

Supplementary Material (SM)

Lead-Free Cesium Titanium Bromide Double Perovskite Nanocrystals

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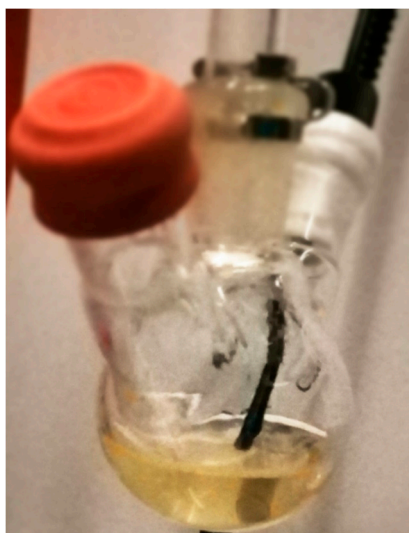


Figure S1. Photograph of the reaction flask (under room light) after hot-injection of cesium oleate into a solution of TiBr_4 at 185 °C. No Cs_2TiBr_6 NC formation took place in this case.

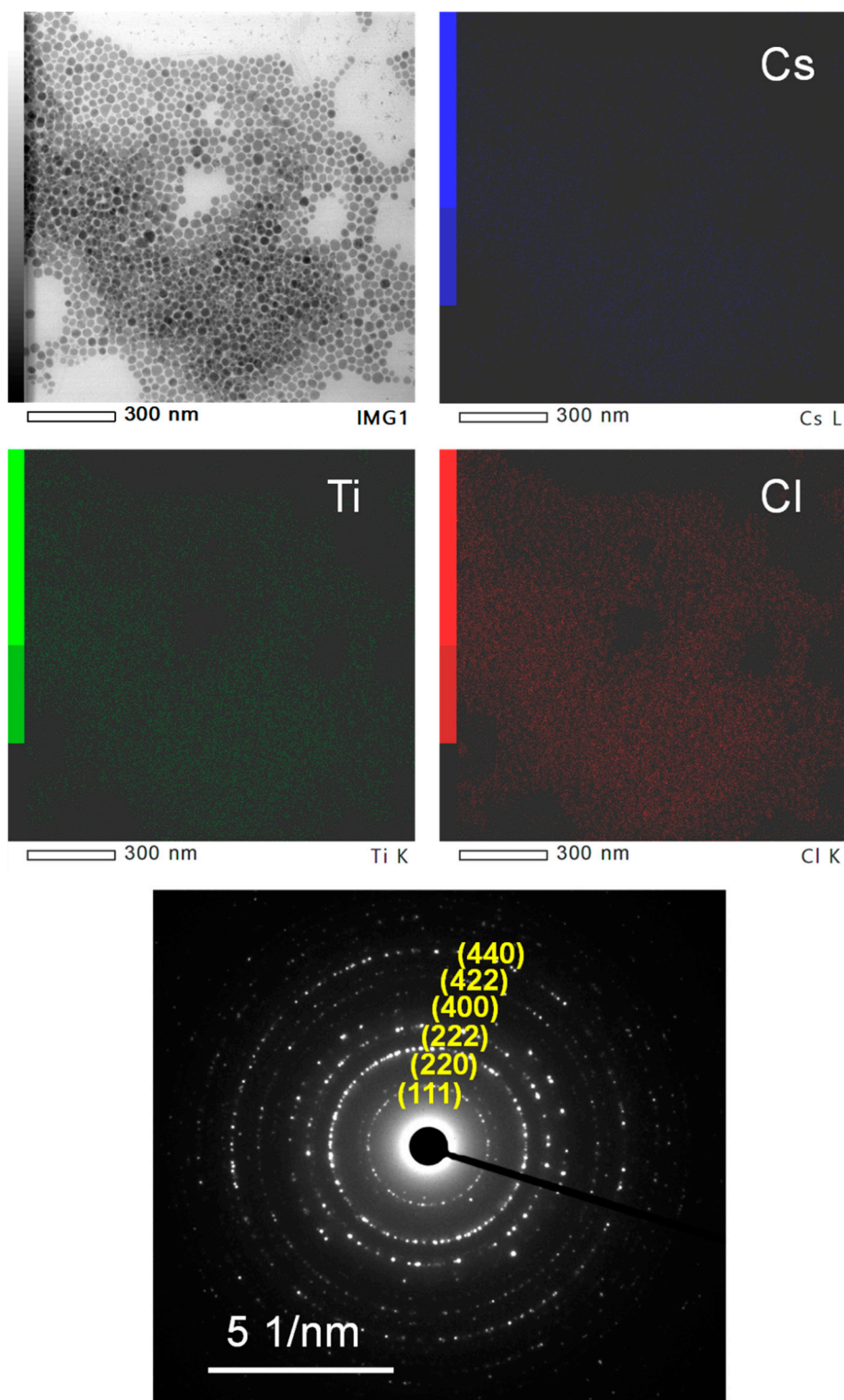


