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Synthetic History Matters: Understanding the Structure-Property Evolution in $\text{CsSn}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Br}_3$ Perovskites

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Materials and methods

CsBr (99.999%), GeBr₂ (97%), SnBr₂ (55.4-59.4% Br), GeO₂ (99.99+%), and 50% aqueous H₃PO₂ were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. SnO (99.9%) was purchased from Alfa Aesar. 48% aqueous HBr was purchased from Thermo Scientific. All materials were used as received.

Solution synthesis

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ ($x = 0, 0.50, 1.0$) samples on a ~0.5 g scale were prepared according to similar procedures for CsSnX₃ ($X = \text{Cl, Br, I}$).¹ Stoichiometric amounts of SnBr₂ and GeBr₂ were combined with excess aqueous H₃PO₂ and HBr in an argon-charged three-neck round-bottom flask. The mixture was stirred using a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar and heated at 110 °C for 3 h. A stoichiometric amount of CsBr was added, resulting in a precipitate (yellow CsGeBr₃, red-brown CsSn_{0.5}Ge_{0.5}Br₃, and black CsSnBr₃), after which heating and stirring were stopped. The products were left to cool overnight, collected by vacuum filtration, washed with a few drops of aqueous HBr, and dried under vacuum on a Schlenk line.

Mechanochemical synthesis

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ ($x = 0, 0.10, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 0.90, 1.0$) samples were prepared by placing stoichiometric amounts of SnBr₂ and GeBr₂ in a 125 mL stainless steel ball mill capsule with 5 mm stainless steel balls occupying approximately a third of the capsule in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. The capsule was sealed in the glovebox and subjected to ball milling on a Retsch PM 100 Planetary Mill for 3 h at 650 rpm, with the rotation direction reversing every 10 minutes. After each hour, the capsule was opened in the glovebox and powder was redispersed within the capsule using a spatula. The milling was then resumed for the next one-hour cycle. Colour changes were evident as the products were formed (yellow-red for Ge-rich compositions vs black for Sn-rich compositions).

High temperature synthesis

$\text{CsSn}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Br}_3$ ($x = 0, 0.50, 1.0$) samples were prepared by high-temperature solid-state reactions. Stoichiometric amounts of CsBr , SnBr_2 , and GeBr_2 were ground, cold-pressed into pellets (7 mm diameter), and loaded into carbon-coated fused silica tubes (8 mm diameter, 15 cm length) in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. The tubes were evacuated, sealed, and placed in a box furnace, where they were heated to 500 °C over 16 h, kept there for 5 d, and quenched in ice water. The CsSnBr_3 sample was reground and reloaded into new tubes, and subjected to a repeated heat treatment followed by a slow-cooling step of 1 °C/h to promote crystal growth. All samples were stored in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. CsGeBr_3 is yellow, $\text{CsSn}_{0.5}\text{Ge}_{0.5}\text{Br}_3$ is red-brown, and CsSnBr_3 is black.

Powder XRD

Powder XRD patterns were collected on a Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer equipped with a Cu radiation source ($K\alpha_1$ 1.5406 Å, $K\alpha_2$ 1.5444 Å) operated at 40 kV and 40 mA. Samples were placed on a zero-background Si wafer on top of a polymethylmethacrylate sample holder, dispersed with a small amount of hexane to attain constant sample height and to minimize preferred orientation. Patterns were scanned over a 2θ range of 5–90° with a step size of 0.0354° per second. Attempts were made to collect high-resolution patterns over a 9 h scan time at a step size of 0.00875° per second, but the samples degraded during data collection due to their high air and moisture sensitivity.

Rietveld refinements were carried out using TOPAS Academic.² Instrument parameters were included, and the background was modelled by a 12-term polynomial function. Bragg peaks and intensities were fitted to either trigonal ($R3m$) or cubic ($Pm\bar{3}m$) structural models of the perovskite phases (Figures S1–S3).^{3, 4} Where appropriate, atomic positions and isotropic displacement parameters for each atom were refined, whereas site occupancies were fixed to values based on additional information from NMR and EDX analyses. Attempts were made to fit peak profiles to a combined Lorentzian-Gaussian function to account for crystallite size and strain, but the quantification was deemed

unreliable. Relative amounts of the various phases observed in the patterns were quantified. Refinement results are listed in [Tables S1–S2](#). Refined structures from the parent compounds for each synthetic route were used as the inputs for DFT calculations (see below for computational details).

Single crystal XRD

Two single crystals with slightly different appearances were selected from the HT-prepared sample of $\text{CsSn}_{0.5}\text{Ge}_{0.5}\text{Br}_3$. Intensity data were collected at room temperature using ω scans at 8 different ϕ angles with a frame width of 0.3° and exposure times of 10 s per frame on a Bruker PLATFORM diffractometer equipped with a graphite-monochromated Mo $K\alpha$ radiation source and a SMART APEX II CCD detector. Multiscan absorption corrections were applied using SADABS. Structure refinements were carried out using the SHELXTL program package.^{5, 6} Crystal data, atomic positions, and interatomic distances are listed in [Tables S3–S5](#).

Based on previous structural reports of the end members ($R3m$ for CsGeBr_3 and $Pm\bar{3}m$ for CsSnBr_3), both trigonal and cubic models were considered for $\text{CsSn}_{0.5}\text{Ge}_{0.5}\text{Br}_3$, but distinguishing between them proved to be challenging. Intensity statistics were ambiguous ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.114$ vs. 0.105 for crystal 1, and $R_{\text{int}} = 0.125$ vs. 0.131 for crystal 2, for trigonal vs. cubic lattices, respectively). If the conventional triply primitive cell for the $R3m$ structure is transformed to a primitive rhombohedral cell, the cell angle α is $89.4\text{--}89.5^\circ$, close to 90° . When occupancies of the tetrel site were refined, they converged to values corresponding to similar chemical formulas of $\text{CsSn}_{0.57(3)}\text{Ge}_{0.43(3)}\text{Br}_3$ or $\text{CsSn}_{0.56(4)}\text{Ge}_{0.44(4)}\text{Br}_3$ for crystal 1, and $\text{CsSn}_{0.58(2)}\text{Ge}_{0.42(2)}\text{Br}_3$ or $\text{CsSn}_{0.61(3)}\text{Ge}_{0.39(2)}\text{Br}_3$ for crystal 2, which are slightly Sn-richer compared to the loaded nominal composition of $\text{CsSn}_{0.5}\text{Ge}_{0.5}\text{Br}_3$. The cubic model tended to give slightly better agreement factors [$R(F) = 0.031$ for cubic vs 0.043 for trigonal structure for crystal 1; $R(F) = 0.030$ for cubic vs 0.044 for trigonal structure for crystal 2] and slightly cleaner difference electron density maps. For both trigonal and cubic models, the Br atoms always showed slightly elevated displacement parameters compared to the other atoms; this observation is consistent

with a “dynamic disorder” often proposed in the literature for related perovskites, but other more mundane explanations are possible. For the trigonal models, the tetrel atoms exhibit bond angles formed by the surrounding Br atoms of 88(1)–92(1)° for crystal 1 and 89.5(6)–90.6(6)° for crystal 2, indicating that they are nearly indistinguishable from the undistorted ideal octahedra found in the cubic models.

Five other crystals were selected for structure determination, yielding results similar to those above.

Solid-state NMR spectroscopy

¹³³Cs NMR data were acquired on a Bruker AVANCE NEO 600 NMR spectrometer ($B_0 = 14.1$ T) equipped with a 3.2 mm double-resonance (HX) Bruker magic-angle spinning (MAS) probe. MAS NMR spectra were acquired at natural abundance using a Bloch-decay experiment with a 5.5 μ s $\pi/2$ pulse ($\nu_{\text{rf}} = 45.5$ kHz), 4-16 co-added transients, recycle delays $\geq 1.5 \times T_1$, and a spinning frequency of 15 kHz. The ¹³³Cs NMR spectra at 14.1 T were referenced to a secondary standard (solid CsCl; $\delta(^{133}\text{Cs}) = 223.2$ ppm) with respect to 0.5 M CsCl ($\delta(^{133}\text{Cs}) = 0.00$ ppm).⁷ ¹³³Cs spin-lattice relaxation (T_1) measurements were carried out *via* a saturation recovery pulse sequence with a 5.5 μ s $\pi/2$ pulse, 2 scans, 0.1 s recycle delay, 64 pre-saturation pulses, and variable delay times from 1 μ s to 8000 s. T_1 curves were processed and fit using the Dynamics Center implemented in Topspin 4.3.0 using the SatRec function and manually determined integral regions. T_1 values were extracted from the fit curve, where the equation of fit was:

$$I(t) = I(0) \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{T_1}} \right).$$

¹¹⁹Sn NMR spectroscopy was performed on a Bruker AVANCE NEO 500 NMR spectrometer ($B_0 = 11.75$ T) on a 4 mm triple resonance (HXY) Bruker MAS probe operating in double resonance mode. Experiments were performed on samples at natural abundance using a Hahn echo (HE) sequence under both spinning (MAS, $\nu_r = 14$ kHz) and non-spinning conditions with a 4.0 μ s $\pi/2$ pulse ($\nu_{\text{rf}} = 62.5$ kHz) with 64-260k scans, and 1 s recycle delays. The ¹¹⁹Sn NMR spectra were referenced to a secondary

standard (solid tetramethylcyclohexyltin; $\delta(^{119}\text{Sn}) = -97.35$ ppm) with respect to tetramethyltin ($\delta(^{119}\text{Sn}) = 0$ ppm).⁸

Non-spinning ^{73}Ge NMR spectra for SS and MCS CsGeBr_3 were acquired at natural abundance on a Bruker AVANCE NEO 800 NMR spectrometer ($B_0 = 18.8$ T) using a 4 mm low- γ double resonance (HX) Bruker MAS probe. Spectra were collected using a quad-echo ($\pi/2_x$ - τ - $\pi/2_y$) with a $4.0 \mu\text{s}$ $\pi/2$ pulse ($\nu_{\text{rf}} = 62.5$ kHz), 200-300 μs interpulse delay, 3-6 M co-added transients and a recycle delay of 0.1 seconds. ^{73}Ge NMR spectra were referenced to a tertiary standard (microcrystalline Ge powder; $\delta(^{73}\text{Ge}) = -73.8$ ppm) with respect to liquid GeCl_4 ($\delta(^{73}\text{Ge}) = 30.9$ ppm).⁹

A non-spinning ^{73}Ge NMR spectrum for HT CsGeBr_3 was acquired at natural abundance on a Bruker AVANCE II 900 NMR spectrometer ($B_0 = 21.1$ T) using a 7 mm single resonance MAS Bruker probe. Spectra were collected using a quad-echo ($\pi/2_x$ - τ - $\pi/2_y$) with a $4.0 \mu\text{s}$ $\pi/2$ pulse ($\nu_{\text{rf}} = 62.5$ kHz), 500 μs interpulse delay, 160k co-added transients and a recycle delay of 0.4 seconds. ^{73}Ge NMR spectra were referenced to a secondary standard (liquid GeCl_4 to 30.9 ppm) with respect to GeH_4 ($\delta(^{73}\text{Ge}) = 0.00$ ppm).¹⁰

NMR processing and analysis

All NMR spectra were processed with Bruker TopSpin 4.3.0. NMR spectra were fit using the QUEST NMR simulation program.¹¹ Errors in NMR parameters were determined in QUEST by manually altering NMR parameters to within reasonable tolerances (the error is then the distance in either direction from the centre of the acceptable parameter range). Data were plotted and analyzed in Origin 2024.

^{81}Br Nuclear quadrupolar resonance (NQR) spectroscopy

NQR measurements were performed using a 5 mm Chemagnetics probe connected to a Bruker Avance NEO console, isolated approximately 6 m away from the nearest unshielded magnet (^1H $\nu_{\text{L}} = 300$ MHz; 7.05 T). Hahn echo experiments were acquired for samples at natural abundance with a $4 \mu\text{s}$

$\pi/2$ pulse ($\nu_{\text{rf}} = 62.5$ kHz), with 16k (MCS and HT) or 6400 (SS) co-added transients, recycle delays of 0.05 s, and summed in a VOCS approach,¹² where necessary, by stepping the transmitter frequency in steps of 50 kHz. Tuning ranges were adjusted over ~ 40 MHz by manually changing capacitors. The measured field at the probe head is approximately 100 μT , determined using a built-in smartphone magnetometer.

Quantum chemical computations

Density functional theory (DFT) computations were performed using the CASTEP¹³ and NMR CASTEP¹⁴⁻¹⁶ software packages, which use the gauge-including projector augmented waves (GIPAW) method for computing NMR properties of periodic structures.^{14, 17} NMR calculations were performed using the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE)¹⁸ generalized gradient approximation (GGA) exchange-correlation functional, ultrasoft pseudopotentials and zeroth-order regular approximation (ZORA) relativistic effects. An initial assessment was performed on each structure to determine a starting Monkhorst-Pack grid of $n \times n \times n$ k -points, which was stepped iteratively at fine basis set precision (295 eV plane wave cut-off energy) until convergence of shielding parameters was reached (within ≈ 1 ppm). This k -point grid size was then used to compute the shielding + EFG tensor at increasing basis set precision until convergence was reached again. A Monkhorst-Pack grid of $n \times n \times n$ k -points ($n = 12$ for SS CsSnBr₃, $n = 14$ for MCS CsGeBr₃, and $n = 18$ for MCS CsSnBr₃ and SS CsGeBr₃; and an extreme basis set precision (corresponding to a plane wave cutoff energy of 566 eV for CsGeBr₃ and 392 eV for CsSnBr₃) was applied to all computations. Magnetic shielding values converged to $\Delta\sigma^{\text{calc}} \leq 1$ ppm between increases in the k -point grid dimension parameter, n . Results are summarized in [Tables S7-S12](#).

Diffuse reflectance spectroscopy

Diffuse reflectance spectra of ground samples were collected on a Cary 5000 UV-Vis-NIR spectrophotometer, equipped with a diffuse reflectance integrating sphere attachment. Samples were scanned at 600 nm/min from 3000 to 200 nm. The detector and grating filters were changed at 900 nm.

