

Bulk photovoltaic effect in a zero-dimensional **room-temperature molecular ferroelectric [C₈N₂H₂₂]_{1.5}[Bi₂I₉]**

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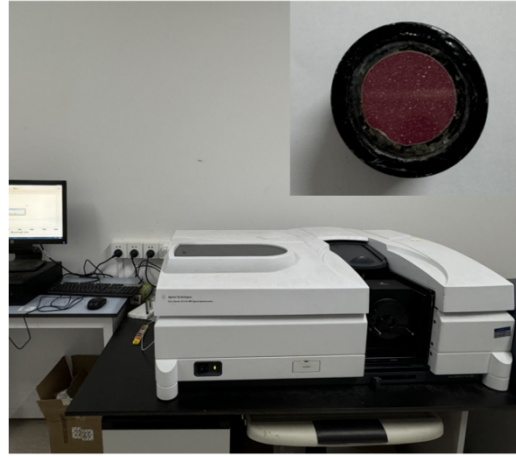


Fig. S1 Bulk crystal for hysteresis loop tests (a) and the photograph for the UV-Vis measurement (b).

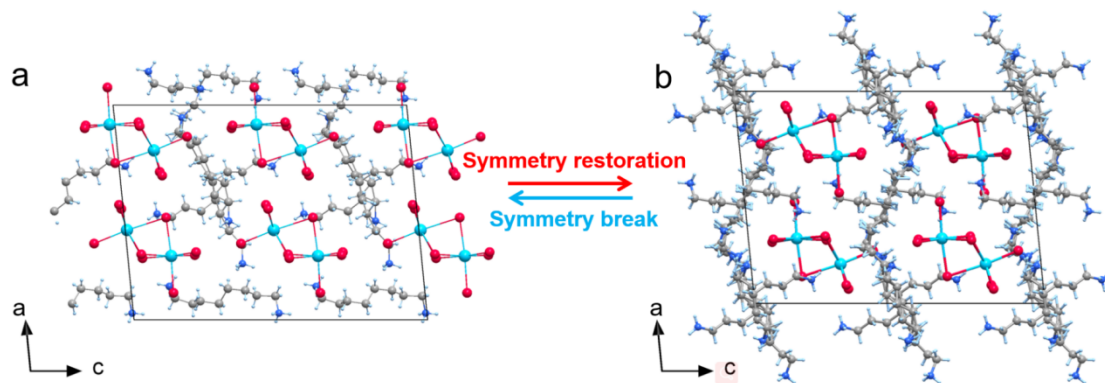


Fig. S2 Schematic diagram of ferroelectric to paraelectric phase transition in $[\text{C}_8\text{N}_2\text{H}_{22}]_{1.5}[\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9]$.

