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Tuning the bandgap of double perovskite by anion exchange

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Double perovskites, a relatively new kind of lead-free perovskite materials, have emerged with compelling characteristics, including low toxicity, extended carrier lifetime, and a small effective carrier mass. These unique attributes make them promising material for photovoltaic applications and draw considerable research interest. Among bismuth-based double perovskites, $\text{Cs}_2\text{AgBiX}_6$ (where X can be Cl, Br, or I) has stood out for its potential in photovoltaic applications, primarily attributed to its suitable bandgap. Some researchers studied thermoelectric properties of double halide perovskite $\text{Cs}_2\text{AgBiI}_6$ and proved that it is an excellent candidate for thermoelectric applications. They also investigated that $\text{Cs}_2\text{AgBiI}_6$ nanocrystals possess narrower bandgap than other halide $\text{Cs}_2\text{AgBiX}_6$. Thus, increasing the content of iodide ions in $\text{Cs}_2\text{AgBiX}_6$ can effectively narrow the band gap. In this work, the iodide ions will be introduced to $\text{Cs}_2\text{AgBiBr}_6$ by adding TMSI when spin-coating. It is reported that no more anion exchange happened with more TMSI. Therefore, $\text{Cs}_2\text{AgBi}(\text{Br}_x\text{I}_{1-x})_6$ perovskite solar cells will be fabricated by solution method. The anion exchange process will be studied in this work. Morphology, device characterizations techniques like XRD, SEM, J-V curves, EQE spectra etc. would be taken to help optimize the morphology of thin films and PCE of solar cells. In-operando studies will be taken to identify morphology changes during device operation.

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