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Supporting Information

Experimental Section

Synthesis and crystal growth: Bi₂O₃ (Aladdin, 99.0%), H₂mdap (Aladdin, 98%), and Hydrogen Bromide (HBr, Aladdin, 48 wt.%) were purchased and used without further purification. The growth procedure is schematically illustrated in **Figure 1b** with a facile solvent evaporation method. Bi₂O₃ (2.347 g, 5 mmol) and H₂mdap (0.232 g, 5 mmol) were dissolved in 20 mL HBr solution with continuous stirring at the heating platform. A yellow solution was obtained after the solutes were completely dissolved. After several days, the desired bulk SCs with a size of centimeters were obtained.

Photoelectric measurements. A laser diode with wavelength of 404 nm (L404P400M, Thorlabs) was used for the light source. The voltage vs time (*V-t*) was measured using a highly accurate electrometer (Keithley 6517B) with a controlled temperature of 298 K using a Linkam TS1500 heating stage.

X-Ray Detection. The current-voltage (*I-V*) traces and current-time (*I-t*) curves of 1 SC device were recorded by a Keithley 6517B high-precision electrometer. An Amptek Mini-X2 X-ray tube with the silver target (maximum power 4 W) was used as the X-ray source. A silicon detector calibrates the radiation dose rate. The X-ray energy is up to 50 keV and the peak intensity is at 22 keV.

Calculations of Sensitivity (*S*) and Signal-to-Noise Ratio (*SNR*). *S* can be determined by,

$$S = (I_{x-ray} - I_d) / (D \times A) \quad \text{.....(S1)}$$

where *I*_{x-ray} and *I*_d are the currents recorded under X-ray irradiation and in the dark, respectively, *D* is the irradiation dose rate, and *A* is the effective area of the detector.

SNR is calculated by ^{1, 2},

$$SNR = \frac{I_{signal}}{I_{noise}} = \frac{T_{x-ray} - T_d}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (I_i - T_{x-ray})^2}} \quad \text{..... (S2)}$$

where *I*_{signal} is the signal current, *I*_{noise} is the noise current, *T*_{x-ray} is the average device current under X-ray irradiation, *T*_d is the average dark current, *n* is the number of parallel experiments under each bias.

Calculations of theoretical Sensitivity (*S**). *S** can be determined by,

$$S^* = \frac{e}{W_{\pm} \times \left(\frac{\mu_{en}}{\rho}\right)} \quad \text{.....(3)}$$

$$W_{\pm} = 2.8 \times \text{bandgap} + 0.5(\text{eV}) \quad \text{.....(4)}$$

$$\frac{\mu_{en}}{\rho}$$

where *e* is the elementary charge, $\frac{\mu_{en}}{\rho}$ is the mass energy-absorption coefficient in the air of the maximum X-ray energy of 50 keV and the peak intensity of 22 keV (**Figure S9a**), obtained from the NIST database. (**Figure S9b**), *W*_± is the amount of radiation energy consumed per electron-hole pair generated in a semiconductor. ³ Bandgap refers to the bandgap of the response material, in [H₂mdap]BiBr₅ case, it is 2.94 eV (**Figure S9c**).

Calculation of Dark Current Drift (*I*_{drift}). The dark current drift is calculated using the following equations,

$$E = \frac{V}{d} \quad \text{..... (S5)}$$

$$I_{drift} = (I_t - I_0) / (E \times S \times t) \quad \text{..... (S6)}$$

in which *V*, *d*, *I*₀, *I*_t, *E*, and *S* are the bias, this distance between the two Ag electrodes, the current immediately after stabilization, the current at time *t*, the electric field, and the device area, respectively.