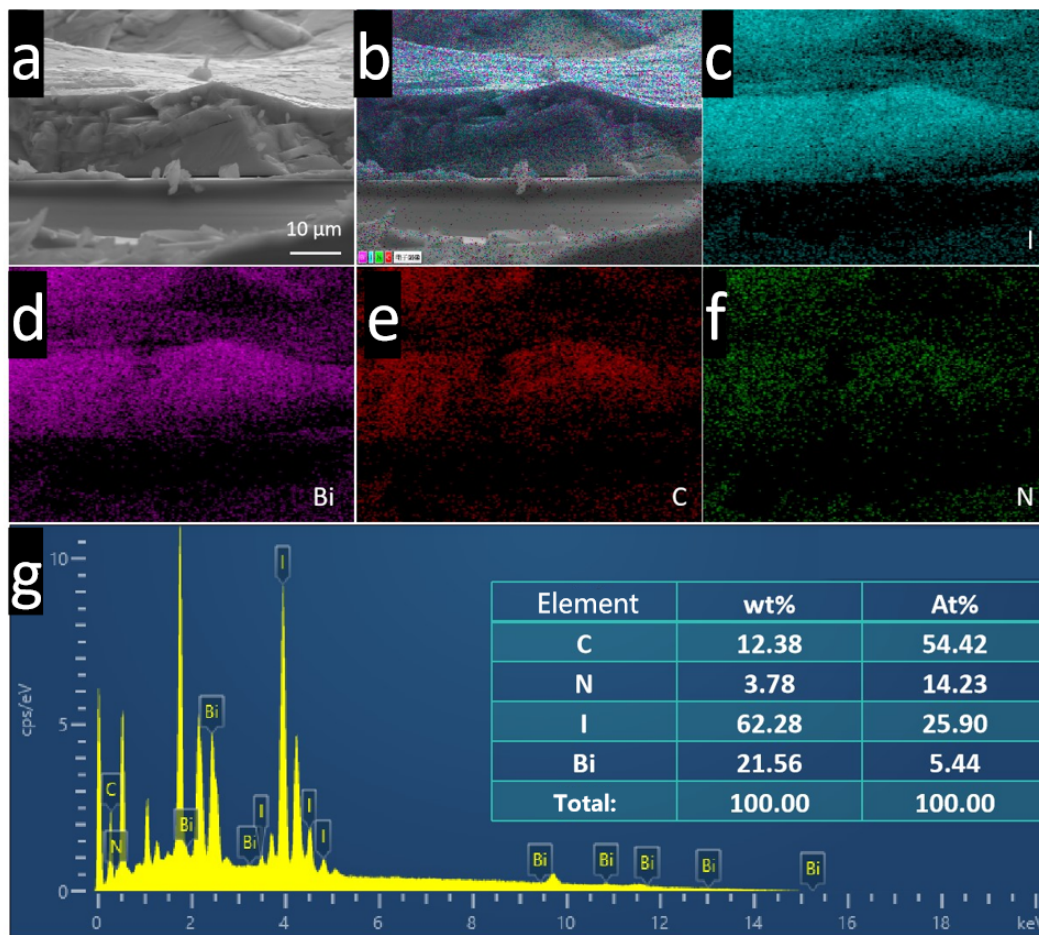


Fig. S3 Mapping images (a-f) and EDS results (g) of $[C_8N_2H_{22}]_{1.5}[Bi_2I_9]$ film.

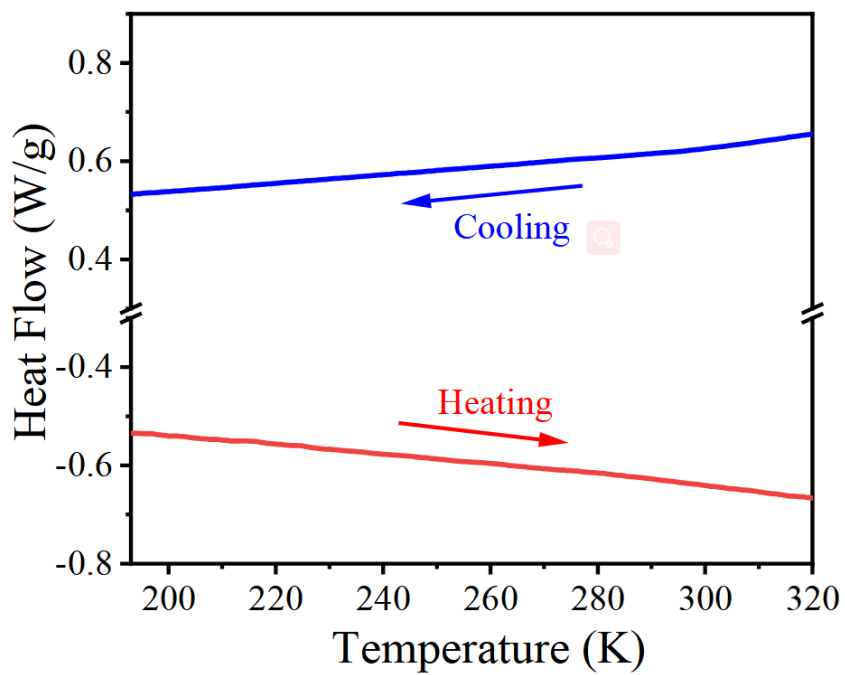


Fig. S4 Low-temperature DSC curve of $[\text{C}_8\text{N}_2\text{H}_{22}]_{1.5}[\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9]$.

