with the 80% Gaussian and 20% Lorentzian peak shapes after applying background subtractions with Shirley function.⁴

Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA) and Differential Scan Calorimetry (DSC) Measurements. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was carried out using a TGA/DSC1/1600HT analyzer (METTLER TOLEDO Instruments). The powder samples were placed in Al_2O_3 crucible, and heated at a rate of 10 °C min⁻¹ from room temperature to 600 °C under flowing N₂ gas, respectively. Differential Scan calorimetry (DSC) measurements were performed on Polyma Instruments (DSC-200-F3 Maia).

IR and ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR, measurements of DMESnBr_n (n=4 or 6) and TMDPSn_nBr₆ (n=1 or 2). IR measurement of DMESnBr_n (n=4 or 6) and TMDPSn_nBr₆ (n=1 or 2) was performed using KBr pellet method. The ¹H and ¹³C Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra of DMESnBr_n (n=4 or 6) and TMDPSn_nBr₆ (n=1 or 2) were recorded in D6-dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) using a Bruker Advance 300 spectrometer. The data was delt and analysed with Mestre Nova software.

UV-Vis Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy. The UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectra of these compounds were recorded at room temperature on a Shimadzu UV-2600 UV-vis spectrophotometer in the wavelength range of 200-800 nm. BaSO₄ powder was used as 100% reflectance reference. The Kubelka-Munk function 3, 4 was used to calculate the absorption spectra from the reflection spectra: $F(R) = \alpha/S = (1-R)^2/2R$, where R is the reflectance, α is the absorption coefficient, and S is the scattering coefficient.

Second-Harmonic Generation Measurements. The Kurtz and Perry method was used to measure powder second harmonic generation (SHG) signals at room temperature.⁵ The SHG efficiency mainly depends on the particle size, and the crystalline compound was ground and divided into the following particle sizes: 20-60, 60-100, 100-125, 125-150, 150-200, 200-300, and 300-400 μ m. Microcrystalline KH₂PO₄ (KDP) with the same particle size was used as a reference. The measurements were performed using Q-switched Nd: YAG lasers with visible light at 1064 nm, and a cut-off filter was used to limit the background flash light on the sample, and the SHG signal is recorded by a photomultiplier tube.

Piezoelectricity measurement. We thus used the PiezoTest to investigate its piezoelectric performance through the quasi-static method. The DMESnBr₆ crystal were placed between two

copper foil electrodes and encapsulated with the polyethylene terephthalate (PET) tape to form a simple sandwich-structure powder piezoelectric device, as shown in **Fig. 5**. When the tapping frequency is 110 Hz, the d_{22} value was measured to be ± 3 pC/N along the [010] direction for the crystal DMESnBr₆.

Simulation details. Structural optimization was performed via the Vienna ab initio simulation package (VASP)^{6, 7} with the conjugate gradient method. The Perdew, Burke, and Ernzerhof exchange-correlation functional within GGA was used.^{8, 9} The convergence of energy between two electronic steps in the self-consistent process was set to 10^{-5} eV. Ionic relaxation was stopped when the maximum force was smaller than 0.01 eV/Å. All atoms in the models and cell shape and volume were fully relaxed. The Monkhorst-Pack grids of $2 \times 2 \times 6$ (DMESnBr₄) and $5 \times 2 \times 4$ (DMESnBr₆) were used for the reciprocal space sampling.¹⁰ An energy cutoff of 450 eV was adopted for plane-wave expansion of electronic wave functions.



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Fig. S10. ¹³C-NMR of DMESnBr₆ measured in DMSO-d6.



Fig. S11. ¹H-NMR of DMESnBr₆ measured in DMSO-d6.





Fig. S14. ¹³C-NMR of TMDPSnBr₆ measured in DMSO-d6.



Fig. S15. ¹H-NMR of TMDPSnBr₆ measured in DMSO-d6.



Fig. S16. FTIR spectrum of DMESnBr₄ measured by using KBr pellet method.



Fig. S17. FTIR spectrum of DMESnBr₆ measured by using KBr pellet method.



Fig. S18. FTIR spectrum of TMDPSn₂Br₆ measured by using KBr pellet method.



Fig. S19. FTIR spectrum of TMDPSnBr₆ measured by using KBr pellet method. **Table**. IR Spectral Data (KBr pellet, cm^{-1}).

Compound	Peak position		
DMESnBr ₄	$3021 \text{ cm}^{-1}(\text{vs}), 3000 \text{ cm}^{-1}(\text{vs}), 2959 \text{ cm}^{-1}(\text{s}).$		
DMESnBr ₆	$3073 \text{ cm}^{-1}(\text{vs}), 3047 \text{ cm}^{-1}(\text{vs}), 2959 \text{ cm}^{-1}(\text{s}).$		
TMDPSn ₂ Br ₆	$3064 \text{ cm}^{-1}(\text{vs}), 1502 \text{ cm}^{-1}(\text{vs}), 783 \text{ cm}^{-1}(\text{s}).$		
TMDPSnBr ₆	$3134 \text{ cm}^{-1}(\text{vs}), 1500 \text{ cm}^{-1}(\text{vs}), 783 \text{ cm}^{-1}(\text{s}).$		



Fig. S21. Solid state UV-vis diffuse spectra at room temperature of a) TMDPSn₂Br₆ and b). TMDPSnBr₆. (The insets of a) and b) are tauc plots showing the calculated optical band gap).



