

Supporting Information

**Synthesis Mechanism and Luminescence Mechanism of 1D Organic Metal Halides with
Mixed Single-stranded and Double-stranded chains**

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EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

Materials. All experiments were carried out in the air atmosphere with standard Schlenk technology. PbBr_2 was purchased from Acme (Zhengzhou) Chemical Industry Company. Adenine and HBr (47 wt% in water) were purchased from Meryer (Shanghai) Chemical Technology Company. Acetone were purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Company and stored in accordance with standard procedures.

Synthesis of 1. Adenine (0.135 g, 1 mmol) and PbBr_2 (1.101 g, 3 mmol) were mixed in 10 mL HBr (47%, in H_2O) and heated to reflux (the reactants dissolve completely). The reaction system was cooled slowly. After 24 h, white rod-like crystals were formed. Then the crystals were washed with cold acetone, and bulk crystals of **1** were obtained.

Synthesis of 2. Adenine (0.135 g, 1 mmol) and PbBr_2 (1.835 g, 5 mmol) were mixed in 13 mL of 47% HBr (in H_2O) and heated to reflux, resulting in complete dissolution of the reactants. The reaction mixture was then cooled gradually. After 24 hours, white rod-like crystals formed. These crystals were washed with cold acetone, yielding bulk crystals of compound **2**.

Physical Measurements.

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction (SCXRD) data were conducted on an Synergy Diffraction Microfocus spot diffractometer with graphite-monochromatized $\text{Cu K}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) at 100K, operating at 50 kV and 1 mA under N_2 flow. The multiscan absorption corrections were applied using the program CrysAlis. The crystal structure was solved and refined by least squares on F2 using SHELXTL and OLEX2 programs. The powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) analysis was performed using a Bruker, D8 ADVANCE X-ray powder diffractometer with $\text{Cu K}\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$) operating at 40 kV/40 mA. Optical images were obtained by widefield microscopes (Leica LAS X). Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were recorded from 500 to 4000 cm^{-1} using a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS10 FT-IR spectrometer (Waltham). Element content (Pb and Br) were determined on an inductively coupled-source mass spectrometer (ICP-MS, Icap Qc, Thermo Fisher Scientific). TGA was recorded from 20°C to 800°C with the 5°C min^{-1} in nitrogen atmosphere on a TA Instruments SDT Q600 in a N_2 atmosphere.

Optical Measurements.

Optical diffuse reflectance measurements were performed using a CACY5000 UV-vis NIR spectrometer operating in the 200–800 nm region at room temperature and BaSO_4 as the 100% reflectance reference. The reflectance data were converted to absorption according to the Kubelka–Munk equation: $\alpha/S = (1 - R)^2 (2R)^{-1}$, where R is the reflectance, α and S are the absorption and scattering coefficients, respectively. Steady-state photoluminescence spectra were obtained on an Edinburgh Instruments FLS1000 spectrophotometer at room temperature. Time-resolved photoluminescence (TRPL) spectra were acquired using Edinburgh FLS1000 spectrophotometer equipped with a xenon lamp and a TCSPC module (diode laser excitation at $\lambda = 375 \text{ nm}$). The PLQY was determined using an Edinburgh FLS1000 spectrophotometer with an integrating sphere. Temperature-dependent emission and decay data were collected using the FLS1000 spectrophotometer equipped with a closed-cycle cryostat (DE202, Advanced Research Systems) at a series of temperature from 78 to 300 K.

Calculations.

In this study, we utilized first-principles calculations¹⁻² to conduct density functional theory (DFT)

calculations employing the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) according to the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) formulation.³ Projected augmented wave (PAW) potentials^{4,5} were selected to describe the ionic cores, incorporating valence electrons with a plane wave basis set possessing a kinetic energy cutoff of 450 eV. The Gaussian smearing method was applied to permit partial occupancies of the Kohn–Sham orbitals, with a width of 0.05 eV. Self-consistency of the electronic energy was achieved when the energy change fell below 10^{-5} eV. Geometric optimization was considered convergent when the energy change was smaller than $0.02 \text{ eV } \text{Å}^{-1}$. The structural optimization encompassed both atomic coordinate relaxation and lattice parameter optimization. The weak interaction was described by DFT+D3 method using empirical correction in Grimme’s scheme⁶⁻⁷. For the optimization of both geometry and lattice size, the BrHouin zone integration was performed with a Monkhorst-pack k-point mesh of $4 \times 3 \times 1$. For the excited state optimization, the same computational settings were employed in conjunction with time-dependent density functional theory (TDDFT),⁸ a method well-suited for exploring electronic excitations. This dual-level approach provides a comprehensive understanding of both ground and excited state properties.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **1**.

