

Improved Doping and Emission Efficiencies of Mn-Doped CsPbCl₃ Perovskite Nanocrystals via Nickel Chloride

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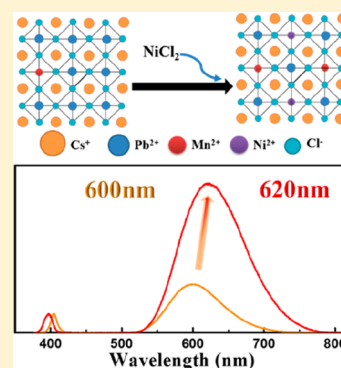
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ABSTRACT: It is challenging to improve the emission efficiency of Mn-doped CsPbCl₃ (Mn:CsPbCl₃) nanocrystals (NCs) because the excellent optical performances are dependent on high doping efficiency and few defects and traps. Steady-state and time-resolved photoluminescence (PL) spectroscopies were used to investigate the luminescence properties of Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with different Mn doping levels synthesized in the presence of nickel chloride. The doping efficiency of Mn ions in Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs was greatly enhanced in the presence of NiCl₂, and the PL wavelength of Mn²⁺ ions was tuned from 594 to 638 nm by varying the concentration of dopant Mn from 0.11% to 15.25%. The high emission quantum yields of Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with orange and red emissions peaked at 600 and 620 nm in hexane were 70% and 39%, respectively. The improvement in doping and emission efficiencies of Mn²⁺ was attributed to the enhanced formation energies of the Mn doping under the Mn and Ni codoped configuration and the resulting reduction of defects and traps in Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with incorporation of Ni²⁺ ions.



Mn-doped perovskite nanocrystals (NCs) with broad yellow-orange emission have exhibited potential application in white light-emitting diodes (LEDs) since the first doping of Mn²⁺ into perovskite was reported in 2016.^{1,2} The yellow-orange emission in Mn-doped CsPbCl₃ (Mn:CsPbCl₃) NCs comes from the transfer of exciton energy to Mn d-states, leading to the d–d transition (⁴T₁ → ⁶A₁).^{1–19} Mn-doped CsPbCl₃ NCs with yellow–orange emission (~590–600 nm) from isolated Mn²⁺ ions show high photoluminescence quantum yields (PL QYs) up to about 60%, while the ones with red emission (~620–630 nm) partly from Mn–Mn dimers have relatively low PL QYs of as high as about 10%.^{9,10,19} The tuning of Mn²⁺ emission from yellow to red is achieved by enhancing the concentration of dopant Mn to form Mn–Mn dimers in NCs.^{9,10} However, the reduction in PL QY of red Mn²⁺ emission is considered to originate from nonradiative recombination pathways due to the Mn–Mn dimers and many defects and traps in NCs under high concentration Mn doping at high reaction temperature. Therefore, suppressing the formation of high-density defect and trap states as nonradiative centers in NCs is an efficient

strategy to improve red Mn²⁺ emission for high-performance white LEDs.^{20–23}

The PL QYs of intrinsic and doped CsPbCl₃ NCs have been greatly enhanced by two main strategies.^{24–27} The first one is doping metal ions into CsPbCl₃ lattices to realize the doping-induced structure order in the lattice based on a high-temperature hot-injection route. Sun et al. used Ni²⁺ ion doping to enhance formation energies of defects in the CsPbCl₃ lattice, obtaining near-unity PL QY.²⁸ Similarly, the doping of other metal cations such as Cd²⁺ and Cu²⁺ was used to significantly boost the efficiency of band-edge PL.^{29–31} The second strategy is adding metal chlorides into CsPbCl₃ NC solutions to passivate the NC surface and eliminate the defect and trap centers at or near the surface based on the room-temperature postsynthetic surface treatment.^{32–34} Recently, the improved emission efficiency of Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with addition of CuCl₂ has also been demonstrated by maximizing the doping efficiency in NCs and minimizing the chloride

