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## **Supporting Information**

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## **Materials and Methods**

Synthesis of single crystal samples of (4PPY)PbI<sub>3</sub> and (4,4'-TMDP)Pb<sub>2</sub>I<sub>6</sub>: We used acid precipitation method to synthesize (4PPY)PbI<sub>3</sub> single crystal samples. 0.5 mmol of lead(II) acetate trihydrate and 0.5 mmol of 4-(3-Phenylpropyl)pyridine were dissolved in a mixture of 5 ml of hydroiodic acid and 1 ml of hypophosphorous acid. The mixed solution was heated at 120 °C while being stirred continuously in an oil bath. The solution was stirred for 2 h until entirely dissolved, when it turned into clear and transparent yellow solution, stopped heating and stirring, and cool to 30 °C. Yellow, transparent, needle-like crystals precipitated during cooling. We synthesized (4,4'-TMDP)Pb<sub>2</sub>I<sub>6</sub> single crystal samples using the acid precipitation method. 5 mmol of lead(II) acetate and 5 mmol of 4,4'-trimethylenedipyridine were dissolved in a mixture of 150 ml of hydroiodic acid and 20 ml of hypophosphorous acid. The mixed solution was heated at 120 °C and continuously stirred in an oil bath. Once the solution became clear and transparent, heating stopped and stirring to cool down naturally to room temperature, and the cooling process lasted for 12 h. Yellow, transparent, needle-like crystals precipitated during cooling.

Sample Preparation for High Pressure experiments: High-pressure experiments were conducted using symmetrical diamond anvil cells (DAC) equipped with type-IIa diamond anvils (400  $\mu$ m culets) to reach pressures of 25-30 GPa. A T301 steel gasket, 1 mm thick and pre-indented to a thickness of 25-30  $\mu$ m, was employed. A ruby ball approximately 10  $\mu$ m in diameter served for pressure calibration within the 250  $\mu$ m chamber, while liquid water was utilized as the pressure transfer medium.

In-situ High-pressure Characterizations and Measurements: The crystal structure of the synthesized samples was analyzed using a powder X-ray diffractometer with Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 1.5405 Å, Rigaku Smartlab SE, Japan). Raman spectroscopy was performed on a high-resolution spectrometer (Horiba, Lab-RAM HR Revolution) over the range of 50-3500 cm<sup>-1</sup>, utilizing a 633 nm excitation laser with a 600 g/mm grating. Photoluminescence (PL) and absorption spectra were recorded with a custom-built system, employing a UV laser at 360 nm for PL excitation, with a consistent laser power density of 11  $\mu$ W across all measurements. The absorption spectra were obtained using a xenon lamp (250 W, FLY-LX) as the light source, coupled with a fiber optic spectrometer (FX2000). The bandgap was determined by extrapolating the linear portion of the  $\alpha^2$  versus *hv* curve, where  $\alpha$  represents the absorption coefficient, *h* is Planck's constant, and *v* is the photon frequency.

First-principles calculations: First-principles calculations for structure optimization and density of states were conducted using density-functional theory (DFT), specifically employing the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) generalized gradient approximation (GGA) as implemented in the Vienna Ab initio Simulation Package (VASP). A plane wave cut-off energy of 600 eV was applied, along with k-point meshes featuring a spacing of 0.15 Å<sup>-1</sup>, to ensure adequate convergence of the total energy, which was achieved with a precision of  $10^{-5}$  eV. Atomic positions were fully relaxed until the forces acting on each atom fell below  $10^{-3}$  eV Å<sup>-1</sup>



*Figure S1.* Water stability test of a) (4PPY)Pbl<sub>3</sub> and b) (4,4'-TMDP)Pb<sub>2</sub>I<sub>6</sub>. One-dimensional single crystal samples were placed on a single concave carrier fragment dripping with water. The changes of samples' morphology with time increasing were observed. We found that the edge of (4PPY)PbI<sub>3</sub> began to passivate after 20 minutes, and the sample size decreased significantly after 90 minutes. The morphology of (4,4'-TMDP)Pb<sub>2</sub>I<sub>6</sub> did not change significantly within 20 hours and could remain stable. After that, it was observed that the sample began to dissolve slightly.



Figure S2. The structure diagram of (4PPY)PbI<sub>3</sub> with high DOF and (4,4'-TMDP)Pb<sub>2</sub>I<sub>6</sub> with low DOF.