| Sample | 1 |
|---|--|
| Empirical formula | C ₁₀ H ₁₆ Br ₇ N ₁₀ OPb _{1.5} |
| Formula weight | 1162.48 |
| Temperature/K | 100 |
| Crystal system | triclinic |
| Space group | $P\bar{1}$ |
| <i>a</i> (Å) | 6.0058(2) |
| <i>b</i> (Å) | 10.2154(2) |
| <i>c</i> (Å) | 21.6311(5) |
| α (°) | 85.801 (2) |
| β (°) | 85.807 (2) |
| γ (°) | 75.400 (2) |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1278.75(6) |
| Z | 2 |
| ρ_{calc} g/cm ³ | 3.019 |
| μ /mm ⁻¹ | 32.101 |
| F(000) | 1044.0 |
| Radiation | Cu K α (λ =1.54184) |
| 2 θ range for data collection/° | 8.21 to 150.356 |
| Index ranges | -7 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 7, -12 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 11, -26 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 26, |
| Reflections collected | 14040 |
| Independent reflections | 4990[R _{int} =0.0488, R _{sigma} =0.0413] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 4990/0/274 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.071 |
| Final R indexes [<i>I</i> ≥ 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] | R ₁ =0.0441, ω R ₂ =0.1206 |
| Final R indexes [all data] | R ₁ =0.0455, ω R ₂ =0.1222 |
| Largest diff. peak/hole/e Å ⁻³ | 4.62/-1.64 |

Table S2. Elemental analysis (by ICP-MS) of Pb and Br.

| Element | Pb | Br |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Mass concentration (μg/L) | 43.619 | 118.321 |
| Molar mass (g/mol) | 207.20 | 79.90 |
| Molar concentration (mmol/L) | 0.2105 | 1.4808 |
| Relative molar ratio | 2.00 | 14.06 |

The ICP-MS measurement was used to determine the relative atom ratios of Pb and Br. The result shows that the element ratio of Pb/Br is 2/14.06, which was highly close to the theoretical value 2/14.

Table S3. Experimental bond lengths and angles of the $[\text{PbBr}_5]^{3-}$ groups of single-stranded chain in **1**.

| Bonds | Length (Å) | Angles | Degrees (°) |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Pb1–Br1 ^{#1} | 3.00290(9) | Br1–Pb1–Br1 ^{#1} | 180.0 |
| Pb1–Br1 | 3.00290(11) | Br1–Pb1–Br4 | 85.413(15) |
| Pb1–Br4 ^{#2} | 3.0225(7) | Br1–Pb1–Br4 | 94.587(15) |
| Pb1–Br4 | 3.0225(7) | Br1–Pb1–Br4 ^{#2} | 85.414(15) |
| Pb1–Br8 ^{#2} | 2.9873(9) | Br1 ^{#1} –Pb1–Br4 | 94.586(15) |
| Pb1–Br8 | 2.9873(9) | Br4–Pb1–Br4 ^{#2} | 180.0 |
| | | Br8–Pb1–Br1 | 85.453(19) |
| | | Br8 ^{#2} –Pb1–Br1 | 85.453(19) |
| | | Br8–Pb1–Br1 | 94.547(19) |
| | | Br8–Pb1–Br1 ^{#1} | 94.547(19) |
| | | Br8–Pb1–Br4 | 90.65(2) |
| | | Br8 ^{#2} –Pb1–Br4 | 89.35(2) |
| | | Br8–Pb1–Br4 | 90.65(2) |
| | | Br8–Pb1–Br4 ^{#2} | 89.35(2) |
| | | Br8–Pb1–Br8 ^{#2} | 180.0 |

Table S4. Experimental bond lengths and angles of the $[\text{Pb}_2\text{Br}_9]^{5-}$ groups of double-stranded chain in **1**.

| Bonds | Length (Å) | Angles | Degrees (°) |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Pb2–Br2 | 3.0302(8) | Br2–Pb2–Br3 | 89.26(2) |
| Pb2–Br3 ^{#1} | 3.0964(8) | Br2–Pb2–Br6 | 95.745(15) |
| Pb2–Br3 | 2.9238(8) | Br3 ^{#1} –Pb2–Br2 | 92.39(2) |
| Pb2–Br5 | 2.9263(8) | Br3–Pb2–Br3 | 172.07(3) |
| Pb2–Br6 | 3.0660(3) | Br3 ^{#1} –Pb2–Br5 | 94.92(2) |
| Pb2–Br7 | 2.9369(8) | Br3–Pb2–Br6 | 90.323(18) |
| | | Br3 ^{#1} –Pb2–Br7 | 83.51(3) |
| | | Br5–Pb2–Br2 | 172.55(2) |
| | | Br5–Pb2–Br3 | 83.69(2) |
| | | Br5–Pb2–Br6 | 85.649(17) |
| | | Br5–Pb2–Br7 | 86.97(2) |
| | | Br6–Pb2–Br3 | 81.795(17) |
| | | Br7–Pb2–Br2 | 92.45(2) |
| | | Br7–Pb2–Br3 | 104.18(2) |
| | | Br7–Pb2–Br6 | 169.94(2) |

Table S5. Changes of bond lengths between ground state and excited state of the $[\text{PbBr}_5]^{3-}$ groups of single-stranded chain in **1**.

| | Pb1–Br1 ^{#1} | Pb1–Br1 | Pb1–Br4 ^{#2} | Pb1–Br4 | Pb1–Br8 ^{#2} | Pb1–Br8 |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| Ground state | 3.003 | 3.003 | 3.023 | 3.023 | 2.987 | 2.987 |
| Excited state | 3.031 | 3.005 | 3.015 | 2.967 | 3.528 | 2.767 |

