

Local structure and dynamics in methylammonium, formamidinium and cesium tin(II) mixed-halide perovskites from ^{119}Sn solid-state NMR

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Synthesis of the materials

MASnCl₆: MACl (68 mg, 1.00 mmol), SnCl₂ (190 mg, 1.00 mmol),

MASnBr₃: MABr (112 mg, 1.00 mmol), SnBr₂ (279 mg, 1.00 mmol),

MASnI₃: MAI (159 mg, 1.00 mmol), SnI₂ (373 mg, 1.00 mmol),

MASnCl_{2.7}Br_{0.3}: MACl (61 mg, 0.9 mmol), MABr (11 mg, 0.1 mmol), SnCl₂ (171 mg, 0.9 mmol), SnBr₂ (28 mg, 0.1 mmol)

MASnCl_{2.1}Br_{0.9}: MACl (47 mg, 0.7 mmol), MABr (34 mg, 0.3 mmol), SnCl₂ (133 mg, 0.7 mmol), SnBr₂ (84 mg, 0.3 mmol)

MASnCl_{1.5}Br_{1.5}: MACl (34 mg, 0.5 mmol), MABr (56 mg, 0.5 mmol), SnCl₂ (95 mg, 0.5 mmol), SnBr₂ (139 mg, 0.5 mmol)

MASnCl_{2.7}I_{0.3}: MACl (61 mg, 0.9 mmol), MAI (16 mg, 0.1 mmol), SnCl₂ (171 mg, 0.9 mmol), SnI₂ (37 mg, 0.1 mmol)

MASnBr_{0.9}I_{2.1}: MABr (34 mg, 0.3 mmol), MAI (111 mg, 0.7 mmol), SnBr₂ (84 mg, 0.3 mmol), SnI₂ (261 mg, 0.7 mmol)

MASnBr_{1.5}I_{1.5}: MABr (56 mg, 0.5 mmol), MAI (79 mg, 0.5 mmol), SnBr₂ (139 mg, 0.5 mmol), SnI₂ (186 mg, 0.5 mmol)

MASnBr_{2.1}I_{0.9}: MABr (78 mg, 0.7 mmol), MAI (48 mg, 0.3 mmol), SnBr₂ (195 mg, 0.7 mmol), SnI₂ (112 mg, 0.3 mmol)

MASnBr_{2.55}I_{0.45}: MABr (95 mg, 0.85 mmol), MAI (24 mg, 0.25 mmol), SnBr₂ (237 mg, 0.85 mmol), SnI₂ (56 mg, 0.25 mmol)

MASnBr_{2.7}I_{0.3}: MABr (101 mg, 0.9 mmol), MAI (16 mg, 0.1 mmol), SnBr₂ (251 mg, 0.9 mmol), SnI₂ (37 mg, 0.1 mmol)

MA₂SnBr₆: MABr (224 mg, 2.00 mmol), SnBr₄ (438 mg, 1.00 mmol),

MA₂SnI₆: MAI (318 mg, 2.00 mmol), SnI₄ (626 mg, 1.00 mmol),

FASnI₃: FAI (172 mg, 1.00 mmol), SnI₂ (373 mg, 1.00 mmol),

FASnBr₃: FABr (125 mg, 1.00 mmol), SnBr₂ (279 mg, 1.00 mmol),

FASnCl₃: FACl (81 mg, 1.00 mmol), SnCl₂ (190 mg, 1.00 mmol),

MA_{0.5}FA_{0.5}SnBr₃: MABr (56 mg, 0.5 mmol), FABr (62 mg, 0.5 mmol), SnBr₂ (279 mg, 1.00 mmol),

MA_{0.5}FA_{0.5}SnCl₃: MACl (34 mg, 0.5 mmol), FACl (40 mg, 0.5 mmol), SnCl₂ (190 mg, 1.00 mmol),

CsSnI₃: Csl (260 mg, 1.00 mmol), SnI₂ (373 mg, 1.00 mmol),

CsSnBr₃: CsBr (213 mg, 1.00 mmol), SnBr₂ (279 mg, 1.00 mmol),

CsSnCl₃: CsCl (168 mg, 1.00 mmol), SnCl₂ (190 mg, 1.00 mmol),

CsSnCl_{1.5}Br_{1.5}: CsCl (168 mg, 1.00 mmol), SnCl₂ (95 mg, 0.5 mmol), SnBr₂ (139 mg, 0.5 mmol),

