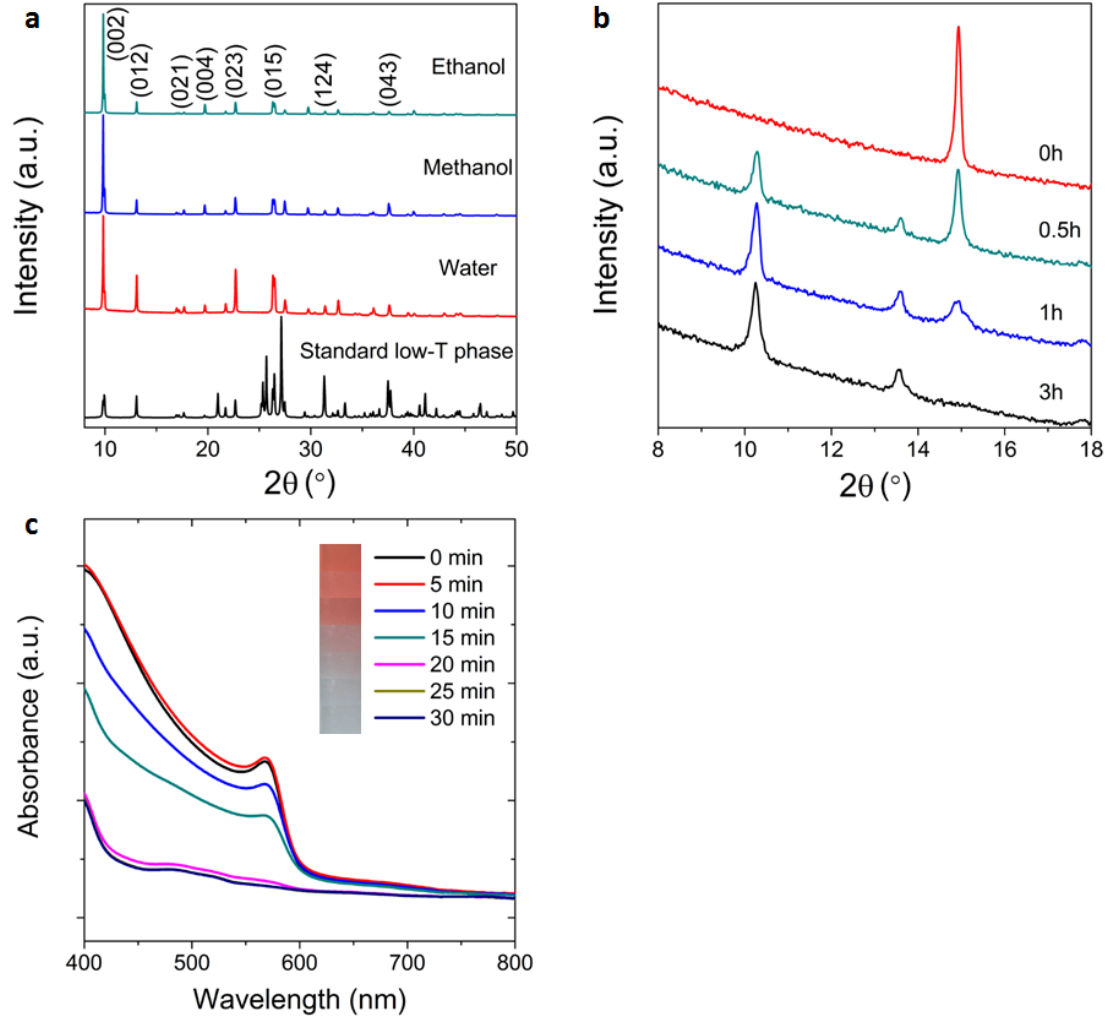


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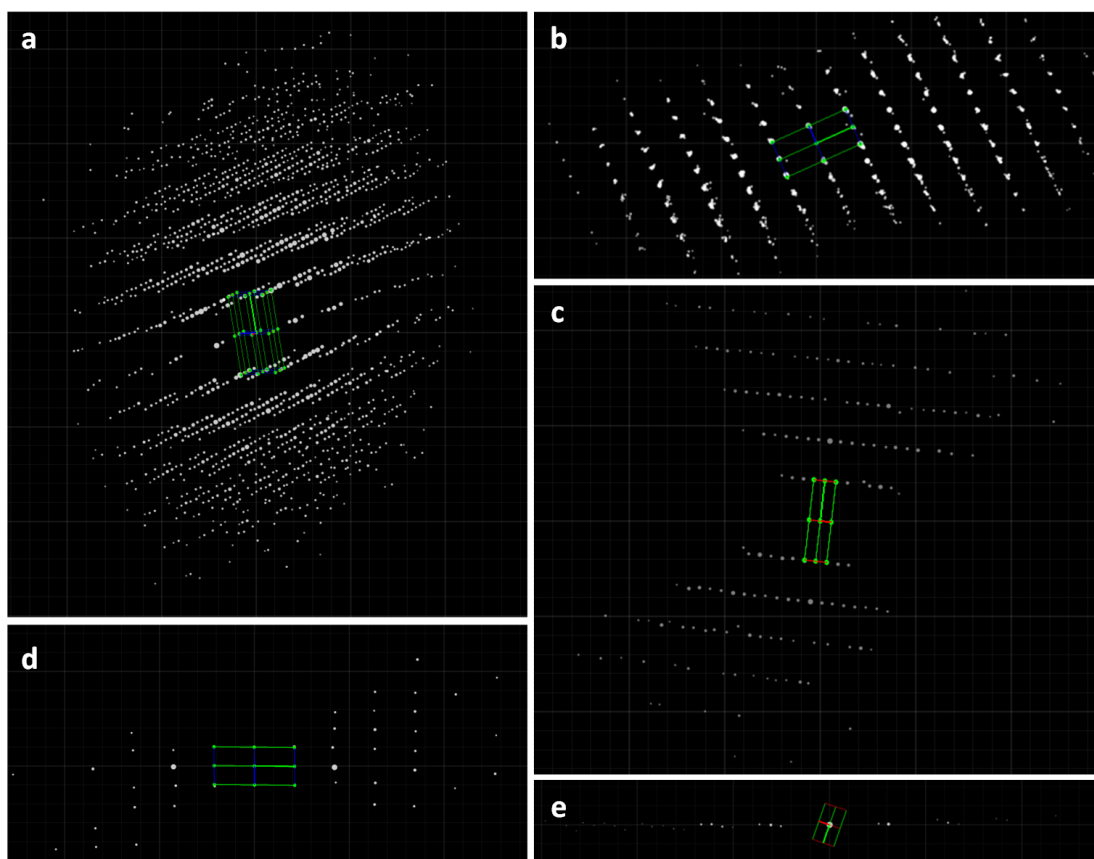
Thermochromic halide perovskite solar cells

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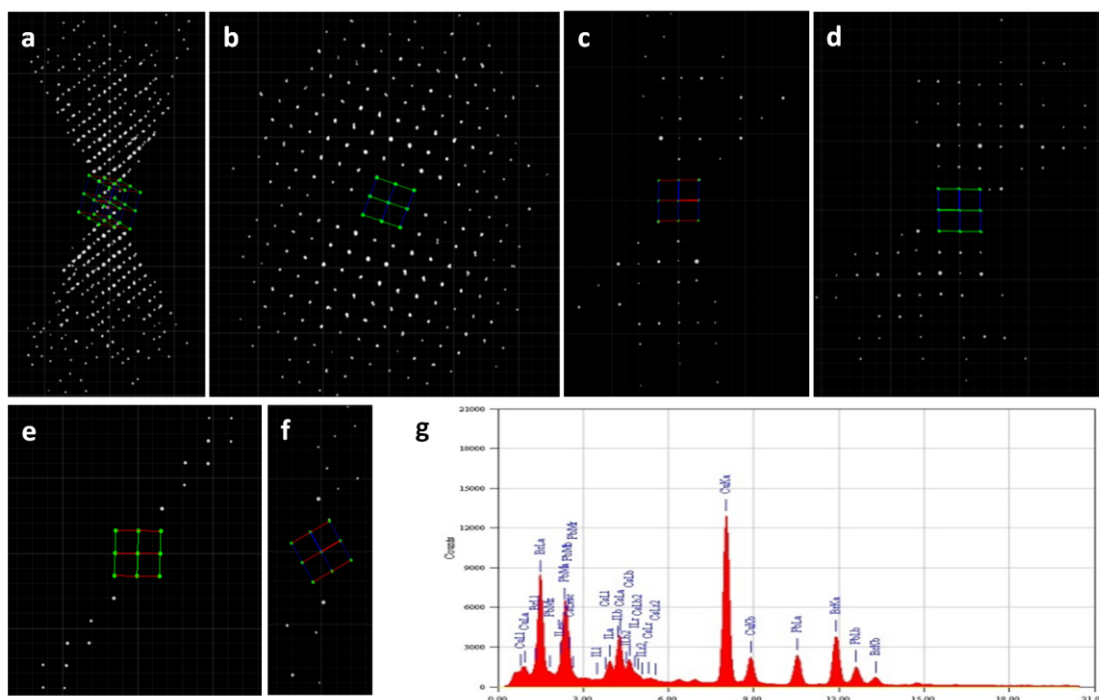
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Supplementary Figure 1. The phase transitions and optical properties. **a**, XRD patterns of the low-T phase obtained by exposure to water, methanol, and ethanol vapors, and standard low-T phase of CsPbI₃. **b**, The evolution of the characteristic XRD peaks of CsPbI₃ film over time during the high-T to low-T phase transition at RH = 70% (high-T peak: 14.9° (100); low-T peaks: 10.3° (002) and 13.6° (012)). **c**, Absorbance spectra of CsPbI₃ as a function of exposure time at RH = 80% during the phase transition. The inset shows the color change of the film.



