



## Luminescent composite material based on porous silica microspheres with embedded CsPbBr<sub>3</sub> perovskite nanocrystals

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### Abstract:

Lead halide perovskite nanocrystals are attracting a lot of attention due to their superior optical properties, such as narrow emission bandwidths and high photoluminescence quantum yields [1]. This can be useful for the development of coherent light sources for the visualization in highly scattering media such as biological [2,3]. Still, they are far from utilization, since they can rather easily degrade under ambient conditions [4], in particular, at high humidity, temperature, and UV light exposure. This has triggered an on-going search for suitable protective host matrices [5]. We report a luminescent composite material based on porous silica microspheres (0.5 μm in diameter) with embedded CsPbBr<sub>3</sub> perovskite nanocrystals. This composite shows increased stability in terms of preserving photoluminescence of the CsPbBr<sub>3</sub> nanocrystals, while further encapsulation in polymer shells using sequential layer-by-layer (LbL) assembly of the oppositely charged polyelectrolytes poly(allylamine hydrochloride) and poly(sodium 4-styrenesulfonate) results in water-dispersible luminescent composite microparticles. The stability of their emission was evaluated and can be easily deposited onto both solid and flexible substrates and form thin, semitransparent films. Film samples were monitored for 3 months of storage at ambient conditions: the values of PL peak position, full width at half maximum, and integral intensity were estimated from Gaussian fitting. It has been shown that the PL peak position and width were almost unchanged and intensity kept 85% of the initial value during 7 days of storage in the ambient. The availability of such samples may expand the use of light-emitting perovskite nanocrystals in diverse biological applications, including imaging and sensing in highly scattering media.



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