Table S6. Changes of bond angles between ground state and excited state of the $[\text{PbBr}_5]^{3-}$ groups of single-stranded chain in **1**.

| | Br1–Pb1– Br4 | Br1–Pb1– Br4 ^{#2} | Br1 ^{#1} – Pb1–Br4 | Br1 ^{#1} –Pb1– Br4 ^{#2} | Br8–Pb1– Br1 | Br8 ^{#2} – Pb1–Br1 |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Ground state | 85.413 | 94.587 | 85.413 | 94.587 | 85.453 | 85.453 |
| Excited state | 82.500 | 83.028 | 95.483 | 98.197 | 84.336 | 82.979 |

| | Br8–Pb1– Br1 ^{#1} | Br8 ^{#2} – Pb1–Br1 ^{#1} | Br8–Pb1– Br4 | Br8–Pb1– Br4 ^{#2} | Br8 ^{#2} – Pb1–Br4 | Br8 ^{#2} – Pb1–Br4 ^{#2} |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Ground state | 94.547 | 94.547 | 90.653 | 89.356 | 90.653 | 89.356 |
| Excited state | 91.066 | 98.468 | 95.716 | 80.970 | 95.812 | 89.514 |

Table S7. Changes of bond lengths between ground state and excited state of the $[\text{Pb}_2\text{Br}_9]^{5-}$ groups of double-stranded chain in **1**.

| | Pb2–Br2 | Pb2–Br3 ^{#1} | Pb2–Br3 | Pb2–Br5 | Pb2–Br6 | Pb2–Br7 |
|---------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Ground state | 3.030 | 3.096 | 2.924 | 2.926 | 3.066 | 2.937 |
| Excited state | 3.029 | 3.056 | 2.944 | 3.002 | 2.882 | 2.945 |

| | Pb2–Br2 | Pb2–Br3 ^{#1} | Pb2–Br3 | Pb2–Br5 | Pb2–Br6 | Pb2–Br7 |
|---------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Ground state | 3.030 | 3.096 | 2.924 | 2.926 | 3.066 | 2.937 |
| Excited state | 3.004 | 2.951 | 3.055 | 2.987 | 3.259 | 3.385 |

Table S8. Changes of bond angles between ground state and excited state of the $[\text{Pb}_2\text{Br}_9]^{5-}$ groups of double-stranded chain in **1**.

| | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Br2–Pb2– Br3 | Br2–Pb2– Br6 | Br3–Pb2– Br2 | Br3–Pb2– Br5 | Br3–Pb2– Br6 | Br3–Pb2– Br7 |
| Ground state | 89.263 | 95.745 | 92.394 | 94.926 | 90.323 | 83.515 |
| Excited state | 95.301 | 88.248 | 84.726 | 86.091 | 95.380 | 91.407 |
| | | | | | | |
| | Br5–Pb2– Br3 | Br5–Pb2– Br6 | Br5–Pb2– Br7 | Br6–Pb2– Br3 | Br7–Pb2– Br2 | Br7–Pb2– Br3 |
| Ground state | 83.690 | 85.649 | 86.974 | 81.795 | 92.453 | 104.186 |
| Excited state | 90.907 | 88.993 | 94.082 | 86.960 | 102.353 | 76.611 |
| | | | | | | |
| | Br2–Pb2– Br3 | Br2–Pb2– Br6 | Br3–Pb2– Br2 | Br3–Pb2– Br5 | Br3–Pb2– Br6 | Br3–Pb2– Br7 |
| Ground state | 89.263 | 95.745 | 92.394 | 94.926 | 90.323 | 83.515 |
| Excited state | 88.979 | 83.039 | 92.880 | 92.126 | 87.265 | 99.880 |
| | | | | | | |
| | Br5–Pb2– Br3 | Br5–Pb2– Br6 | Br5–Pb2– Br7 | Br6–Pb2– Br3 | Br7–Pb2– Br2 | Br7–Pb2– Br3 |
| Ground state | 83.690 | 85.649 | 86.974 | 81.795 | 92.453 | 104.186 |
| Excited state | 94.501 | 81.522 | 82.190 | 103.438 | 82.503 | 91.400 |

Table S9. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2**.

| Sample | 2 |
|---|--|
| Empirical formula | C ₁₀ H ₁₈ Br ₈ N ₁₀ O ₂ Pb ₂ |
| Formula weight | 1364.00 |
| Temperature/K | 150 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ /c |
| <i>a</i> (Å) | 6.0771(2) |
| <i>b</i> (Å) | 18.3935(7) |
| <i>c</i> (Å) | 25.4976(9) |
| α (°) | 90 |
| β (°) | 94.3470 (10) |
| γ (°) | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 2841.90.(17) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 |
| ρ_{calc} g/cm ³ | 3.188 |
| μ /mm ⁻¹ | 23.109 |
| F(000) | 2432.0 |
| Radiation | Mo K α (λ =0.71073) |
| 2 θ range for data collection/° | 4.428 to 52.826 |
| Index ranges | -7 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 7, -23 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 23, -31 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 31, |
| Reflections collected | 51113 |
| Independent reflections | 5842[R _{int} =0.0881, R _{sigma} =0.0482] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 5842/0/295 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 0.998 |
| Final R indexes [<i>I</i> ≥ 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] | R ₁ =0.0314, ω R ₂ =0.0584 |
| Final R indexes [all data] | R ₁ =0.0621, ω R ₂ =0.0668 |
| Largest diff. peak/hole/e Å ⁻³ | 0.87/-0.88 |