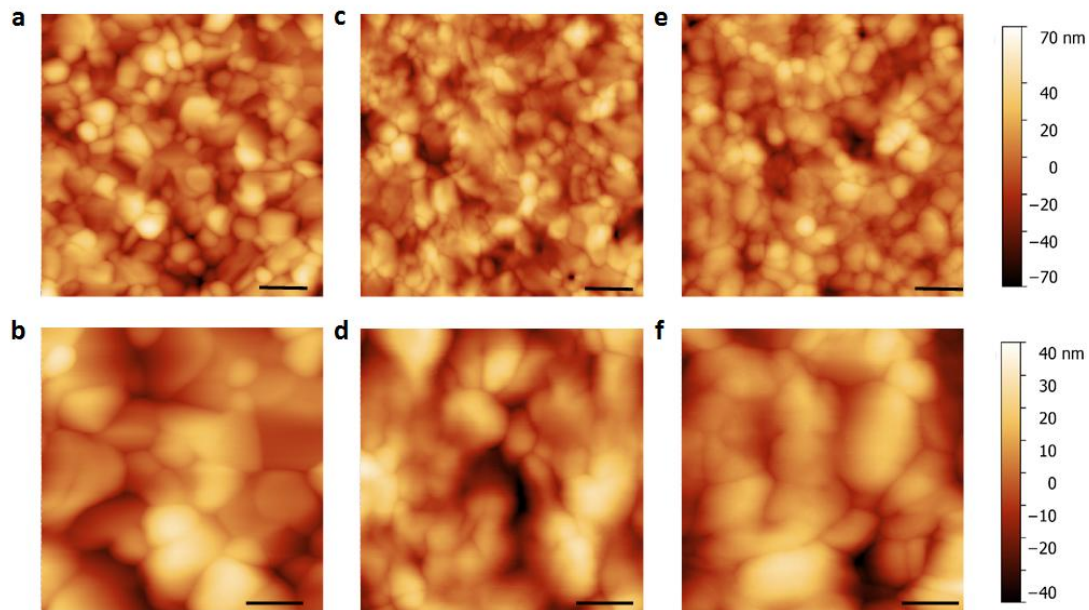
Supplementary Figure 2. Reconstructed 3D reciprocal lattice of the low-T phase from the RED data. **a**, The overview of 3D reciprocal lattice. **b**, The 3D reciprocal lattice along the a -axis. **c**, **d**, and **e** show the $hk0$, $h0l$, and $0kl$ planes. An orthorhombic unit cell could be used to index the RED data.



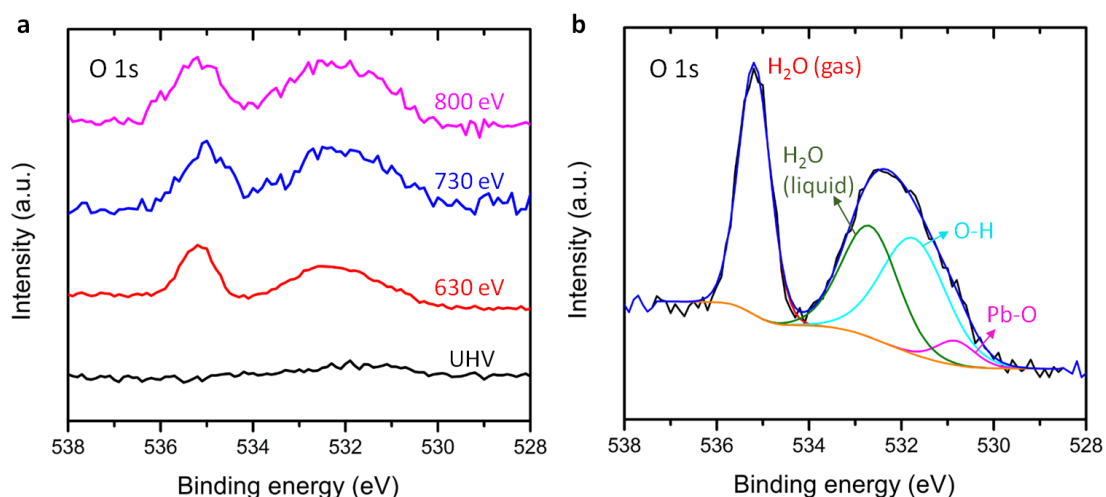
Supplementary Figure 3. Reconstructed 3D reciprocal lattice of the high-T phase from the RED data. **a**, The overview of 3D reciprocal lattice. **b**, The 3D reciprocal lattice along the a-axis. **c**, **d**, **e** and **f** show the $hk0$, $h0l$, $0kl$, and hhl planes. A cubic unit cell has been found for the high-T phase. **g**, The EDS shows that the composition of the material is CsPbIBr_2 (Cu is from copper grid for TEM).

