

Supporting Information

Precise site occupation of Zn^{2+} in Rb_2CuBr_3 to regulate exciton recombination for violet luminescence

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This study employed the Vienna Ab-initio Simulation Package (VASP) 5.4.4¹ to conduct DFT calculations. The Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) functional within the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) framework² was selected as the exchange-correlation functional. This functional has been widely validated for reliably predicting the crystal structure, electronic band gap, defect formation energy, and relative energies of halide perovskites,³ and is suitable for doping configuration screening.

The calculations utilized the Projector Augmented Wave (PAW) pseudopotential,⁴ with a plane-wave cutoff energy of 500 eV (verified to have energy fluctuations < 1 meV/atom). The Brillouin zone integration was performed using a $5 \times 5 \times 1$ Monkhorst-Pack k-grid centered at the Γ point (verified to ensure energy convergence to 1 meV through density testing). A 15 Å vacuum layer was set in the non-periodic direction (verified to have interlayer interaction energy < 1 meV through thickness testing). All atomic positions were fully relaxed until the energy change was $\leq 1 \times 10^{-6}$ eV and the atomic force was ≤ 0.01 eV/Å. Additionally, DFT-D3⁵ dispersion correction (Becke-Jonson damping) was introduced to accurately describe van der Waals interactions.

Based on the aforementioned static calculations, we computed the band structures of both undoped and Zn-doped Rb_2CuBr_3 , analyzed the density of states (DOS) at the doping sites, and evaluated the formation energies across various doping configurations. The Fermi level of pure Rb_2CuBr_3 is taken as the reference zero point for the band structure and DOS. To investigate the feasibility of doping and substitution

at various lattice sites, the formation energy was calculated using the following equations⁶:

$$E_{1\text{form}}^{\text{doped}} = E_{\text{total}}(\text{Zn doped}) - [E_{\text{total}}(\text{Pure}) + \mu_{\text{Zn}} - \mu_{\text{Rb}}] \quad (1)$$

$$E_{2\text{form}}^{\text{doped}} = E_{\text{total}}(\text{Zn doped}) - [E_{\text{total}}(\text{Pure}) + \mu_{\text{Zn}} - \mu_{\text{Cu}}] \quad (2)$$

$$E_{\text{form}}^{\text{int}} = E_{\text{total}}(X_{\text{int}}) - [E_{\text{total}}(\text{Pure}) + \mu_x] \quad (3)$$

Where $E_{\text{form}}^{\text{doped}}$ and $E_{\text{form}}^{\text{int}}$ represent doping formation energy and interstitial formation energy respectively. $E_{\text{total}}(\text{Zn doped})$ and $E_{\text{total}}(X_{\text{int}})$ are respectively the total energies containing Zn dopant and X interstitial. $E_{\text{total}}(\text{pure})$ is the total energy of an undoped Rb_2CuBr_3 . μ_{Rb} , μ_{Cu} and μ_{Zn} are the chemical potential energies of Rb, Cu and Zn atoms, respectively.

1.2 Fabrication of violet LED

The prepared violet-blue emitting $\text{Rb}_2\text{CuBr}_3:0.3\text{Zn}^{2+}$ perovskite material was coated onto a 295 nm UV chip for violet LED fabrication. Optical characterization of the violet-blue LED was performed with an LED analyzer (HP9000) across a range of drive currents (mA). Subsequently, integrating the packaged chip with a portable power supply allows for the fabrication of a portable LED device.

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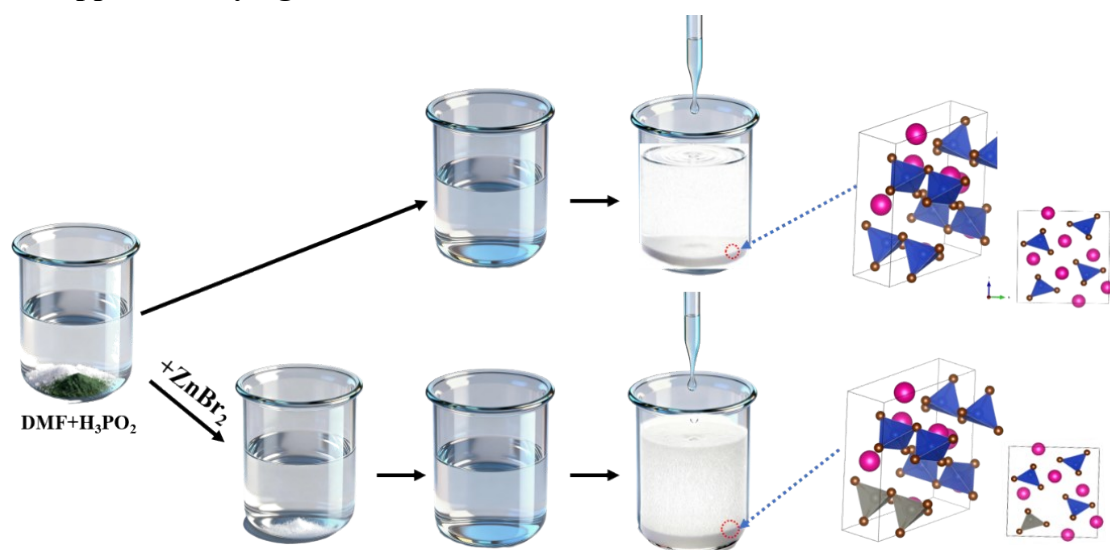