Table S10. Experimental bond lengths and angles of the [PbBr₄]²⁻ groups of **2**.

| Bonds | Length (Å) | Angles | Degrees (°) |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Pb1–Br5 | 2.9312(9) | Br5–Pb1–Br6 | 173.11(2) |
| Pb1–Br6 | 3.1020(9) | Br5–Pb1–Br7 | 89.70(3) |
| Pb1–Br7 | 2.9635(9) | Br5–Pb1–Br8 | 82.40(2) |
| Pb1–Br8 ¹ | 3.0660(8) | Br5–Pb1–Br8 ¹ | 94.06(2) |
| Pb1–Br8 | 3.0154(8) | Br5–Pb1–Br9 | 90.47(2) |
| Pb1–Br9 | 3.0398(9) | Br7–Pb1–Br6 | 86.18(2) |
| Pb2–Br3 | 2.8336(8) | Br7–Pb1–Br8 ¹ | 89.69(2) |
| Pb2–Br4 | 2.8828(9) | Br7–Pb1–Br8 | 92.73(2) |
| Pb2–Br6 | 3.1816(9) | Br7–Pb1–Br9 | 177.16(2) |
| Pb2–Br9 | 3.1809(9) | Br8–Pb1–Br6 | 92.29(2) |
| Pb2–Br10 | 3.0147(8) | Br8 ¹ –Pb1–Br6 | 91.43(2) |
| Pb2–Br10 ¹ | 3.0666(8) | Br8–Pb1–Br8 ¹ | 175.69(3) |
| | | Br8–Pb1–Br9 | 90.10(2) |
| | | Br9–Pb1–Br6 | 93.92(2) |
| | | Br9–Pb1–Br8 ¹ | 87.47(2) |
| | | Br3–Pb2–Br4 | 88.05(2) |
| | | Br3–Pb2–Br6 | 172.27(2) |
| | | Br3–Pb2–Br9 | 95.49(2) |
| | | Br3–Pb2–Br10 ¹ | 86.59(2) |
| | | Br3–Pb2–Br10 | 97.52(2) |
| | | Br4–Pb2–Br6 | 86.51(2) |
| | | Br4–Pb2–Br9 | 175.85(2) |
| | | Br4–Pb2–Br10 ¹ | 89.78(2) |
| | | Br4–Pb2–Br10 | 91.44(2) |
| | | Br9–Pb2–Br6 | 89.75(2) |
| | | Br10 ¹ –Pb2–Br6 | 87.91(2) |
| | | Br10–Pb2–Br6 | 88.11(2) |
| | | Br10 ¹ –Pb2–Br9 | 88.29(2) |
| | | Br10–Pb2–Br9 | 90.24(2) |
| | | Br10–Pb2–Br10 ¹ | 175.75(4) |

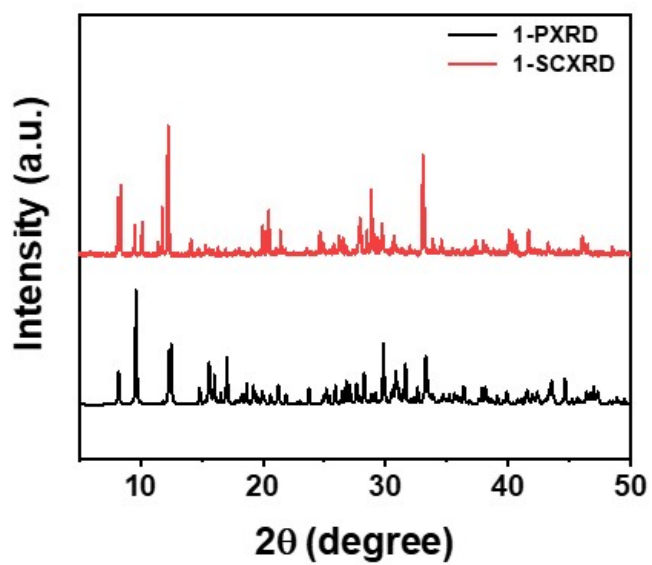
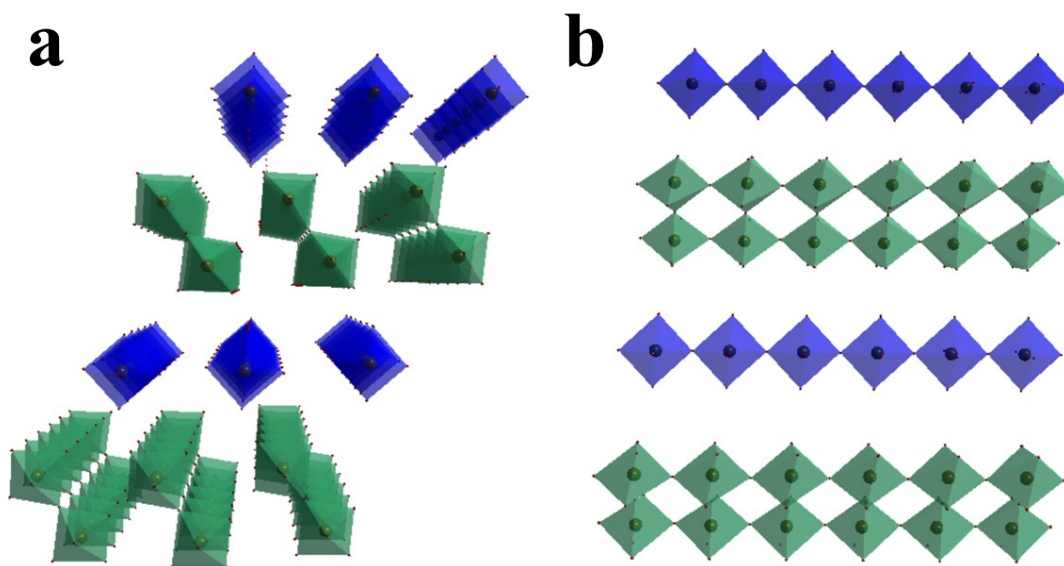


