

Enhancement Strategies for Stability and Efficiency of Perovskite Solar Cells

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Abstract

Perovskite solar cells (PSCs) have attracted considerable attention in the photovoltaic (PV) field due to the rapid enhancement in their power conversion efficiency (PCE). PSCs have several advantages, such as, high absorption coefficient, tuneable bandgap, and low-cost materials and fabrication procedures.[1] However, long-term stability is still the main problem in avoiding PSCs reaching commercialization stage. The I⁻ and MA⁺ ions can migrate causing irreversible PV device degradation. In this work, we use of propionic acid (CH₃CH₂COOH, PA), with distinct PA/MAPbI₃ ratios, to dope methylammonium lead iodide (MAPbI₃) perovskite thin films for avoiding ions migration. [2] Once the optimal ratio is chosen, a thin but compact Bismuth (Bi) interlayer was evaporated between electron transport layer and top electrode for protecting it from iodine corrosion.[3] Figure 1. a) and d) demonstrate that PSC fabricated with the 0.5 wt% doped MAPbI₃ perovskite film and Bi interlayer results in better PCE and are more stable over time than the other manufactured devices. Figure 1 b) and c) exhibit how to influence the amount of PA in the optoelectronic and structural properties of MAPbI₃ perovskite thin film.

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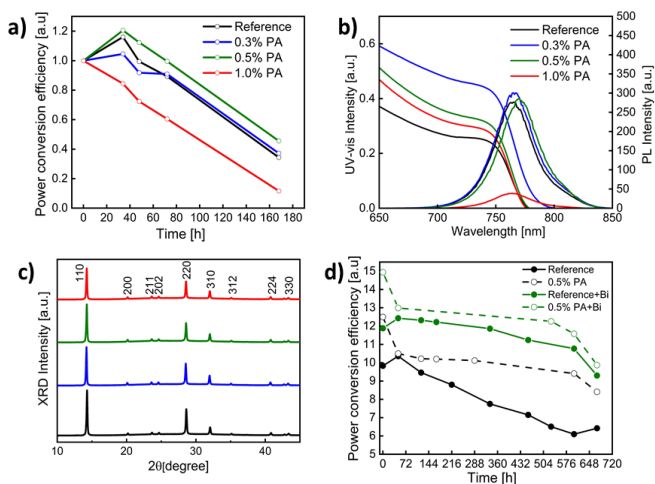


Figure 1: PCE evolution plots vs. time of a) perovskite films with different PA/MAPbI₃ ratios and d) with the Bi interlayer addition. b) XRD diffractogram and c) UV-vis absorption and photoluminescence emission spectra images of the perovskite films with different PA/MAPbI₃ ratios.