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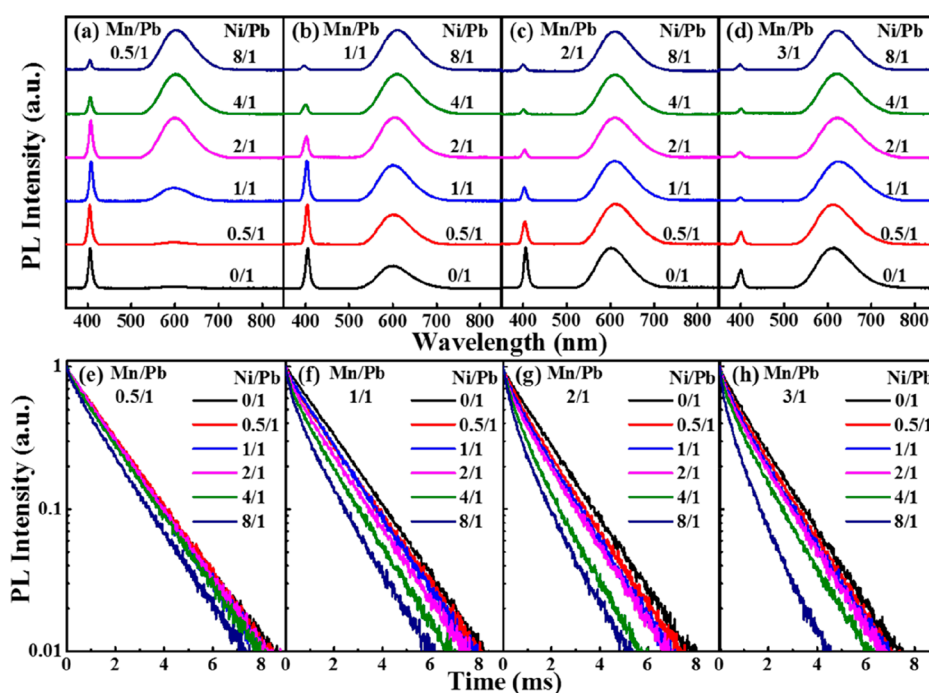


Figure 1. Steady-state and time-resolved PL spectra of Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with various Mn/Pb (from 0.5/1 to 3/1) and Ni/Pb molar ratios (from 0/1 to 8/1).

deficiency.¹⁹ Therefore, doping of metal ions like Ni, Cu, Fe, Co, etc. is an effective way to enhance the optical properties of intrinsic and doped perovskite.^{35–46}

The concentration quenching is a problem of phosphor application in lighting and display.^{47–53} For high Mn doping levels, energy transfer among Mn²⁺ or between Mn²⁺ and defects can lead to concentration-induced PL quenching and lifetime shortening. Therefore, studying temperature-dependent lifetimes of Mn²⁺ emission is very important to understand the concentration-quenching PL mechanism of the Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs for application of white LEDs.^{54,55}

In this Letter, Mn doping concentration-dependent optical and structural properties of Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs prepared at 190 °C in the presence and absence of nickel chloride were investigated via using steady-state and time-resolved PL spectroscopies and synchrotron radiation X-ray diffraction (XRD). Effects of Ni²⁺ ions on the doping and emission efficiencies of Mn²⁺ in Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs were studied, and the tuning of Mn²⁺ emission wavelength was examined by changing the Mn doping concentration. The improvement in doping and emission efficiencies of Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with orange and red emissions peaked at 600 and 620 nm in hexane were revealed.

Steady-state and time-resolved PL spectra of Mn doping concentration-varied Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs synthesized with different molar ratios of Mn/Pb (0.25/1, 0.5/1, 1/1, 2/1, 3/1, and 4/1) and Ni/Pb (0/1, 0.5/1, 1/1, 2/1, 4/1, and 8/1) at 190 °C are shown in Figures 1 and S1. The corresponding absorption spectra are displayed in Figure S2. The synthesis and characterization methods of these Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs are described in the Supporting Information. No new absorption band is found after the introduction of Ni²⁺, suggesting that the nickel doping has a weak effect on the electronic structure of CsPbCl₃, as seen in Figure S2. With increasing the amount of Mn²⁺ and Ni²⁺, the band-edge absorption peaks exhibit broadening and blue-shift, which reflect the statistical