Figure S2. PXRD patterns and the simulated XRD patterns based on the single crystal of **1**.

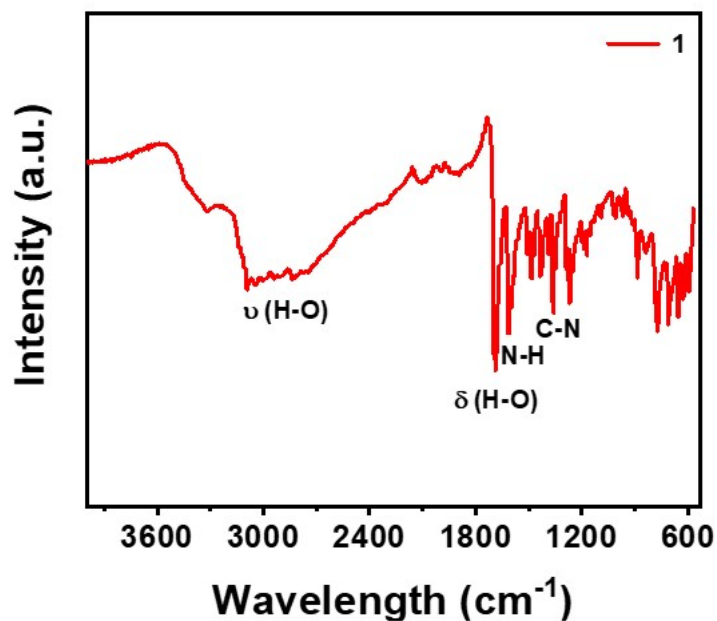


Figure S3. FTIR spectrum of **1** crystal.

The broad absorption in the range of 3000-3600 cm⁻¹ is assigned to H-O stretching vibration ($\nu_{\text{H-O}}$) of the combined water, and the narrow absorption from 1600 to 1700 cm⁻¹ is assigned to H-O bending vibration ($\delta_{\text{H-O}}$) of the combined water. The absorption peaks centered at 1609 cm⁻¹ is assigned to N-H bending vibration. The absorption peaks centered at 1357 cm⁻¹ is assigned to C-N stretching vibration. The result verifies the existence of the organic cations and coordinating water in 1D-OMH **1**.

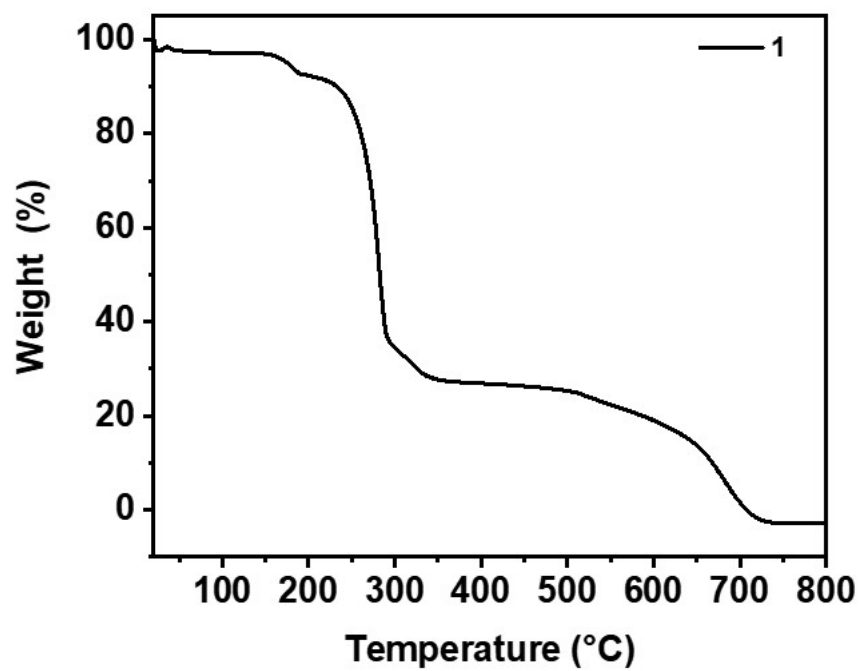


Figure S4. The TG curve of 1.