Figures

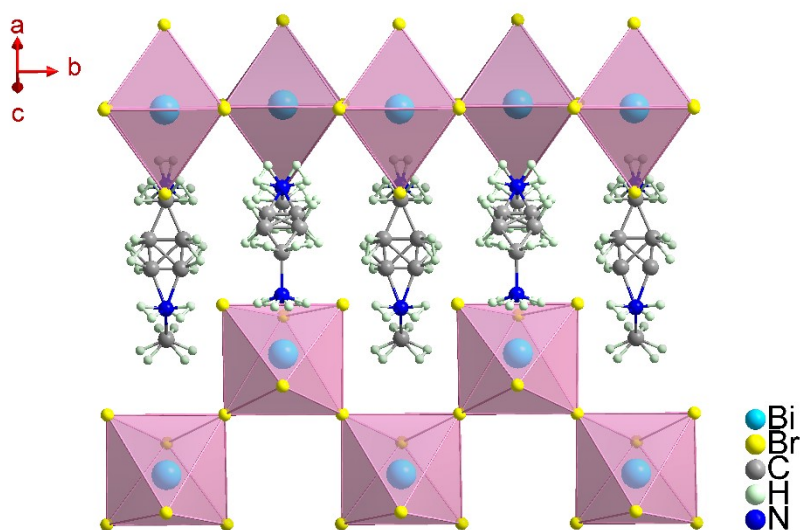


Figure S1. The crystal structure of **1** at the paraelectric phase.

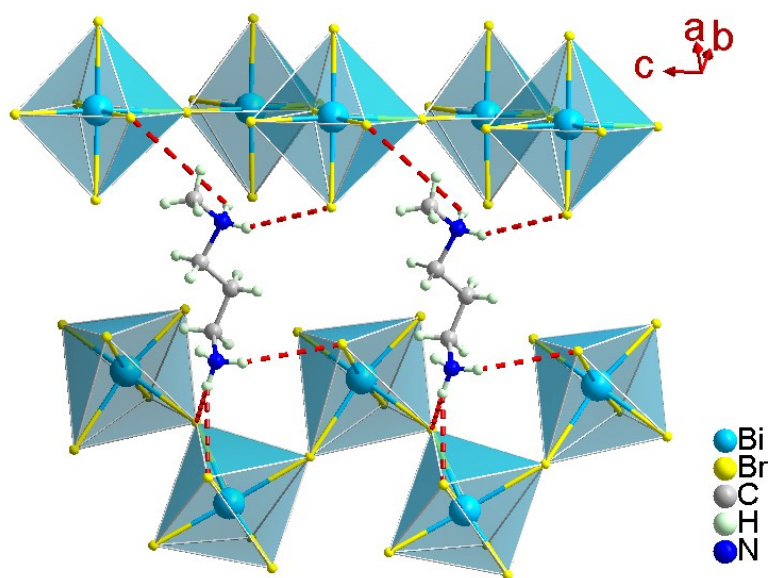


Figure S2. N-H...Br hydrogen bonds (dash lines) between organic cations and inorganic skeletons.

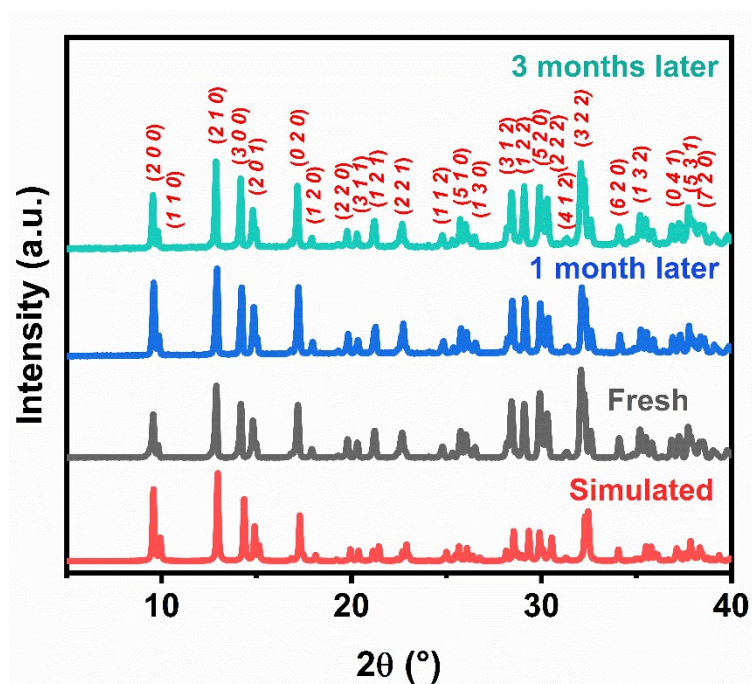


Figure S3. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of **1**, verify its environmental stability.

