Non-Lead Broad Spectrum Absorbing Metal Halide Compounds: Synthetic Exploration

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#### Context

Silicon-Based (most popular)	Perovskite-Based $(ABX_3)$
Expensive	Spin coating solution (cheap)
Large energy consumption	High efficiency, no extensive heating



#### Most popular perovskites contain lead

#### But what if we didn't have to use it?

#### Motivation

- Three main methods used
- Replicating established methods from prior papers



Silver-Bismuth Double Perovskite



Cation Templated Bismuth Halide



#### Bismuth-Silver Halide Framework

• Silver iodide surrounding coordination compound similar to perovskite structure



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#### **Bismuth-Silver Halide: Procedure**

1. Ag<sub>2</sub>I<sub>4</sub>/BiI<sub>3</sub>+DMF

2. ~6 days wait



Substitutions, 5 variants:

 $Zn \leftrightarrow Cd \leftrightarrow Co$ 1.

2. ethylaminediamine  $\leftrightarrow$  1,10-phenanthroline

3. 
$$Ag_2I_4 \leftrightarrow BiI_3$$



#### Silver Halide: Fluorescence

Silver Halide Framework Fluorescence Spectra



——Cd ——Co ——Zn

#### Silver Halide: IR Data

Combined IR Spectra of Non-Bismuth Trials



Wavenumber (cm^-1)

#### Silver Halide: PFIB Imaging/EDX



#### Silver Halide: XRD Powder Diffraction



Regardless of substitution, all variants that used AgI had similar XRD powder diffraction patterns

#### **Bismuth Halide: Fluorescence**



Peak at ~560-570 nm (around orange)

### Bismuth Halide: PFIB Imaging/EDX

#### **Bismuth Synthesized**







- Zinc not strongly present
- EDX analysis very similar

#### **Bismuth Halide: XRD**

**Bismuth Crystals XRD Combined** 



Unsynthesized and synthesized compounds created similar structures Computer unable to generate peaks

#### Silver Bismuth Double Perovskite



#### Double Perovskite: Procedure

CsCl (0.002 mol) $BiI_3(0.001 mol)$ AgCl (0.001 mol)

1. 10 mL 9M HCl 2. Heated to 110 C

3. Cooled to 35 C at 0.1 C/min



Substitutions:

- CsBr for CsCl
- $BiBr_3$  for  $BiI_3$
- AgBr for AgCl

\*IR and Fluorescence Spectra did not contain any significant data

#### Double Perovskite: PFIB/EDX



#### Double Perovskite XRD Data



		Pattern List		
Reference Code	Score	Compound Name	Scale Factor	Chem
98-006-3655	5	51 Iodargyrite	0.308	Ag1I1
		Tricesium		Bi2C19Cs
98-002-3349	4	16 Nonachloride	0.541	3

#### **Cation Templated Bismuth Halide**



1. BiI<sub>3</sub>+EtOH 2. 160 C by 0.1 C/min 3. 160 C for 3 Days

4. 70 C for 6 hrs 5. Cooled to 35 C at 0.1 C/min



\*IR Spectra and Fluorescence did not have any significant data



#### Cation Templated Bismuth Halide PFIB/EDX



#### Cation Templated Bismuth Halide XRD





## **Conclusion/Future Direction**

- Crystals synthesized!
- No significant amounts of central cations
  - Adding more central cation for future trials
- "Hair crystals" from filtrate
- Different substitutions
- UV Vis
- Single Crystal Diffraction





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**Questions?** 