Figure S2. Elemental (Cs, Ti, and Cl) mapping obtained by energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy shows the uniformity of the elemental distribution in the Cs_2TiCl_6 NCs and the corresponding scanning transmission electron microscope image. The lattice plane indexing on selective area electron diffraction pattern of the Cs_2TiCl_6 NCs.

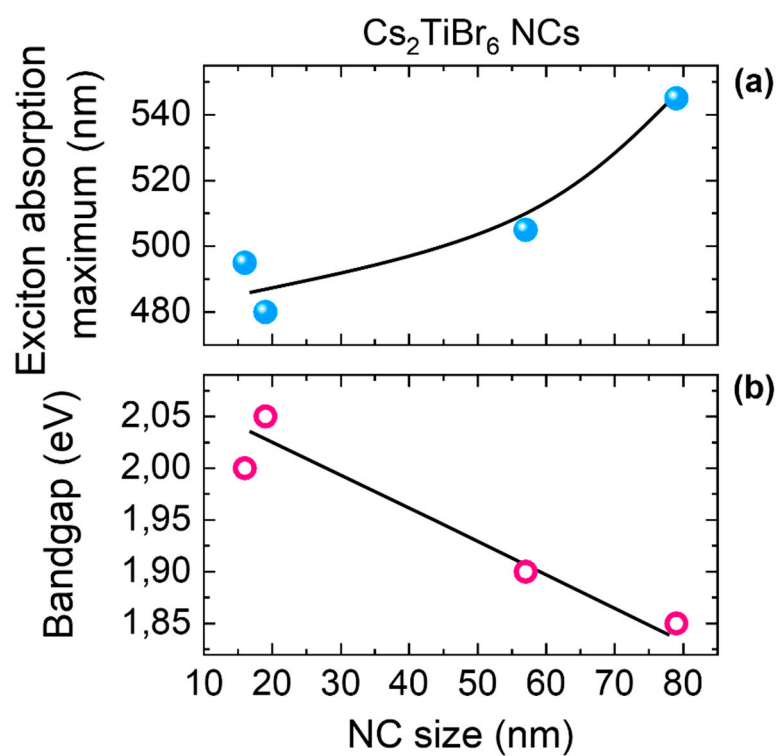


Figure S3. The variation of (a) excitonic absorption maximum and (b) bandgap of Cs_2TiBr_6 NCs as a function of the particle size. The solid lines are just a guide to eye.