Supplementary Table 1. The refined unit cell determined by RED combined with XRD data.

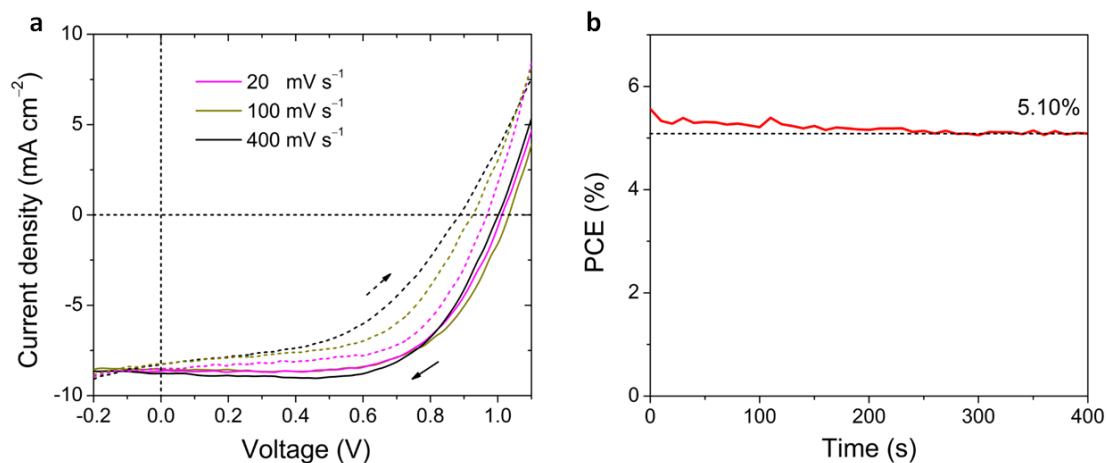
Phase	Composition	Space Group	Lattice Parameters (Å)	ICSD Number
Low-T	CsPbBr ₃	<i>Pmnb</i>	$a = 4.597, b = 9.721, c = 16.812$	28312
	CsPbIBr ₂	<i>Pmnb</i>	$a = 4.797, b = 9.982, c = 17.184$	
	CsPbI ₃	<i>Pnma</i>	$a = 4.797, b = 10.462, c = 17.788$	27979
High-T	CsPbBr ₃	<i>Pm-3m</i>	$a = 5.870$	97852
	CsPbIBr ₂	<i>Pm-3m</i>	$a = 5.926$	
	CsPbI ₃	<i>Pm-3m</i>	$a = 6.289$	1627096



Supplementary Figure 4. AFM surface topography of the CsPbIBr₂ film on a NiO_x layer (without top coating). a and b, As-synthesized high-T phase. c and d, Moisture-induced low-T phase. e and f, Re-converted high-T phase. The freshly formed high-T phase thin film features sharp-edged grains at the surface with distinct crystallographic orientations. After moisture or heating treatment, the grain surfaces become more smooth with the appearance of some striations within the grains. Root-mean-square (RMS) factors: **a, 15.56 nm, **c**, 16.93 nm, and **e**, 16.41 nm, respectively. Scale bars are (**a, c, e**) 500 nm and (**b, d, f**) 200 nm, respectively.**



