

Record stability for fully passive perovskite-based X-ray detectors through the use of a polymeric template

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High sensitivity and efficient X-ray detectors are needed to promote and boost their application as tools in medical diagnostics and radiotherapy. Lead halide perovskites have emerged recently as a novel class of material for efficient X-ray detection. Although 3D perovskites possess very interesting optoelectronic properties they suffer from low environmental and operational stability. Here we report a strategy based on using starch as a polymeric template for the fabrication of stable thin film perovskite X-ray detectors. The proposed p-i-n photodiodes can operate with no external bias applied (fully passive devices), reaching a top sensitivity of $5.5 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{C Gy}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. The device degradation was monitored for sample stored in air for a time window of 630 days, demonstrating an exceptional stability: 97% of the initial sensitivity was retained for the best perovskite-starch composite formulation making it the most stable unencapsulated perovskite X-ray detector reported so far.

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