For  $(4PPY)Pbl_3$ , the N-H bond in the pyridine ring at one end interacts with the inorganic framework through hydrogen bonding, while the benzene ring at the opposite end creates a van der Waals gap. This unique configuration facilitates the free rotation of the long chain, promoting structural cohesion and resulting in a high DOF. While for  $(4,4'-TMDP)Pb_2l_6$  with low DOF, the N-H bonds in the pyridine rings at both ends of the organic cations interact with the inorganic framework, aligning the long chains in an orderly fashion with reduced DOF.



*Figure S3.* The raman shift of a) (4PPY)PbI<sub>3</sub> and b) (4,4'-TMDP)Pb<sub>2</sub>I<sub>6</sub> in the range of 300-3200 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The dashed boxes indicate the pressure ranges where softening of the vibrational modes occurs, as illustrated in Figures 2c and 2f of the main text. The pressure interval for (4PPY)PbI<sub>3</sub> is categorized into three stages based on the emergence and disappearance of Raman peaks: I (0-5 GPa), II (5-10 GPa), and III (10-25 GPa). At pressures of 5 GPa and 10 GPa, several new vibrational modes emerge while others vanish. In contrast, the pressure interval for (4,4'-TMDP)Pb<sub>2</sub>I<sub>6</sub> is divided into two stages: I (0-6 GPa) and II (6-30 GPa). At 6 GPa, similar to (4PPY)PbI<sub>3</sub>, new vibrational modes appear while others disappear.



*Figure S4.* a) PL intensity of (4PPY)PbI<sub>3</sub> and c) (4,4'-TMDP)Pb<sub>2</sub>I<sub>6</sub> under compression in a DAC chamber with silicone oil as pressure transmitting medium. b) Normalized PL intensity of (4PPY)PbI<sub>3</sub> with pressure increasing. Optical images of pressure-induced color changes of d) (4PPY)PbI<sub>3</sub> and e) (4,4'-TMDP)Pb<sub>2</sub>I<sub>6</sub> under compression and decompression with silicone oi as pressure transmitting medium.

Table S1. Crystal data for (4PPY)PbI\_3 at 298 K.

| Temperature                             | 298 К   |
|---|---|
| Empirical formula                       | $C_{14}H_{16}I_3NPb$                              |
| Formula weight                          | 786.17  |
| Crystal system                          | triclinic   |
| Space group                             | <i>P</i> -1                                       |
| <i>a</i> (Å)                            | 9.1943(5)   |
| b (Å)                                   | 16.2348(8)  |
| <i>c</i> (Å)                            | 51.590(3)   |
| α (°)                                   | 99.031(2)   |
| <i>6</i> (°)                            | 93.813(3)   |
| γ (°)                                   | 90.100(2)   |
| Volume (Å)                              | 7587.9(7)   |
| Z                                       | 16  |
| ρcalc (g/cm³)                           | 2.753   |
| μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                   | 13.765  |
| F(000)                                  | 5568.0  |
| Radiation (Mo K $\alpha$ )              | 0.71073   |
| $2\theta$ range for date collection (°) | 3.762 to 55.016                                   |
| Reflections collected                   | 72385   |
| Independent reflections                 | 34483 [R(int) = 0.0551]                           |
| Date/restraints/parameters              | 34483/0/1376                                      |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>       | 1.035   |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$    | $R_1 = 0.0486$ , $wR_2 = 0.1080$                  |
| Final R indexes [all date]              | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0784, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1231 |

Table S2. Crystal data for (4,4'-TMDP)Pb $_2$ I<sub>6</sub> at 298 K.

| Temperature                             | 298 К   |
|---|---|
| Empirical formula                       | $C_{13}H_{16}I_6N_2Pb_2$                          |
| Formula weight                          | 1376.06   |
| Crystal system                          | monoclinic  |
| Space group                             | C2/c  |
| <i>a</i> (Å)                            | 24.8636(11)                                       |
| <i>b</i> (Å)                            | 4.6503(2)   |
| <i>c</i> (Å)                            | 23.0345(10)                                       |
| α (°)                                   | 90  |
| в (°)                                   | 105.197(2)  |
| γ (°)                                   | 90  |
| Volume (Å)                              | 2570.2(2)   |
| Z                                       | 4   |
| hocalc (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )             | 3.556   |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )               | 20.291  |
| F(000)                                  | 2360.0  |
| Radiation (Mo K $\alpha$ )              | 0.71073   |
| $2\theta$ range for date collection (°) | 5.612 to 61.396                                   |
| Reflections collected                   | 20663   |
| Independent reflections                 | 3980 [R(int) = 0.0545]                            |
| Date/restraints/parameters              | 3980/0/106  |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>       | 1.051   |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$    | $R_1 = 0.0269$ , $wR_2 = 0.0466$                  |
| Final R indexes [all date]              | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0485, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0526 |