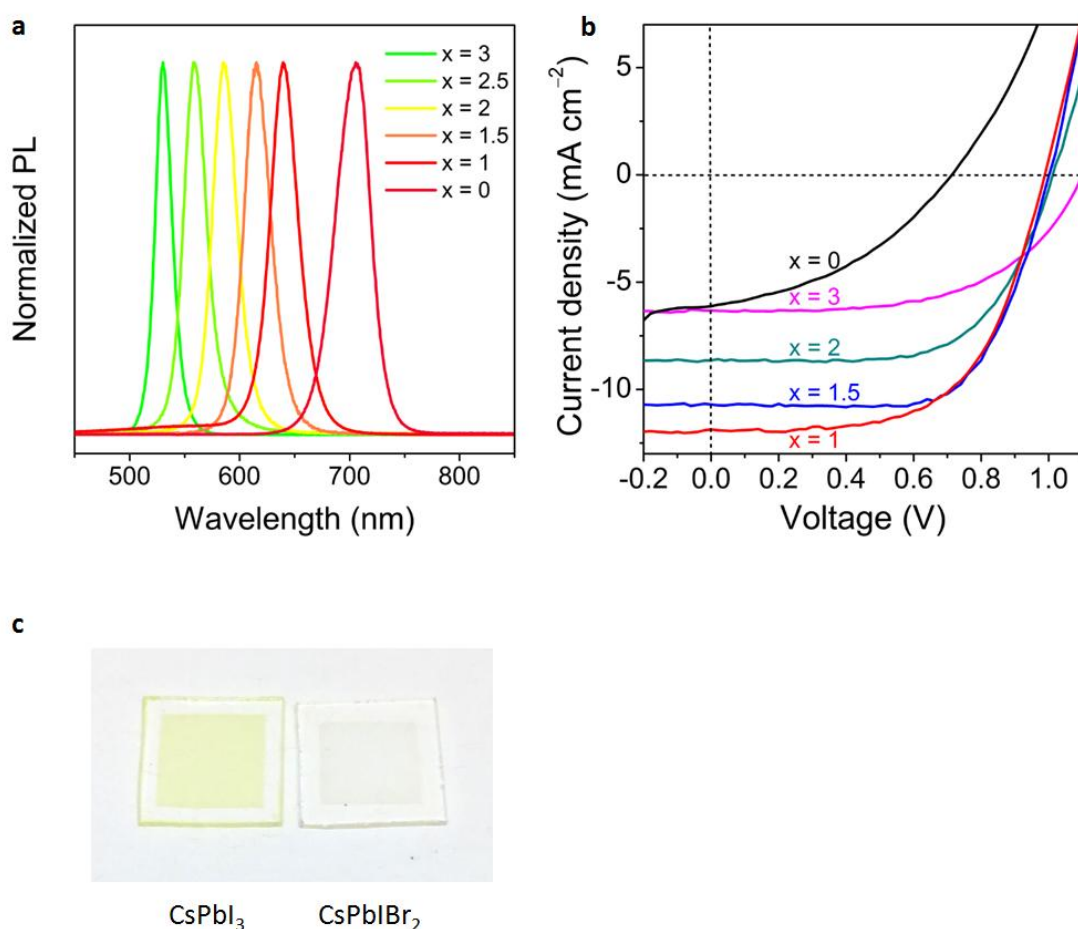
Supplementary Figure 5. In situ ambient pressure X-ray photoemission spectroscopy (AP-XPS) study. **a**, AP-XPS O 1s spectra of the high-T phase CsPbI₃ before (under UHV condition) and after exposure to H₂O (200 mTorr) and Ar (50 mTorr). At UHV condition, the O 1s peak is very weak, indicating the minimal oxygen contamination during the transfer of the sample to XPS chamber. Incident X-ray energies of 630, 730, and 800 eV were used to probe the O amount on the surface with different depth. The peak at 535.2 eV indicates the gaseous H₂O in the chamber, and its intensity would not change with time due to the consistent H₂O partial pressure in the chamber. The ratios of the surface adsorbed oxygen to gaseous H₂O at different probing depth after exposure to H₂O/Ar atmosphere are 1.825 (630 eV), 1.836 (730 eV), and 1.834 (800 eV), respectively. With increased incident X-ray energy, the surface oxygen amount has no obvious increase, indicating that H₂O is only adsorbed at the surface without diffusing into the lattice during the phase transition. **b**, Fitted AP-XPS spectrum of O 1s at 630 eV. The fitted peaks of the surface adsorbed oxygen are assigned mainly to liquid H₂O and O-H, and the lower peak to Pb-O bonding.



Supplementary Figure 6. Photovoltaic properties of the CsPbIBr₂ solar cell. a, The hysteresis behaviors under forward scan (dashed lines) and reverse scan (solid lines) directions with 20, 100, and 400 mV s⁻¹ scan rates. The solar cell shows $\Delta\text{PCE} < 10\%$ at a slow scan rate (20 mV s⁻¹) with respect to the scan direction. **b,** Stabilized power output under the constant voltage of 0.72 V.

Supplementary Table 2. Detailed device performance parameters corresponding to Supplementary Fig. 6a.

