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Dynamic Bandgap Modulation in CsPbBr₃ Perovskite Nanocrystals through Reversible Ammonia Intercalation

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1. Materials and methods

Chemicals: Cesium carbonate (Cs_2CO_3 , 99.99%), lead bromide (PbBr_2), oleylamine (90%), and octadecene (98%) are purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Oleic acid (98%) is obtained from Alfa-Aesar. Chloroform (Spectroscopic grade), acetone and 30% of ammonia solution are purchased from Merck chemicals. All chemicals and solvents are used without additional purification.

Instrumental methods: The electronic absorption spectra is recorded using a Shimadzu double beam spectrophotometer (Model UV-3600, UV-Vis-NIR), which is connected two sources (hydrogen – deuterium discharge tube and tungsten lamp) with three detectors (PMT, In GaAs, and PbS). Photoluminescence spectrum is recorded using JobinYvon SPEX- Fluorolog 3 from Horiba, where a 450 W Xenon arc lamp is used as the source for exciting samples. Also, in both the emission and excitation chambers, double monochromators are used. Side-on R928P photomultiplier tube (180-850 nm) is used to detect the emission spectrum. X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis is carried out using a PANalytical X'Pert Pro diffractometer it has has a Ni-filtered $\text{Cu-K}\alpha$ line with a wavelength of 0.1540598 nm (2θ adjustable from 10° to 50° in 0.02° increments). For TEM, the sample is drop-casted onto a carbon-coated Cu grid and the solvent is allowed to evaporate. Specimens are imaged on an FEI TECNAI 30 G²HRTEM instrument. Software namely Gatan digital micrograph is used to obtain the d-spacing value in Z- direction.

2. Emission quantum yield measurements

Photoluminescence quantum yield of the CsPbBr_3 perovskite nanocrystals are measured by following a relative method, in which fluorescein dye dissolved in 0.1 M NaOH (Φ_{ST} : 0.9) is used as standard. The equation S1 is used for the estimation of photoluminescence quantum yield.

$$\Phi_x = \Phi_{\text{ST}} (f_x / f_{\text{ST}}) (a_{\text{ST}} / a_x) (n_x^2 / n_{\text{ST}}^2) \quad (\text{S1})$$

f_x = Emission area of the sample

f_{ST} = Emission area of the standard reference

n_x = Refractive index of the solvent of the perovskite sample
 n_{ST} = Refractive index of the solvent of the reference standard
 a_{ST} = Absorbance of the reference standard at the excitation wavelength
 a_X = Absorbance of the sample at excitation wavelength
 Φ_{ST} = Quantum yield of the standard.

3. Estimation of grain size of CsPbBr₃ from XRD

As per Debye-Scherrer equation, we have calculated the grain size of CsPbBr₃ perovskite nanocrystals.

$$L = \frac{0.9 \lambda}{\beta \cos \theta} \quad (\text{S2})$$

where L is the grain size of crystals, β denotes full width at half maximum (FWHM) in radians of the diffraction peaks, θ is the Bragg's diffraction angle and λ is the wavelength for the K α component of the employed copper radiation (wavelength: 0.1540598 nm).

d-spacing calculation was done based on Bragg's equation.

$$n \lambda = 2d \sin \theta \quad (\text{S3})$$

n can be 0,1,2,-----, θ is the Bragg's diffraction angle, λ is the wavelength for the K α component of the employed copper radiation (wavelength: 0.1540598 nm) and d is the interplanar distance.

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4. Calculation of the vapor pressure of ammonia solution

According to Raoult's law equation, we have calculated 30% of vapor pressure of ammonia solution (commercially).

$$P_a = P^{\circ}_a X_a \quad (\text{S4})$$

Where P°_a at 30° C for pure ammonia is 1166 kPa.

5. Ammonia treatment: Reversibility of the substrates

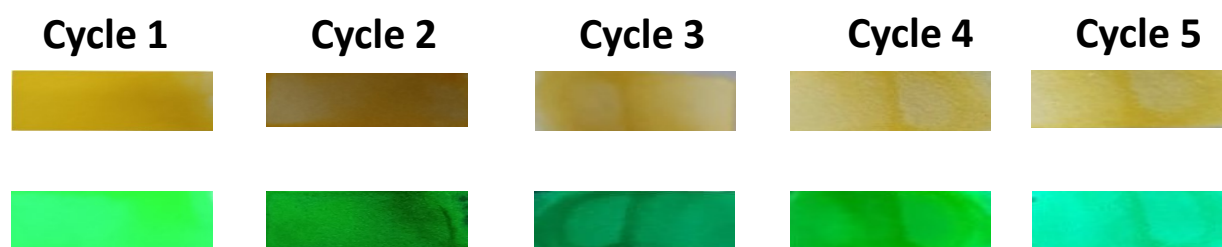


Fig. S1: Paper substrate viewed under visible and UV (356 nm) light under each cycle.

6. Characterization of CsPbBr₃ before and after ammonia treatment

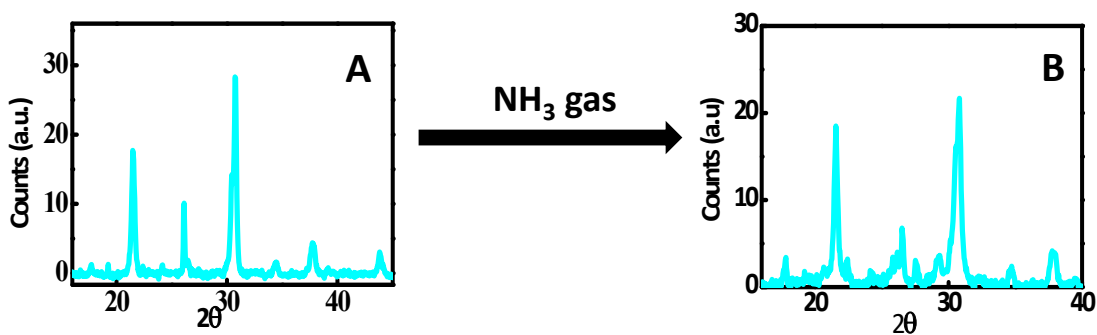


Fig. S2: XRD patterns of CsPbBr₃ perovskite nanocrystals before (A) and after (B) gaseous ammonia exposure.