fluctuation of the number of Mn/Ni doped into CsPbCl₃ and the effect of Mn- and Ni-alloying on the host band gap.^{1,9,28} As is well-known, Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs exhibit a broad Mn²⁺ PL band at about 600 nm and a sharp exciton emission at about 400 nm at room temperature.^{1,2} The pristine Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs synthesized only with a Mn/Pb ratio of 0.5/1 show a weak Mn²⁺ emission at 594 nm and a strong exciton PL band at 405 nm, as seen in Figure 1a. The Mn²⁺ emission intensity clearly increases with increasing Ni/Pb ratio from 0.5/1 to 8/1; meanwhile, the exciton PL band intensity decreases because of energy transfer from the exciton to Mn.^{1,2} In addition, the Mn²⁺ emission peak slightly shifts to the red from 594 to 602 nm after increasing the amount of NiCl₂. The Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with a 0.5/1 ratio of Mn to Pb show a single-exponential decay for Mn²⁺ emission, as shown in Figure 1e. The Mn²⁺ decay almost remains constant as the ratio of Ni to Pb increases from 0.5 to 4/1, except 8/1. Further, the Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with a 1/1, 2/1, 3/1, and 4/1 ratio of Mn to Pb show a significantly enhanced Mn²⁺ emission band, accompanied by a clearly increased Mn²⁺ emission redshift from 599 to 609 nm, 601 to 610 nm, 610 to 621 nm, and 611 to 638 nm, respectively, and a clearly decreased exciton emission band as the ratio of Ni to Pb increases, as shown in Figures 1b–d and S1b. The redshift of Mn²⁺ emission is usually due to formation of Mn–Mn dimers, leading to a shortening of Mn²⁺ emission lifetime.^{9,10} On the other hand, the time-resolved PL spectra of Mn²⁺ in pristine Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs only with 1/1 and 2/1 ratios of Mn to Pb clearly show a single-exponential decay for Mn²⁺ emission, as shown in Figure 1f,g. The PL decay gradually becomes multiexponential with a reduced lifetime with enhancing the ratio of Ni/Pb. The Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with 3/1 and 4/1 ratio of Mn to Pb have a reduced multiexponential decay with increasing Ni/Pb ratio, as seen in Figures 1h and S1d. Therefore, the significant redshift and lifetime reduction of Mn²⁺ emissions with increasing Ni/

Pb ratio indicate improved Mn doping efficiency in Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with increasing addition of NiCl₂.

The PL QYs and lifetimes of Mn²⁺ in Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with different molar ratios of Mn/Pb (0.25/1, 0.5/1, 1/1, 2/1, 3/1, and 4/1) and Ni/Pb (0/1, 0.5/1, 1/1, 2/1, 4/1, and 8/1) are shown in Figures 2 and S3. In our previous work, it is found

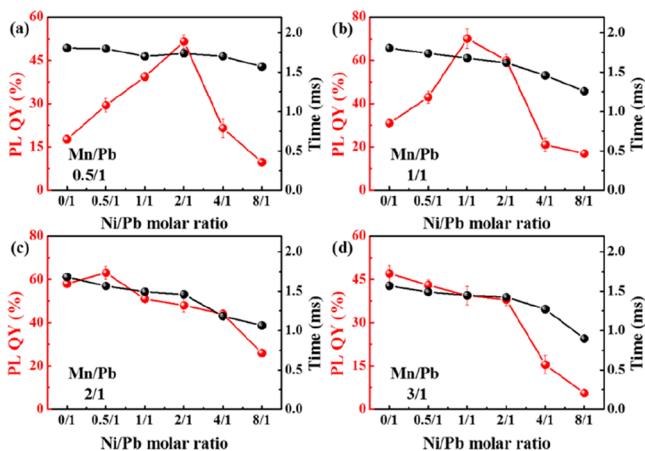


Figure 2. PL QYs and lifetimes of Mn²⁺ in Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with different molar ratios of Mn/Pb (from 0.5/1 to 3/1) and Ni/Pb (from 0/1 to 8/1).

that the efficiency of Mn²⁺ emission in Mn-doped CsPbCl₃ NCs gradually enhances as the Mn doping concentration increases, reaches the maximum of about 60% when the Mn/Pb is 2/1, and then drops after the Mn–Mn dimers occur.⁹ The PL QY of Mn²⁺ ions in the NCs with initial Mn/Pb ratio of 0.5/1 increases with increasing the Ni/Pb ratio from 0 to 2/1 and reaches the maximum value of 52% and then rapidly decreases to 11% with continually increasing the Ni/Pb ratio to 8/1, as shown in Figure 2a. However, the PL lifetime of Mn²⁺ slightly decreases from 1.80 to 1.57 ms with increasing the ratio of Ni/Pb from 0 to 8/1. The PL QY of Mn²⁺ in Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs (Mn/Pb of 1/1) increases with increasing the Ni/Pb from 0 to 1/1, reaches the highest value of 70%, and then clearly drops to 17% with increasing the Ni/Pb ratio to 8/1, as shown in Figure 2b. It is noted that the PL lifetime of Mn²⁺ varies only from 1.80 to 1.25 ms with enhancing the ratio of Ni/Pb ratio from 0/1 to 8/1. The PL lifetime of Mn²⁺ ions is 1.67 ms for the Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with the highest PL QY, which is slightly lower than the longest one of about 1.80 ms in pure Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs.^{9,56} The efficiency of Mn²⁺ emission in Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs (Mn/Pb of 2/1) has the highest PL QY of 65% when the Ni/Pb ratio is 0.5/1, as shown in Figure 2c. Then the PL QY is reduced with increasing the Ni/Pb ratio while their PL lifetime decreases from 1.68 to 1.01 ms. In Figures 2d and S3b, the efficiency of Mn²⁺ emission in Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs (Mn/Pb of 3/1 and 4/1) has the highest PL QY of 47% and 44% at the Ni/Pb ratio of 0/1, and slowly reduced PL QYs are observed with increasing the Ni/Pb ratio while their PL lifetimes decrease from 1.56 to 0.90 ms and 1.64 to 0.30 ms, respectively. In the presence of NiCl₂, the high-efficiency Mn doping results in the improved QYs of 600 and 620 nm Mn²⁺ emissions up to 70% and 39%, respectively, in Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs synthesized with codoped Ni²⁺ at the low temperature of 190 °C, compared with 60% (600 nm) and 10% (620 nm) of pure Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs,^{9,10,19} 20–40% of Mn:CsPbCl₃ nanoplatelets (~600 nm),^{57,58} 61% of