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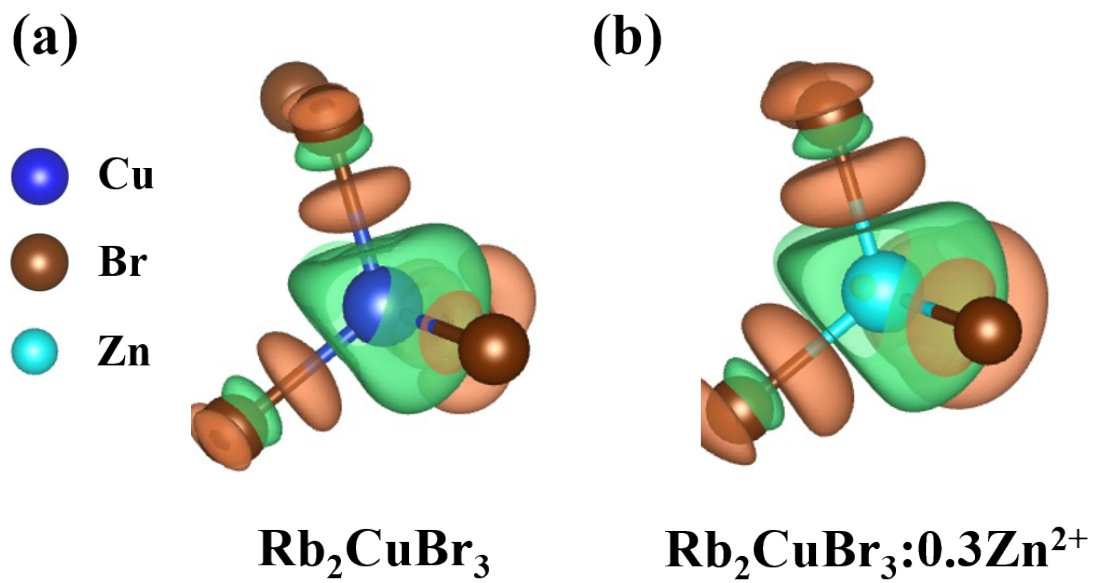


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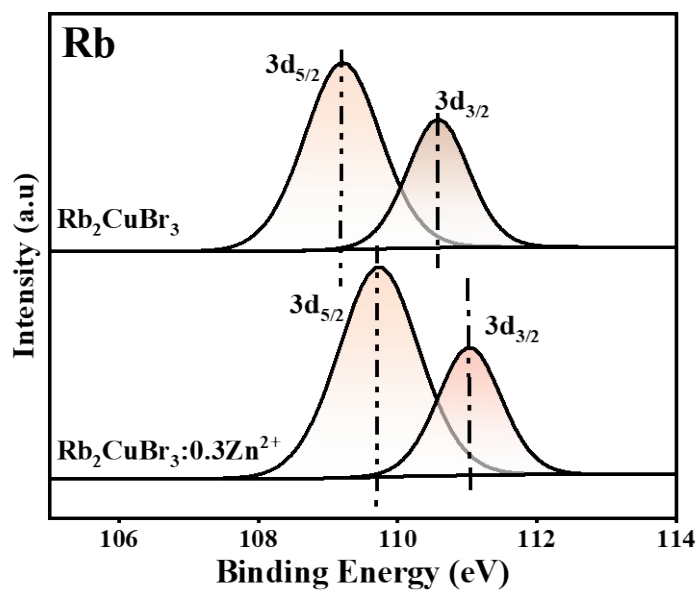