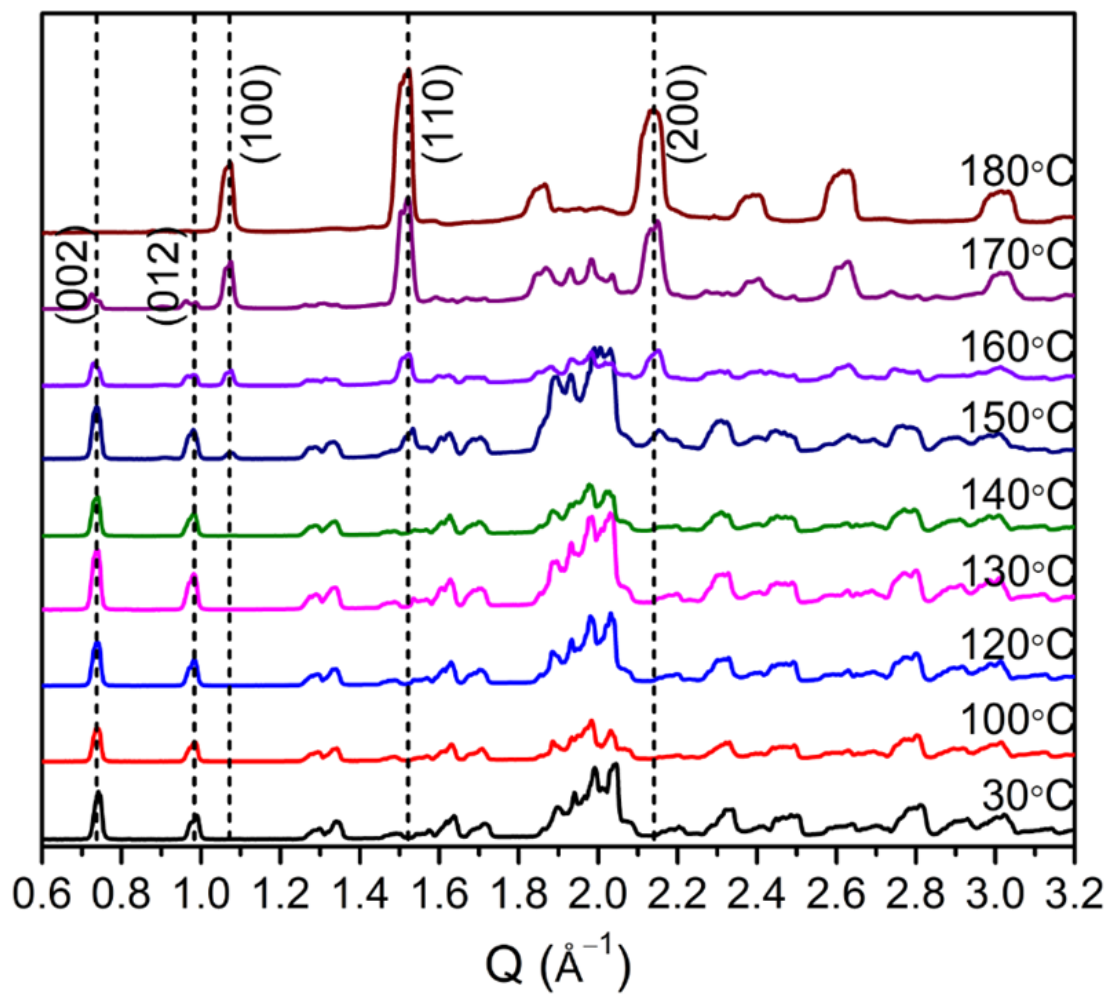
Scan direction	Scan rate (mV s⁻¹)	J_{SC} (mA cm⁻²)	V_{OC} (V)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
Reverse scan	20	8.65	1.01	63.6	5.57
	100	8.54	1.03	64.4	5.69
	400	8.77	1.00	65.0	5.71
Forward scan	20	8.53	0.97	61.4	5.08
	100	8.24	0.93	56.3	4.30
	400	8.28	0.89	49.2	3.61



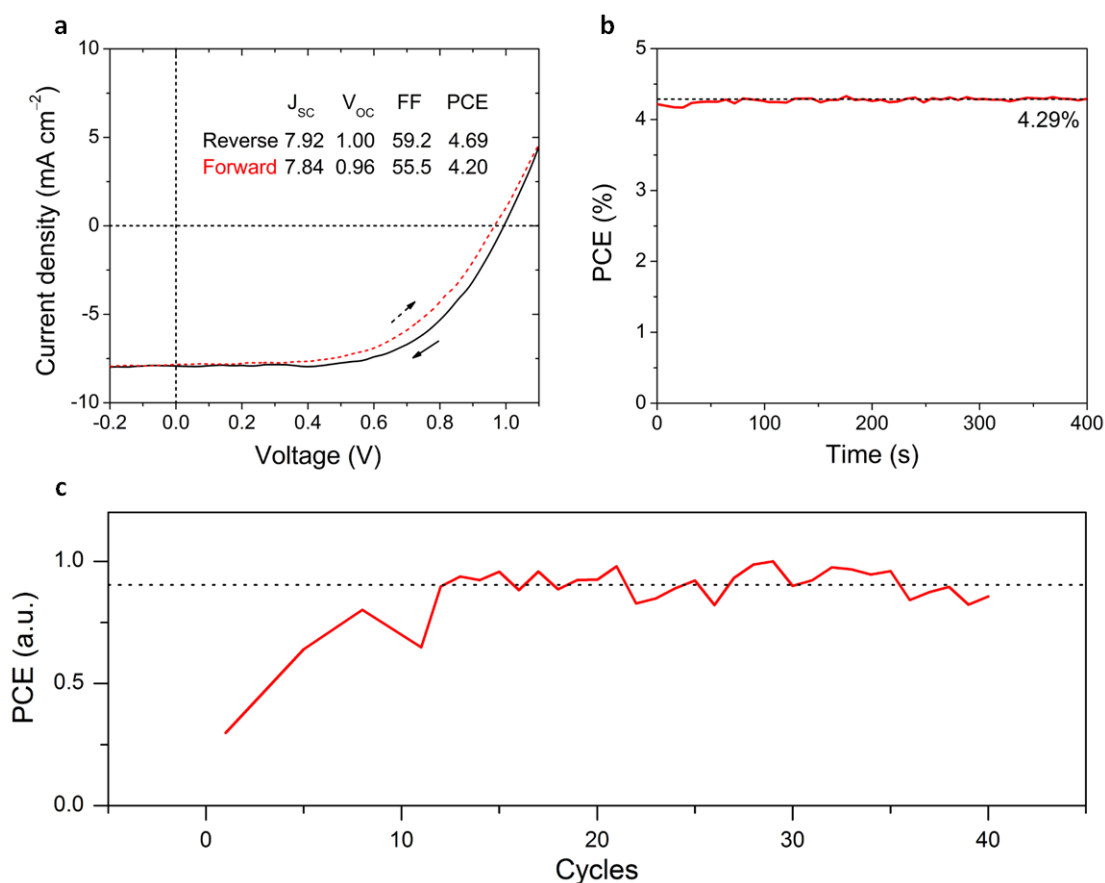
Supplementary Figure 7. The tunability of optical and photovoltaic properties of $\text{CsPbI}_{3-x}\text{Br}_x$ films. **a**, PL spectra with different compositions ($x = 0, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5$, and 3), showing spectral tunability across 530–705 nm. It is noted that high intensity laser beams may induce phase segregation during PL measurement. **b**, J-V curves of solar cell devices with different halide compositions (reverse scan at 20 mV s^{-1}). **c**, The photographs of the low-T phase CsPbI_3 (left) and CsPbIBr_2 (right) thin films. The CsPbI_3 low-T phase exhibits the yellow color, which is why it's colloquially called the "yellow phase", while the CsPbIBr_2 film we demonstrated here appears colorless in the low-T state.