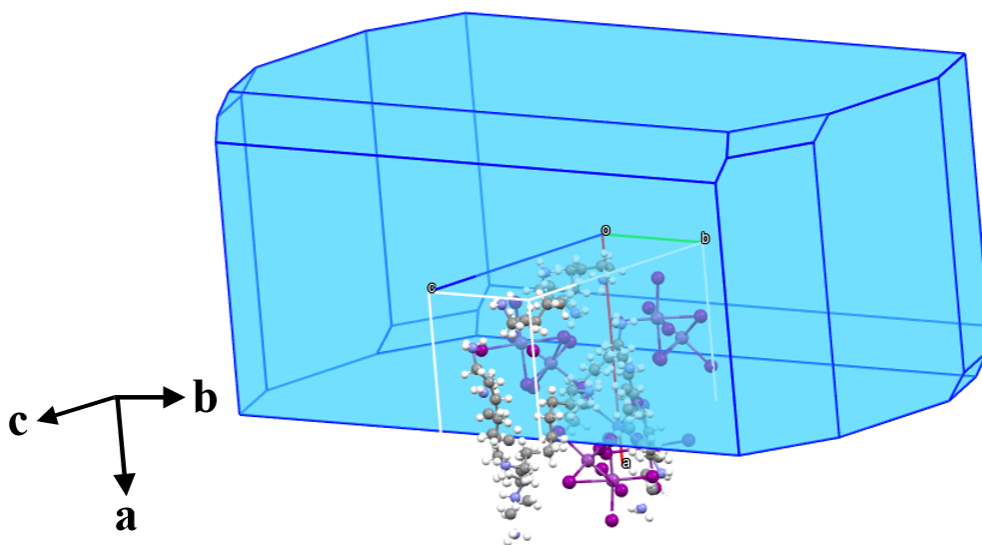


Fig. S5 Crystal morphology of $[\text{C}_8\text{N}_2\text{H}_{22}]_{1.5}[\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9]$ with polarization labeling.

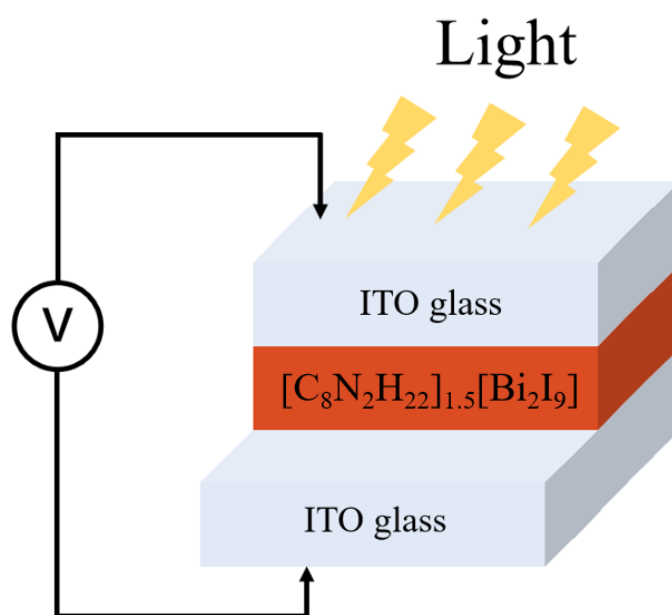


Fig. S6 Schematically setup of $[\text{C}_8\text{N}_2\text{H}_{22}]_{1.5}[\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9]$ -based photoelectric device.

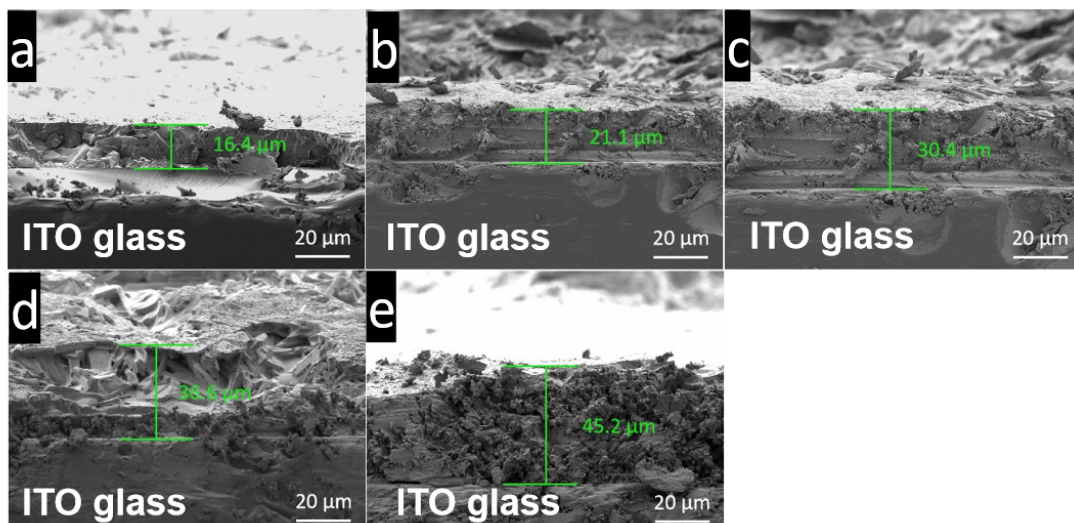


Fig. S7 Cross-sectional SEM images of $[\text{C}_8\text{N}_2\text{H}_{22}]_{1.5}[\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9]/\text{ITO}$ thin films with different thicknesses.