Optical band gaps were extracted by transforming reflectance data using the Kubelka-Munk function and fitting to Tauc plots.¹⁹

Raman spectroscopy

Raman spectra were collected from ground samples placed on a glass slide using a Renishaw inVia Raman microscope equipped with a 633 nm diode laser operating at 50 mW. At least three spots were measured for each sample, with an integration of 10 scans on each spot with 10% laser power.

Scanning electron microscopy and energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy

The SS- and MCS-prepared samples were examined by scanning electron microscopy performed on a Zeiss Sigma field emission scanning electron microscope operated at an accelerating voltage of 5–20 kV and equipped with secondary and backscattered electron detectors, an in-lens detector, and an energy dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectrometer. Ground samples were placed on carbon tape on an aluminum stub. EDX analysis was performed with the Oxford Aztec software. The HT-prepared samples were also examined in a similar way, on a Zeiss Sigma 300 VP field emission scanning electron microscope operated with an accelerating voltage of 15 kV and equipped with a Bruker Quantax 600 system with dual X-Flash 6/60 detectors. Representative elemental maps are shown in [Figures S10–S22](#), and EDX analyses are summarized in [Table S6](#).

EPR spectroscopy

The EPR spectrum of HT-prepared CsSnBr₃ was recorded at room temperature using a Bruker EMX Nano spectrometer with X-band microwaves using an applied frequency of 9.626 GHz and a microwave attenuation of 25 dB under ambient conditions. The field modulation was 6 G at 100 kHz. Data were collected over 32 scans with a receiver gain of 35 dB. Microwave power was set at 0.3 mW, with the magnetic field centred at 3435 G, a sweep width of 500 G, and a sweep time of 60 seconds per scan. The experimental EPR spectrum was fit using the EasySpin simulation package.²⁰

Rietveld refinements

$\text{CsSn}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Br}_3$ (SS)

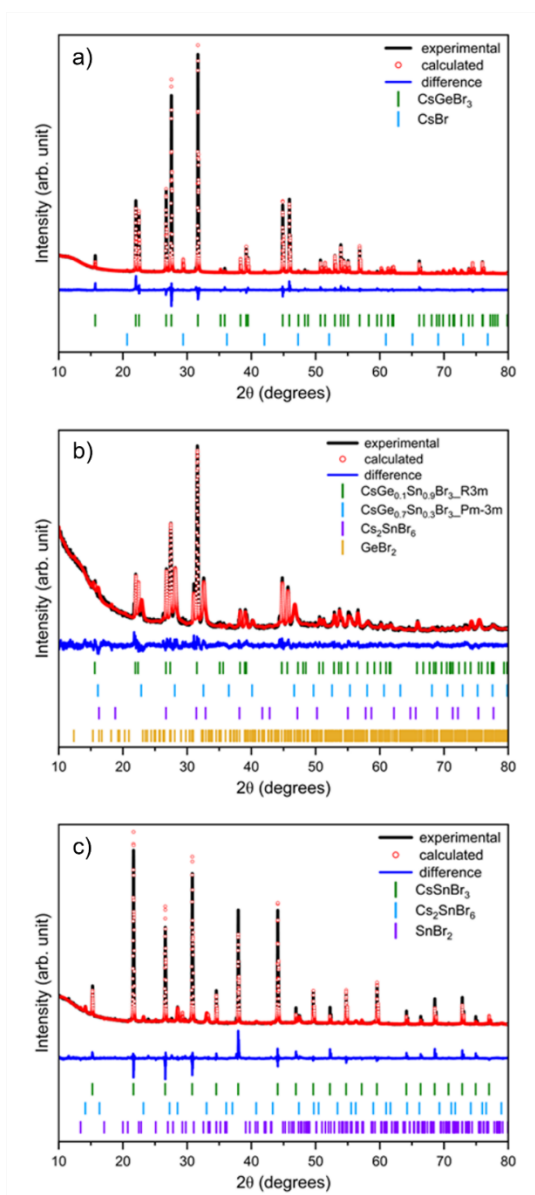


Figure S1. Rietveld refinements of SS-prepared $\text{CsSn}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Br}_3$ ($x = 0, 0.50, 1$).

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ (MCS)

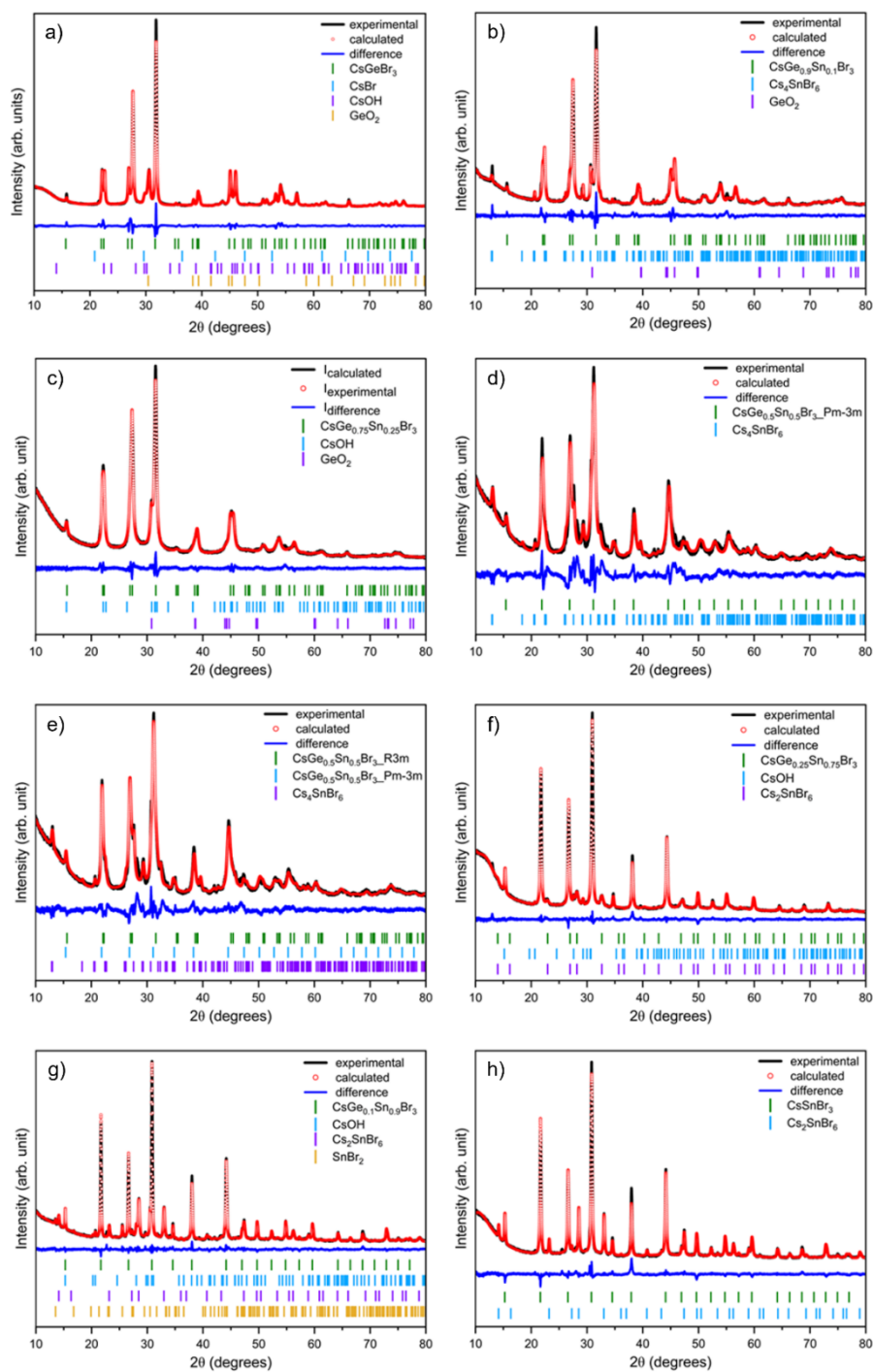


Figure S2. Rietveld refinements of MCS-prepared CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ ($x = 0-1$). Refinement in (d) is carried out only using a cubic model for the main phase, where (e) uses trigonal and cubic models for the main phase, as shown in Table S1.

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ (HT)

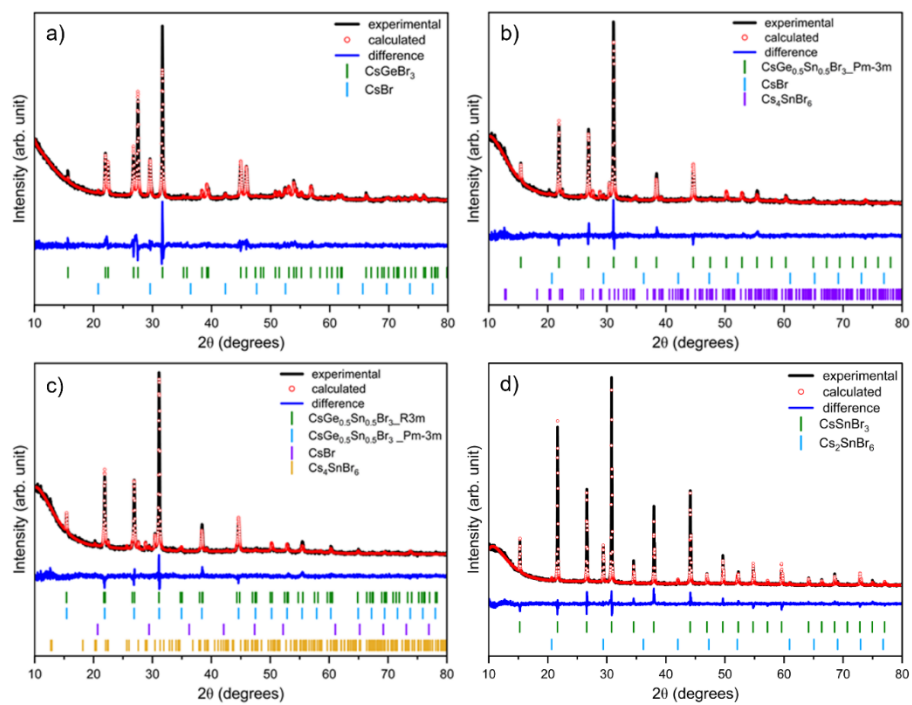


Figure S3. Rietveld refinements of HT-prepared CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ ($x = 0, 0.50, 1$).

Table S1. Cell parameters and refinement agreement factors for CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ ($x = 0-1$) samples.

Sample	a (Å)	c (Å)	R_p	R_{wp}
SS				
CsGeBr ₃ $R3m$	7.89922	9.99789	4.26	6.45
CsSn _{0.5} Ge _{0.5} Br ₃			3.56	4.84
$R3m$	7.95275	10.00776		
$Pm\bar{3}m$	5.50100	= a		
CsSnBr ₃ $Pm\bar{3}m$	5.80348	= a	4.48	7.13
MCS				
CsGeBr ₃ $R3m$	7.90974	9.98301	4.19	6.04
CsSn _{0.1} Ge _{0.9} Br ₃ $R3m$	7.94072	9.92797	3.48	4.13
CsSn _{0.25} Ge _{0.75} Br ₃ $R3m$	7.96923	9.9208	2.73	3.56
CsSn _{0.5} Ge _{0.5} Br ₃			3.41	4.36
$R3m$	7.9747	9.88824		
$Pm\bar{3}m$	5.7495	= a		
CsSn _{0.5} Ge _{0.5} Br ₃ $Pm\bar{3}m$ only	5.7451	= a	5.65	7.80 ^a
CsSn _{0.75} Ge _{0.25} Br ₃ $Pm\bar{3}m$	5.77437	= a	2.69	3.79
CsSn _{0.9} Ge _{0.1} Br ₃ $Pm\bar{3}m$	5.7960	= a	3.16	4.24
CsSnBr ₃ $Pm\bar{3}m$	5.80394	= a	3.41	4.92
HT				
CsGeBr ₃ $R3m$	7.90508	9.97583	6.60	9.04
CsSn _{0.5} Ge _{0.5} Br ₃			5.92	7.81
$R3m$	8.08496	10.05138		
$Pm\bar{3}m$	5.73907	= a		
CsSn _{0.5} Ge _{0.5} Br ₃ $Pm\bar{3}m$ only	5.73843	= a	6.08	8.04
CsSnBr ₃ $Pm\bar{3}m$	5.80234	= a	5.97	7.81

Table S2. Relative amounts of phases (wt. %) in CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ ($x = 0-1$) samples.