Table S3. Raman vibrational modes of  $(4PPY)PbI_3$ .

| Peak position (cm <sup>-1</sup> | ) Mode     | Vibrational assignment                   | Reference |
|---------------------------------|------------|--|-----------|
| 57.9                            | $\omega_1$ | Pb-I-Pb bending                          | 1         |
| 63.1                            | $\omega_2$ | Pb-I-Pb bending                          | 1         |
| 112.5                           | $\omega_3$ | Pb-I stretching                          | 2         |
| 621.2                           | $\omega_4$ | in-plane bending of the pyridine ring    | 3         |
| 968.6                           | $\omega_5$ | in-plane bending of the pyridine ring    | 3         |
| 1063.5                          | $\omega_6$ | pyridine ring stretching and C-H bending | 3         |
| 1505.2                          | $\omega_7$ | C–H/N–H in-plane wagging                 | 4         |
| 1642.2                          | $\omega_8$ | C-C/N-H stretching                       | 4         |

## **Table S4.** Raman vibrational modes of $(4,4'-TMDP)Pb_2I_6$ .

| Peak position (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Mode                  | Vibrational assignment                   | Reference |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------|
| 63.7                              | <i>v</i> <sub>1</sub> | Pb-I-Pb bending                          | 1         |
| 119.0                             | <i>v</i> <sub>2</sub> | Pb-I stretching                          | 2         |
| 981.2                             | <i>V</i> <sub>3</sub> | in-plane bending of the pyridine ring    | 3         |
| 1227.6                            | <i>V</i> <sub>4</sub> | pyridine ring stretching and C-H bending | 3, 5      |
| 1454.4                            | <b>V</b> 5            | pyridine ring stretching and C-H bending | 3         |
| 1502.0                            | <i>v</i> <sub>6</sub> | C–H/N–H in-plane wagging                 | 4         |
| 1594.4                            | V <sub>7</sub>        | C-C/N-H stretching                       | 2, 5      |

| 2847.1 | V <sub>8</sub> | C-H bending | 5, 6 |
|--------|----------------|-------------|------|
| 2891.6 | V9             | C-H bending | 5, 6 |

| Chemical formula                                     | Dimension | PIE pressure (GPa) | PIE range (nm) | Reference |
|--|-----------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Cs <sub>4</sub> PbBr <sub>6</sub>                    | 0         | 3.3                | 400-850        | 7         |
| Cs₄PbBr <sub>6</sub> NCs                             | 0         | 3.0                | 350-880        | 8         |
| Cs <sub>3</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>9</sub> QDs  | 0         | 0.8                | 450-800        | 9         |
| $C\gamma_4 BiBr_7$                                   | 0         | 0.5                | 400-520        | 10        |
| (bmpy) <sub>6</sub> Pb <sub>3</sub> Br <sub>12</sub> | 0         | 1.6                | 410-830        | 11        |
| $C_4N_2H_{14}SnBr_4$                                 | 1         | 2.1                | 500-850        | 12        |
| (4PPY)PbI <sub>3</sub>                               | 1         | 1.1                | 450-800        | This work |
| Cs <sub>3</sub> Bi <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>9</sub> NCs  | 2         | 0.8                | 400-800        | 13        |
| (BA)₄AgBiBr <sub>8</sub>                             | 2         | 2.5                | 500-900        | 14        |

Table S5. Summary of the emission range of pressure-induced emission (PIE) low-dimensional metal halides perovskites.

Table S6. Summary of quenched bandgap for metal halides perovskites.

| Chemical           | Dimensio | Original bandgap | Quenched bandgap | Bandgap interception | Referenc |
|--------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------|
| formula            | n        | (eV)             | (eV)             | rate                 | e        |
| FAPbI <sub>3</sub> | 3        | 1.489            | 1.447            | 3%                   | 15       |

| Cs₂AgBiBr <sub>6</sub>  | 3 | 2.2  | 1.7  | 23% | 16        |
|---|---|------|------|-----|-----------|
| (BA) <sub>2</sub> (MA) <sub>2</sub> Pb <sub>3</sub> I <sub>10</sub> | 2 | 1.94 | 1.78 | 8%  | 17        |
| (AMP)PbCl₄  | 1 | 3.89 | 3.66 | 6%  | 18        |
| (AMP)PbBr <sub>4</sub>  | 1 | 3.44 | 2.38 | 31% | 18        |
| (4,4'-TMDP)Pb <sub>2</sub> I <sub>6</sub>                           | 1 | 2.90 | 1.90 | 34% | This work |

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