Fig. S22. {SnBr₆} units and ball-stick diagrams in the crystal structure of DMESnBr₆.



Fig. S23. The dipole moments of organic and inorganic parts in the crystal structure of DMESnBr₆ using Gaussian 09 program using B3LYP functional.

Identification code	DMESnBr ₄	DMESnBr ₆	TMDPSn ₂ Br ₆	TMDPSnBr ₆
Empirical formula	$C_4H_{14}Br_4N_2Sn$	$C_4H_{14}Br_6N_2Sn$	$C_{13}H_{16}Br_6N_2Sn_2$	$C_{13}H_{16}Br_6N_2Sn$
Formula weight	528.50	688.32	917.12	798.43
Temperature/K	293.15	293.15	293(2)	293.15
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/m (no.12)	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ (no.4)	P2/c (no.13)	$P2_1/c$ (no.14)
a/Å	15.7498(16)	7.1983(6)	10.7946(3)	8.9183(10)
b/Å	14.5119(15)	13.5342(12)	4.63560(10)	21.856(2)
c/Å	6.1502(6)	8.2833(8)	22.9267(6)	11.2936(12)
$\alpha / ^{\circ}$	90	90	90	90
β/°	111.880(3)	100.687(3)	101.1280(10)	106.313(4)
γ/°	90	90	90	90
Volume/Å ³	1304.4(2)	792.99(12)	1125.67(5)	2112.8(4)
Z	4 2		2	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	2.691	2.883	2.706	2.510
μ/mm^{-1}	14.168	16.697	12.867	12.554
F(000)	968.0	624.0	836.0	1472.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.15 × 0.12 × 0.1	0.1 imes 0.08 imes 0.05	0.15 × 0.12 × 0.08	0.18 imes 0.15 imes 0.1
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2Θ range for data	5.574 to 59.19	5.004 to	5.77 to 52.744	4.194 to 58.366

$\label{eq:table_state} \textbf{Table S1.} Crystal data of DMESnBr_{4}, \ DMESnBr_{6}, \ TMDPSn_{2}Br_{6} \ and \ TMDPSnBr_{6}.$

collection/°		59.196		
Index ranges	$\begin{array}{l} -21 \leq h \leq 21, - \\ 20 \leq k \leq 20, - \\ 6 \leq l \leq 8 \end{array}$	$-9 \le h \le 9, -18$ $\le k \le 17, -11$ $\le 1 \le 11$	$-13 \le h \le 13, -5$ $\le k \le 5, -28 \le 1$ ≤ 28	$\begin{array}{l} -12 \leq h \leq 12, - \\ 29 \leq k \leq 25, -15 \\ \leq l \leq 15 \end{array}$
Reflections collected	10403	12815	9707	33977
Independent reflections	$1898 [R_{int} = 0.0499, R_{sigma} = 0.0413]$	$\begin{array}{l} 4333 \; [R_{int} = \\ 0.0374, R_{sigma} \\ = 0.0504] \end{array}$	$2300 [R_{int} = 0.0410, R_{sigma} = 0.0377]$	$5690 [R_{int} = 0.0680, R_{sigma} = 0.0540]$
Data/restraints/parameters	1898/0/57	4333/1/121	2300/0/106	5690/0/200
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.030	1.020	1.057	1.026
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0373,$ $wR_2 = 0.0869$	$R_1 = 0.0285,$ $wR_2 = 0.0526$	$R_1 = 0.0323,$ $wR_2 = 0.0908$	$R_1 = 0.0365,$ $wR_2 = 0.0677$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0636,$ $wR_2 = 0.0970$	$R_1 = 0.0405,$ $wR_2 = 0.0551$	$R_1 = 0.0398,$ $wR_2 = 0.0951$	$R_1 = 0.0789,$ $wR_2 = 0.0786$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	2.33/-0.70	0.60/-0.66	0.92/-0.70	1.00/-0.88
Flack parameter	-	0.041(9)	-	-

	Atom	Bond length	R ₀	В	Bond
		R_{ij} (Å)			Valence S_{ij}
DMESnBr ₄	Sn1				1.65
	Br1	2.9978	2.53	0.35	-0.26
	Br2	2.9978	2.53	0.35	-0.26
	Br3	2.7195	2.53	0.35	-0.58
	Br4	2.742	2.53	0.35	-0.55
DMESnBr ₆	Sn1				3.50
	Br1	2.5772	2.4	0.37	-0.62
	Br2	2.596	2.4	0.37	-0.63
	Br3	2.6137	2.4	0.37	-0.56
	Br4	2.5953	2.4	0.37	-0.59
	Br5	2.6282	2.4	0.37	-0.54
	Br6	2.6183	2.4	0.37	-0.55
TMDPSn ₂ Br ₆	Sn1				1.70
	Br1	2.7619	2.53	0.35	-0.52
	Br2	2.6969	2.53	0.35	-0.62
	Br3	2.7307	2.53	0.35	-0.56
TMDPSnBr ₆	Sn1				3.51
	Br1	2.6263	2.4	0.37	-0.54
	Br2	2.6353	2.4	0.37	-0.53
	Br3	2.5701	2.4	0.37	-0.63
	Br4	2.6205	2.4	0.37	-0.55
	Br5	2.5732	2.4	0.37	-0.63
	Br6	2.5739	2.4	0.37	-0.63

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and Bond Valences for $DMESnBr_{4}$, $DMESnBr_{6}$, $TMDPSn_2Br_6$ and $TMDPSnBr_6$.

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