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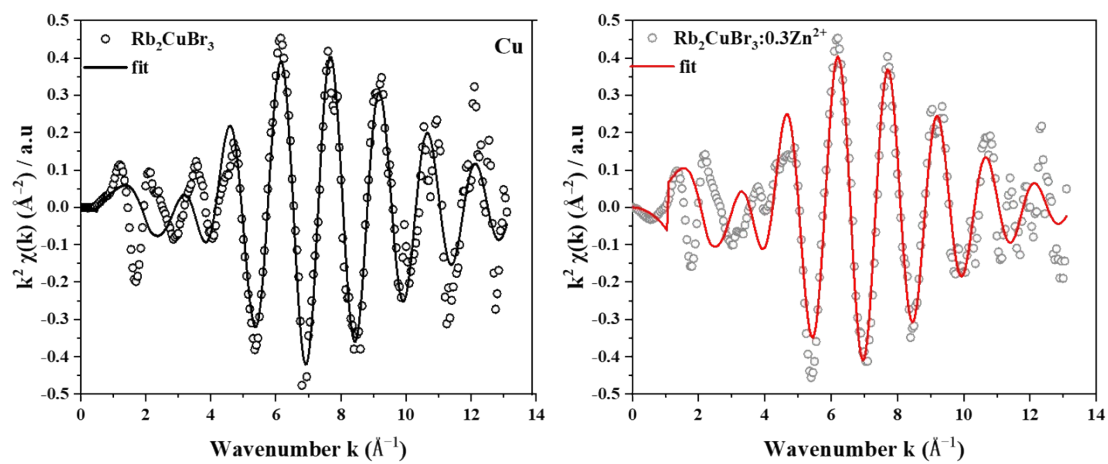


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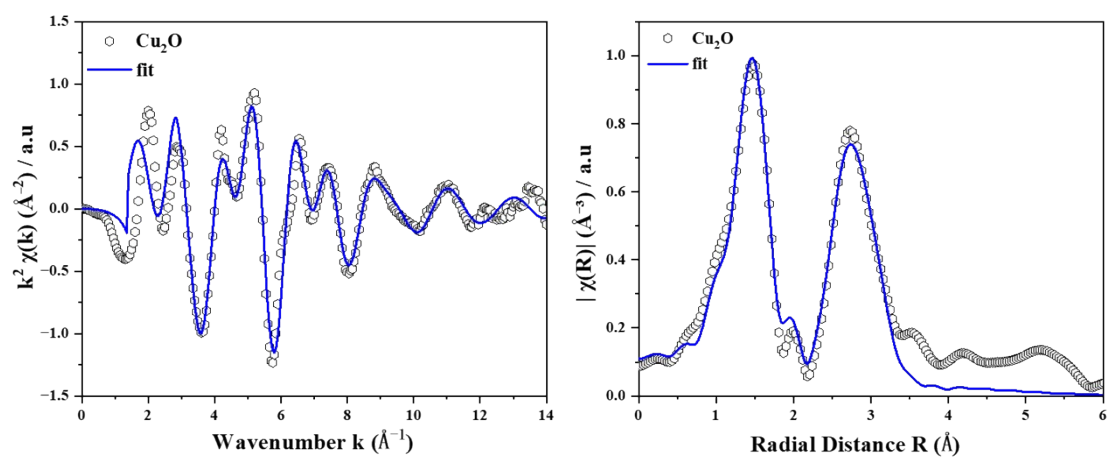


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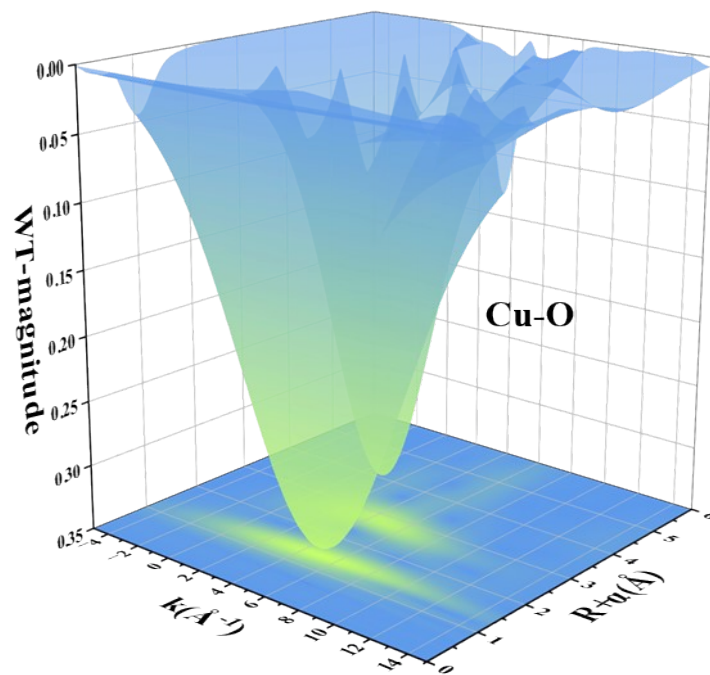