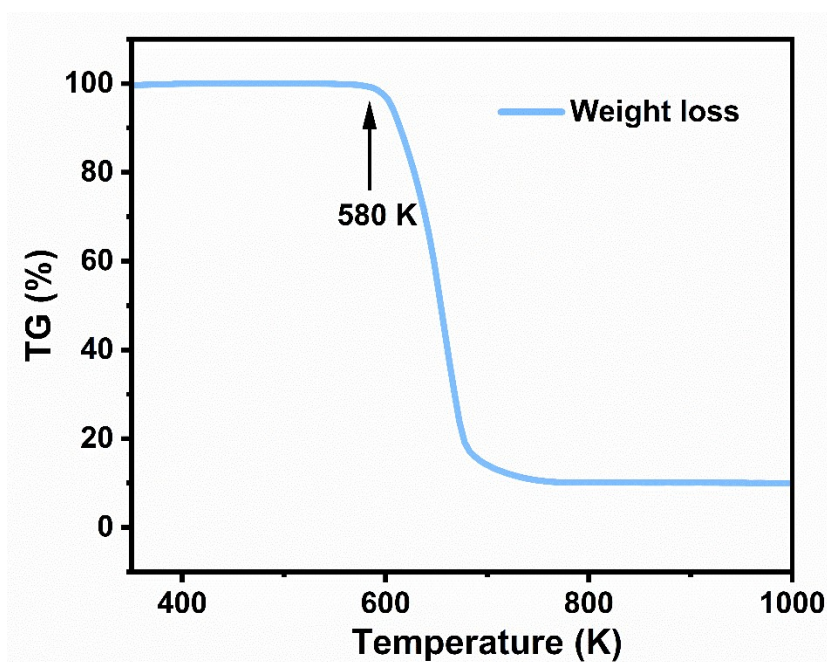


Figure S4. TG curve of **1** powder.

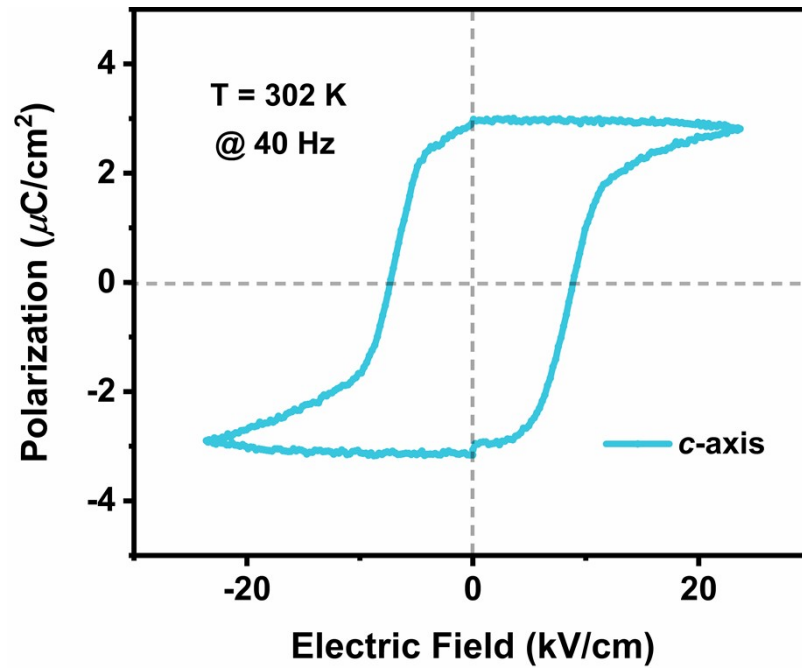


Figure S5. Polarization electric field hysteresis loop of 1.