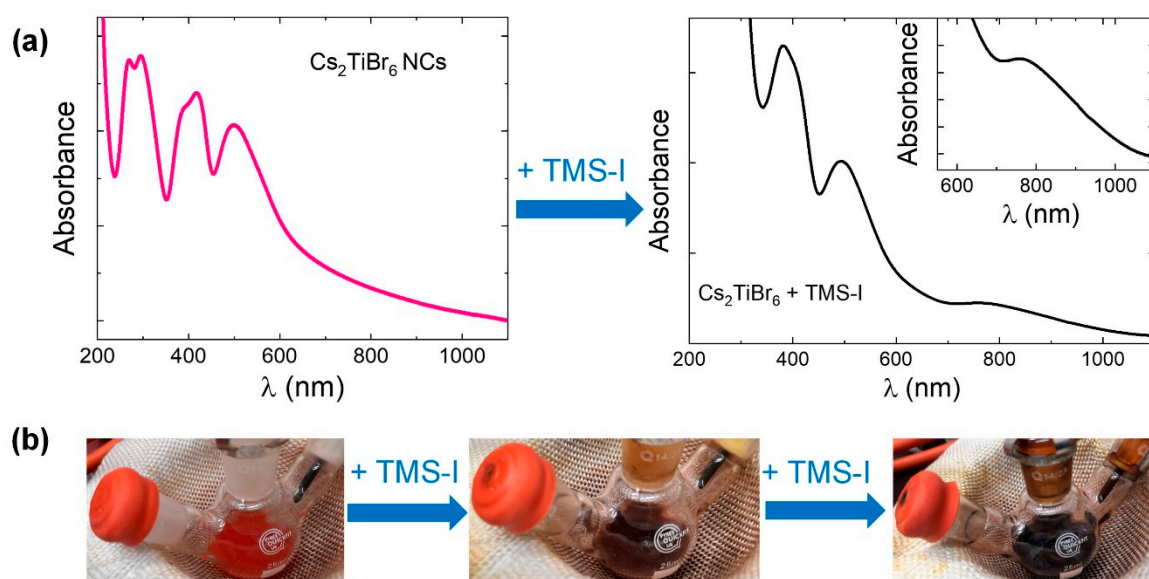


Figure S4. (a) The absorption spectrum before and after the anion exchange reaction of Cs_2TiBr_6 NCs with TMS-I at room temperature. (b) The change in the NC solution color (under room light) as the reaction progress.

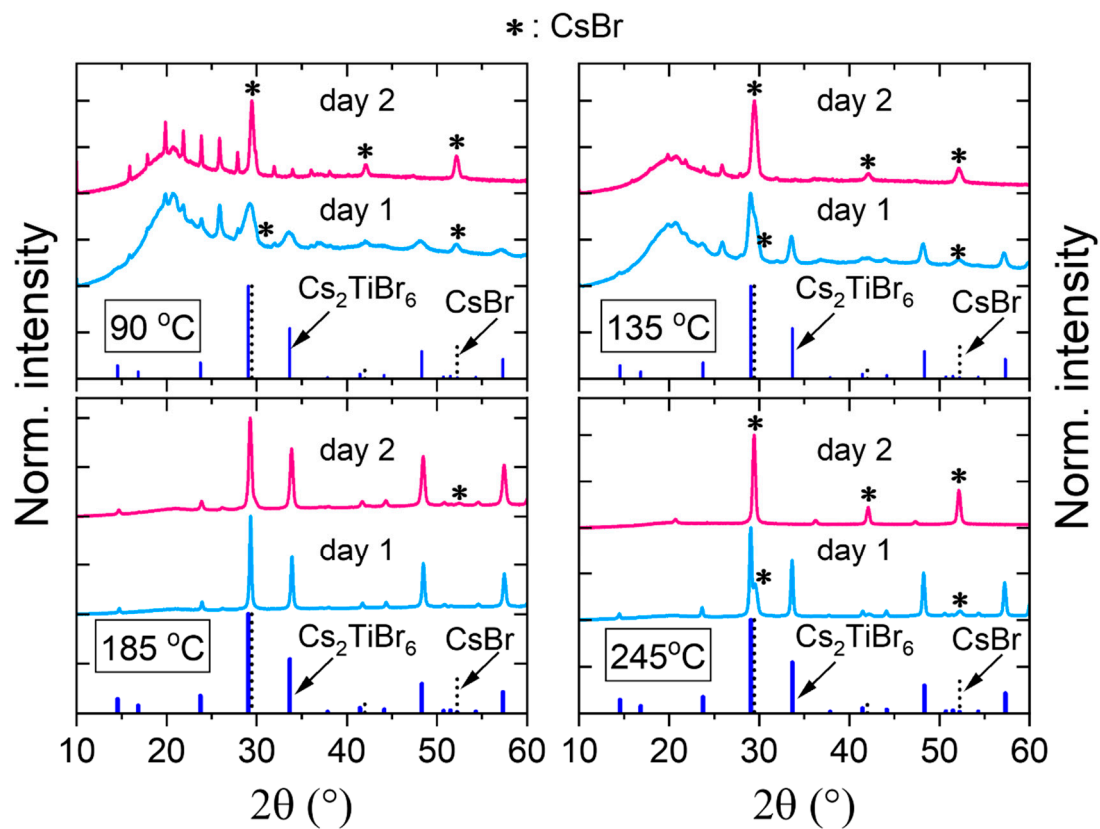


Figure S5. XRD patterns of films of Cs_2TiBr_6 NCs synthesized at different temperatures (given in the respective panels) on day 1 and day 2 of exposure to ambient atmosphere (RH 40%, $T=25^\circ\text{C}$).