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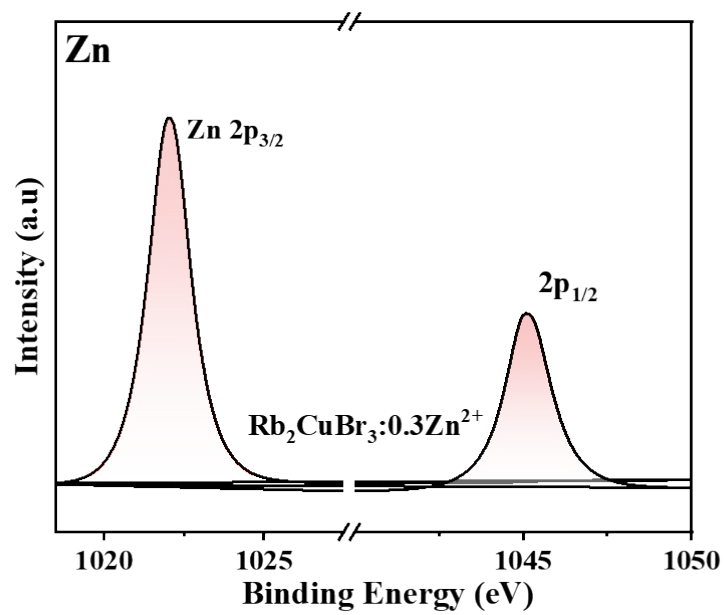


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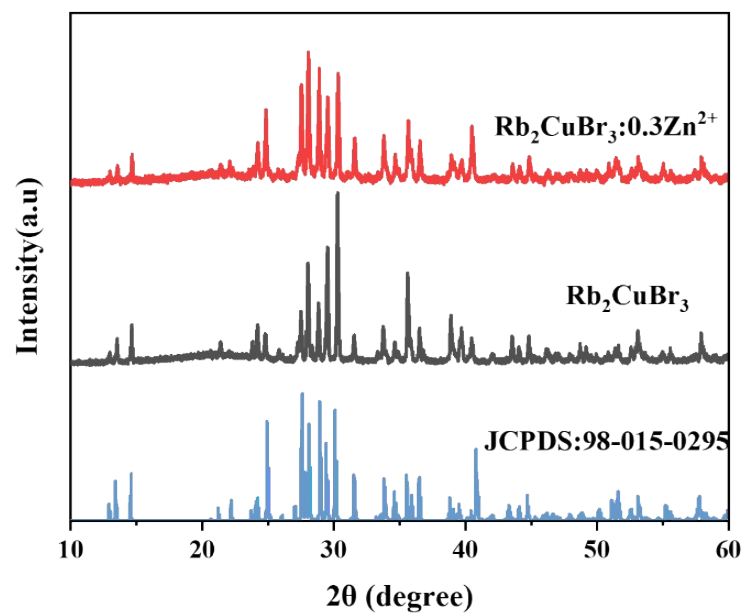


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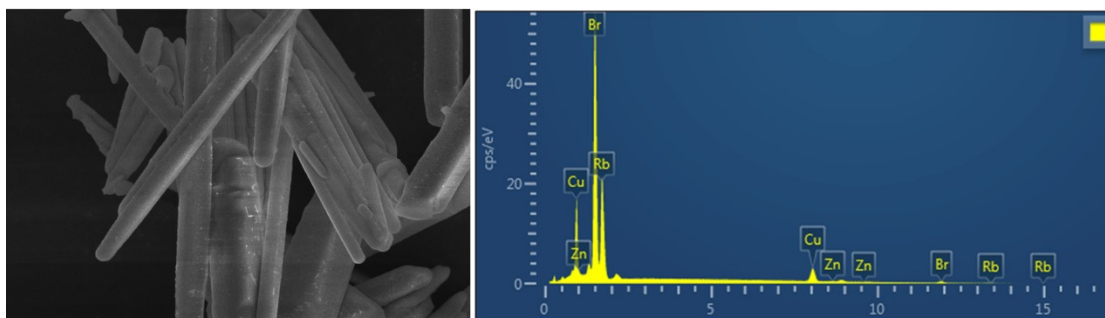