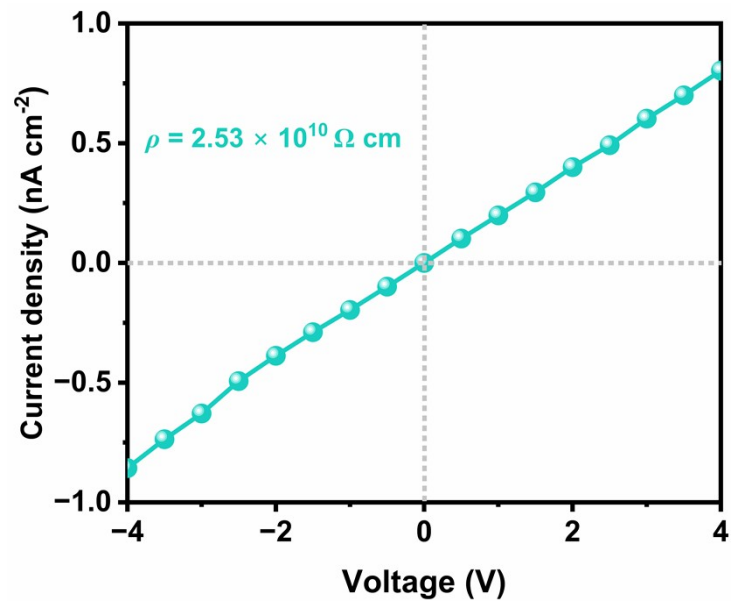


Figure S6. Bulk resistivity of the 1 SC.

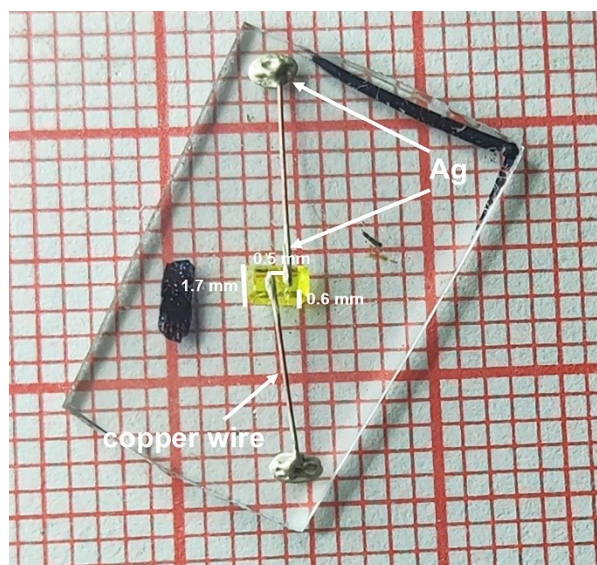


Figure S7. The single-crystal device of **1**.

The planar structure photodetectors were assembled using the single-crystal devices of samples. Two symmetric Ag electrodes were coated on the flat side of the bulk single crystal. Subsequently, the above-obtained electrode was placed on the glass sub-strate for the measurement.

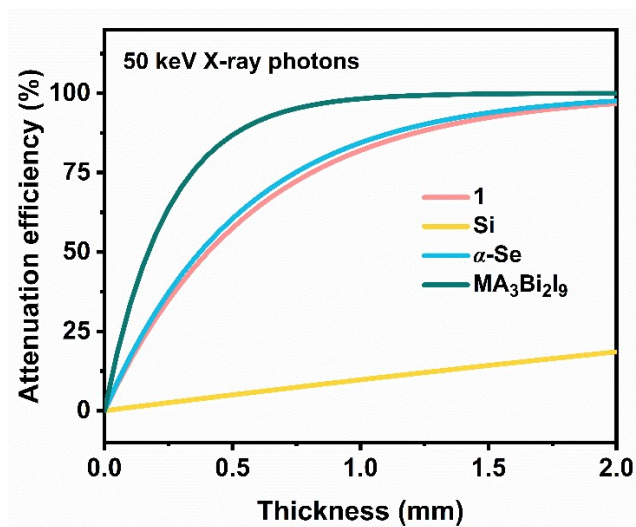


Figure S8. Attenuation efficiencies of **1**, Si, α -Se, and $\text{MA}_3\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9$ for 50 keV X-ray photons versus thickness.