Supplementary Table 3. Detailed device performance parameters corresponding to Supplementary Fig. 7b.

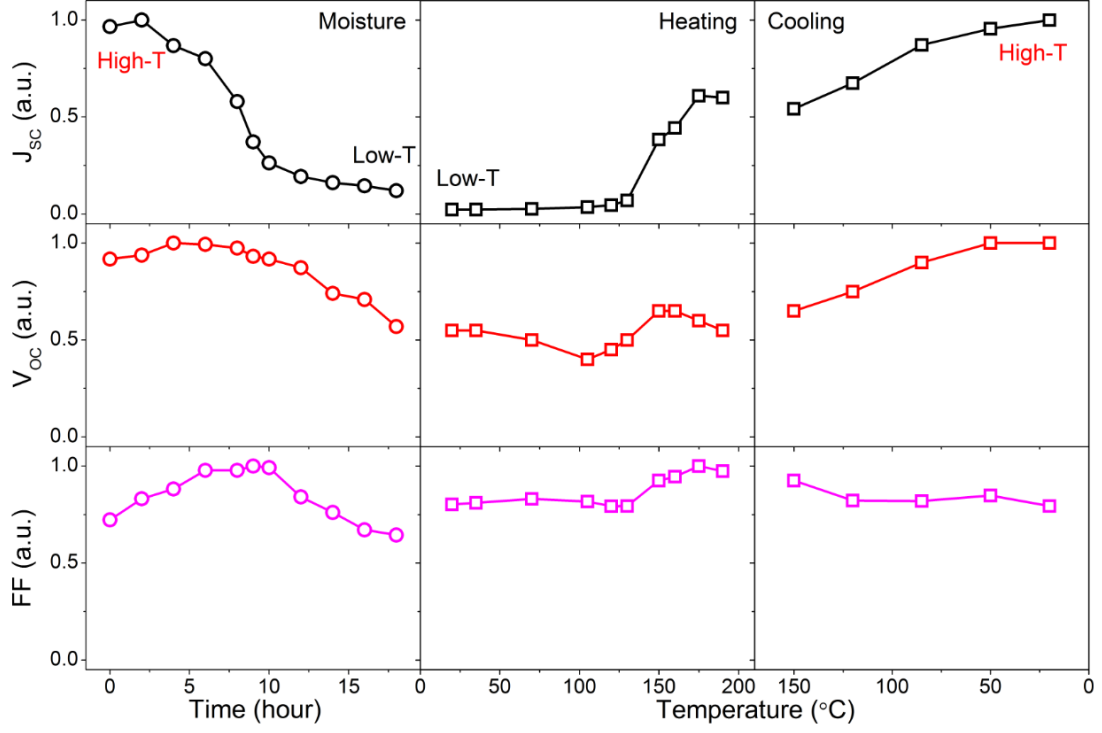
Scan direction	Composition x	J_{SC} (mA cm⁻²)	V_{OC} (V)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
Reverse scan	0	6.12	0.71	39.1	1.71
	1	11.86	0.99	60.5	7.10
	1.5	10.61	1.00	68.0	7.23
	2	8.65	1.01	63.6	5.57
	3	6.32	1.10	57.5	4.00
Forward scan	0	5.91	0.70	37.3	1.54
	1	11.42	0.98	57.9	6.47
	1.5	10.50	0.96	64.2	6.50
	2	8.53	0.97	61.4	5.08
	3	6.17	1.08	56.7	3.77