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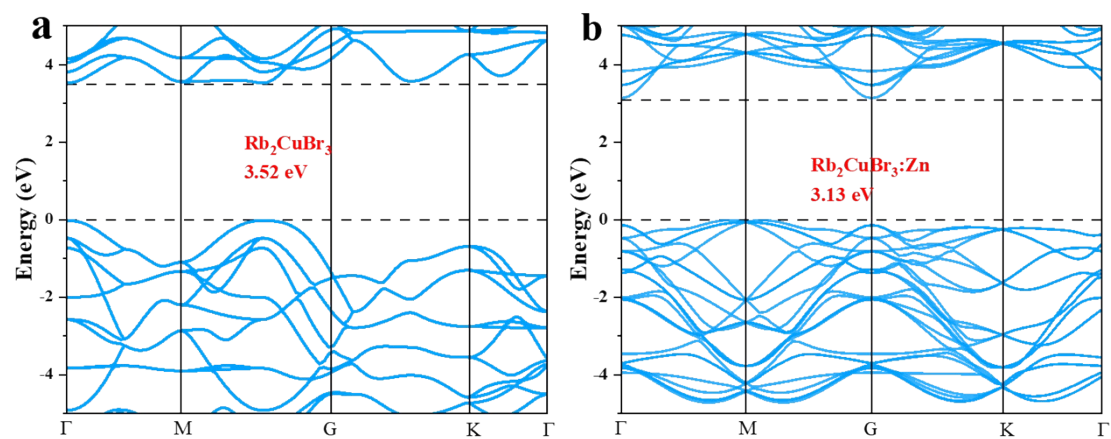


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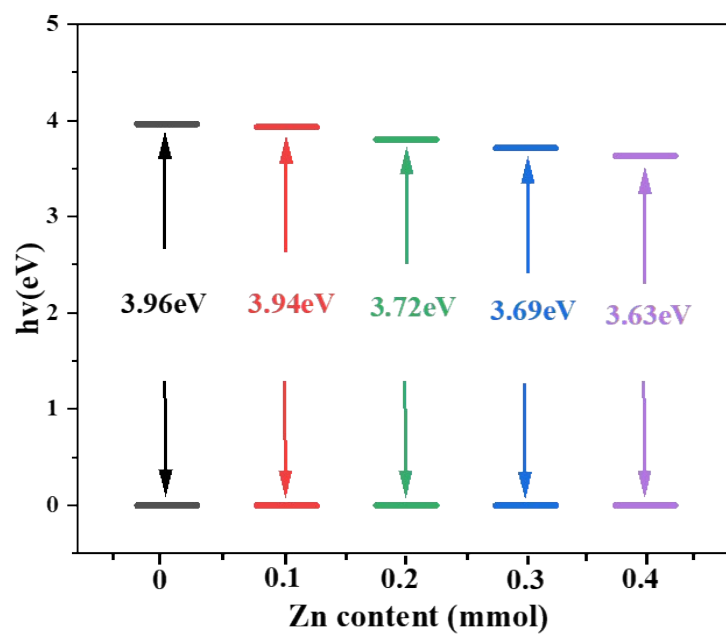