Sample	CsSn _x Ge _{1-x} Br ₃		CsBr	CsOH	Cs ₂ SnBr ₆ or Cs ₄ SnBr ₆	(Sn,Ge)Br ₂	(Sn,Ge)O ₂
	<i>R3m</i>	<i>Pm3̄m</i>					
SS							
CsGeBr ₃	97.8		2.2				
CsSn _{0.5} Ge _{0.5} Br ₃	43.3	42.2			5.2	9.2	
CsSnBr ₃		83.1			10.7	6.3	
MCS							
CsGeBr ₃	77.0		1.8	7.8			13.4
CsSn _{0.1} Ge _{0.9} Br ₃	86.6				8.3		5.1
CsSn _{0.25} Ge _{0.75} Br ₃	88.1			1.1			10.8
CsSn _{0.5} Ge _{0.5} Br ₃							
<i>R3m</i> and <i>Pm3̄m</i>	27.3	53.3			19.4		
<i>Pm3̄m</i> only		80.4			19.6		
CsSn _{0.75} Ge _{0.25} Br ₃		84.7		3.5	11.8		
CsSn _{0.9} Ge _{0.1} Br ₃		64.5		12.4	19.4		3.6
CsSnBr ₃		82.3			17.7		
HT							
CsGeBr ₃	90.6		9.4				
CsSn _{0.5} Ge _{0.5} Br ₃							
<i>R3m</i> and <i>Pm3̄m</i>	23.6	68.0	1.6		6.8		
<i>Pm3̄m</i> only		92.8	1.3		6.0		
CsSnBr ₃		93.7	6.3				

SCXRD

Table S3. Crystal data for CsSn_{0.5}Ge_{0.5}Br₃ from HT synthesis.

	crystal 1		crystal 2	
refined composition	CsSn _{0.57} Ge _{0.43} Br ₃	CsSn _{0.56} Ge _{0.44} Br ₃	CsSn _{0.58} Ge _{0.42} Br ₃	CsSn _{0.61} Ge _{0.39} Br ₃
formula mass (amu)	468.28	468.28	468.28	468.28
space group	<i>R3m</i>	<i>Pm3̄m</i>	<i>R3m</i>	<i>Pm3̄m</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	8.080(15)	5.699(11)	8.111(3)	5.7357(15)
<i>c</i> (Å)	9.883(18)	= <i>a</i>	9.933(5)	= <i>a</i>
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	559(2)	185(1)	566.0(4)	188.7(2)
<i>Z</i>	3	1	3	1
<i>T</i> (K)	296(2)	296(2)	296(2)	296(2)
ρ_{calcd} (g cm ⁻³)	4.174	4.202	4.122	4.121
μ (Mo <i>K</i> α) (mm ⁻¹)	24.55	24.71	24.24	24.23
transmission factors	0.293–0.433	0.307–0.433	0.334–0.433	0.333–0.433
2 θ limits	7.13–61.28	7.15–60.88	7.10–60.95	7.10–60.95
data collected	$-11 \leq h \leq 11, -11 \leq k \leq 11, -14 \leq l \leq 14$	$-8 \leq h \leq 8, -8 \leq k \leq 8, -8 \leq l \leq 8$	$-11 \leq h \leq 11, -11 \leq k \leq 11, -14 \leq l \leq 14$	$-8 \leq h \leq 8, -8 \leq k \leq 8, -8 \leq l \leq 8$
no. of data collected	4919	4883	4948	4948
no. of unique data, including $F_o^2 < 0$	465 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.114$)	85 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.105$)	465 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.125$)	86 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.131$)
no. of unique data, with $F_o^2 > 2\sigma(F_o^2)$	246	57	251	58
no. of variables	14	7	15	7
$R(F)$ for $F_o^2 > 2\sigma(F_o^2)$ ^a	0.043	0.031	0.044	0.030
$R_w(F_o^2)$ ^b	0.114	0.097	0.071	0.061
goodness of fit	0.99	1.05	0.98	1.13
$(\Delta\rho)_{\text{max}}, (\Delta\rho)_{\text{min}}$ (e Å ⁻³)	2.28, -0.85	1.90, -0.56	0.76, -0.85	0.54, -0.66

^a $R(F) = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$. ^b $R_w(F_o^2) = [\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum wF_o^4]^{1/2}$; $w^{-1} = [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (Ap)^2 + Bp]$, where $p = [\max(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2] / 3$.

Table S4. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters for CsSn_{0.5}Ge_{0.5}Br₃.

atom	Wyckoff position	occupancy	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{eq} (Å ²) ^a
crystal 1						
<i>R3m</i>						
Cs	3 <i>a</i>	1	0	0	0.503(4)	0.081(1)
<i>Tt</i>	3 <i>a</i>	0.57(3) Sn, 0.43(3) Ge	0	0	0.0	0.046(1)
Br	9 <i>b</i>	1	0.502(2)	0.498(2)	0.508(5)	0.100(1)
<i>Pm</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>						
Cs	1 <i>b</i>	1	½	½	½	0.082(1)
<i>Tt</i>	1 <i>a</i>	0.56(4) Sn, 0.44(4) Ge	0	0	0	0.047(1)
Br	3 <i>d</i>	1	½	0	0	0.100(1)
crystal 2						
<i>R3m</i>						
Cs	3 <i>a</i>	1	0	0	0.500(2)	0.078(1)
<i>Tt</i>	3 <i>a</i>	0.58(2) Sn, 0.42(2) Ge	0	0	0.0	0.040(1)
Br	9 <i>b</i>	1	0.504(1)	0.496(1)	0.494(2)	0.094(1)
<i>Pm</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>						
Cs	1 <i>b</i>	1	½	½	½	0.079(1)
<i>Tt</i>	1 <i>a</i>	0.61(2) Sn, 0.39(2) Ge	0	0	0	0.041(1)
Br	3 <i>d</i>	1	½	0	0	0.095(1)

^a *U*_{eq} is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized *U*_{*ij*} tensor.

Table S5. Interatomic distances and ranges of Br–*Tt*–Br angles for CsSn_{0.5}Ge_{0.5}Br₃.

	Cs–Br (Å)	<i>Tt</i> –Br (Å)	range of Br– <i>Tt</i> –Br (°)
crystal 1			
<i>R3m</i>	3.99(5) ×3	2.82(3) ×3	88(1)–92(1)
	4.03(1) ×3	2.89(3) ×3	
	4.05(1) ×3		
	4.08(5) ×3		
<i>Pm</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>	4.029(8) ×12	2.849(6) ×6	90
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crystal 2			
<i>R3m</i>	4.04(2) ×3	2.79(1) ×3	89.5(6)–90.6(6)
	4.06(1) ×3	2.94(1) ×3	
	4.06(1) ×3		
	4.08(1) ×3		
<i>Pm</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>	4.0561(1) ×12	2.8679(8) ×6	90
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^{133}Cs T_1 data

$\text{CsSn}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Br}_3$ SS

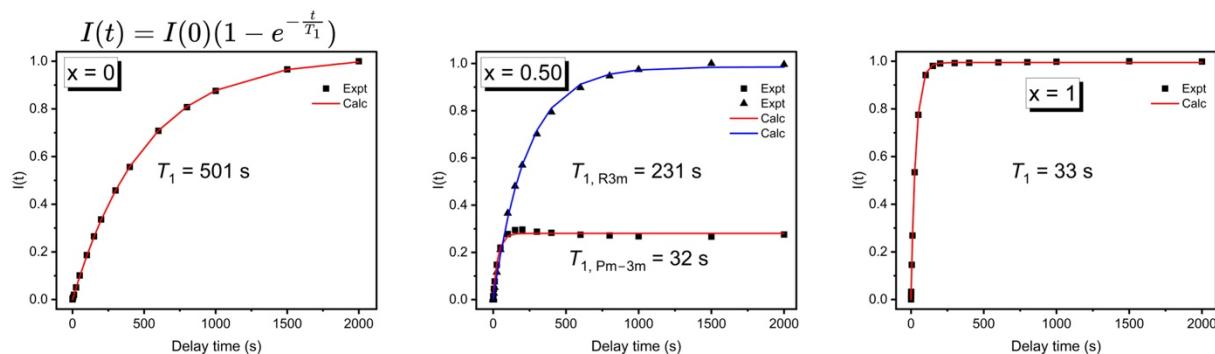


Figure S4. ^{133}Cs T_1 relaxation curves for SS series.

$\text{CsSn}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Br}_3$ MCS

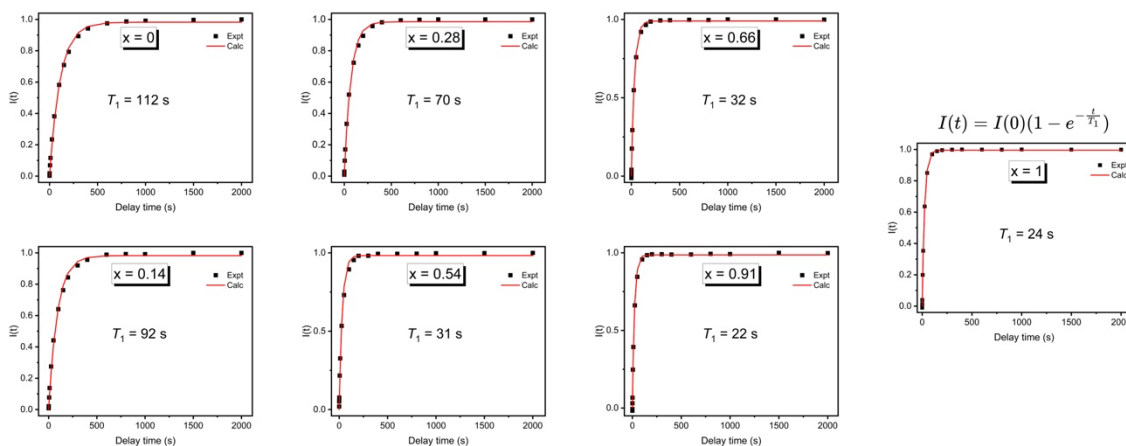


Figure S5. ^{133}Cs T_1 relaxation curves for MCS series.

$\text{CsSn}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Br}_3$ HT

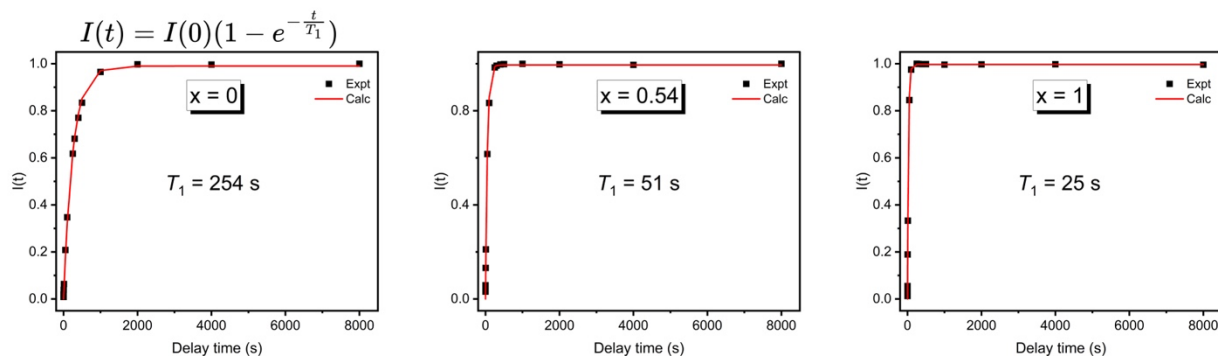


Figure S6. ^{133}Cs T_1 relaxation curves for HT series.

DRS plots

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ SS

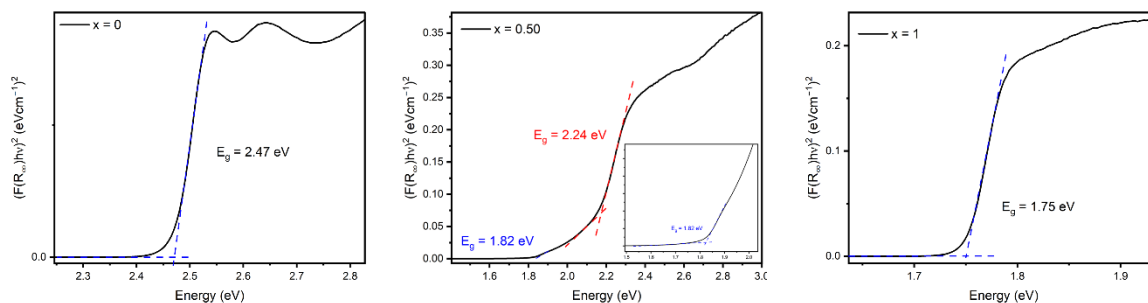


Figure S7. Optical bandgap Tauc plots for SS series.

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ MCS

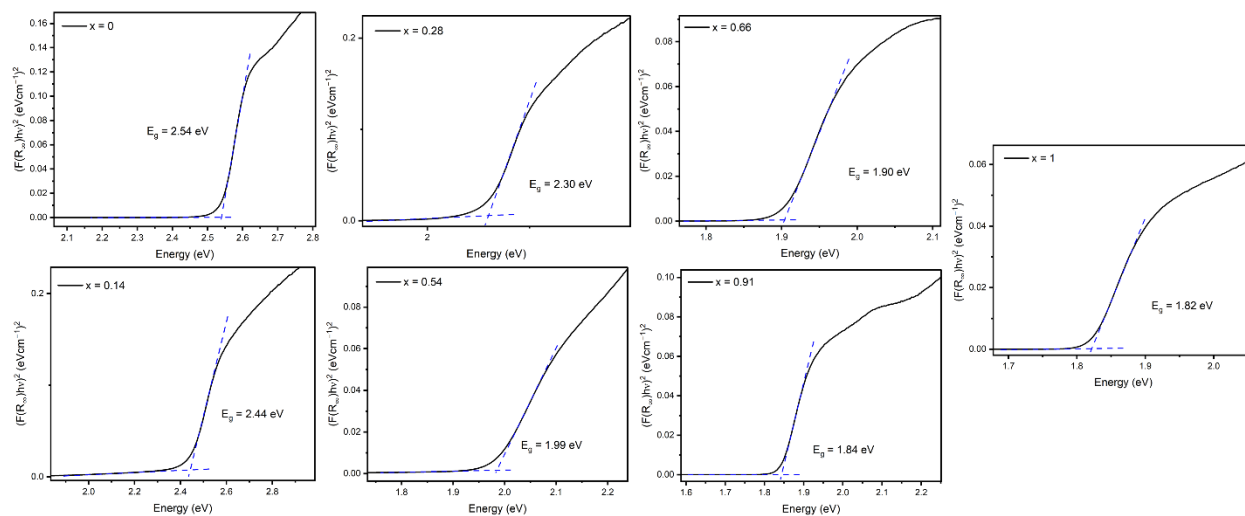


Figure S8. Optical bandgap Tauc plots for MCS series.

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ HT

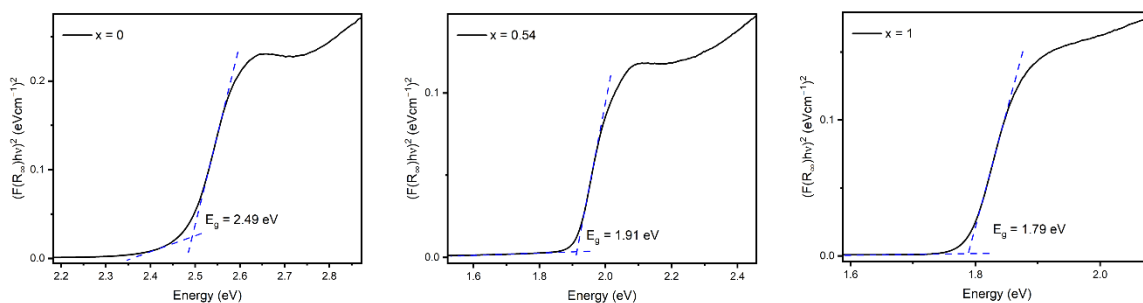


Figure S9. Optical bandgap Tauc plots for HT series.