Mn:L₂PbBr₄ layered perovskite (~600 nm),⁵⁹ and 16 ± 4% of Mn:Cs₂AgInCl₆ NCs (620 nm).⁶⁰ On the other hand, it is noted that the efficiency and lifetime of Mn²⁺ emission are dependent not only on the Mn/Pb ratio but also on the Ni/Pb molar ratio. The PL QY of Mn²⁺ clearly increases with increasing Ni/Pb ratio when the low Mn/Pb ratios are 0.25/1, 0.5/1, 1/1, and 2/1. However, their lifetime of Mn²⁺ emission is smaller than the longest PL lifetime of 1.80 ms that we obtained. In our previous work, the shortening of Mn²⁺ PL lifetimes was related to formation of Mn–Mn pairs or defect and trap states, leading to a decrease of Mn²⁺ PL QY.^{9,10} Thus, the clear decrease in the lifetime of Mn²⁺ emission in Mn-doped CsPbCl₃ NCs with the highest PL QYs might be attributed to the change in the local environment around the Mn²⁺ ion with interaction of Ni²⁺ ions because the lifetime of Mn²⁺ emission is dependent on Ni-doping concentration.

Figure 3 shows the Mn doping concentration dependence of Mn²⁺ PL QYs and wavelengths in Mn-doped CsPbCl₃ NCs

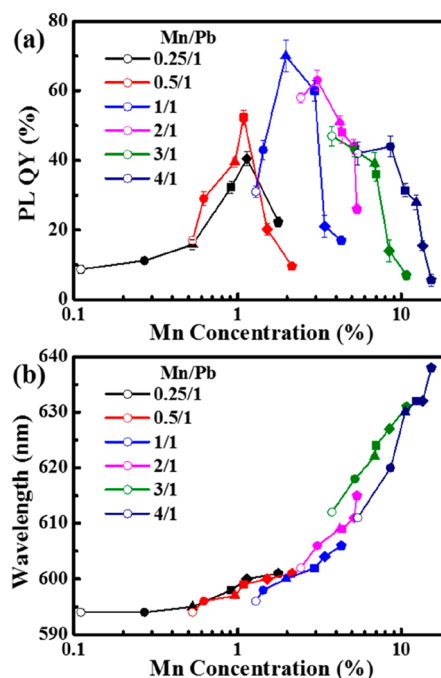


Figure 3. Mn doping concentration-dependent QYs (a) and wavelengths (b) of Mn²⁺ emissions in Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs with different molar ratios of Mn/Pb (0.25/1, 0.5/1, 1/1, 2/1, 3/1, and 4/1) and Ni/Pb [0/1 (empty circles), 0.5/1 (solid circles), 1/1 (solid triangles), 2/1 (solid squares), 4/1 (solid diamonds), and 8/1 (solid pentagons)].

with different molar ratios of Mn/Pb (0.25/1, 0.5/1, 1/1, 2/1, 3/1, and 4/1) and Ni/Pb (0/1, 0.5/1, 1/1, 2/1, 4/1, and 8/1). The corresponding actual doping concentrations of Mn²⁺ and Ni²⁺ are summarized in Tables 1 and S1. As shown in Table 1, the Mn²⁺ and Ni²⁺ concentrations increase with increasing the feed ratio of Ni/Pb. The Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs clearly show improved Mn doping efficiencies in the presence of NiCl₂ and maximized emission efficiencies for the corresponding various Ni/Pb ratios (Figure 3). The Mn:CsPbCl₃ NCs doped with Mn²⁺ and Ni doping concentrations of 1.97% and 3.18%, respectively, have the highest PL QY of 70%, which is consistent with Mn(II)-doped CsPbCl₃ ones with a PL QY of 68% because of the maximized doping efficiency in the presence of CuCl₂.¹⁹ Further, it is worth noting that high-