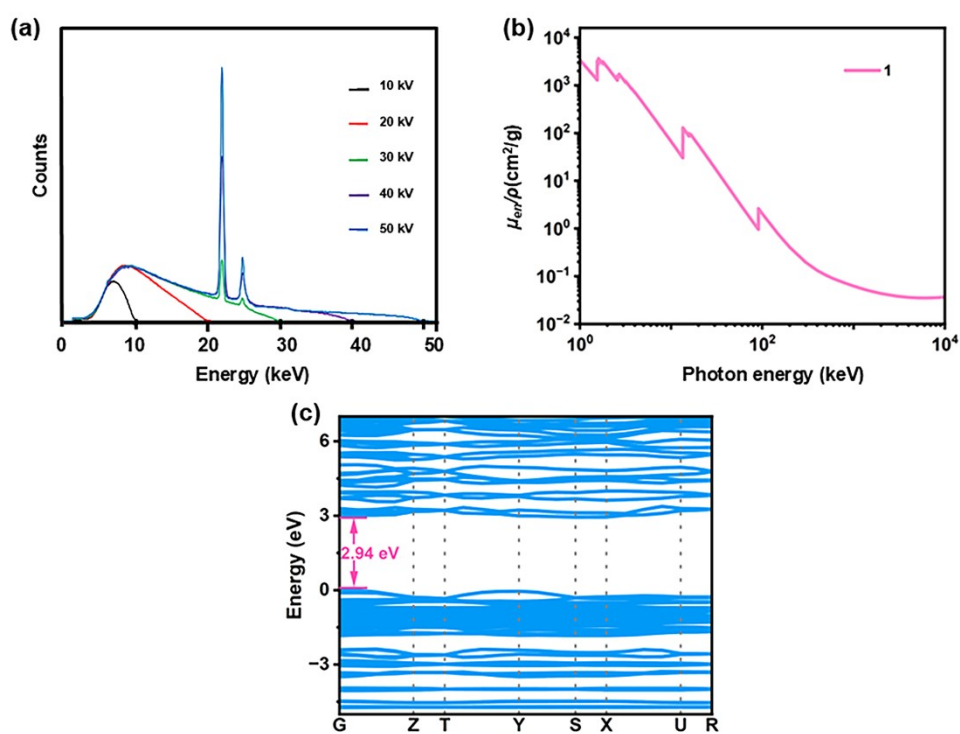


Figure S9. a) The Mini-X2 Silver (Ag) Output Spectrum at 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 kV; b) the X-ray mass energy-absorption coefficient in air, obtained from the NIST database; c) The calculated band structure of **1**.

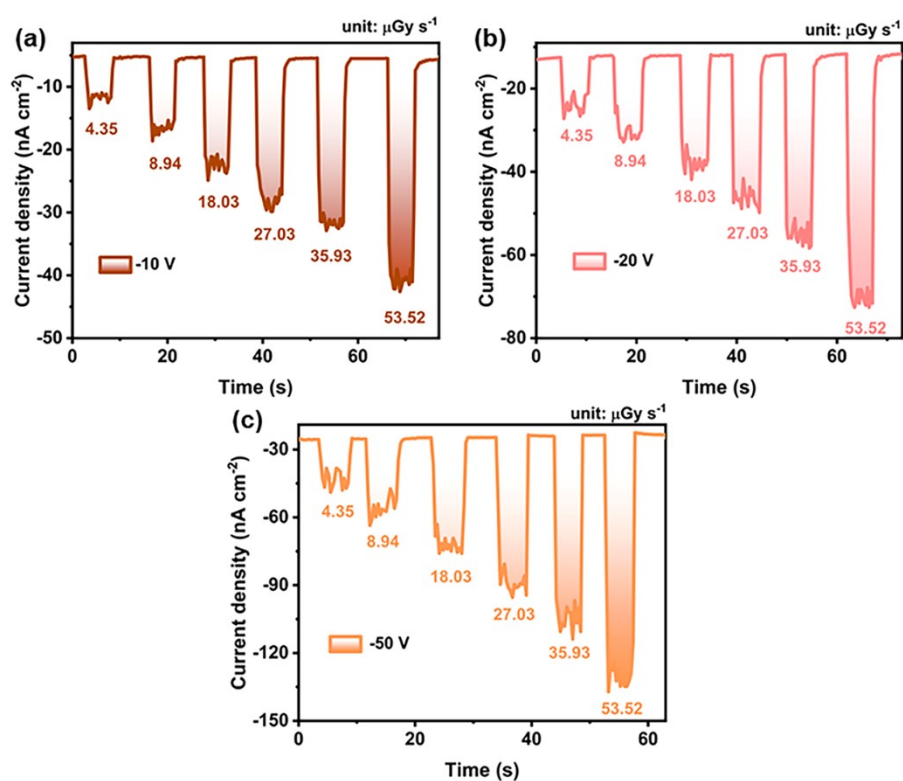


Figure S10. *I-t* curves of **1** SC detector under increased X-ray dose rates at -10, -20, and -50 V bias.