EDX analysis

Table S6. Nominal and EDX-averaged compositions of CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ series.

Synthetic Route	Desired Compound	Cs Atom (%)		Sn Atom (%)		Ge Atom (%)		Br Atom (%)	
		Nominal	EDX Analysis	Nominal	EDX Analysis	Nominal	EDX Analysis	Nominal	EDX Analysis
MCS	CsGeBr ₃	20	21.6	–	–	20	20.6	60	57.8
	CsSn _{0.1} Ge _{0.9} Br ₃	20	20.4	2	2.8	18	16.8	60	60.1
	CsSn _{0.25} Ge _{0.75} Br ₃	20	19.5	5	5.5	15	13.9	60	61.1
	CsSn _{0.5} Ge _{0.5} Br ₃	20	20.8	10	10.2	10	8.7	60	60.3
	CsSn _{0.75} Ge _{0.25} Br ₃	20	21.9	15	14.4	5	7.3	60	56.5
	CsSn _{0.9} Ge _{0.1} Br ₃	20	20.5	18	18.5	2	1.9	60	59.1
	CsSnBr ₃	20	20.9	20	20.8	–	–	60	58.3
SS	CsGeBr ₃	20	19.1	–	–	20	28.7	60	52.3
	CsSn _{0.5} Ge _{0.5} Br ₃	20	21	10	5.5	10	24.7	60	48.8
	CsSnBr ₃	20	20.9	20	18.7	–	–	60	60.4
HTS	CsGeBr ₃	20	19.5	–	–	20	19.0	60	61.4
	CsSn _{0.5} Ge _{0.5} Br ₃	20	18.7	10	10.0	10	8.6	60	62.7
	CsSnBr ₃	20	18.5	20	18.2	–	–	60	63.3

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ SS

x = 0

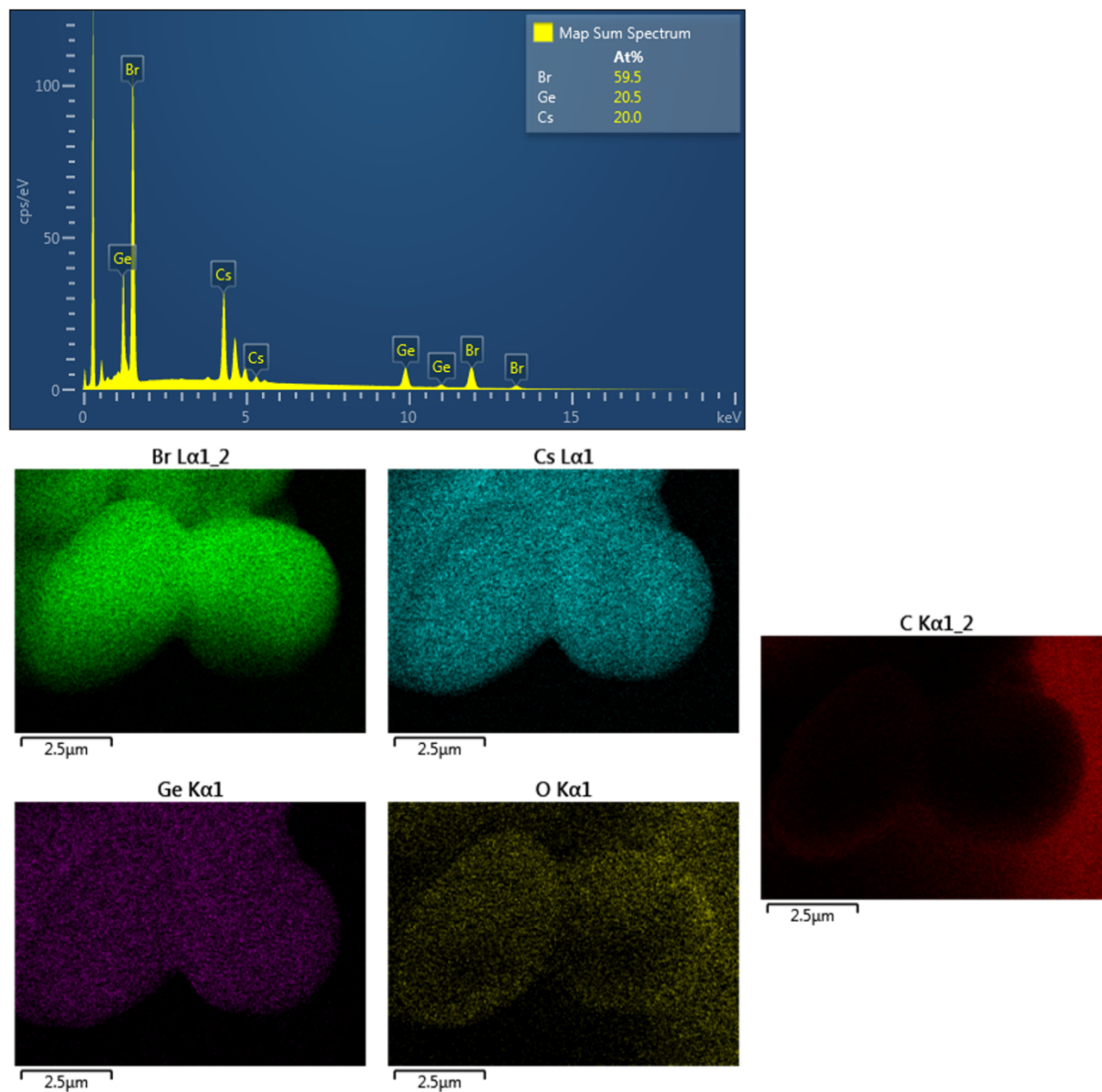


Figure S10. EDX analysis for SS CsGeBr₃.

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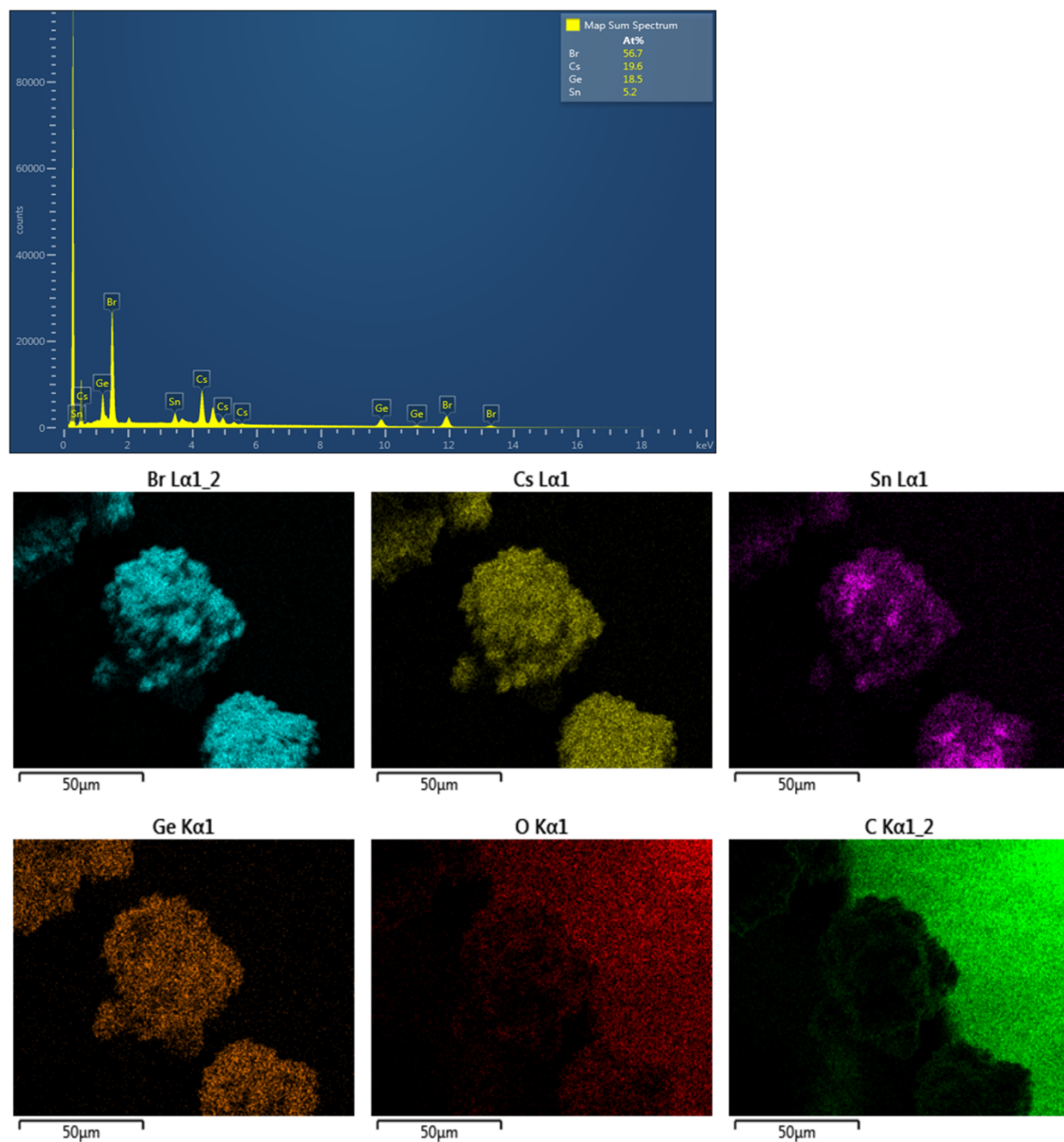


Figure S11. EDX analysis for SS CsSn_{0.5}Ge_{0.5}Br₃.

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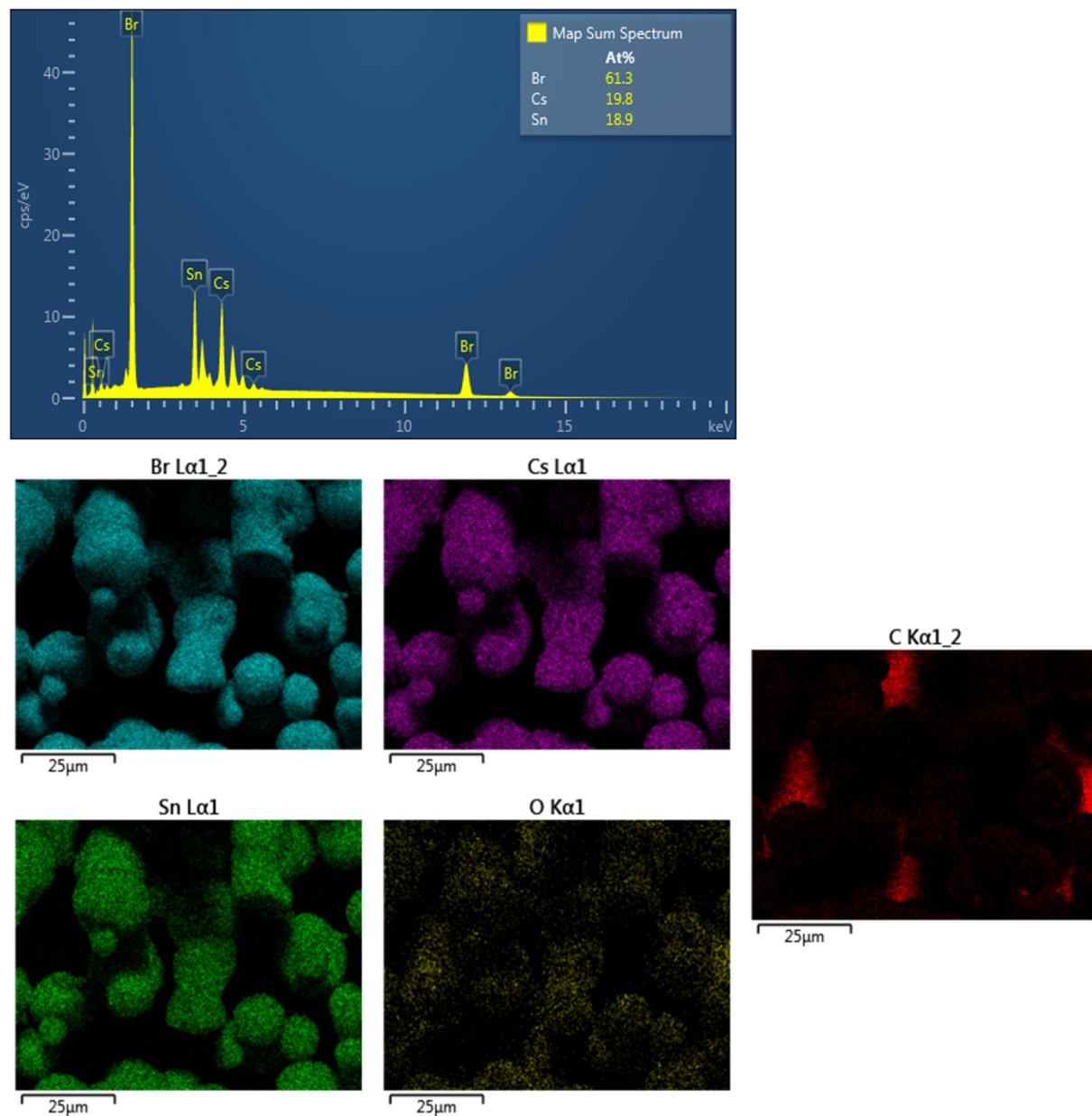


Figure S12. EDX analysis for SS CsSnBr₃.

