Origin of spectral shifts induced by the post-synthetic room-temperature doping of CsPbBr₃ nanocrystals with aluminum

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Abstract

CsPbX₃ (X=Cl, Br, I) NCs emission peak can be tuned over a wide range by changing composition, but so far, CsPbBr₃ excels in both emission stability and photoluminescence quantum yield. Therefore, efforts have been made to tune the optical properties of CsPbBr₃ NCs, with B-site doping being one of the viable strategies. With trivalent dopants (Bi³⁺, Ce³⁺), the photoluminescence can be modulated by the introduction of trap states, but the emission peak remains unchanged. However, with the use of divalent dopants (Cd²⁺, Sn²⁺), the green emission peak shows a hypsochromic shift up to 60 nm. In this work, we doped CsPbBr₃ NCs with Al³⁺ using a quick and facile post-synthetic doping procedure at room temperature. The emission wavelength can be tuned from 509 to 482 nm, and the origin of this doping effect was also investigated.