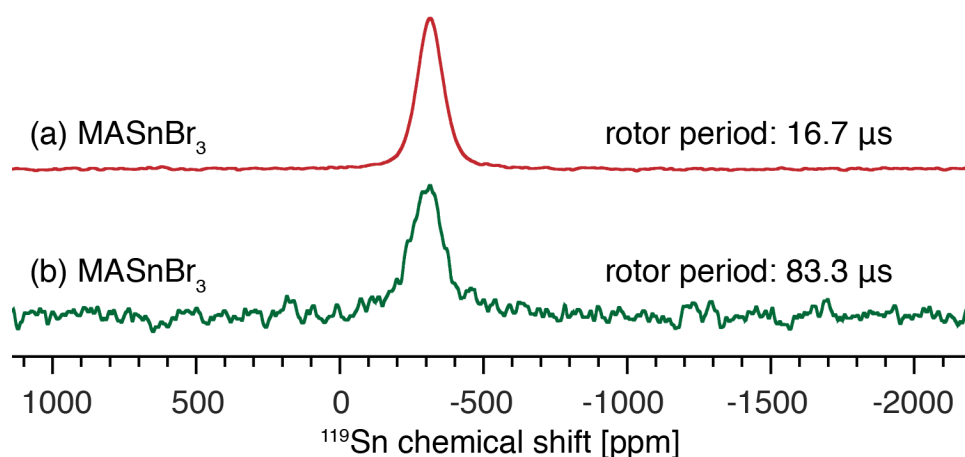


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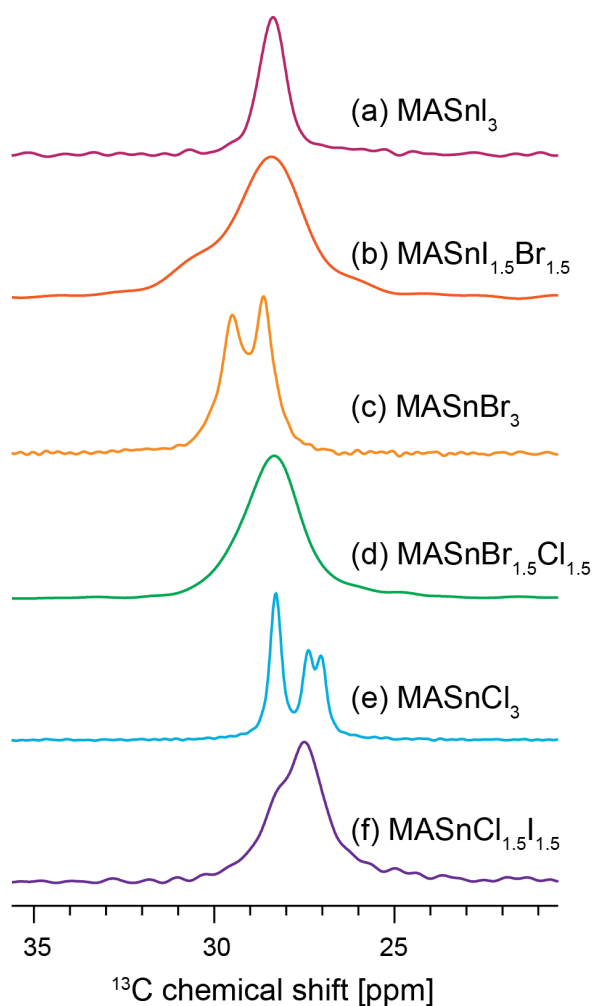


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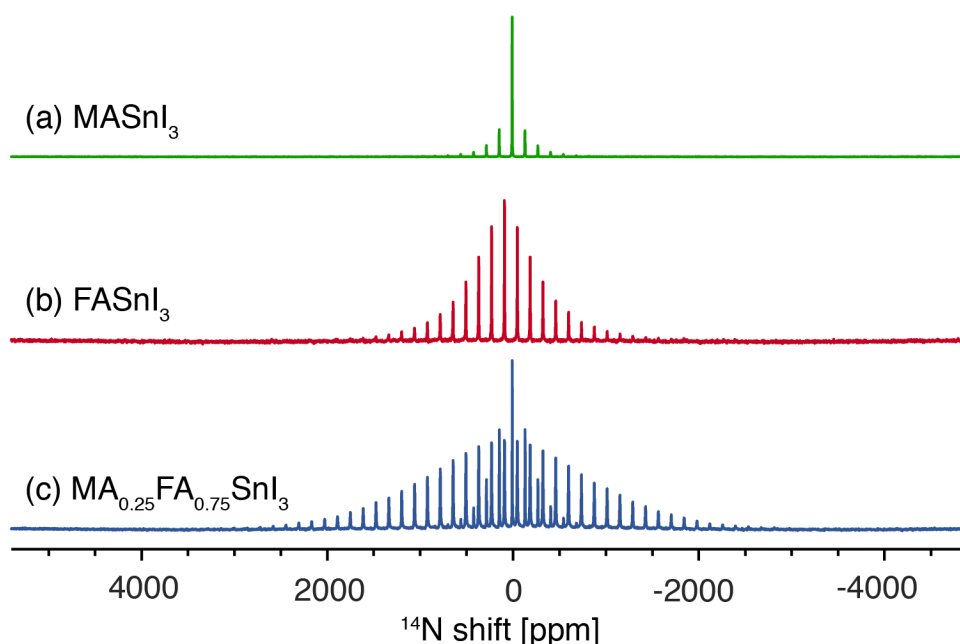


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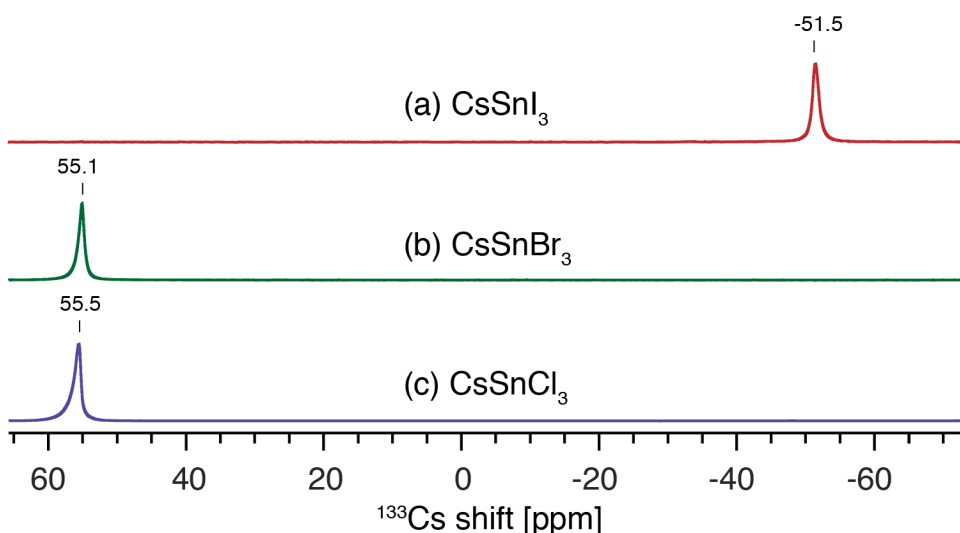