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ MCS

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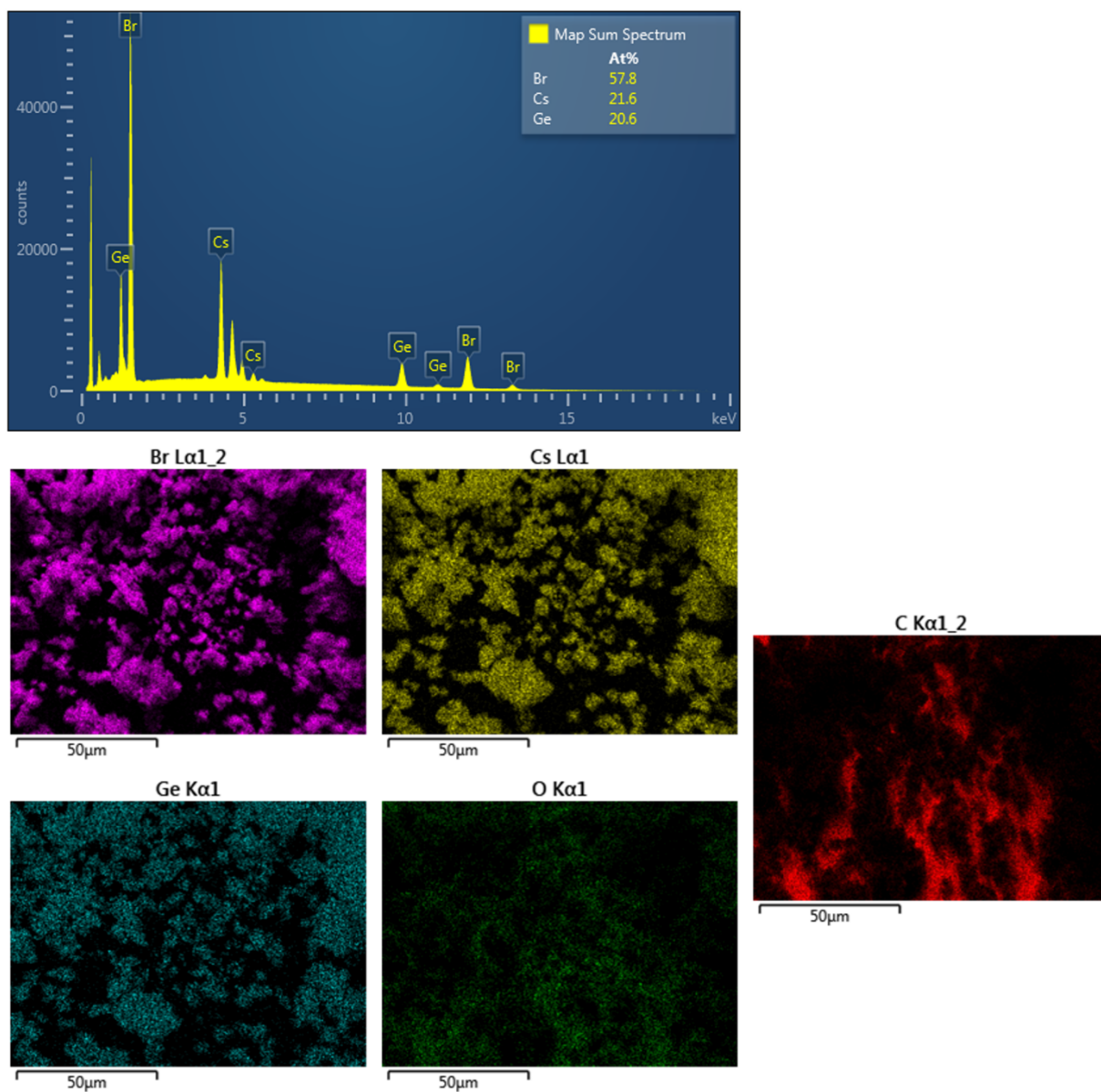


Figure S13. EDX analysis for MCS CsGeBr₃.

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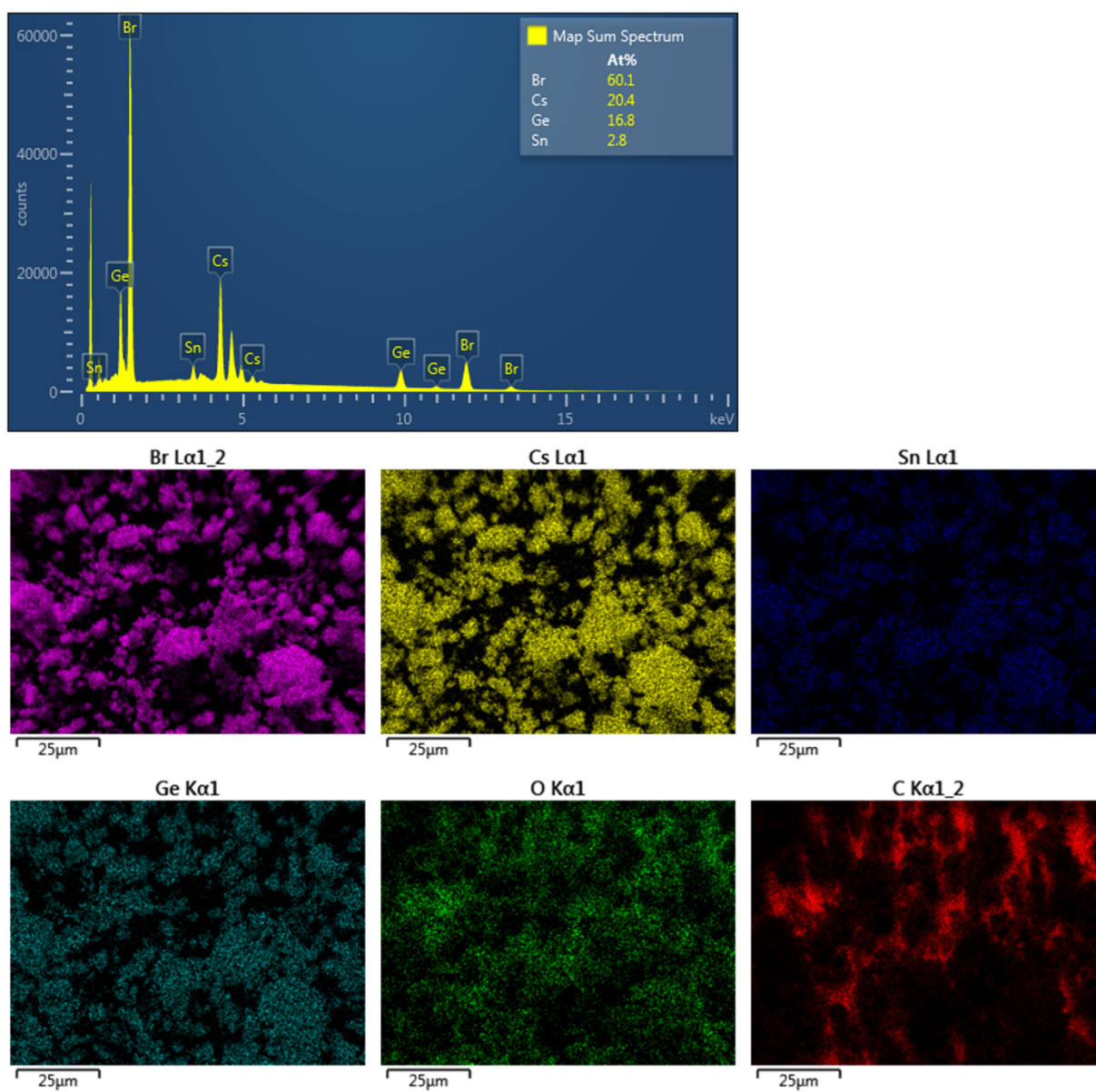


Figure S14. EDX analysis for MCS CsSn_{0.1}Ge_{0.9}Br₃.

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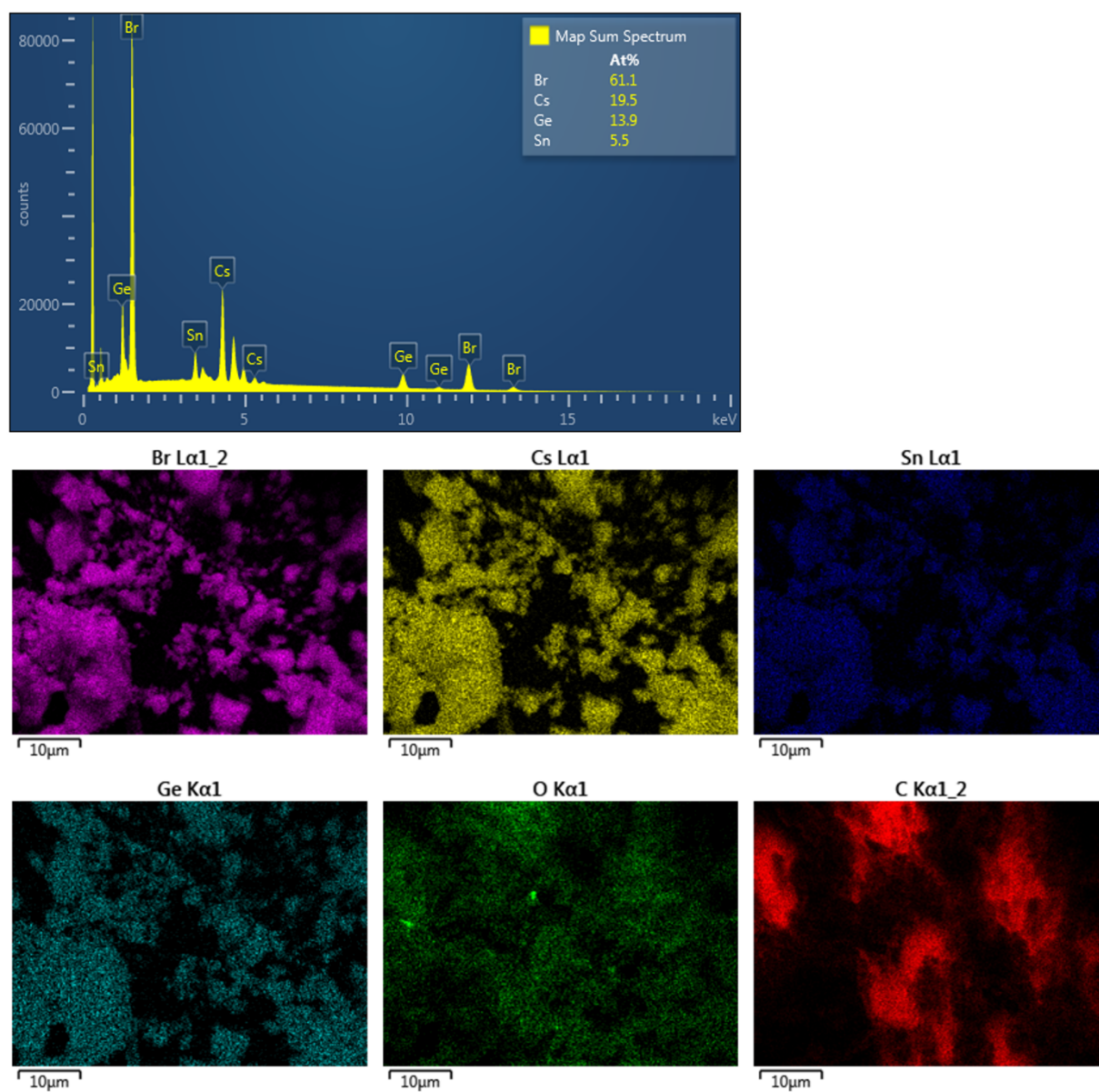


Figure S15. EDX analysis for MCS CsSn_{0.25}Ge_{0.75}Br₃.

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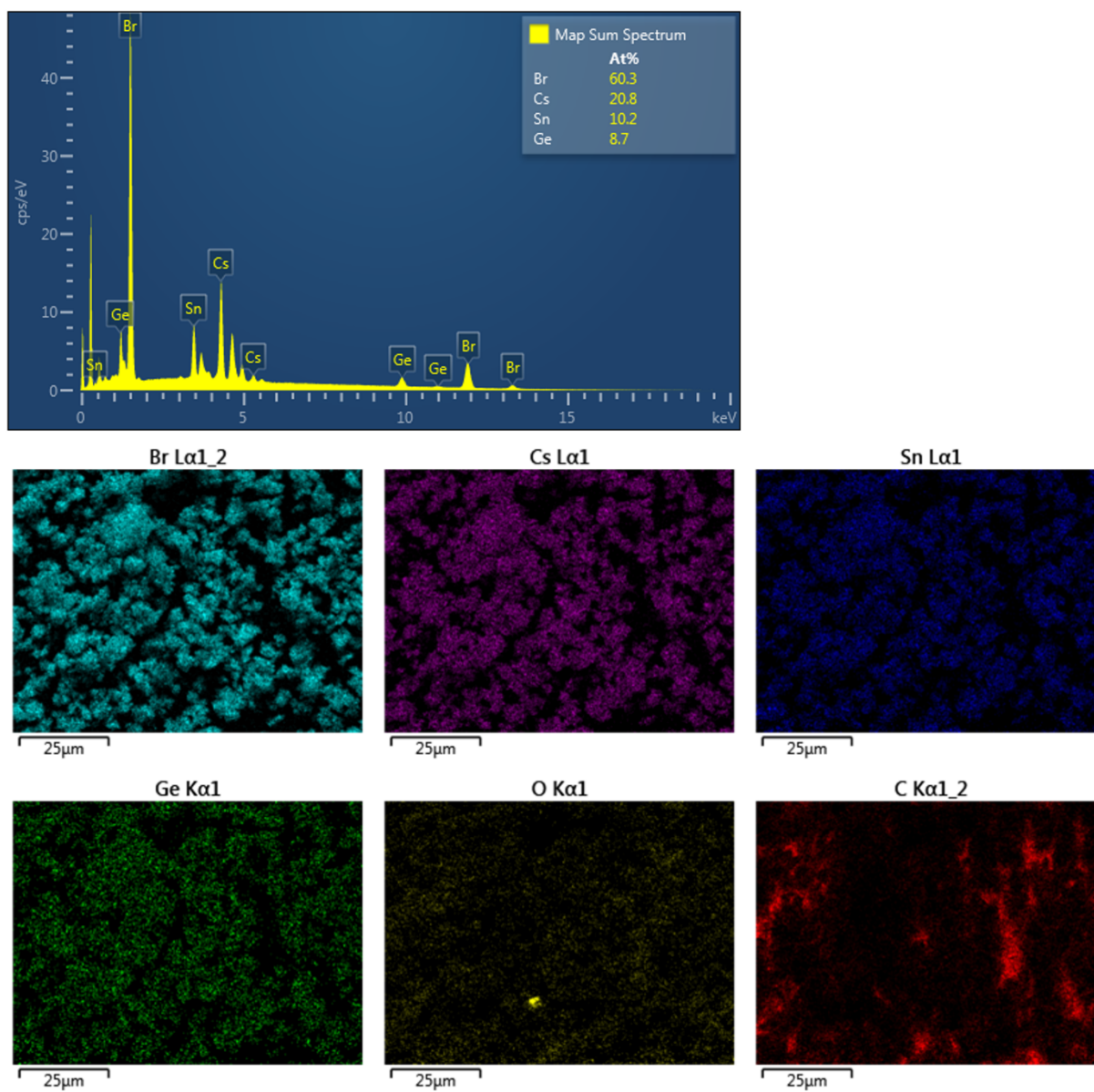


Figure S16. EDX analysis for MCS CsSn_{0.5}Ge_{0.5}Br₃.