Table 1. Doping Concentrations of Mn^{2+} (Relative to the Sum of Pb^{2+} and Ni^{2+} Ions) and Ni^{2+} (Relative to the Sum of Pb^{2+} and Mn^{2+}) in Mn-Doped CsPbCl_3 NCs Synthesized with Different Molar Ratios of Mn/Pb (0.5/1, 1/1, 2/1, and 3/1) and Ni/Pb (0/1, 0.5/1, 1/1, 2/1, 4/1, and 8/1) Measured by ICP-MS

Ni/Pb	Mn/Pb							
	0.5/1		1/1		2/1		3/1	
	Mn	Ni	Mn	Ni	Mn	Ni	Mn	Ni
0/1	0.53%	0	1.29%	0	2.43%	0	3.76%	0
0.5/1	0.62%	1.98%	1.43%	2.01%	3.07%	2.12%	5.21%	2.10%
1/1	0.96%	3.06%	1.97%	3.18%	4.21%	3.16%	6.87%	3.11%
2/1	1.09%	4.08%	2.96%	4.14%	4.34%	4.20%	7.01%	4.21%
4/1	1.52%	11.71%	3.41%	11.90%	5.15%	11.81%	8.44%	11.89%
8/1	2.15%	19.05%	4.33%	18.17%	5.36%	18.09%	10.78%	17.92%

concentration Mn-doped NCs still have very high PL QYs and long PL lifetimes, compared with the corresponding pristine Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs.^{9,10,19} On the other hand, it is clearly observed that Mn^{2+} emission is tuned from 594 to 638 nm by increasing Mn^{2+} concentration from 0.11% to about 15.25%. The PL QYs of excitons in Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs with different molar ratios of Mn/Pb (from 0.25/1 to 4/1) and Ni/Pb (from 0/1 to 8/1) are shown in Table S2. It is found that the PL QYs of excitons are very low (<2%) when the concentrations of Mn^{2+} are high (>5%), which can be attributed to more efficient energy transfer from the exciton to Mn^{2+} and many defects in the NCs.^{1,2} In addition, the effects of metal ions such as Fe^{2+} and Co^{2+} ions on optical properties of Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs synthesized at 190 °C were studied in the presence of CoCl_2 and FeCl_2 . The PL spectra, decay curves, QYs, and lifetimes of Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs synthesized with different molar ratios of Mn/Pb (1/1 and 2/1) and Co/Pb and Fe/Pb (0/1, 1/1, 2/1, 4/1) ratios at 190 °C are depicted in Figures S4–S7, and the corresponding Mn doping concentrations are summarized in Table S3. The Mn doping efficiencies in Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs are clearly improved, and under the corresponding Mn/Pb of 1/1, the highest Mn^{2+} emission efficiencies are about 58% and 35% for these NCs synthesized with Co/Pb and Fe/Pb ratios of 1/1, respectively.

The representative transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images of Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs (Mn/Pb of 1/1) without/with Ni doping (Ni/Pb from 0/1 to 8/1) are exhibited in Figure 4a–f. The Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs without Ni doping are uniformly distributed; the average size (cube length) is 10.5 ± 0.8 nm, and the size distributions are also very uniform with average value of 9.7 ± 0.4 and 8.8 ± 0.7 nm at the Ni/Pb ratios 1/1 and 2/1 and become ununiform with significantly reduced average size of 7.4 ± 2.1 and 10.7 ± 3.6 nm at the Ni/Pb ratios of 4/1 and 8/1, respectively. The wide size distribution might result from the effect of high concentration Ni^{2+} ions on NC growth in the reaction solution, causing a significant PL lifetime reduction of Mn^{2+} for the NCs with high Ni/Pb of 4/1 and 8/1 as seen in Figure 2. A high-resolution TEM image shows that the Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs have excellent crystallinity after Ni doping, as seen in Figure 4f. The lattice spacings of about 0.38 and 0.56 nm for 110 and 100 directions of Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs are estimated, consistent with previous reports.^{33,61} Figure 4g depicts the X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs (Mn/Pb of 1/1) with Ni/Pb ratios of 1/1, 2/1, 4/1, and 8/1 and without (0/1) metal ion doping. The Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs without/with Mn^{2+} and Ni doping have a structure of the parent cubic CsPbCl_3 (JCPDS: 75-0411). Two strong diffraction peaks at 15.8° and 31.9° are observed, correspond-