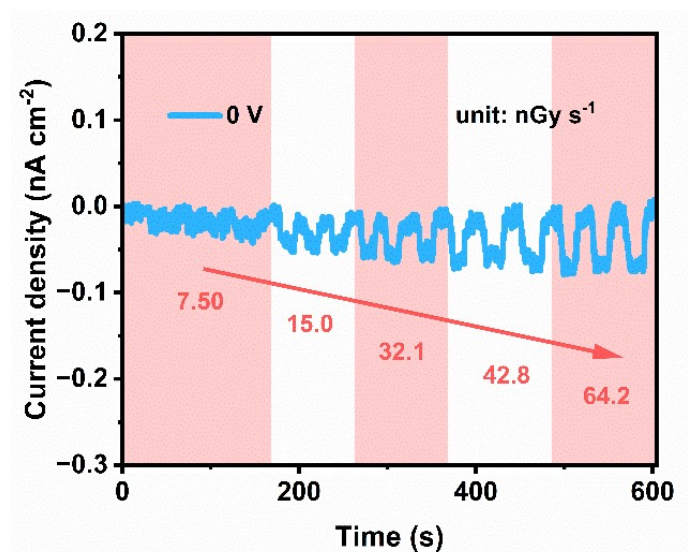


Figure S11. Photoresponses of **1** detector to X-ray under increased dose rates at zero bias.