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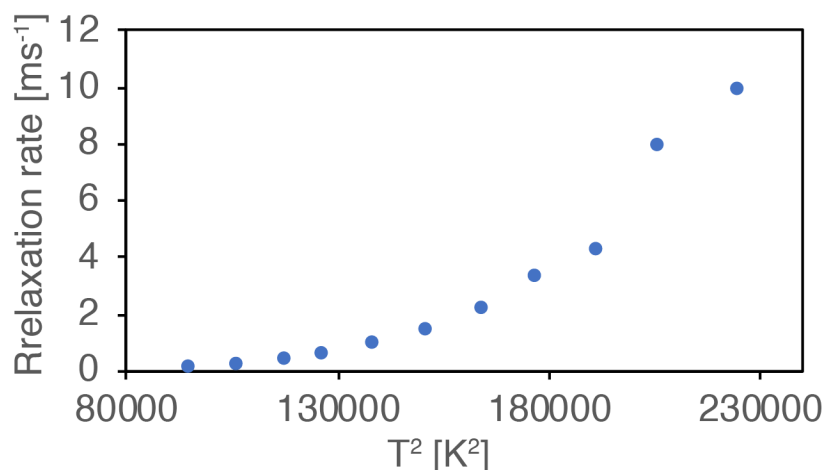


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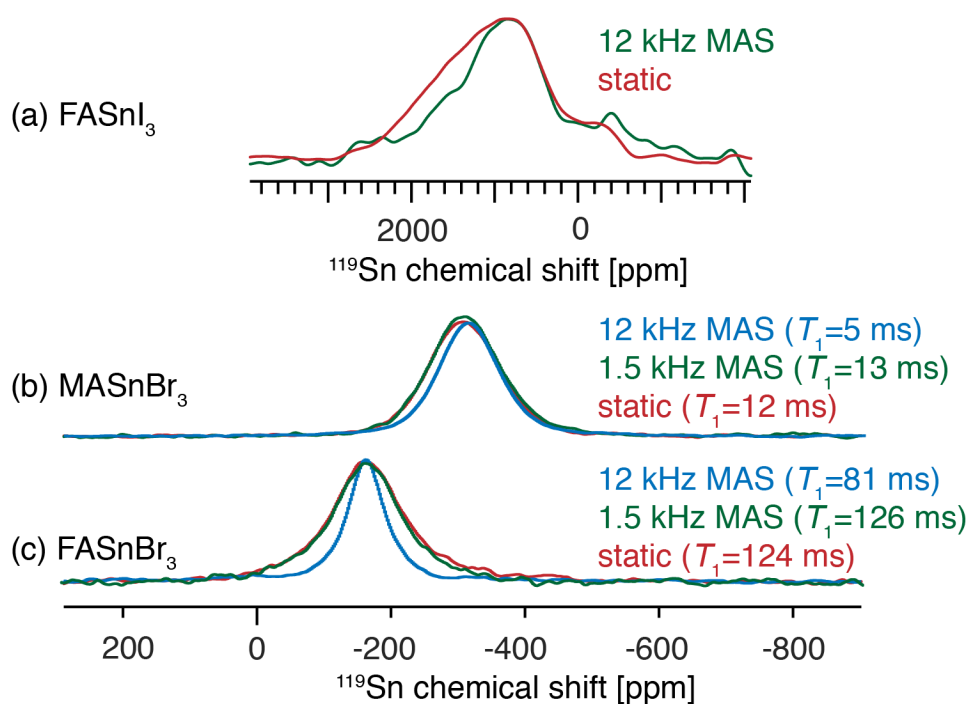


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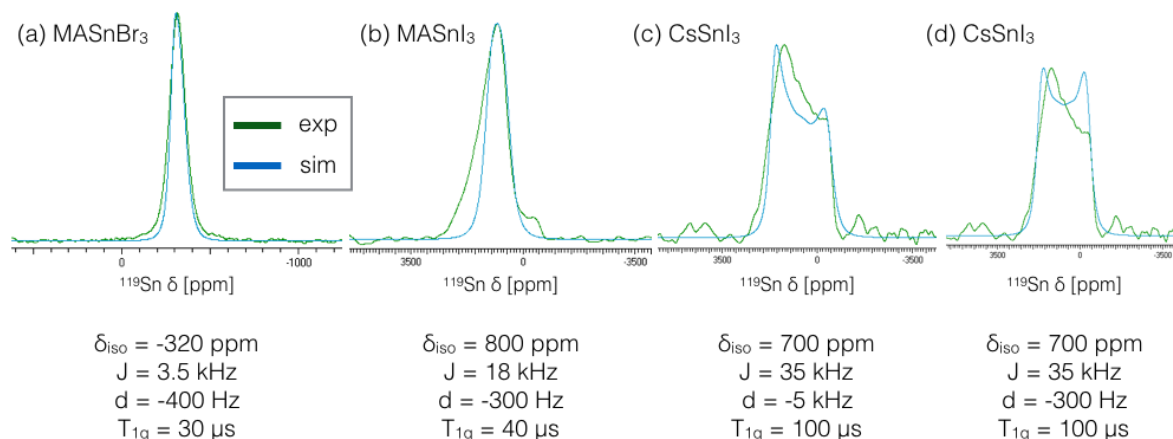


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Supplementary Note 1

It is worth noting that the CSA patterns of MASnCl_{1.5}Br_{1.5} (fig. 2f) and MASnBr_{2.55}I_{0.45} (fig. 3g) yield a single ¹¹⁹Sn peak while a sizeable CSA is expected in these cases due to asymmetric coordination of the tin(II) site. Taking a typical value of ¹¹⁹Sn CSA spanning 100 kHz, the dynamic process which leads to its averaging has to occur at a faster rate, *i.e.* with a correlation time shorter than $1/(100 \text{ kHz}) = 10 \mu\text{s}$. Since the previously determined halide hopping rates ($>0.1 \text{ GHz}$) correspond to correlation times $<10 \text{ ns}$, halide hopping might be the source of CSA averaging.