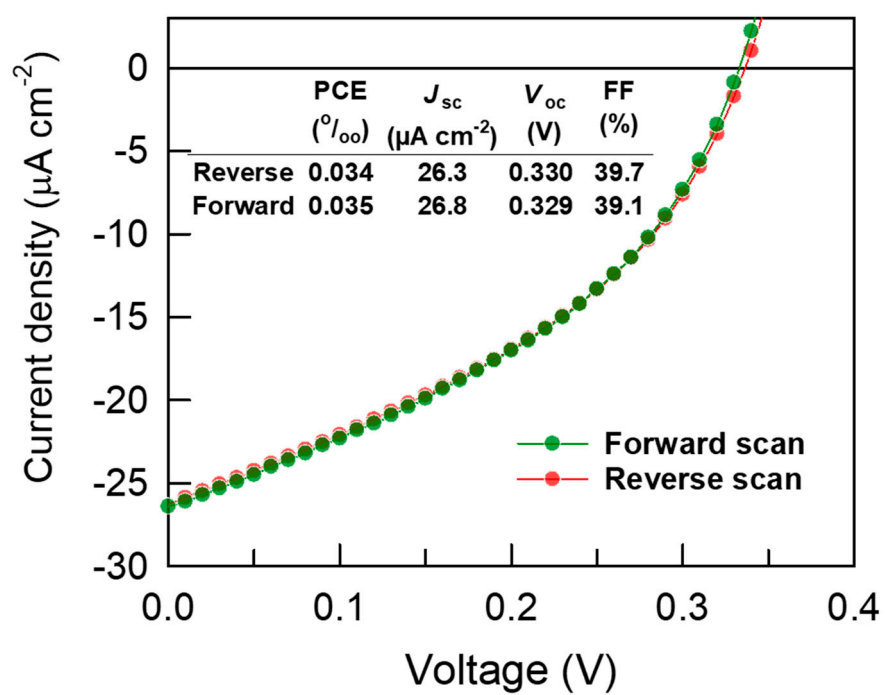


Figure S6. J - V curves of the best Cs_2TiBr_6 NC-based solar cell under forward and reverse scans. The scan rate is $20\ mV\ s^{-1}$ and the active area is $20\ mm^2$.

Table S1. Structural parameters obtained for Cs₂TiBr₆ phase on performing Rietveld refinement on Cs₂TiBr₆NC film XRD pattern at room temperature. The numbers in parentheses are the estimated standard deviations of the last significant figure.

Atom	Wyckoff position	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	100xU _{iso} (Å) ²
Cs	8 <i>c</i>	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.0616(7)
Ti	4 <i>a</i>	0	0	0	0.0513(4)
Br	24 <i>e</i>	0	0	0.2451(7)	0.0535(12)

Table S2. Structural parameters obtained for Cs₂TiCl₆ phase on performing Rietveld refinement on Cs₂TiCl₆ NC film XRD pattern at room temperature. The numbers in parentheses are the estimated standard deviations of the last significant figure.

Atom	Wyckoff position	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	100xU _{iso} (Å) ²
Cs	8 <i>c</i>	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.0126(17)
Ti	4 <i>a</i>	0	0	0	0.0126(12)
Cl	24 <i>e</i>	0	0	0.2451(7)	0.2322(9)

Table S3. Molar ratio determination between Cs and Ti in Cs₂TiCl₆ and Cs₂TiBr₆ NCs by ICP-MS.

Material	Cs (μmoles/l)	Ti (μmoles/l)	Cs:Ti
Cs ₂ TiCl ₆	7.82	3.90	2.00:1.00
Cs ₂ TiBr ₆	8.99	4.96	1.81:1.00

Table S4. Summary of temperature-dependent size and shape evolution of Cs₂TiBr₆ and Cs₂TiCl₆ NCs, from the TEM images presented in Figure 2.

Material	Temperature (°C)	Avg. Diameter (nm)	Shape
Cs ₂ TiBr ₆	90	19±1.5	Sphere/ellipsoid
	135	16±2.8	Spherical
	185	57±16	Cube
	185 (<i>no OlAm</i>)	--	Agglomerated particles
	245	79±44	Prisms
Cs ₂ TiCl ₆	185	31±4.7	Spheres

List of abbreviations

Diisopropoxide bis(acetylacetonate) (TDBA)

Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS)

Inductively coupled plasma mass spectroscopy (ICP-MS)

Nanocrystals (NCs)

Octadecene (ODE)

Oleic acid (OA)

Oleylamine (OlAm)

Photoluminescence (PL)

Power conversion efficiency (PCE)

Scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM)

Third-harmonic generation (THG)

Transmission electron microscope (TEM)

X-ray diffraction (XRD)

Bromotrimethylsilane (TMS-Br)

Chlorotrimethylsilane (TMS-Cl)

Iodotrimethylsilane (TMS-I)