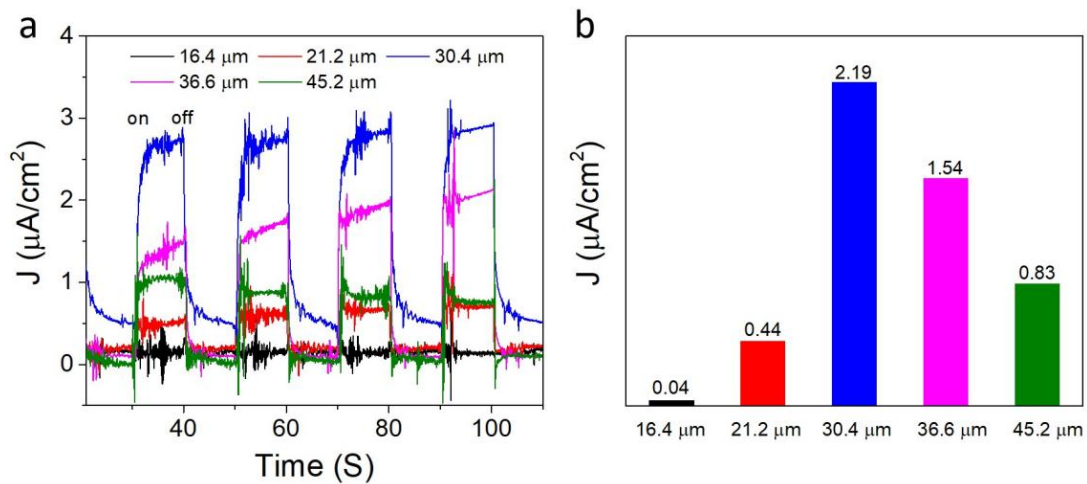


Fig. S8 (a) Zero-voltage J - t curves of $[\text{C}_8\text{N}_2\text{H}_{22}]_{1.5}[\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9]$ -based photoelectric devices with different thicknesses. (b) Thickness-dependent photocurrent densities of $[\text{C}_8\text{N}_2\text{H}_{22}]_{1.5}[\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9]$ -based photoelectric devices

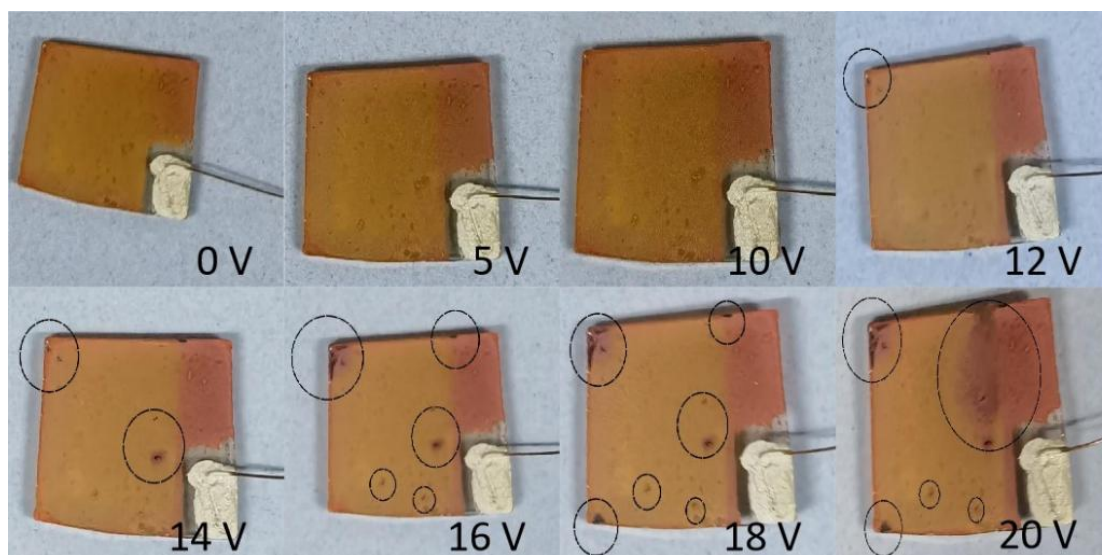


Fig. S9 Physical appearance of $[\text{C}_8\text{N}_2\text{H}_{22}]_{1.5}[\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9]$ -based photoelectric device under different polarization voltages (dashed circles indicate breakdown regions under high polarization voltages).