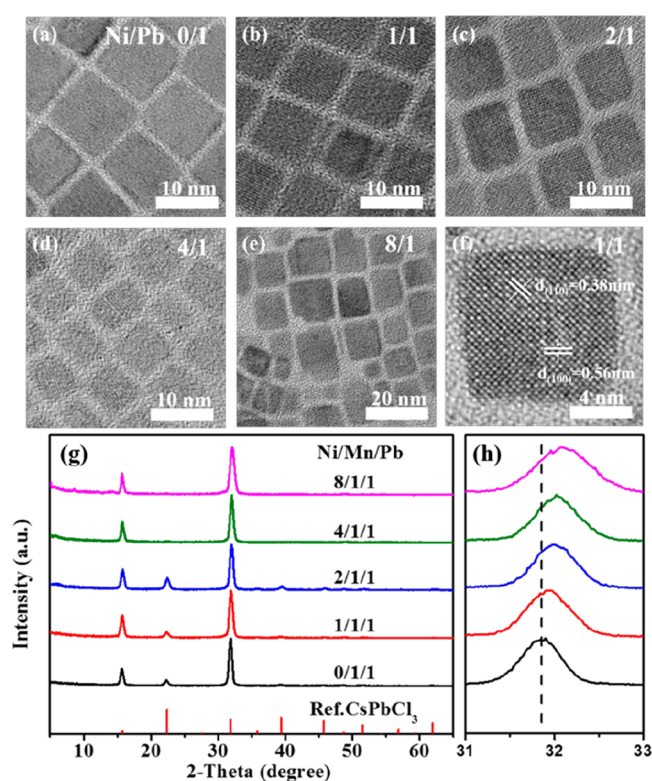


Figure 4. TEM images (a–e) and XRD patterns (g and h) of Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs (Mn/Pb of 1/1) without/with Ni doping (Ni/Pb from 0/1 to 8/1). High-resolution TEM image (f) of typical Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs (Ni/Pb of 1/1).

ing to (100) and (200) directions, respectively. The magnified diffraction peaks of Mn:CsPbCl_3 NCs show a clear shift to a large angle after addition of NiCl_2 , meaning the increased doping of Mn^{2+} and/or Ni^{2+} , as depicted in Figure 4h. The broadening of diffraction peaks for doped NCs with a high Ni/Pb ratio is found, perhaps associated with the large size distribution and reduction of the NC size. In addition, compared with diffraction peaks of undoped CsPbCl_3 NCs, the Ni doped ones show a small shift to a large angle as seen in Figure S8, indicating the doping of Ni^{2+} in the lattice.

The synchrotron radiation ($\lambda = 0.434$ Å) XRD results of typical Mn-doped CsPbCl_3 and Mn and Ni codoped CsPbCl_3 NCs are shown in Figure S9. The Rietveld profile refining of synchrotron radiation ($\lambda = 0.434$ Å) XRD patterns of the two samples indicates a good fitting. This suggests that Mn and Ni occupy the Pb-site, respectively, with six-coordinated Cl in the