Supplementary Note 2

Estimation of the ¹¹⁹Sn T_1 minimum in the dipole-dipole relaxation mechanism for ¹¹⁹Sn coupled to ⁷⁹Br at 4.7 T:

$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \frac{4}{30} \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{\gamma_{\text{Sn}}^2 \gamma_{\text{Br}}^2 \hbar}{r^6} S(S+1) \left(\frac{\tau}{1 + (\omega_{\text{Sn}} - \omega_{\text{Br}})^2 \tau^2} + \frac{3\tau}{1 + \omega_{\text{Sn}}^2 \tau^2} + \frac{6\tau}{1 + (\omega_{\text{Sn}} + \omega_{\text{Br}})^2 \tau^2} \right)$$

where:

permeability of free space, $\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ V}\cdot\text{s}/(\text{A}\cdot\text{m})$

Planck constant, $\hbar = 1.054 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$

^{119}Sn gyromagnetic ratio, $\gamma_{\text{Sn}} = -10.03170 \cdot 10^7 \text{ rad}/(\text{T}\cdot\text{s})$

^{79}Br gyromagnetic ratio, $\gamma_{\text{Br}} = 6.72562 \cdot 10^7 \text{ rad}/(\text{T}\cdot\text{s})$

^{119}Sn - ^{79}Br distance in the crystal structure, $r = 2.945 \text{ \AA} = 2.945 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

^{119}Sn Larmor frequency, $\omega_{\text{Sn}} = 74.581 \cdot 10^6 \text{ Hz}$

^{79}Br Larmor frequency, $\omega_{\text{Br}} = 50.108 \cdot 10^6 \text{ Hz}$

spin of ^{79}Br , $S = 3/2$

correlation time, τ – an adjustable parameter

A T_1 minimum of 4.8 s is obtained for $\tau=13 \text{ ns}$.

Putting ^{81}Br gyromagnetic ratio, $\gamma_{\text{Br}} = 7.24978 \cdot 10^7 \text{ rad}/(\text{T}\cdot\text{s})$ and ^{81}Br Larmor frequency, $\omega_{\text{Br}} = 54.0 \cdot 10^6 \text{ Hz}$, one obtains a T_1 minimum of 4.2 s for $\tau=13 \text{ ns}$.

Supplementary Note 3

The following considerations have been used to distinguish between scalar relaxation of the first and second kind:

If the system is in the extreme narrowing limit for the $^{79/81}\text{Br } T_{1Q}$, as the temperature increases:

(i) $^{79/81}\text{Br } T_{1Q}$ gets longer, $^{119}\text{Sn } T_2$ gets shorter (since the flipping of the quadrupole partner gets slower).

(ii) Exchange due to halide hopping gets faster. $^{119}\text{Sn } T_2$ gets longer (since the hopping of the quadrupole partner gets faster)

If the system is in the slow motion limit for the $^{79/81}\text{Br } T_{1Q}$, as the temperature increases:

(i) $^{79/81}\text{Br } T_{1Q}$ gets shorter, $^{119}\text{Sn } T_2$ gets longer (since the flipping of the quadrupole partner gets faster).

(ii) Exchange due to halide hopping gets faster. $^{119}\text{Sn } T_2$ gets longer (since the hopping of the quadrupole partner gets faster)

It is therefore only possible to distinguish between scalar relaxation of the first and second kind based on ^{119}Sn line widths if the system is in the extreme narrowing limit. While variable-temperature relaxation measurements of $^{79/81}\text{Br } T_{1Q}$ are impractical due to a very large quadrupole coupling constant in MASnBr_3 , we corroborate that $^{119}\text{Sn } T_1$ is determined by halide hopping (scalar relaxation of the first kind) based on the resulting activation energy:

1. The activation energy obtained from variable-temperature $^{119}\text{Sn } T_1$ measurements matches well that from electrical measurements (Table 1 in the main text). The

thermally activated process which is being probed is therefore halide hopping. This confirms that relaxation is driven by halide hopping (i.e. scalar, 1st kind).

- Scalar relaxation of the second kind would lead to an activation energy of the process which drives $^{79/81}\text{Br } T_{1Q}$, which is typically a Raman process related to lattice modes. Since Raman and phonon spectra fall in the far infrared to THz range, the activation energies corresponding to those processes are <0.03 eV, i.e. an order of magnitude less than what is found experimentally.

Details of NMR measurements

Table S1. Chemical shifts and peak widths of the multi-field variable-temperature T_1 relaxation data of MASnBr_3 , measured using a saturation recovery sequence and a Hahn echo in the quasi-static regime: total echo duration 40 μs at 17.6 and 4.7 T, and 66.7 μs at 9.4 T. The uncertainties of the monoexponential T_1 fit are $<1\%$.

Magnetic field strength: 17.6 T

Temperature [K]	^{119}Sn chemical shift [ppm]	fwhm [kHz]	T_1 [ms]
308	-315	10.7	9.66
326	-312	10.9	5.47
343	-310	9.5	2.95
356	-306	8.6	1.87
372	-302	7.8	1.12
389	-298	6.6	0.706
405	-293	5.6	0.465
421	-287	5.8	0.305
438	-281	5.9	0.235
454	-275	7.0	0.127
474	-267	6.8	0.101
490	-266	9.9	n.d. (decomposition)

Magnetic field strength: 9.4 T

Temperature	^{119}Sn chemical shift [ppm]	fwhm [kHz]	T_1 [ms]
253	-322	10.7	201
268	-324	11.6	78
286	-317	10.8	30
313	-313	10.1	10
347	-307	8.2	3.3

Magnetic field strength: 4.7 T

Temperature	^{119}Sn chemical shift [ppm]	fwhm [kHz]	T_1 [ms]
317	-334	10.5	8.271
339	-314	8.7	4.151
347	-310	7.5	2.426
360	-314	6.9	1.644
368	-310	6.1	1.138
382	-306	4.7	0.653