Figure S5. Images of 1 single crystals.

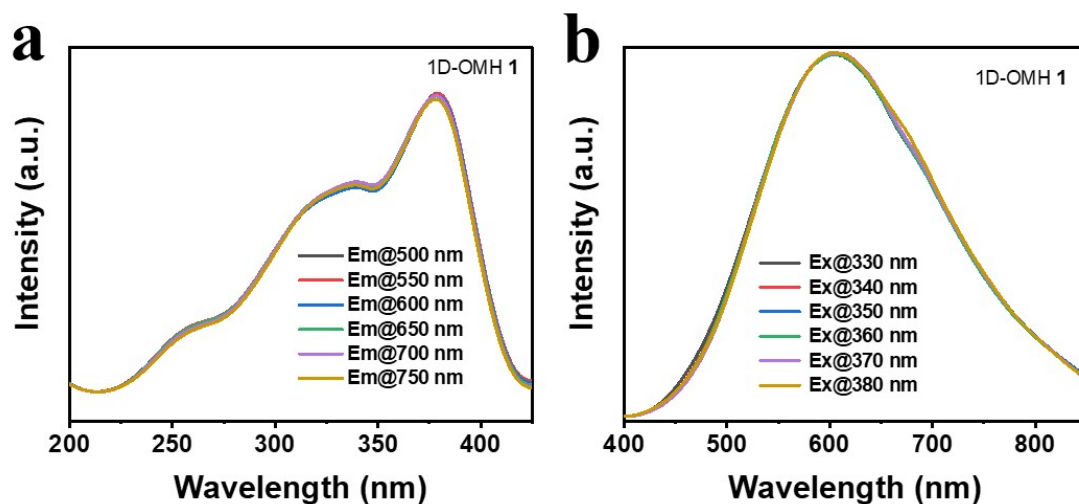


Figure S6. a) The PLE spectra of 1D-OMH 1 monitoring at 500 nm, 550 nm, 600 nm, 650 nm 700 nm and 750 nm, respectively. b) The excitation wavelength-dependent PL spectra of 1D-OMH 1. (the excitation wavelength ranged from 330 nm to 380 nm and the interval is 10 nm).