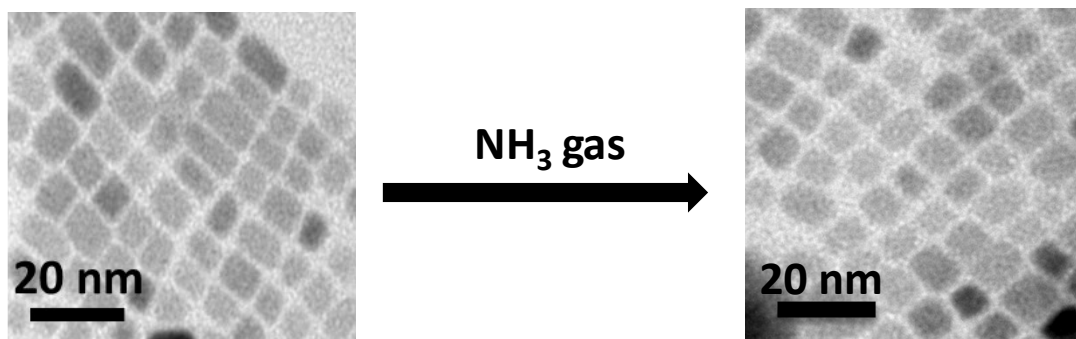


Fig. S3: TEM images of CsPbBr₃ perovskite nanocrystals before (A) and after (B) gaseous ammonia exposure.

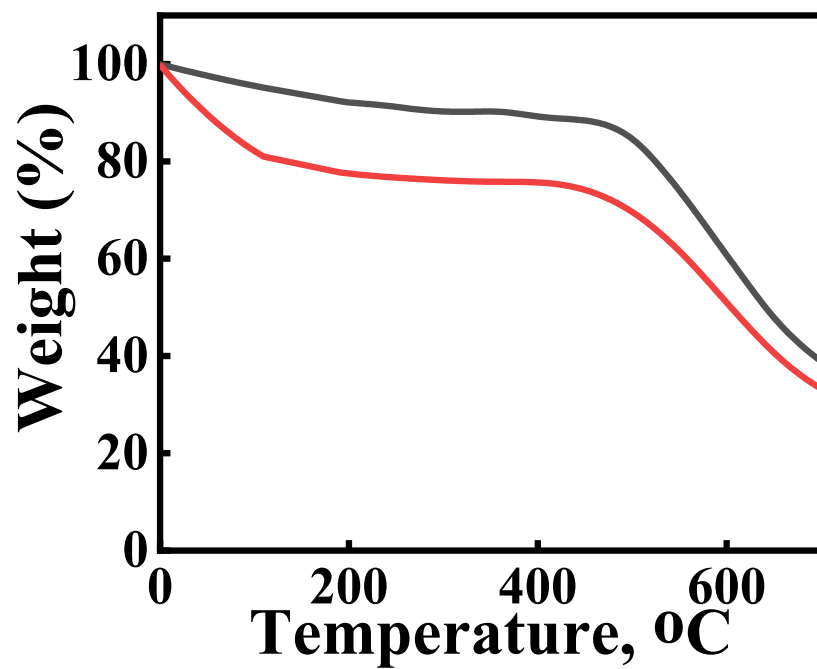


Fig. S4: TGA analysis of CsPbBr₃ perovskite nanocrystals before (black trace) and after (red trace) gaseous ammonia exposure.

7. Octahedral tilting in ammonia treated samples

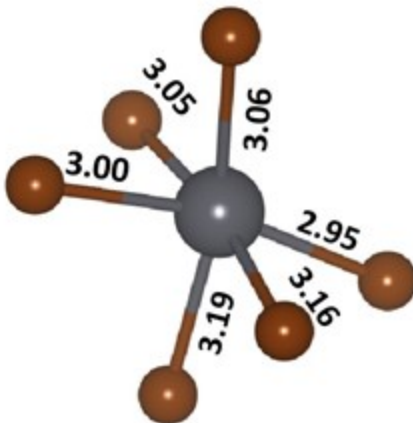


Fig. S5: Variations in Pb-Br Bond length of CsPbBr₃ after NH₃ intercalation.

8. PDOS Plot

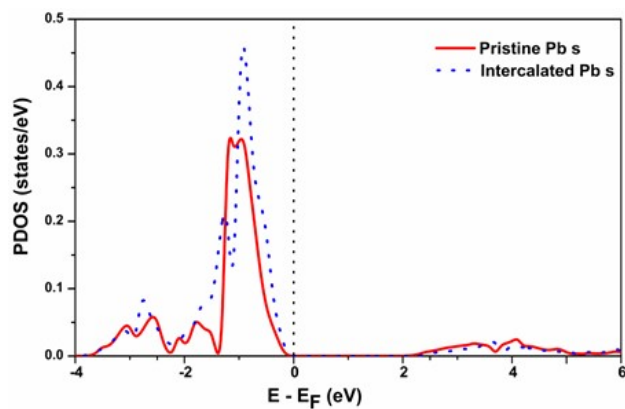


Fig. S6: The PDOS plot for the s orbital Pb atoms of before and after the intercalation of NH₃.