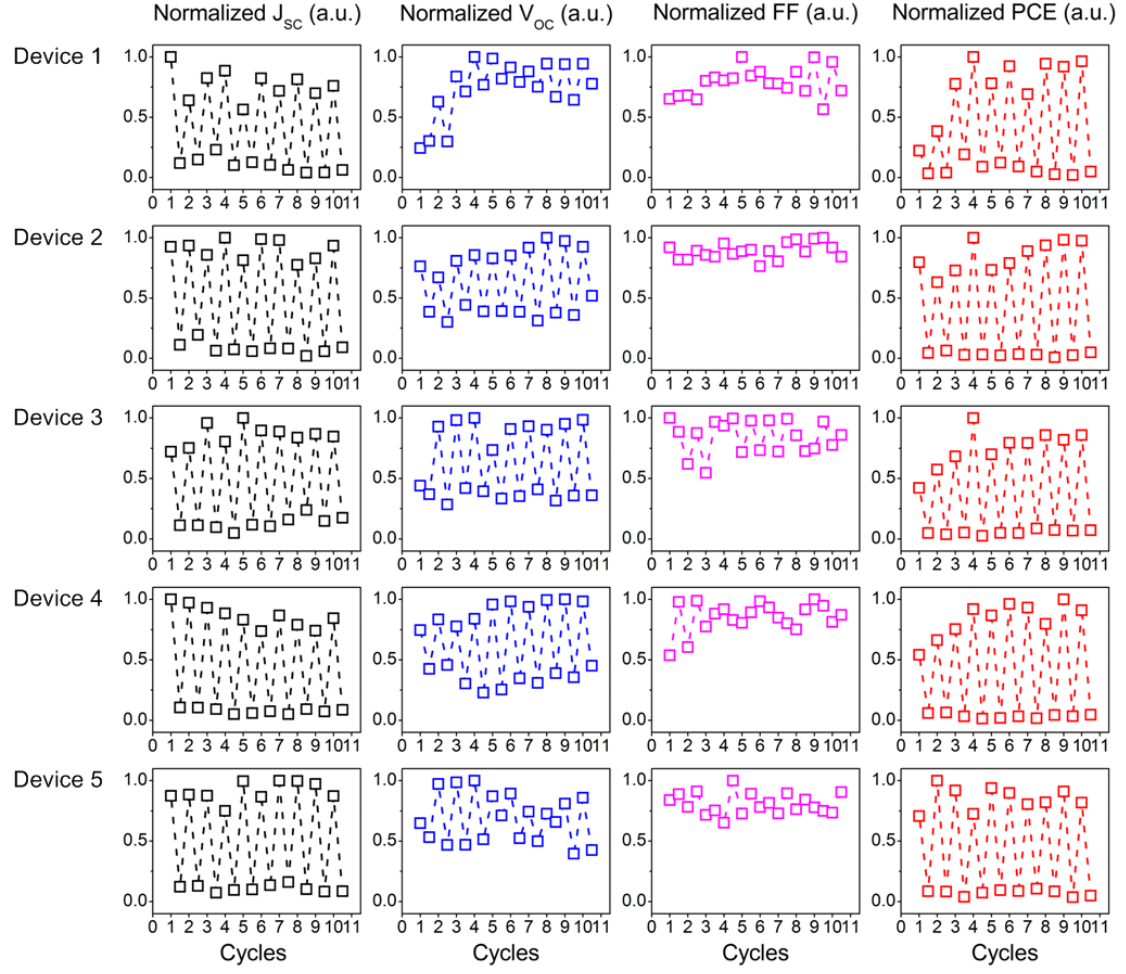
Supplementary Figure 8. Variable-temperature GIWAX measurement. The CsPbIBr₂ thin film shows a low-T to high-T phase transition starting at ~ 150 °C.



Supplementary Figure 9. Photovoltaic properties of the semi-transparent solar cell. **a**, The hysteresis behavior under forward scan (dashed line) and reverse scan (solid line) directions (20 mV s^{-1}). **b**, Stabilized power output under the constant voltage of 0.70 V. **c**, The power conversion efficiency (PCE) of the high-T phase over 40 transition cycles. In the initial several cycles, we observed an improvement in performance of the semi-transparent device, which is probably due to the improved crystallinity of the interlayer materials and the top ITO electrode.



Supplementary Figure 10. In situ observation of the evolution of the device performance. Variations of short-circuit current density (J_{sc}), open-circuit voltage (V_{oc}), and fill factor (FF) of the CsPbIBr₂ solar cell during the high-T to low-T and low-T to high-T phase transitions.



Supplementary Figure 11. The performance reversibility of the CsPbIBr₂ solar cells. The photovoltaic properties of five representative devices show similar variation trends during cycling.