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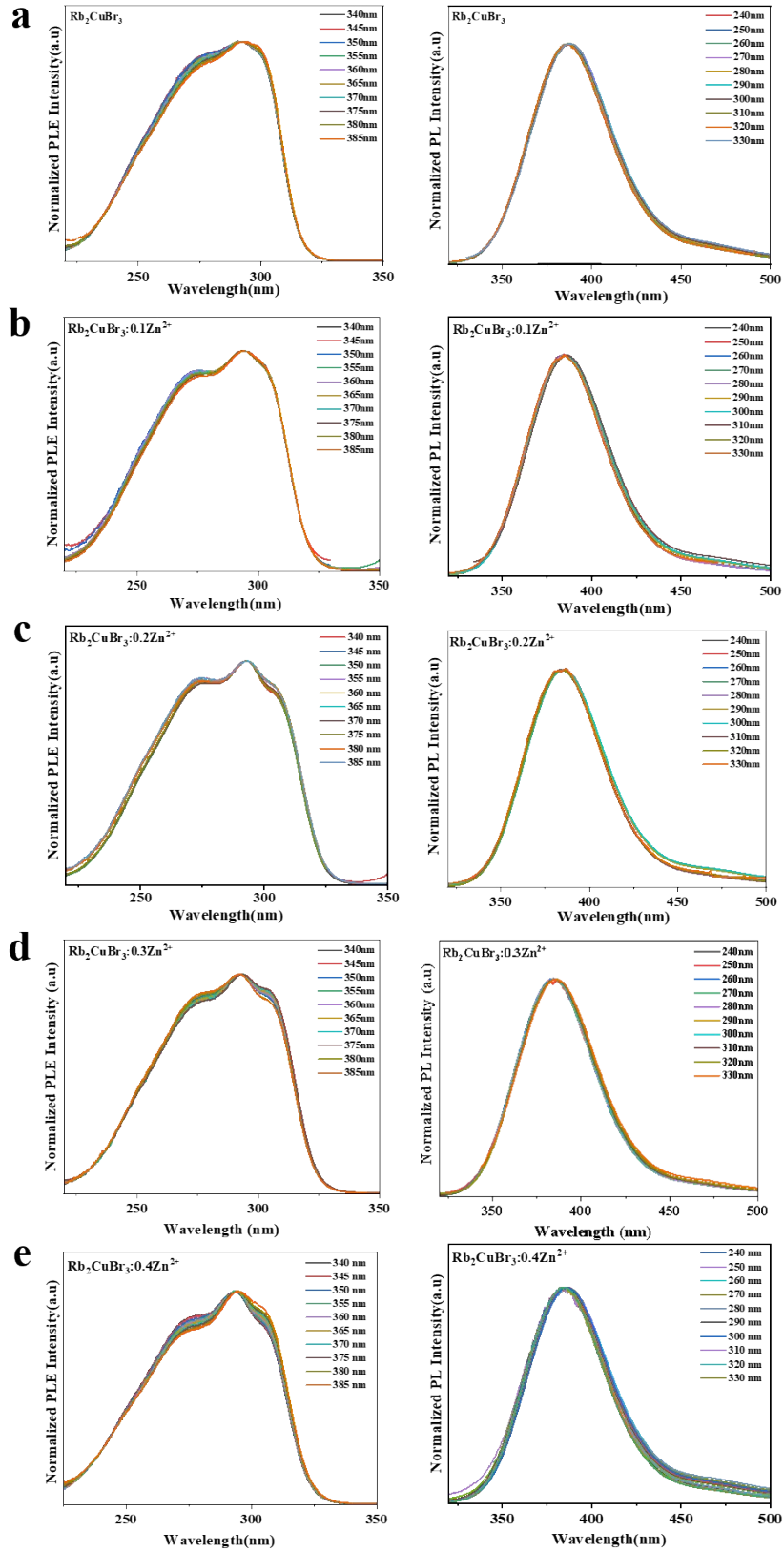


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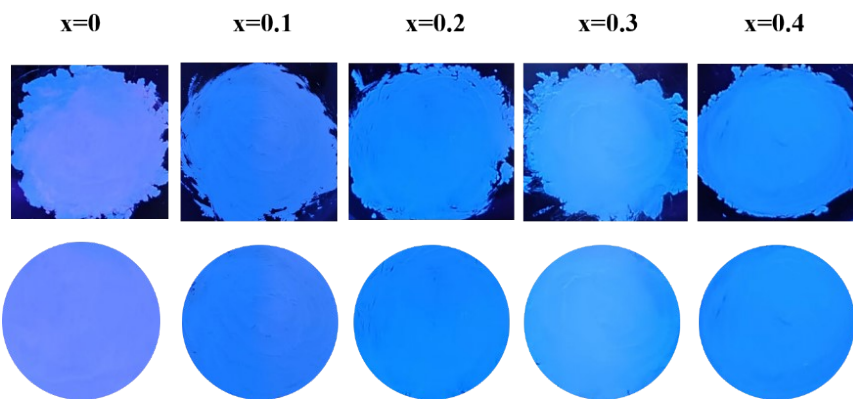