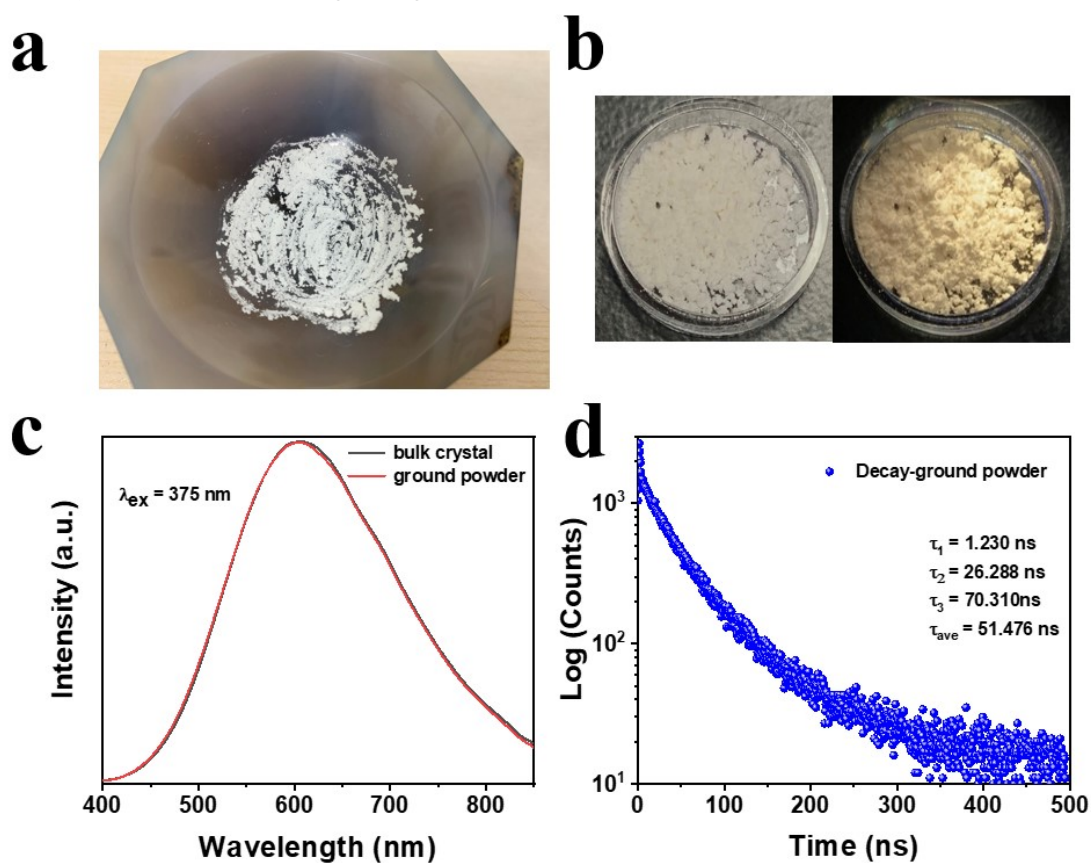


Figure S7. a) Grinding single crystals into powder using a mortar and pestle. b) Images under natural light and 365 nm UV light excitation of ground powders of 1D-OMH 1. c) The PL spectra of bulk crystals and ground powders of 1D-OMH 1. d) The time-resolved decay curves of ground powders of 1D-OMH 1.

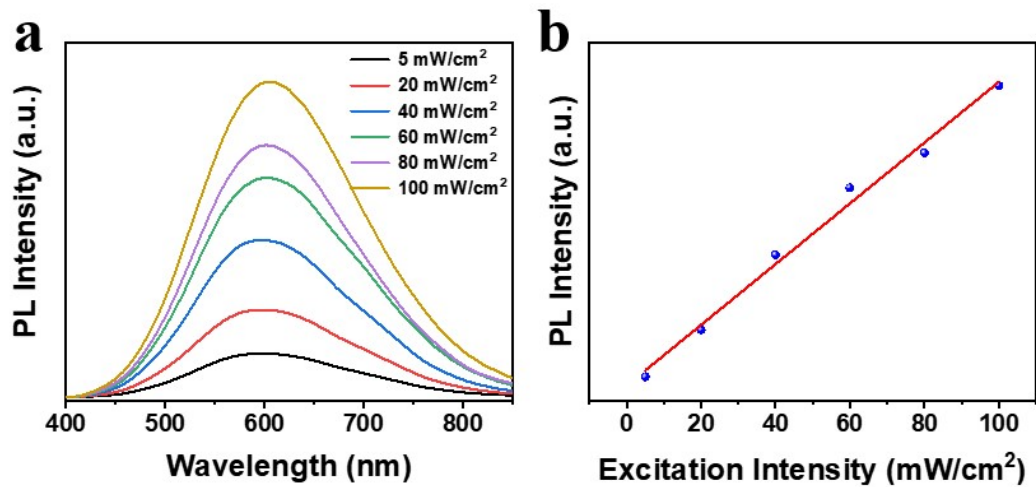


Figure S8. (a) Power dependence PL spectra for **1**. (b) The PL intensity versus excitation power of **1**.

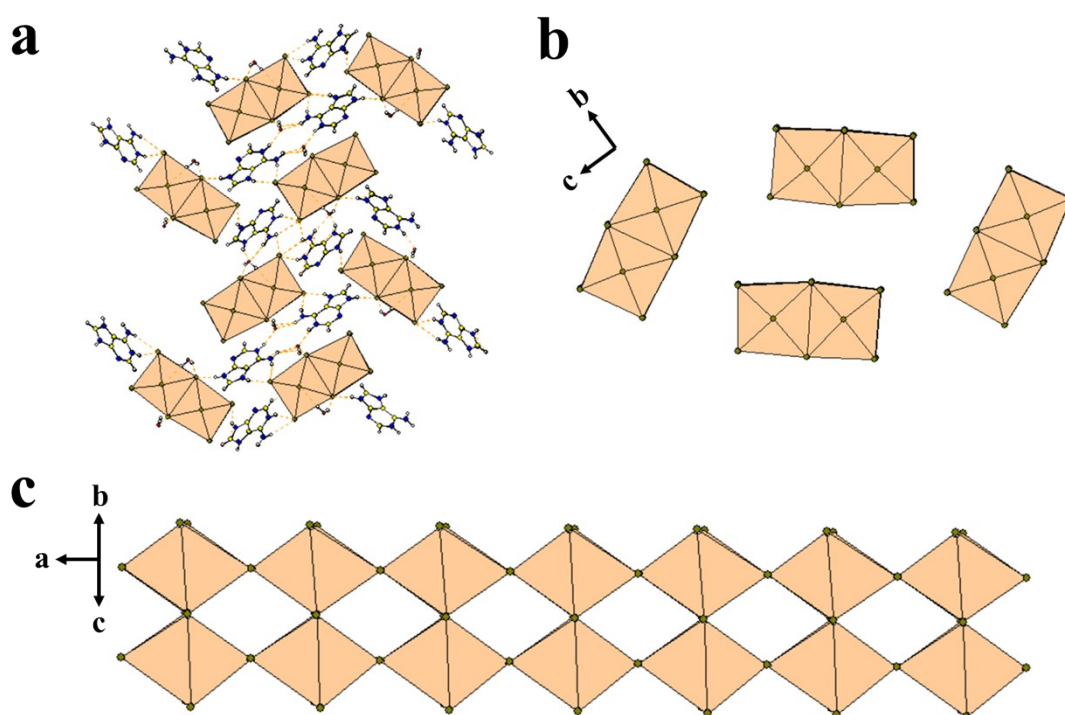


Figure S9. Detailed view of crystal structure **2**. (a,b) Top-down view of **2**. (c) Side view of **2**.