393	-302	3.9	0.442
405	-300	4.2	0.329
418	-295	4.3	0.196
431	-291	4.3	0.133
455	-286	5.8	0.071

Table S2. An Arrhenius fit of the T_1 relaxation data (abscissa: $1/T$, ordinate: $\ln(T_1/s)$) to the equation: $y = a + b \cdot x$ for MASnBr_3 . The errors of the least-squares fit are given as one standard deviation. The error of the average is given as one standard deviation of the average. $R = 8.3144598 \text{ J/(K}\cdot\text{mol)}$.

magnetic field strength [T]	a	b	$E_a = b \cdot R/1000$ [kJ/mol]
17.6	-18.01 ± 0.15	4165 ± 57	34.1 ± 0.5
9.4	-16.75 ± 0.41	3811 ± 12	31.8 ± 0.1
4.7	-20.74 ± 0.29	5123 ± 11	42.7 ± 0.1
		average:	36.2 ± 5.7

Table S3. ^{119}Sn T_1 values measured using a saturation-recovery sequence and fitted using a monoexponential function. The uncertainties of the fit are $<1\%$.

compound	^{119}Sn T_1 [s]
MASnCl_3	60
$\text{MASnCl}_{2.7}\text{Br}_{0.3}$	29.7
$\text{MASnCl}_{2.1}\text{Br}_{0.9}$	2.59
$\text{MASnCl}_{1.5}\text{Br}_{1.5}$	0.352
MASnBr_3	0.0053
$\text{MASnBr}_{2.7}\text{I}_{0.3}$	0.0011
$\text{MASnBr}_{2.1}\text{I}_{0.9}$	0.000164
MASnI_3	0.000545
$\beta\text{-Sn}$	0.00012
SnCl_2	26.4
SnBr_2	1.12
SnI_2	0.528
SnBr_4	1.95
SnI_4	11.5
MA_2SnBr_6	9.9
MA_2SnI_6	0.001

Table S4. Acquisition and processing parameters used for the spectra in the main text.

^{119}Sn spectra					
composition	Figure	recycle delay [s]	number of scans	acquisition time [min]	Lorentzian apodization [Hz]
SnCl_2	2	34	32	18	200
SnBr_2		1.5	6204	155	1000
MASnCl_3		50	1384	1153	500
$\text{MASnCl}_{2.7}\text{Br}_{0.3}$		40	1752	1168	500

MASnCl _{2.1} Br _{0.9}		3	1892	95	4000	
MASnCl _{1.5} Br _{1.5}		0.5	3900	33	1000	
MASnBr ₃		0.05	4096	3	1000	
SnBr ₄		2.5	2260	94	1000	
MA ₂ SnBr ₆		13	680	147	2000	
SnI ₂	3	1	2224	37	2000	
MASnI ₃		0.01	32768 ×3 offsets	16	20000	
MASnCl _{2.7} I _{0.3} (fast)		0.05	55800	47	10000	
MASnCl _{2.7} I _{0.3} (slow)		50	2008	1673	100	
MASnBr _{0.9} I _{2.1}		0.01	3654026	609	10000	
MASnBr _{1.5} I _{1.5}		0.01	142604	24	10000	
MASnBr _{2.1} I _{0.9}		0.01	135088	23	8000	
MASnBr _{2.55} I _{0.45}		0.001	81060	1	1000	
MASnBr _{2.7} I _{0.3}		0.05	21940	18	2000	
SnI ₄		20	1832	611	2000	
MA ₂ SnI ₆		0.005	55980	5	1000	
FASnI ₃		4	0.01	31624 ×5 offsets	26	20000
CsSnI ₃			0.001	420560 ×3 offsets	21	20000
CsSnBr ₃			0.01	53028	9	1000
MA _{0.5} FA _{0.5} SnBr ₃			0.015	10240	3	1000
FASnBr ₃	0.1		2048	3	1000	
MA _{0.5} FA _{0.5} SnCl ₃	60		1240	1240	500	
FASnCl ₃	60		964	964	500	
CsSnCl ₃ (monoclinic)	60		876	876	500	
CsSnCl ₃ (cubic)	5		128	11	200	
CsSnCl _{1.5} Br _{1.5}	0.5		3300	28	100	
MASnBr ₃ (degraded)	5	13	4972	1077	500	
SnO ₂		12	128	26	100	
SnO ₂ + 10 mol% SnBr ₂		12	356	71	100	
FASnBr ₃ (degraded at RT)		13	4796	1039	1000	
FASnBr ₃ (degraded at 250 °C)		13		0		
CsSnBr ₃ (degraded), perovskite region		0.01	53028	9	1000	
CsSnBr ₃ (degraded), decomposition products		13	968	210	2000	
MASnI ₃ (degraded), perovskite region		0.01	32768	5	10000	
MASnI ₃ (degraded), MA ₂ SnI ₆ region		0.005	55980	5	1000	

MASnI ₃ (degraded), SnO ₂ region		12	2280	456	1000
MASnI ₃ (degraded), β -Sn region		0.001	12240000	965*	2000
FASnI ₃ (degraded)		0.005	46844	4	1000
CsSnI ₃ (degraded)		0.1	58112	97	1000
β -tin (metal)		0.01	15892	3	2000

*comprising safety delays to reduce the duty cycle of the probe (effective recycle delay of 4.7 ms)

Table S5. Summary of the degradation products of tin(II) halide perovskites detected using ¹¹⁹Sn MAS NMR. Note that not all possible degradation products were detected for all samples - see the discussion in the main text for details.