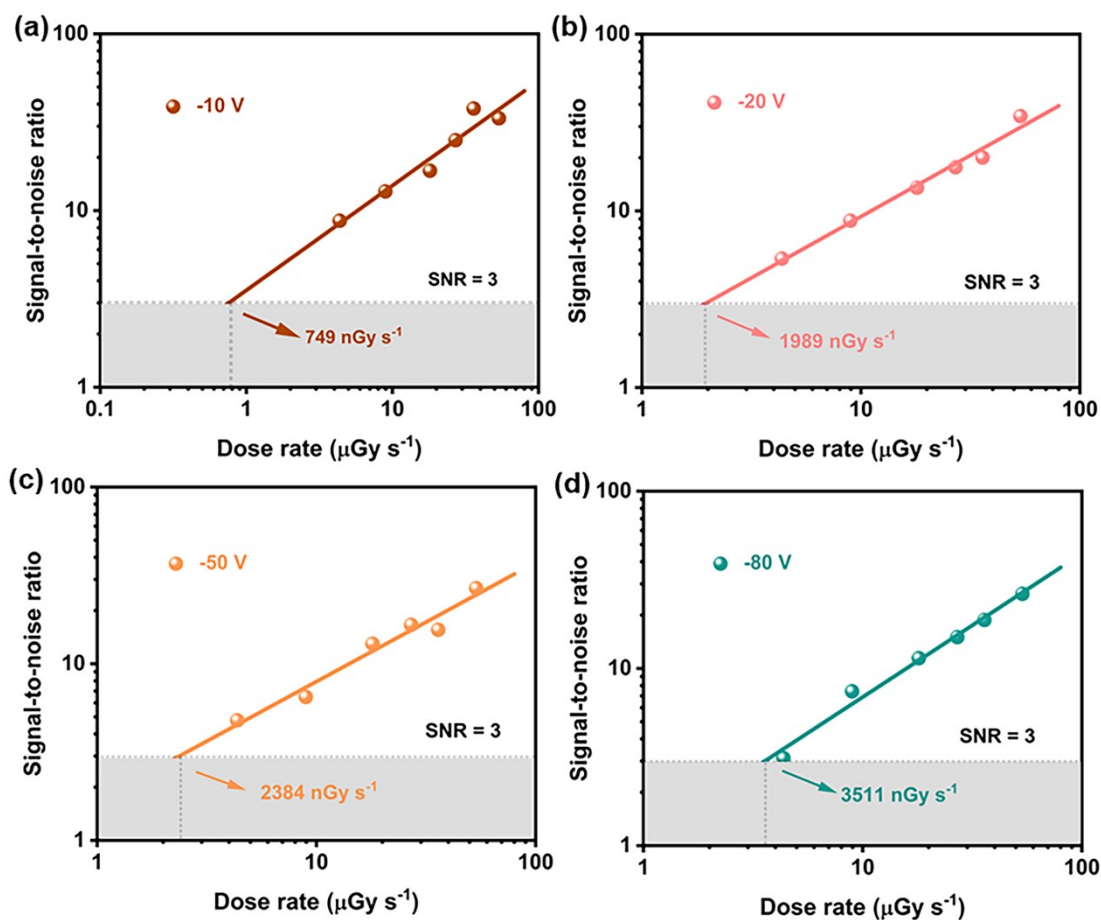


Figure S12. SNRs of **1** detector under different dose rates at -10, -20, -50, and -80 V bias, which derives the LoD of

749, 1989, 2384, and 3511 nGy s⁻¹, respectively.

Table S1. Comparison of sensitivity and detection limit of Pb-free perovskite single crystal X-ray detectors.

Materials	Dimensionality	detection limit (nGy s ⁻¹)	Sensitivity ($\mu\text{C Gy}^{-1}\text{ cm}^{-2}$)	Operating voltage (or electric field)	X-ray Energy (keV)	Ref.
(R-MPA) ₄ AgBiI ₈	2D	85	46.3	0 V	22	4
		547	949.6	50 V		
(NH ₄) ₃ Bi ₂ I ₉	2D	<55(⊥)	803(⊥)	6.5 V mm ⁻¹	/	5
(I-BA) ₄ AgBiI ₈	2D	/	5.38	10 V	80	6
[(S-PPA) ₄ (IPA) ₆ Ag ₂ Bi ₄ I ₂₄] $\cdot$ 2H ₂ O	2D	129.5	42.8	3 V mm ⁻¹	/	7
(CPA) ₄ AgBiBr ₈ (ferroelectricity)	2D	/	0.8	10 V	70	8
(HIS) ₂ AgSbBr ₈	2D	84.2	123	10 V	/	9
(DFPIP) ₄ AgBiI ₈ (ferroelectricity)	2D	3130	188	50 V	29	10
PEA-Cs ₂ AgBiBr ₆	2D	/	288.8	22.7 V mm ⁻¹	/	11
(FPEA) ₄ AgBiBr ₈	2D	2600	27	333V mm ⁻¹	/	12
(R)-(H ₂ MPz)BiI ₅	1D	4350	263.58	50 V mm ⁻¹	/	13
(BAH)BiI ₄	1D	77	1181.8	50 V	40	14
(DMEDA)BiI ₅	1D	/	1.6	5 V	50	15
(PDA)BiBr ₅	1D	/	~3.8	100 V	50	16
(4-AMP)BiI ₅	1D	482	66.84	0 V	22	17
		806	1139.74	50 V		
(HDA)BiI ₅ (ferroelectricity)	1D	266	170.7	0 V	/	18

$(\text{MA})_3\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9$	OD	83	1974	60 V mm ⁻¹	40	19
$(\text{Gua})_3\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9$	OD	145	7.44	1 V	70	20
$(R\text{-PPA})_2\text{BiI}_5$	OD	270	31	0 V	22	21
		2370	150	10 V		
$\text{FA}_3\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9$	OD	200	598	555 V mm ⁻¹	45	22
$(R\text{-MPz})_6\text{Bi}_3\text{I}_{21}\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	OD	4350	5.2	0 V	/	23
$(\text{HIS})\text{BiI}_5$	OD	36	1000	10 V	/	24
$(\text{BZA})_2(R\text{-PPA})\text{BiI}_6$	OD	18.5	53.2	0 V	/	25
$(\text{MA}_{0.7}\text{Cs}_{0.3})_3\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9$	OD	12.8@60 V	130@90 V	/	/	26
$(\text{DGA})\text{BiI}_5\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$	OD	4.7	5879.4	100 V mm ⁻¹	40	27
[H₂mdap]BiBr₅ (ferroelectric)	1D	28	79	0 V	22	This work
		3511	2618.7	-80 V		

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