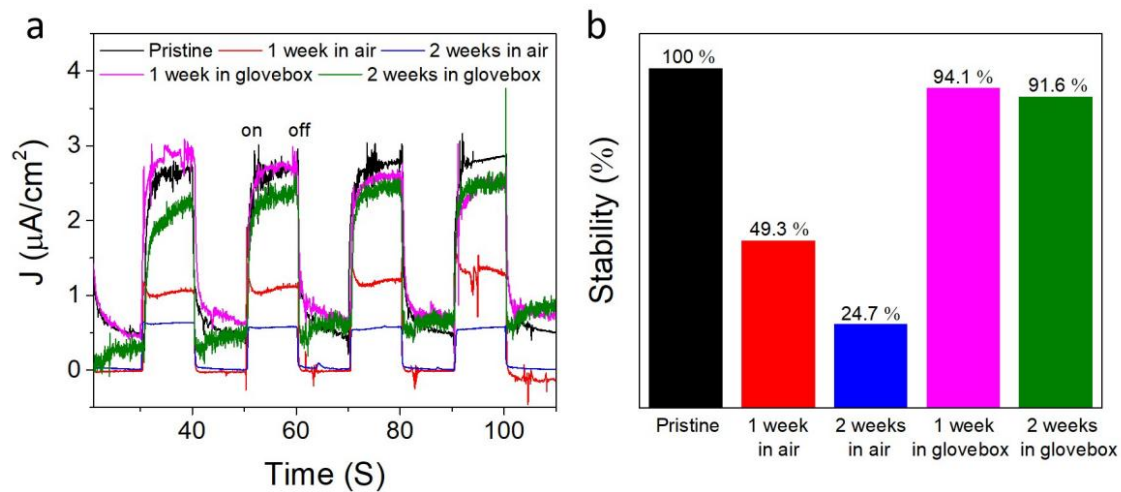


Fig. S10 (a) Zero-voltage J - t curves of $[\text{C}_8\text{N}_2\text{H}_{22}]_{1.5}[\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9]$ -based photoelectric device after exposing to the atmosphere and glovebox conditions for different time. (b) Corresponding photocurrent degeneration rate over time.

Table S1. Atomic coordinates for Bi, N and I in [C₈N₂H₂₂]_{1.5}[Bi₂I₉].

Elements (charge)	Numbers	coordinate
Bi ³⁺	8	(0.5826, 0.5028, 0.5244)
N ⁺	16	(0.3705, 0.5027, 0.4749)
I ⁻	36	(0.5422, 0.4988, 0.4780)

Point charge model analyses

According to the crystallographic data of [C₈N₂H₂₂]_{1.5}[Bi₂I₉], we select a unit cell and assume that the centers of the positive charges of the cations are located on the N atoms and Bi atoms, the negative charges of the anions are located on the I atoms.

Along *a*-axis

$$\begin{aligned} P_s &= \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{V} \sum q_i r_i \\ &= (q_N r_N + q_{Pb} r_{Pb} - q_I r_I) / V \\ &= \left| (0.5826 \times 8 \times 3 + 0.3705 \times 16 - 0.5422 \times 36) \right| \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 17.5341 \times 10^{-10} / 3557.5 \times 10^{-30} \\ &= 0.00308 \text{ C/cm}^2 \\ |P_s| &= 3.08 \text{ } \mu\text{C/cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Along *c*-axis

$$\begin{aligned} P_s &= \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{V} \sum q_i r_i \\ &= (q_N r_N + q_{Pb} r_{Pb} - q_I r_I) / V \\ &= \left| (0.5244 \times 8 \times 3 + 0.4749 \times 16 - 0.4780 \times 36) \right| \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 23.945 \times 10^{-10} / 3557.5 \times 10^{-30} \\ &= 0.0032 \text{ C/cm}^2 \\ |P_s| &= 3.2 \text{ } \mu\text{C/cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Table S2. Crystallographic data and refinement parameters of $[\text{C}_8\text{N}_2\text{H}_{22}]_{1.5}[\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9]$ single crystal at 193 K conditions.

Empirical formula	$[\text{C}_8\text{N}_2\text{H}_{22}]_{1.5}[\text{Bi}_2\text{I}_9]$
Formula weight	1779.47
Temperature/K	193.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	<i>Pc</i>
a/Å	17.5314(16)
b/Å	8.5135(8)
c/Å	23.945(2)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	95.581(3)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/Å ³	3557.5(6)
Z	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$	3.322
μ/mm^{-1}	17.696
F(000)	3076.0
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.12 \times 0.08 \times 0.01$
Radiation	MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2 θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	3.948 to 52.744
Index ranges	$-21 \leq h \leq 21, -10 \leq k \leq 9, -29 \leq l \leq 29$
Reflections collected	25936
Independent reflections	13527 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0485, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0670$]
Data/restraints/parameters	13527/665/566
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.019
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0468, wR_2 = 0.1139$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0678, wR_2 = 0.1299$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$	1.77/-1.61