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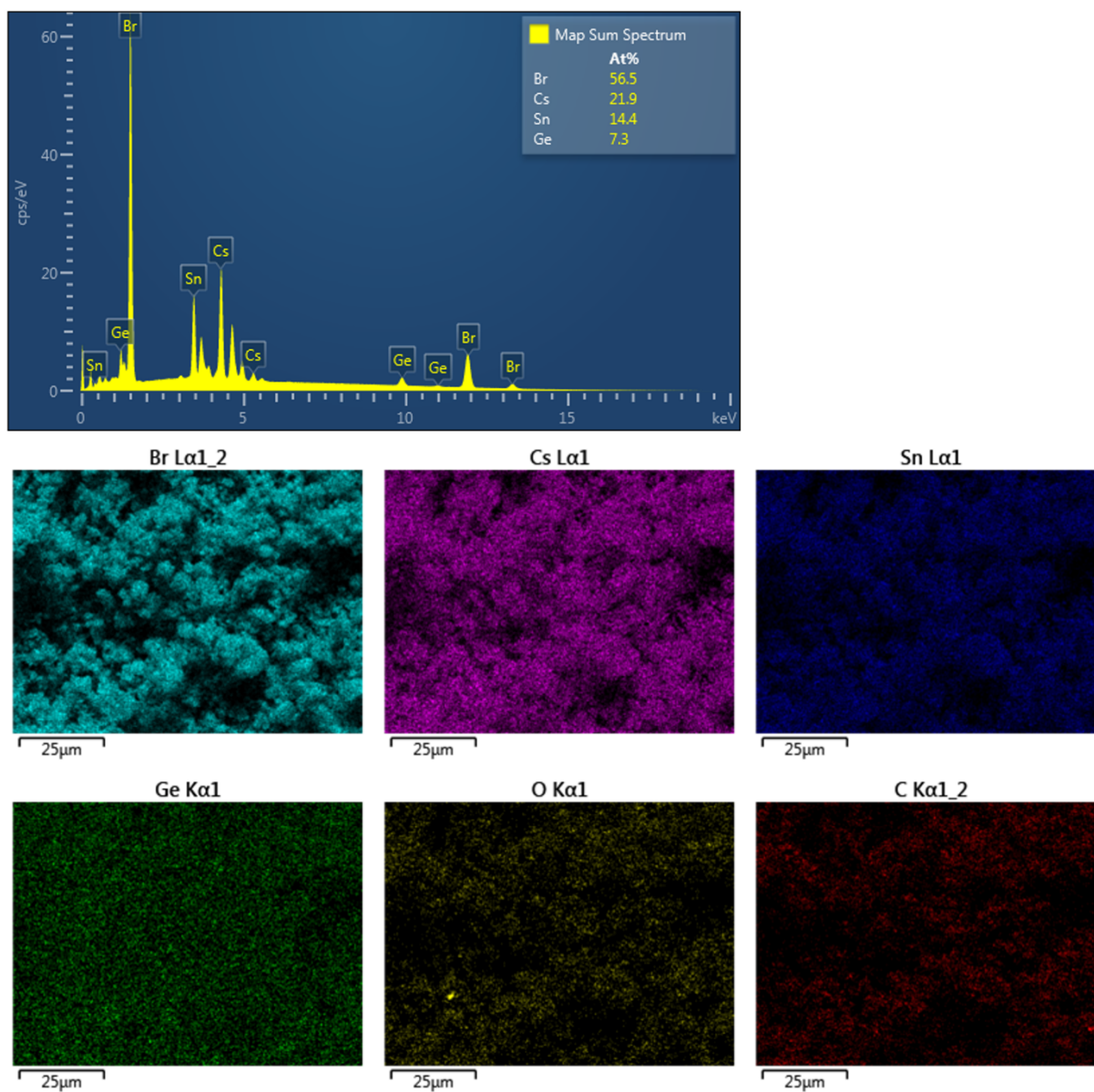


Figure S17. EDX analysis for MCS $\text{CsSn}_{0.75}\text{Ge}_{0.25}\text{Br}_3$.

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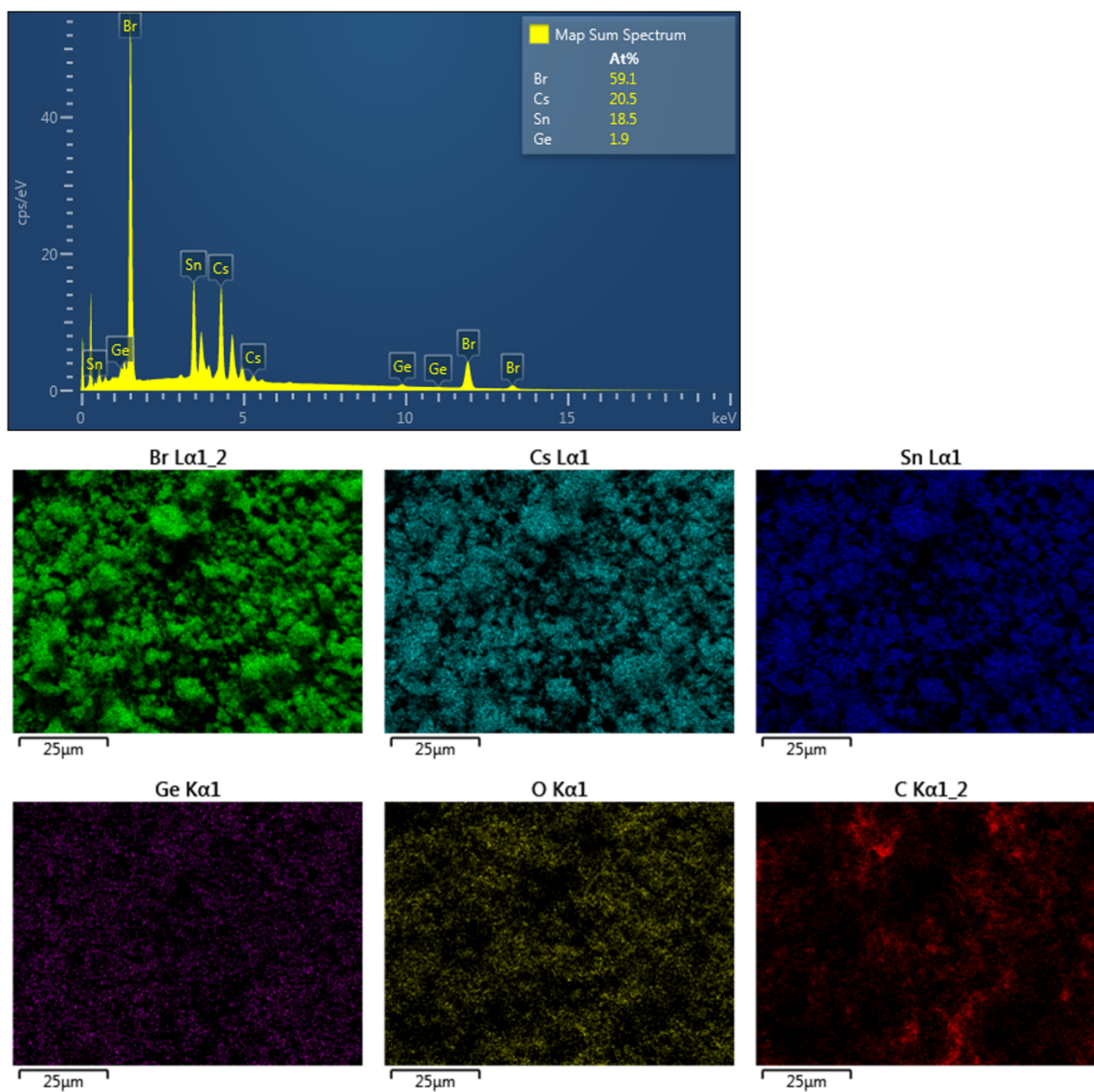


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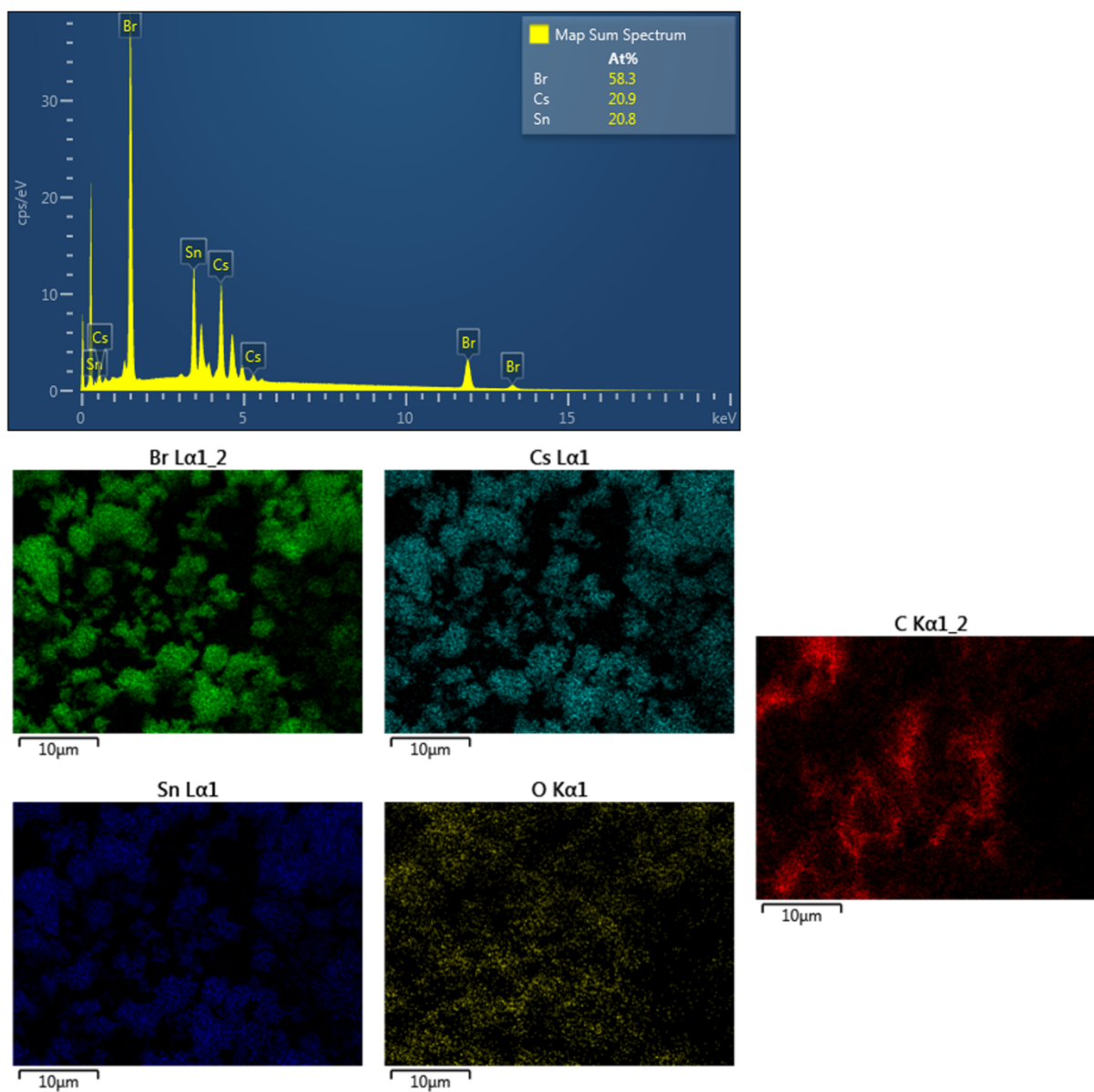


Figure S19. EDX analysis for MCS CsSnBr₃.