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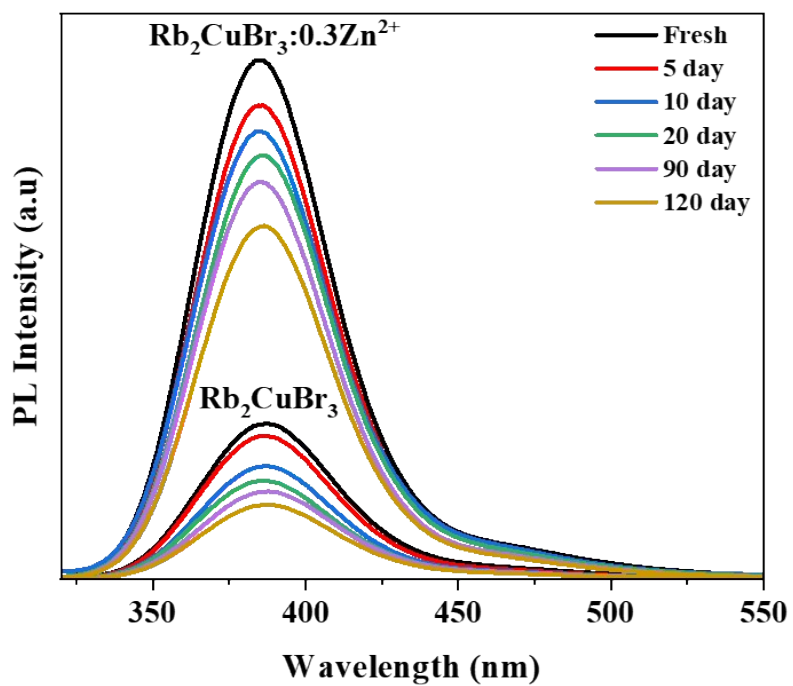


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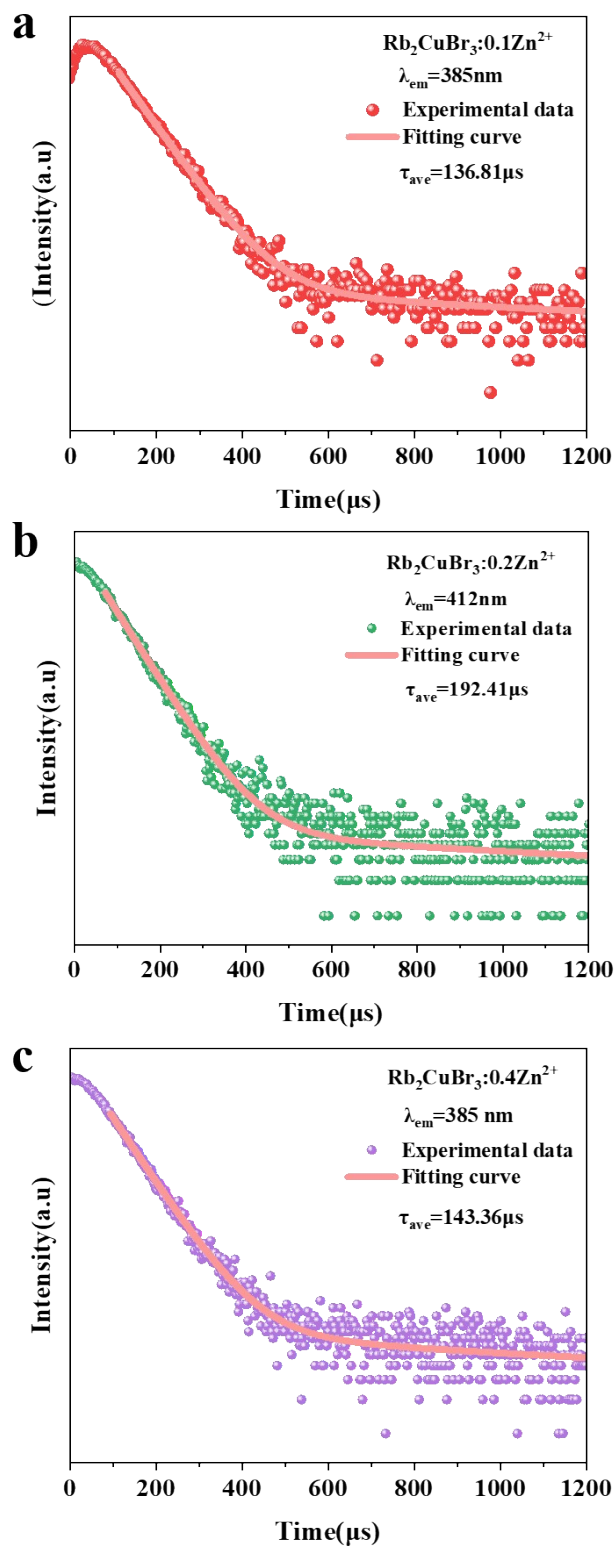