Material	Degradation conditions	Figure in the main text	Detected degradation products
MASnBr ₃	1 h at 250 °C in air	5b	MA ₂ SnBr ₆ , SnO ₂ , (SnBr ₄)
FASnBr ₃	5 days at RT, in air	5f	FA ₂ SnBr ₆ , SnO ₂ ,
FASnBr ₃	Same sample as above + 0.5 h at 250 °C in air	5g	FA ₂ SnBr ₆ , SnO ₂ ,
CsSnBr ₃	0.5 h at 350 °C in air	5i	Cs ₂ SnBr ₆ , SnO ₂
MASnI ₃	1 h at 150 °C in air	5k	MA ₂ SnI ₆ , SnO ₂ , metallic tin
FASnI ₃	1 h at RT in air	5m	FA ₂ SnI ₆
CsSnI ₃	3 h at 100 °C in air	5o	Cs ₂ SnI ₆

XRD data

Powder X-ray diffraction patterns were recorded on an X'Pert MPD PRO (Panalytical) diffractometer equipped with a ceramic tube (Cu anode, $\lambda = 1.54060 \text{ \AA}$), a secondary graphite (002) monochromator and an RTMS X'Celerator (Panalytical) in an angle range of $2\theta = 5^\circ$ to 40° , by step scanning with a step of 0.02 degree.

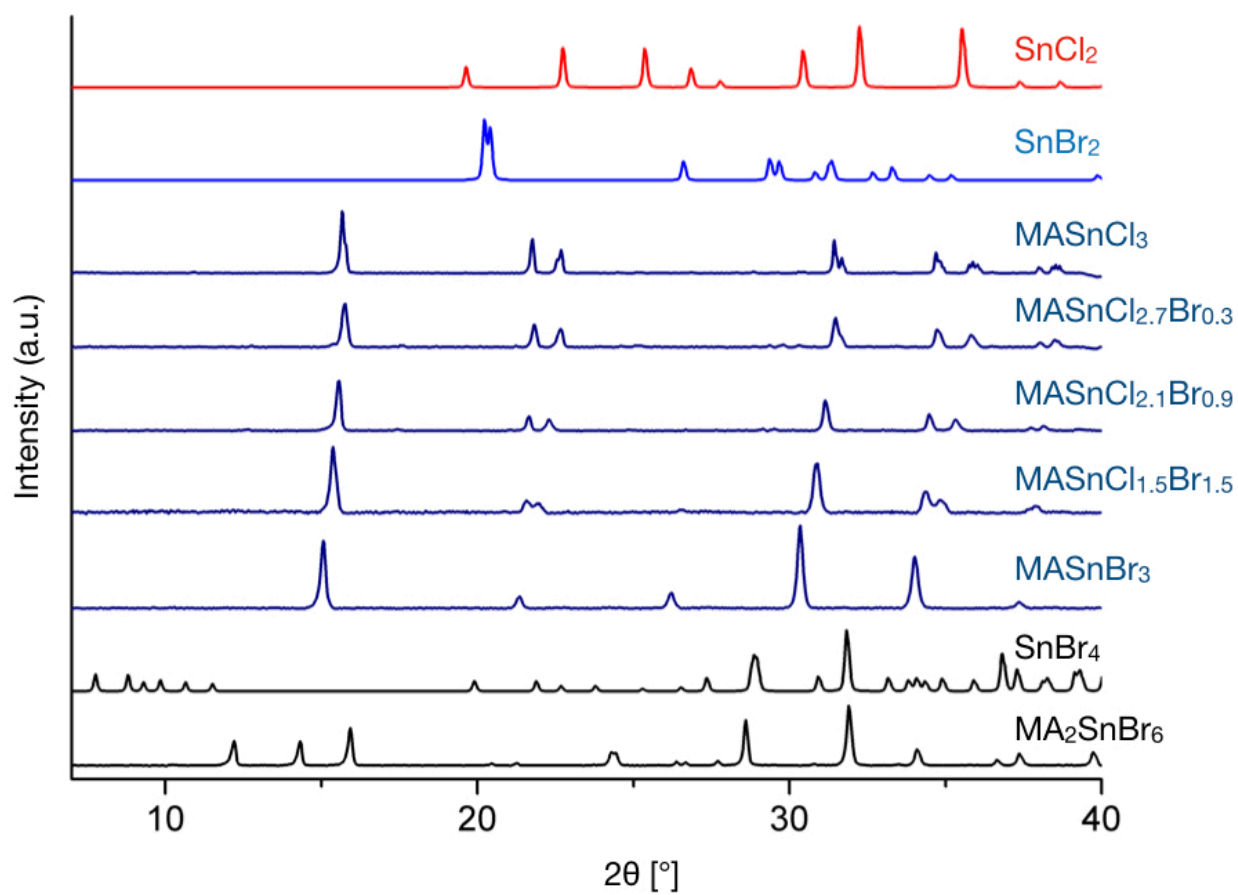


Figure S8. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of the materials reported in Figure 2 of the main text.