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ HT

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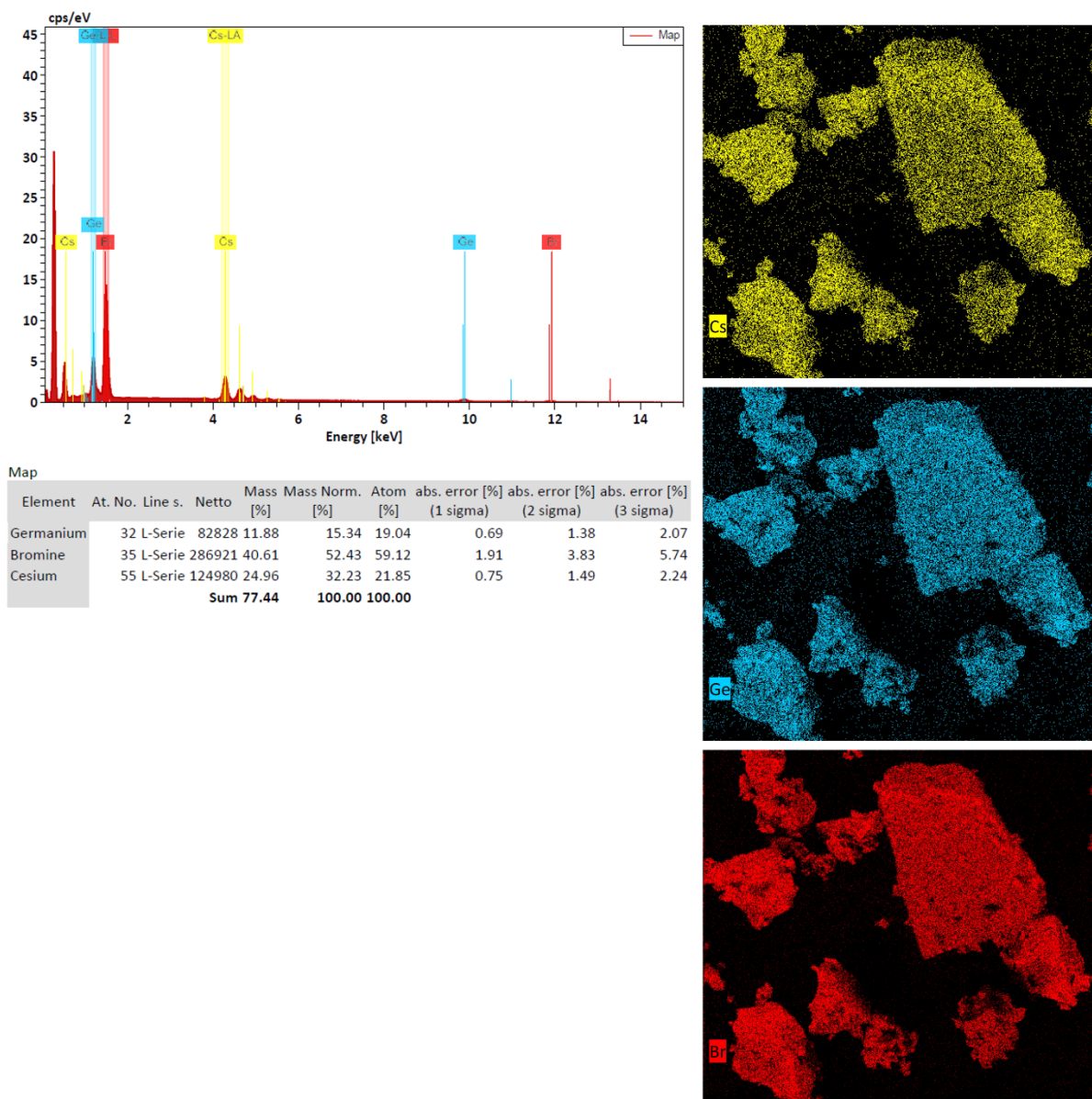


Figure S20. EDX analysis for HT CsGeBr₃.

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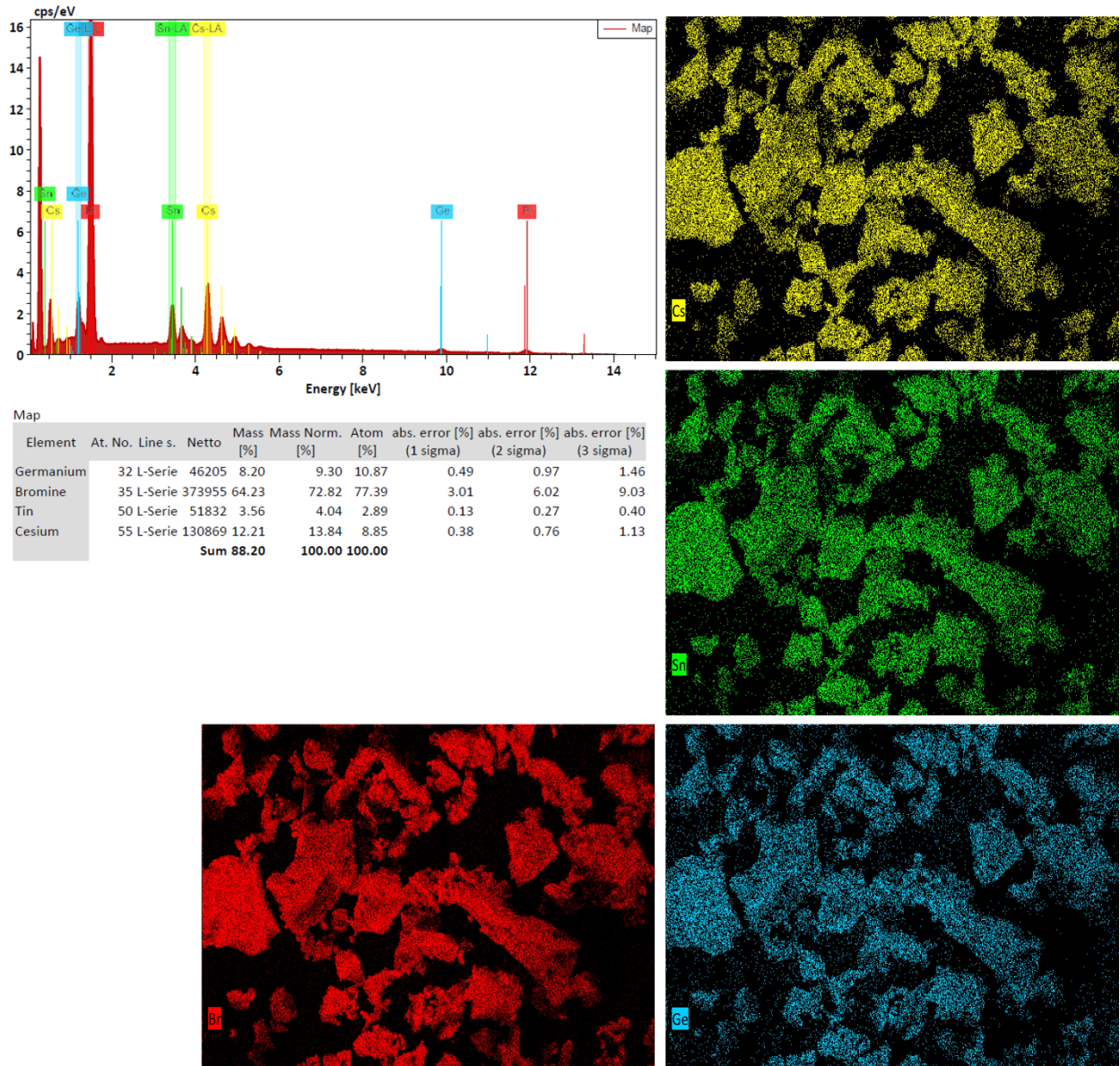


Figure S21. EDX analysis for HT CsSn_{0.5}Ge_{0.5}Br₃.

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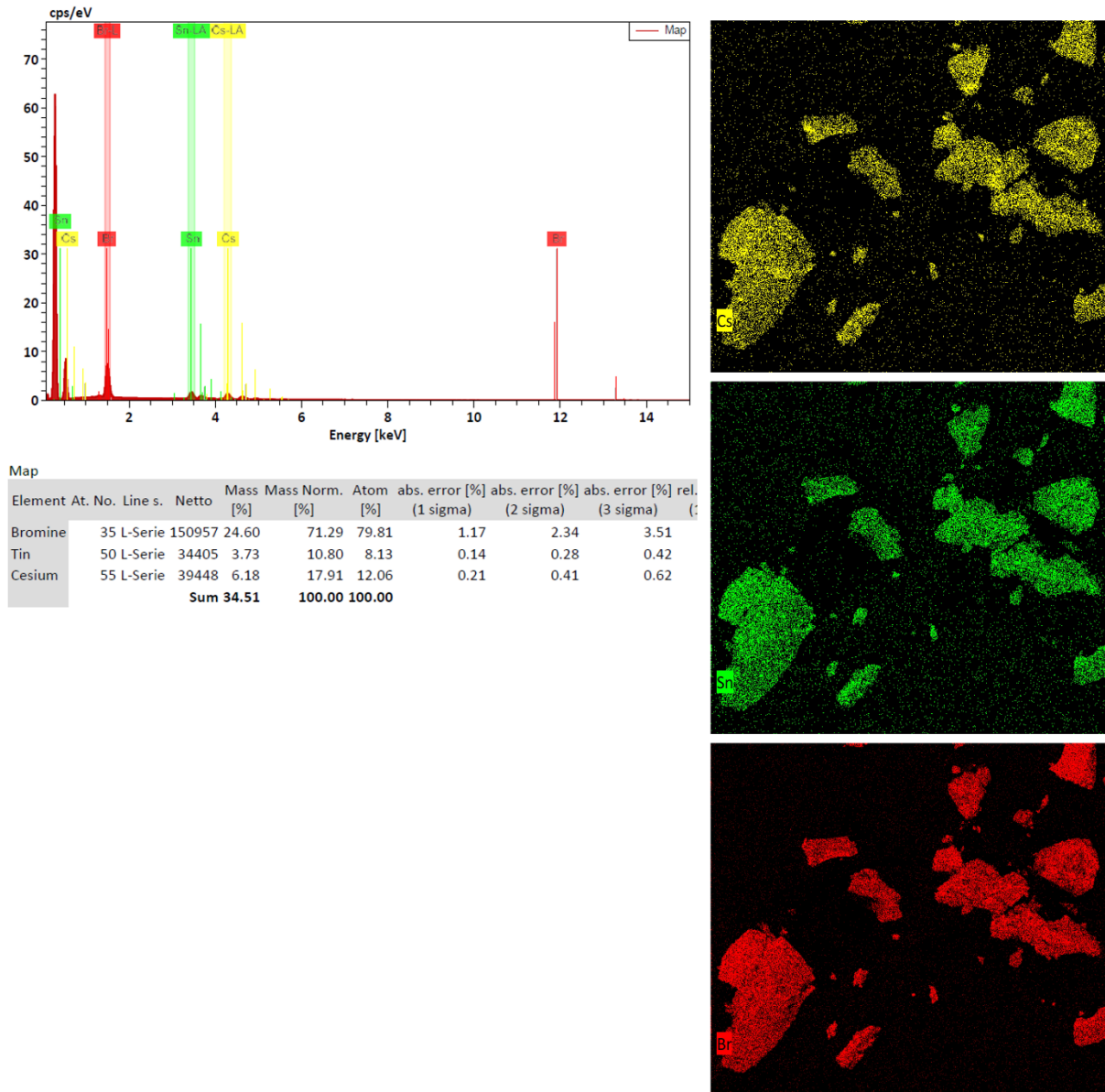


Figure S22. EDX analysis for HT CsSnBr₃.

Additional NMR spectra

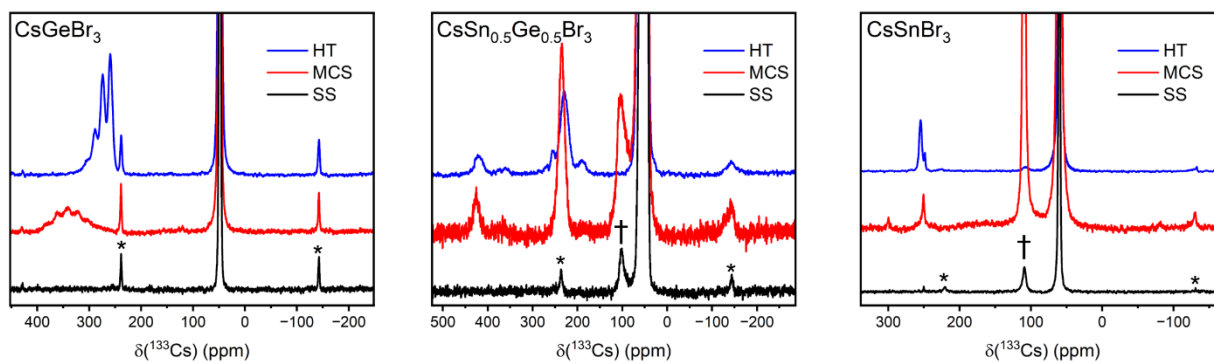


Figure S23. ^{133}Cs MAS NMR spectra for CsGeBr_3 , $\text{CsSn}_{0.5}\text{Ge}_{0.5}\text{Br}_3$, and CsSnBr_3 ($B_0 = 14.1$ T, $\nu_r = 15$ kHz) made *via* SS, MCS and HT. † denotes Cs_2BBr_6 impurity, * indicate spinning sidebands.

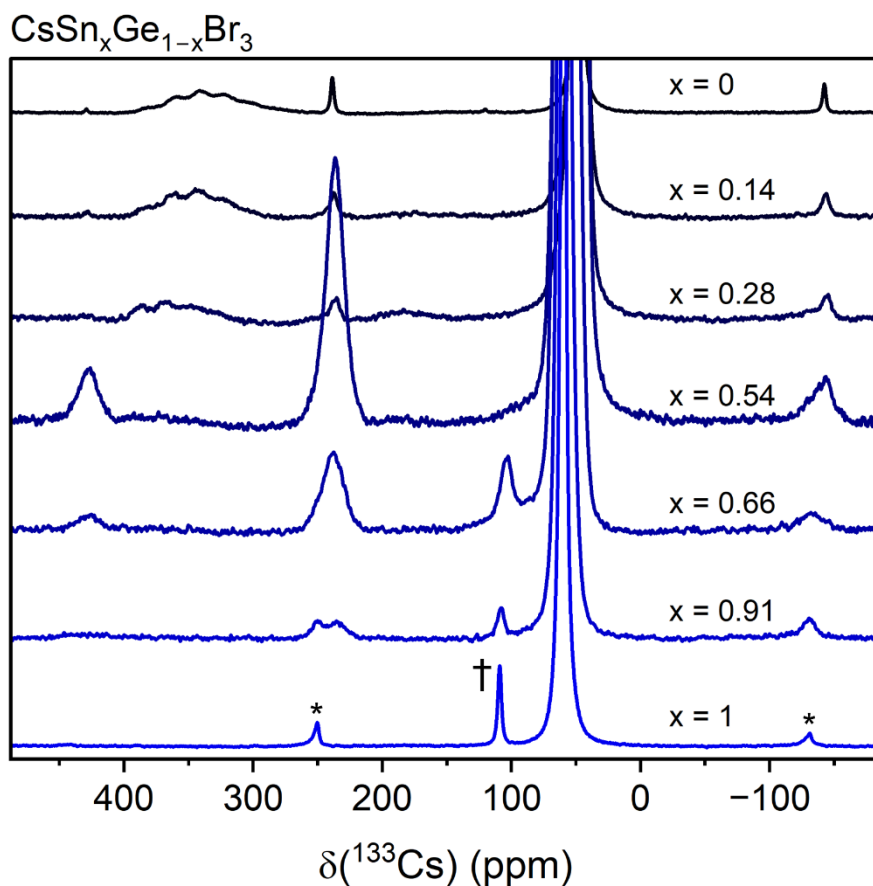


Figure S24. Enlarged ^{133}Cs MAS NMR spectra for MCS $\text{CsSn}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Br}_3$ ($B_0 = 14.1$ T, $\nu_r = 15$ kHz). † denotes Cs_2BBr_6 impurity, * indicate spinning sidebands.