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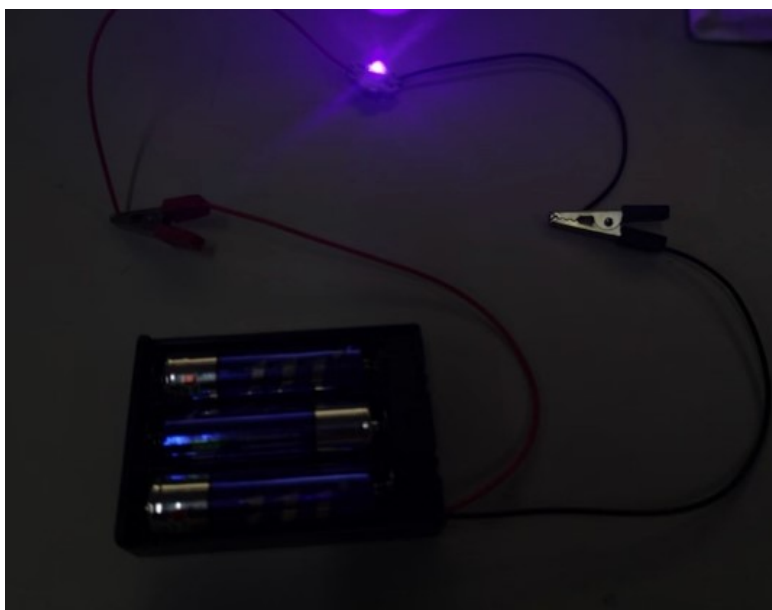


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Sample	Path	CN ^a	R (\AA) ^b	σ^2 (\AA^2) ^c	ΔE_0 (eV) ^d	R factor ^e
Rb_2CuBr_3	Cu-Br	3.9 \pm 0.1	2.56 \pm 0.01	0.0094 \pm 0.0012	1.1 \pm 1.8	0.0123
$\text{Rb}_2\text{CuBr}_3:0.3\text{Zn}^{2+}$	Cu-Br	4.1 \pm 0.1	2.44 \pm 0.01	0.0125 \pm 0.0010	2.2 \pm 1.3	0.0060

^aCN: coordination numbers; ^bR: bond distance; ^c σ^2 : Debye-Waller factors; ^d ΔE_0 : the inner potential correction. ^eR factor: goodness of fit.

Table S2. The correlation between the feeding ratio and the actual ratio of Zn/Cu.

Feeding amount of ZnBr ₂ (mmol)	Feeding ratio of Zn/Cu (%)	Actual Zn (mg/L)	Actual Cu (mg/L)	Actual ratio of Zn/Cu (%)	Actual/feeding Zn amount (%)
0.1	10	54.88	593.03	9.3	92.5
0.2	20	88.78	507.19	17.5	87.5
0.3	30	120.09	486.36	24.7	82.3
0.4	40	135.35	486.25	27.8	69.6

Table S3. k_r and k_{nr} recombination rates during the doping process.

Sample	τ ($\times 10^{-6}$ s)	PLQY (%)	k_r (s^{-1})	k_{nr} (s^{-1})
Rb ₂ CuBr ₃	126.20	51.4	4073	3851
Rb ₂ CuBr ₃ :0.1Zn ²⁺	136.81	53.6	3917	3391
Rb ₂ CuBr ₃ :0.2Zn ²⁺	194.41	64.6	3322	1821
Rb ₂ CuBr ₃ :0.3Zn ²⁺	254.99	70.6	2773	1149
Rb ₂ CuBr ₃ :0.4Zn ²⁺	143.36	63.1	4401	2574

Table S4. Summary of the device performance of violet LED performance.

Emission materials	EL _{λ_{max}} (nm)	PLQY (%)	EQE _{max} (%)
PEA ₂ PbBr ₄ film ⁷	410	10	0.04
PEA ₂ PbBr ₄ NPs ⁸	410	15-20	0.31
Cs ₃ Sb ₂ Br ₉ QD ⁹	408	51.2	0.206
Rb ₂ CuBr ₃ :0.3Zn ²⁺	385	70.6	0.22

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