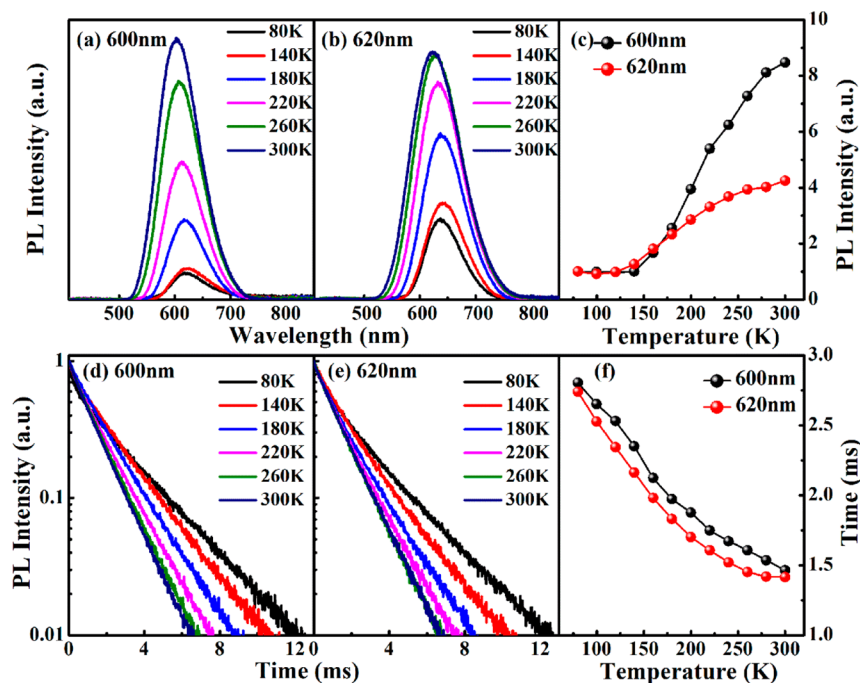


Figure 5. Steady-state and time-resolved PL spectra of 600 nm (a and d) and 620 nm (b and e) Mn^{2+} emissions in $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs synthesized in the presence of NiCl_2 and the corresponding PL intensities and lifetimes at various temperatures. PL intensities of Mn^{2+} ions are normalized at 80 K. PL (c) intensities and (f) lifetimes of Mn^{2+} ions with 600 and 620 emissions in $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs with Ni^{2+} incorporation.

as-synthesized NCs, which is consistent with previous reports.^{2,10,28,62}

To further understand the effect of Ni, we have employed density functional theory (DFT) to calculate formation energies of the possible Mn^{2+} doping configurations. The formation energy (ΔE_f) is defined as follows: (1) pure CsPbCl_3 : $\Delta E_f = E_{\text{Mn}-\text{CsPbCl}_3} - E_{\text{CsPbCl}_3} + \mu_{\text{Pb}} - \mu_{\text{Mn}}$; and (2) Ni-doped configuration: $\Delta E_f = E_{\text{Mn}-\text{Ni}-\text{CsPbCl}_3} - E_{\text{Ni}-\text{CsPbCl}_3} + \mu_{\text{Pb}} - \mu_{\text{Mn}}$, where E_{CsPbCl_3} , $E_{\text{Ni}-\text{CsPbCl}_3}$, and $E_{\text{Mn}-\text{Ni}-\text{CsPbCl}_3}$ are the total energies of pure CsPbCl_3 , $\text{Ni}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$, and $(\text{Mn},\text{Ni}):\text{CsPbCl}_3$, respectively. μ_{Pb} and μ_{Mn} are the chemical potentials of Pb and Mn, respectively, which are estimated by the bulk Pb and Mn, respectively. When ΔE_f is more negative, Mn doping is more favored. For the Ni^{2+} and Mn^{2+} codoped configuration, there are two possible structures: Ni-bulk-1 and -2, as shown in Figure S10. It is found that the doped Ni atom will improve the Mn doping efficiency in some structures (Ni-bulk-2), compared with the pure CsPbCl_3 .

The partial density of states (PDOSs) for CsPbCl_3 , $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$, and $(\text{Mn},\text{Ni}):\text{CsPbCl}_3$ are shown in Figure S11. For PDOS of pure CsPbCl_3 , it is seen that the valence band is mainly constructed by the Cl-2p orbital, while the Pb-6p orbital mainly contributes to the conduction band. Therefore, the electron transition will occur from Cl-2p to Pb-6p. For the Mn-doped configuration, the band gap will be reduced, which makes the electron transition more favorable. Moreover, besides the possible transition pathway in pure CsPbCl_3 , there will be another two possible electron transition pathways, i.e., Mn-3d to Pb-6p and Cl-2p to Mn-3d. For $(\text{Mn},\text{Ni}):\text{CsPbCl}_3$, the band gap will be further reduced. It is seen that the impurity band produced by Mn-3d and Ni-3d appears at the band gap, which will improve the possibility for electron transition. Therefore, the Ni has a positive effect in Mn doping, improving the electronic structure.