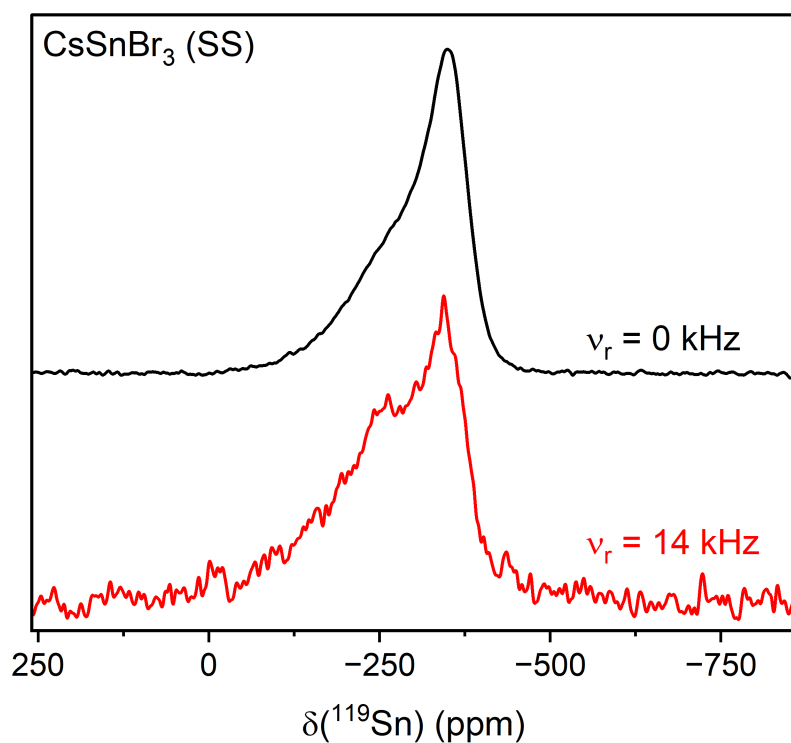


Figure S25. Non-spinning (black) and MAS (red) ^{119}Sn NMR for SS CsSnBr₃ ($B_0 = 11.7$ T).

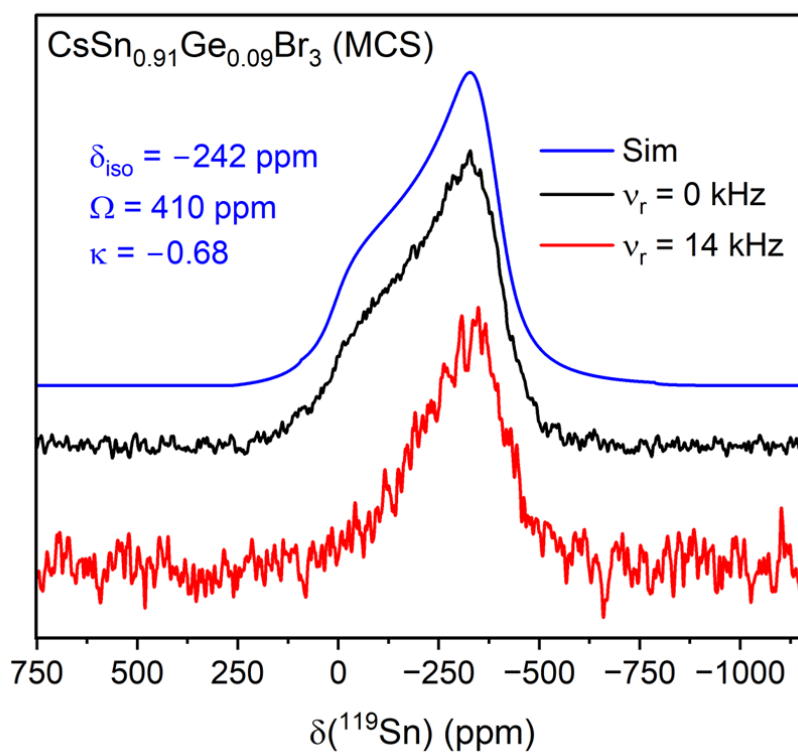


Figure S26. Non-spinning (black) and MAS (red) ^{119}Sn NMR for MCS CsSn_{0.91}Ge_{0.09}Br₃ ($B_0 = 11.7$ T).

EPR

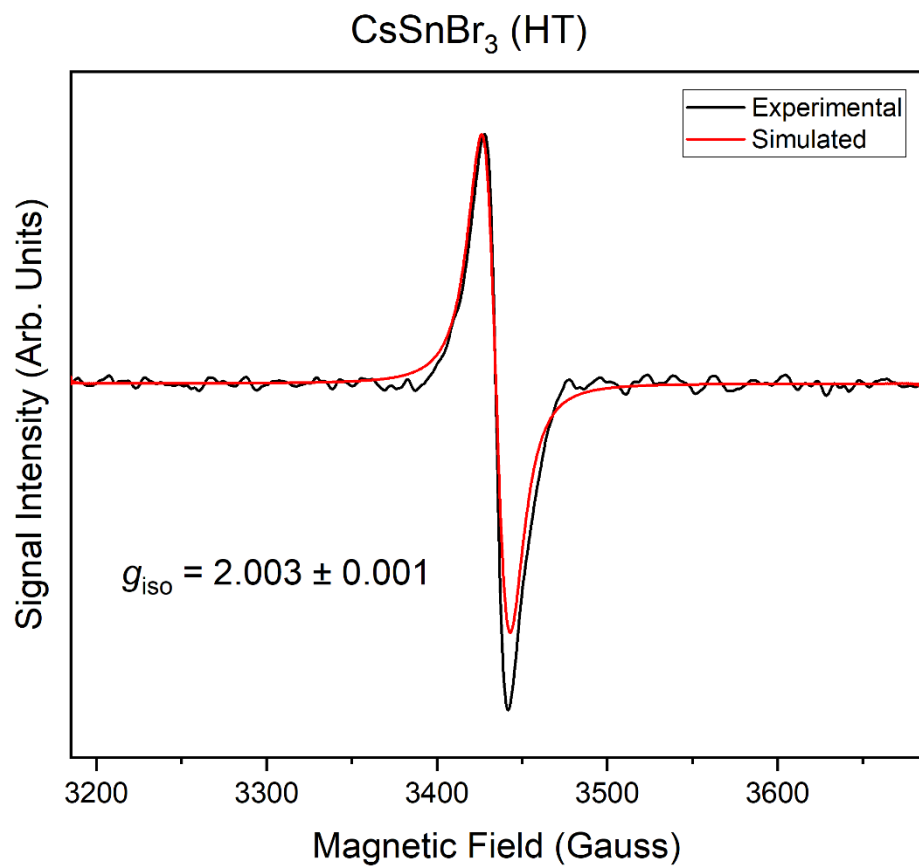


Figure S27. Experimental (black) and fit (red) EPR spectra for HT CsSnBr₃.

^{81}Br NQR spectra

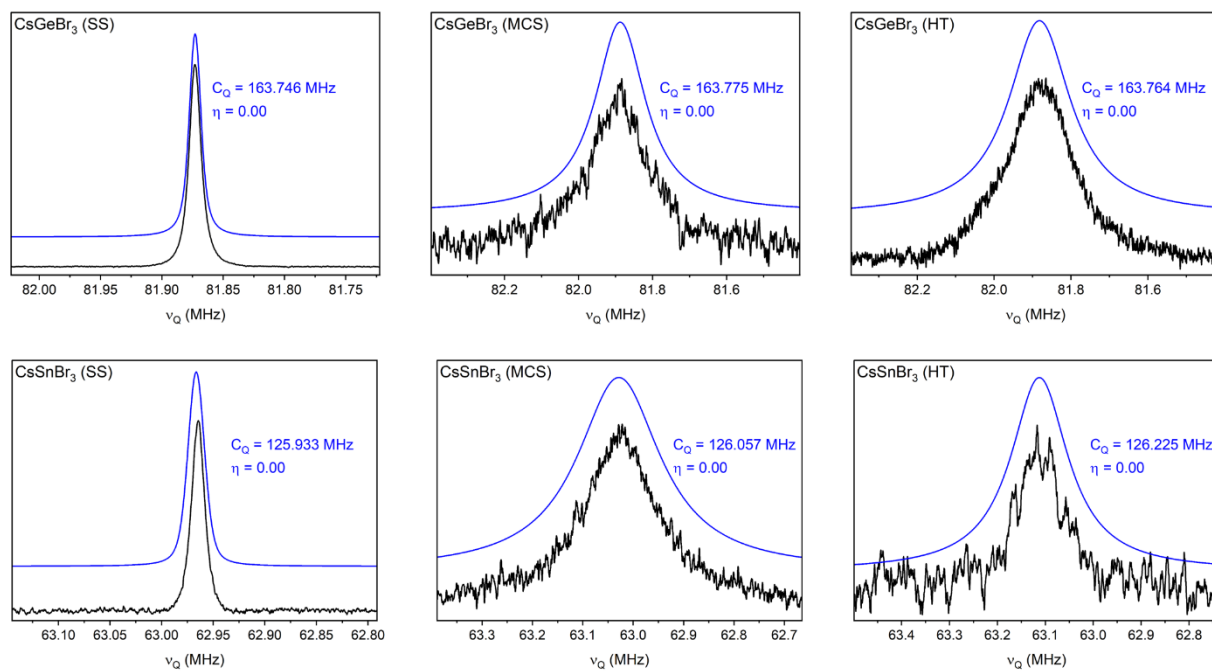


Figure S28. ^{81}Br NQR experimental (black) and simulated fits (blue) for CsGeBr_3 and CsSnBr_3 . Errors for associated measurements are reported in [Table 3](#).

Calculated NMR parameters

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ MCS

Tables S7-S8. Total calculation time and summary of NMR parameters obtained from CASTEP DFT calculations.

CsGeBr₃: 808.03 s

Nucleus		Shielding Tensor			EFG Tensor	
Species	No.	σ_{calc} (ppm)	Ω (ppm)	κ	C_Q (MHz)	η
Ge	1	1389.70	31.78	0.00	2.310E+00	0.00
Br	1	2173.31	511.65	0.00	1.814E+02	0.01
Br	2	2173.31	511.65	0.00	1.814E+02	0.01
Br	3	2173.31	511.65	0.00	1.814E+02	0.01
Cs	1	5812.39	-11.69	0.00	-5.482E-02	0.00

CsSnBr₃: 375.00 s

Nucleus		Shielding Tensor			EFG Tensor	
Species	No.	σ_{calc} (ppm)	Ω (ppm)	κ	C_Q (MHz)	η
Br	1	2340.42	432.22	0.00	1.477E+02	0.00
Br	2	2340.42	432.22	0.00	1.477E+02	0.00
Br	3	2340.42	432.22	0.00	1.477E+02	0.00
Sn	1	3008.15	0.00	N/A	7.531E-12	N/A
Cs	1	5866.21	0.00	N/A	-6.591E-16	N/A

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ SS

Tables S9-S10. Total calculation time and summary of NMR parameters obtained from CASTEP DFT calculations.

CsGeBr₃: 2143.00 s

Nucleus		Shielding Tensor			EFG Tensor	
Species	No.	σ_{calc} (ppm)	Ω (ppm)	κ	C_Q (MHz)	η
Ge	1	1402.24	29.61	0.00	2.230E+00	0.00
Br	1	2170.46	518.87	0.00	1.826E+02	0.00
Br	2	2170.46	518.87	0.00	1.826E+02	0.00
Br	3	2170.46	518.87	0.00	1.826E+02	0.00
Cs	1	5813.07	-10.20	0.00	-5.755E-02	0.00

CsSnBr₃: 474.24 s

Nucleus		Shielding Tensor			EFG Tensor	
Species	No.	σ_{calc} (ppm)	Ω (ppm)	κ	C_Q (MHz)	η
Br	1	2339.45	433.10	0.00	1.477E+02	0.00
Br	2	2339.45	433.10	0.00	1.477E+02	0.00
Br	3	2339.45	433.10	0.00	1.477E+02	0.00
Sn	1	3005.62	0.00	N/A	1.472E-12	N/A
Cs	1	5866.09	0.00	N/A	1.580E-15	N/A

CsSn_xGe_{1-x}Br₃ HT

Tables S11-S12. Total calculation time and summary of NMR parameters obtained from CASTEP DFT calculations.

CsGeBr₃: 1080.02 s

Nucleus		Shielding Tensor			EFG Tensor	
Species	No.	σ_{calc} (ppm)	Ω (ppm)	κ	C_Q (MHz)	η
Ge	1	1398.57	34.46	0.00	2.267E+00	0.00
Br	1	2175.08	512.56	0.01	1.817E+02	0.01
Br	2	2175.08	512.56	0.01	1.817E+02	0.01
Br	3	2175.08	512.56	0.01	1.817E+02	0.01
Cs	1	5811.93	-7.24	0.00	-5.525E-02	0.00

CsSnBr₃: 333.09 s

Nucleus		Shielding Tensor			EFG Tensor	
Species	No.	σ_{calc} (ppm)	Ω (ppm)	κ	C_Q (MHz)	η
Br	1	2340.04	431.30	0.00	1.477E+02	0.00
Br	2	2340.04	431.30	0.00	1.477E+02	0.00
Br	3	2340.04	431.30	0.00	1.477E+02	0.00
Sn	1	3004.55	0.00	N/A	-2.076E-12	N/A
Cs	1	5865.96	0.00	N/A	-1.603E-15	N/A

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