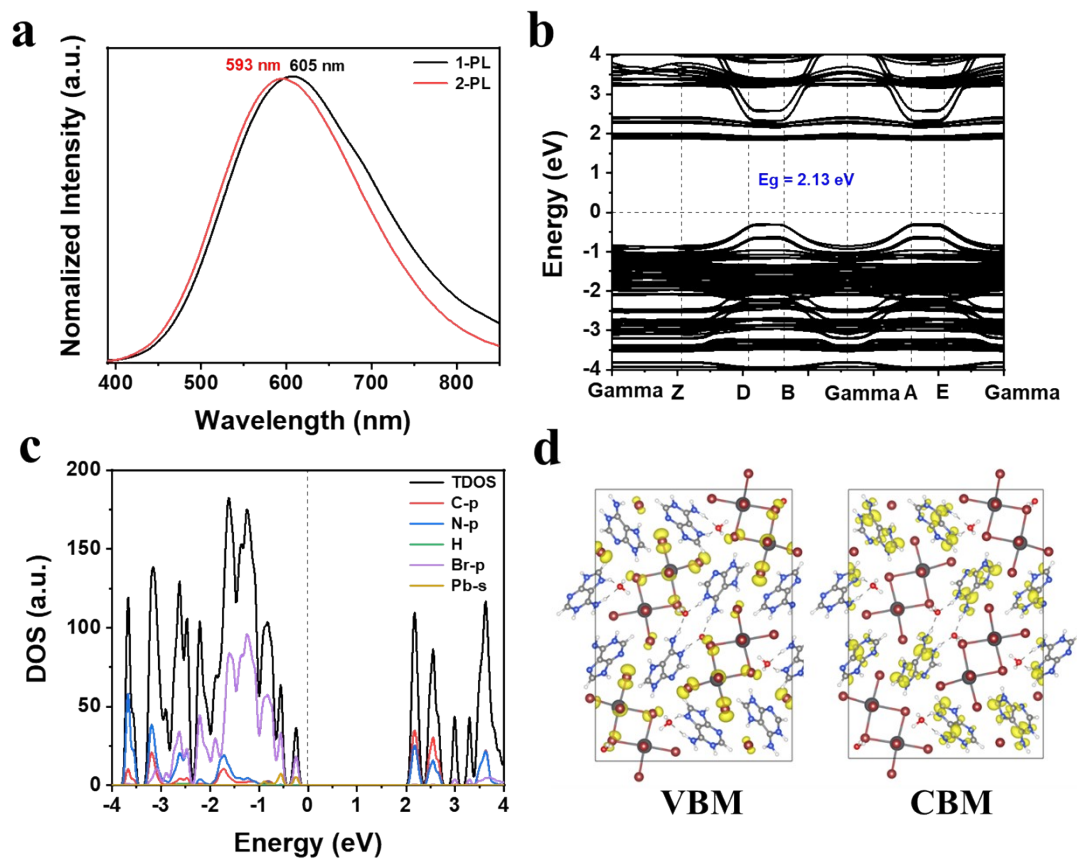


Figure S10. a) emission spectra of **1** and **2**. b) DFT electronic band structure of **2**. c) Density of states of **2**. d) Spatial contour of antibonding (left) and bonding frontier orbitals (right) of **2**.

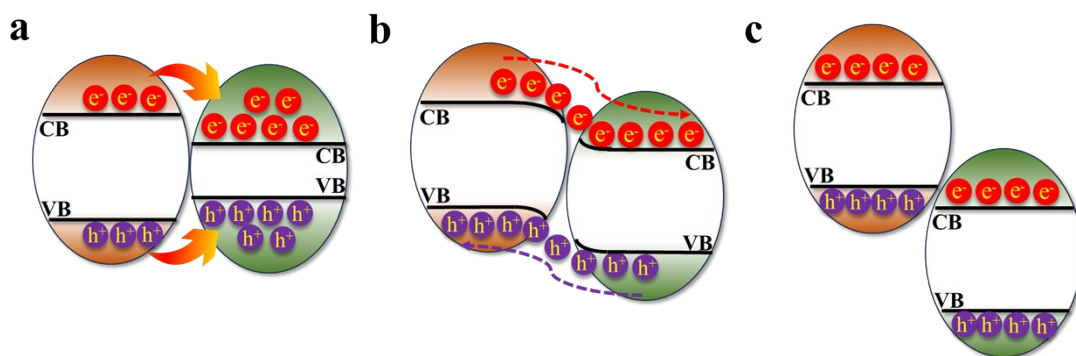


Figure S11. Schematic illustration of the three different types of heterojunction energy band arrangement: a) type-I, b) type-II, and c) type-III heterojunctions.

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