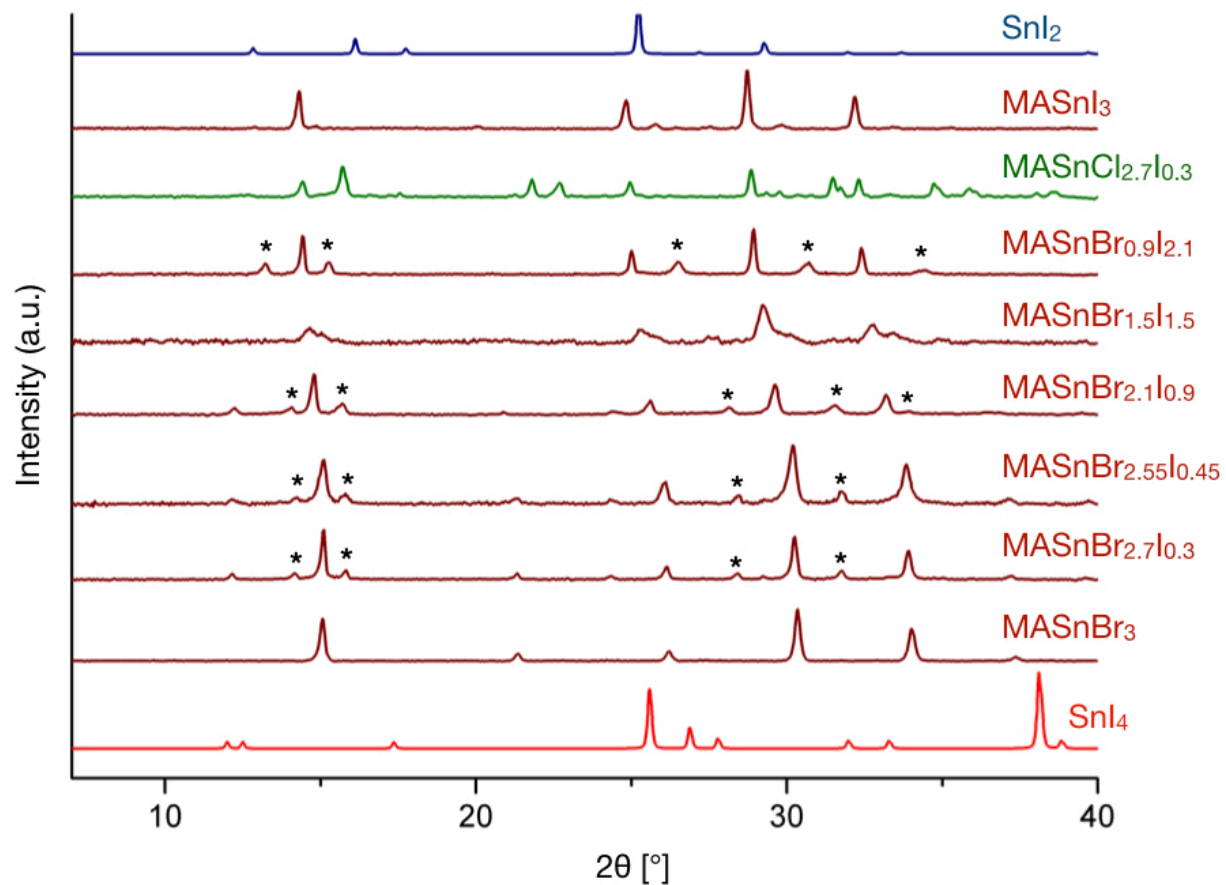


Figure S9. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of the materials reported in Figure 3 of the main text. The asterisks indicate the corresponding oxidized A_2SnX_6 phase which slowly forms during the XRD measurement which is carried out in air.

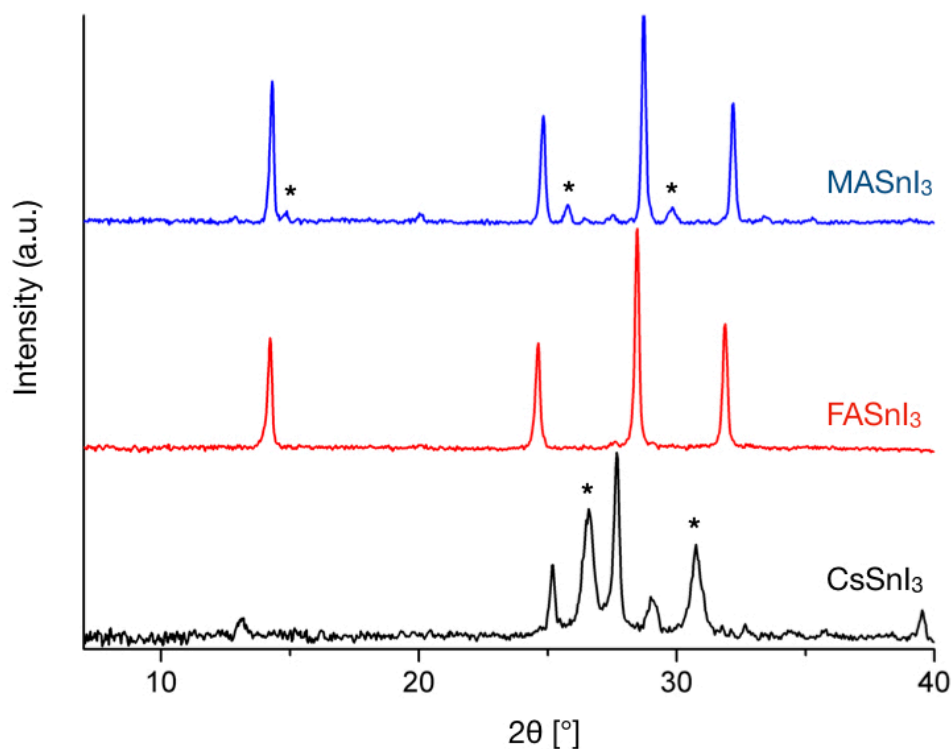


Figure S10. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of the materials reported in Figure 4a-c of the main text. The asterisks indicate the corresponding oxidized A_2SnX_6 phase which slowly forms during the XRD measurement which is carried out in air.