In order to understand the enhancement mechanism of Mn doping and emission efficiencies in $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs synthesized in the presence of NiCl_2 , their variable-temperature steady-state and time-resolved PL spectra from 80 to 300 K were measured. The representative PL spectra, decay curves, and corresponding PL intensities and lifetimes of 600 and 620 nm Mn^{2+} emissions at different temperature are shown in Figure 5. The doped NCs were synthesized with Mn/Pb of 1/1 and 3/1, respectively, and Ni/Pb ratio of 1/1 at 190 °C. For comparison, the $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs with the same Mn^{2+} emissions of 600 and 620 nm were prepared with Mn/Pb of 2/1 and 4/1 and without incorporation of Ni^{2+} ions at 190 and 210 °C, respectively; Figure S12 depicts their temperature-dependent PL spectra, decay curves, intensities, and lifetimes. The corresponding PL QYs of the four doped NC samples with various Mn doping concentrations are summarized in Table S4. The PL intensities of Mn^{2+} emissions peaked at 600 and 620 nm with Ni^{2+} incorporation increase as temperature increases from 80 to 300 K (Figure 5a,b), in contrast to those in Mn-doped ZnSe quantum dots.⁵⁵ The abnormal PL emission enhancement of Mn^{2+} with increasing temperature is explained by the low exciton-to- Mn^{2+} energy transfer and strongly temperature-dependent exciton lifetimes.^{9,12,13} The PL intensities of Mn^{2+} ions with 600 and 620 emissions in $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs with Ni^{2+} incorporation increase with the increase of temperature, as depicted in Figure 5c.⁹ In Figure 5d,e, PL decays become short with increasing temperature, which is consistent with thermal quenching.^{9,54} The PL lifetimes of Mn^{2+} ions for 600 and 620 emissions in $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs with Ni^{2+} incorporation clearly decrease with increasing temperature, as shown in Figure 5f. Lifetimes of Mn^{2+} ions for the 600 and 620 emission bands are close to each other at the corresponding various temperatures, which are smaller than the difference between 600 and 620 emission bands in the NCs without Ni^{2+} incorporation.^{9,19} In general,

the shortening in lifetime of Mn^{2+} emission in $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs with increasing dopant concentration is considered to result from magnetic coupling between Mn–Mn dimers and formed defects/traps near the Mn^{2+} ion.^{53–55} This indicates that the lengthening in lifetimes of Mn^{2+} emission at 620 nm in the NCs with Ni^{2+} is attributed to Ni doping-induced structure order in $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs or the surface passivation of Ni^{2+} ions.^{27,35,62}

During $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NC preparation with addition of NiCl_2 , the transition metal Ni is considered to partly substitute Pb in CsPbCl_3 NCs and enhance crystallinity of CsPbCl_3 NCs, suppressing the nonradiative recombination,^{28,35,62} consistent with our XRD results. For $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs, the Mn^{2+} generally is difficult to dope into the host perhaps because of notable self-purification effect of NCs because the ionic radius of Pb^{2+} is much larger than that of Mn^{2+} . It is known that high-concentration Mn doping at high synthesis temperature or high Mn/Pb ratio will lead to a large amount of defects and traps in NCs, reducing the PL QY.^{9,10,19} After introduction of transition metal chlorides such as NiCl_2 in this experiment, the Ni doping in NCs and excess Cl ions on the NC surface can effectively suppress defects and trap and improves the crystalline quality in CsPbCl_3 NCs,^{24–27,61,62} resulting in enhanced doping and emission efficiencies of $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs with respect to the pristine one. This is well consistent with the enhanced formation energies of Mn doping configuration with incorporation of Ni^{2+} estimated by DFT calculation. However, the difference in doping and emission efficiencies of Mn^{2+} in $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs synthesized in the presence of NiCl_2 , FeCl_2 , and CoCl_2 is not understood. It is necessary to calculate the charge transition levels, defect formation energies, and substituent energy levels in $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs in future work, such as the investigation of partial lead substitution in methylammonium lead bromide.⁶³

In summary, we have successfully synthesized Mn and Ni codoped CsPbCl_3 perovskite NCs and realized the maximized QYs of Mn^{2+} emissions peaked at 600 and 620 nm as high as 70% and 39%, respectively. The evolution of Mn^{2+} PL lifetimes for $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs with different molar ratios of Mn/Pb and Ni/Pb demonstrated that Ni^{2+} ions are successfully doped into NCs. The suppression of defect and traps states formed in $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs synthesized by introduction of NiCl_2 was revealed by variable-temperature PL spectroscopy. The Ni doping in $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs was explained in terms of the enhanced formation energies of Mn doping configuration with incorporation of Ni^{2+} estimated by DFT calculations to improve Mn doping efficiency to boost the Mn^{2+} emission efficiency. It is very interesting to study the photostability of $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs using the transition metal chlorides in a synthetic doping strategy in future work. The orange and red Mn^{2+} emissions in $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs, with their high stability and efficiency, are promising to be used in white LEDs for solid-state lighting.

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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Synthesis of $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs with different ratios of Mn/Pb and Ni/Pb; calculation method of PL lifetimes

and formation energies of Mn doping configuration; PL spectra, time-resolved PL spectra, QYs, lifetimes, and absorption spectra of $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs; XRD patterns of $\text{Ni}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs; synchrotron radiation XRD patterns and PDOS of $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ and $(\text{Mn},\text{Ni}):\text{CsPbCl}_3$; variable-temperature PL spectra and time-resolved PL spectra of $\text{Mn}:\text{CsPbCl}_3$ NCs (PDF)

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