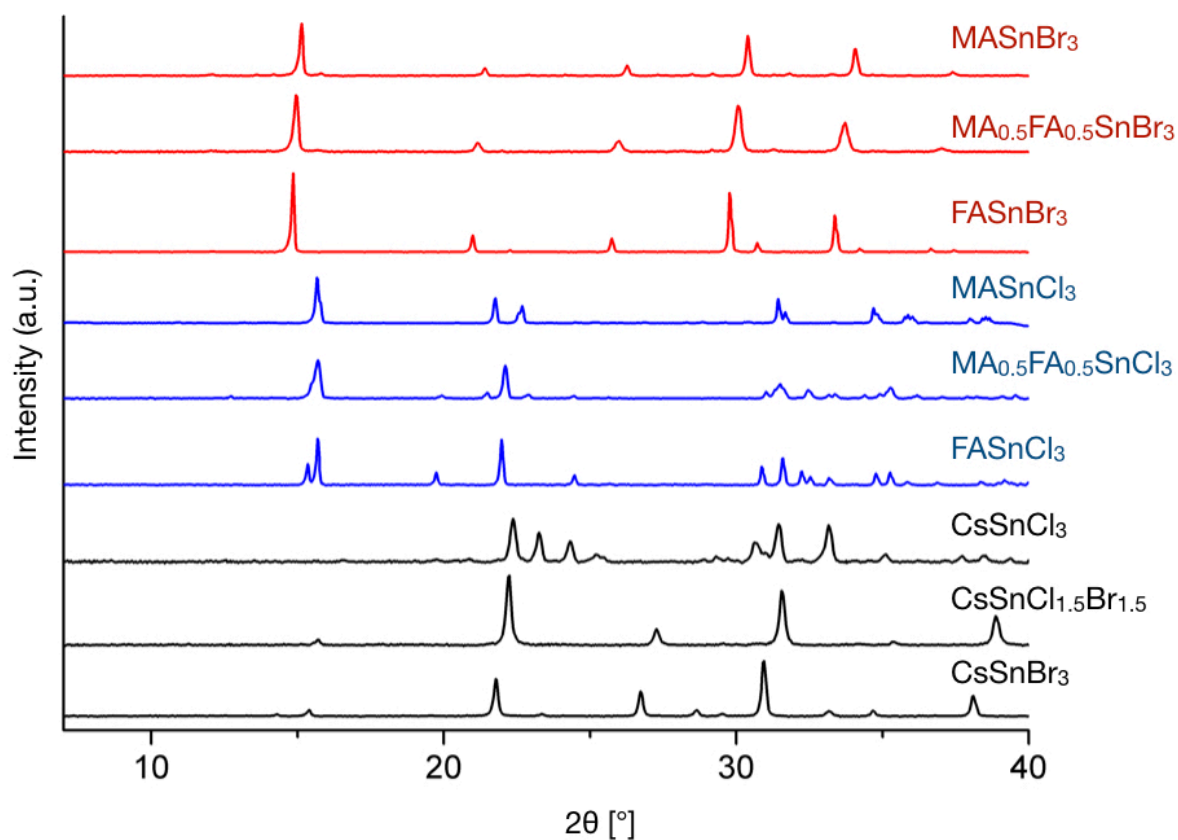


Figure S11. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of the materials reported in Figure 4d-m of the main text.

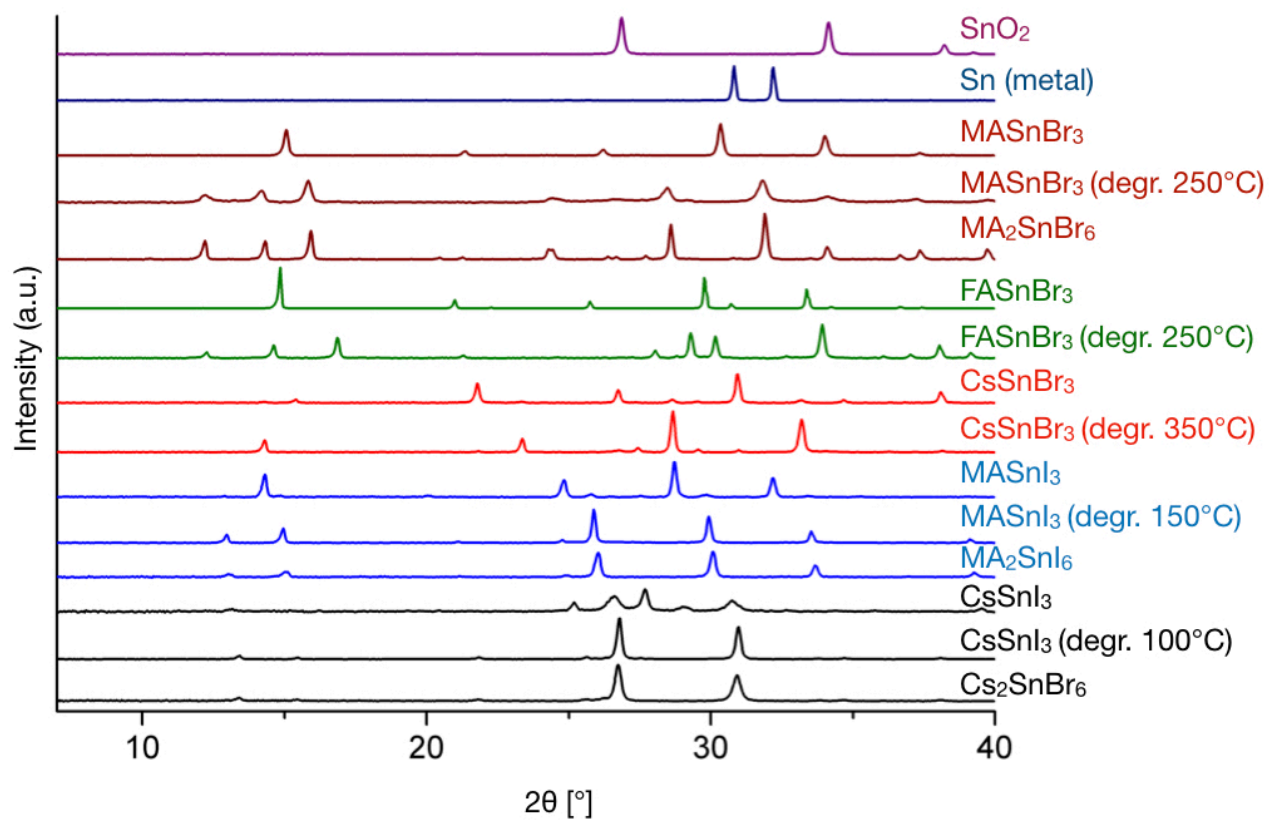


Figure S12. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of the materials reported in Figure 5 of the main text.

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