

Density Functional Studies on Compositional Mixing of Metal-Halide Perovskites

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Efficiency Chart (NREL)





Research Trends



papers.

Virtual Issue on Metal-Halide Perovskite Nanocrystals—A Bright Future for Optoelectronics



rm: [Perovskite and (lead or tin) and solar]. Data set: 3552 Sprea

Spread of metal-halide perovskite publications



CH₃NH₃Pbl₃

• Miyasaka group firstly adopted as a sensitizer of DSSCs.



Organometal Halide Perovskites as Visible-Light Sensitizers for Photov Cells

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I4/mcm (@ RT) a=8.8660 b=8.8660 c=12.6524

Table 1. Photovoltaic Characteristics of Perovskite-Based Cells^a

perovskite sensitizer on ${\rm TiO_2}$	J _{sc} (mA/cm ²)	$V_{\rm oc}~({\rm V})$	FF	η (%)
CH ₃ NH ₃ PbBr ₃	5.57	0.96	0.59	3.13
CH ₃ NH ₃ PbI ₃	11.0	0.61	0.57	3.81

 a Measured with an effective incident area of 0.24 $\rm cm^2$ under 100 $\rm mW/cm^2$ AM 1.5 simulated sunlight irradiation.

Cost Efficiency

- Crystallization @ RT
- Solution process

Good Properties

- Proper band gap (1.55 eV)
- High absorption coeff. (> 3×10⁴ cm⁻¹)
- Low exciton binding E (< 50 meV)
- High dielectric constant ($\varepsilon \sim 30$)
- Ambipolar carrier transport
- Immunity to intrinsic defects
- Long carrier lifetime (Rashiba spin-or bit coupling)



Organic-Inorganic Hybrid Perovskites

First MAPbl₃ paper

CH₃NH₃PbX₃, ein Pb(II)-System mit kubischer Perowskitstruktur

 $\rm CH_3NH_3PbX_3, \ a \ Pb(II)\mbox{-}System \ with \ Cubic \ Perovskite \ Structure$

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Dieter Weber Institut für Anorganische Chemie der Universität Stuttgart Z. Naturforsch. 33b, 1443–1445 (1978); eingegangen am 21. August 1978

ABX₃ Perovskites



MA

Cs



Octahedron Tilting of MAPbl₃



C. Motta et al. Sci. Rep. (2015)



Issues : ABX₃ (X=I, Br, CI) Perovskites



Theoretical Investigation

- Ab initio thermodynamics
 - Density functional theory (DFT) calculation of alloys
 - Including statistical thermodynamics concept.



Polymorph Control Issues



Stabilization of Black FAPbl₃



A-Site Mixing (MA into FA)

Solution free energy curves



- MA mixing is favored to the black(trigonal) phase
- Negligible Enthalpy of mixing (H or U)
- Entropy driven solid solution

X-site Mixing: FAPb(Br_xI_{1-x})₃



- Br mixing is favored for the trigonal phase
- Phase separation in the trigonal phase mid-level Br mixing cannot be achieved



Phase Map of (FAPbl₃)_{1-x}(MAPbBr₃)_x



- Dual-site alloying (@ A-X sites) can reduce the amount of alloying elements that stabilize trigonal phase
- Optimal conditions approaching SQ-limit are obtained by dual-site alloying



Effects on Phase Separation



- Phase separation can be avoided by dual-site alloying
- A site mixing improves solubility and can alleviate immiscibility



Mechanism of Polymorph Control



• Importance of the energy difference between tri. and hex. phases

Anti-stabilizer of δ -phase: MAPbBr₃

Stabilization of $P\overline{3}m1 \text{ Cs}_3\text{Sb}_2\text{Br}_{9-x}I_x$

Species	Symmetry
Cs ₃ Sb ₂ I ₉	P6₃/mmc
Cs ₃ Bi ₂ I ₉	P6₃/mmc
$Cs_3Sb_2Br_9$	$P\overline{3}m1$
$Cs_3Bi_2Br_9$	$P\overline{3}m1$

Br addition can destabilize the $P6_3/mmc$ structures



Anti-Stabilizing Y-CsSnl₃





Hong, K. H. et al.(JPC Lett. 2018) **Yellow phase is stable @ ambient condition**

Chung, I. et al. JACS (2012)



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Computational Issues

- Convergence or quantitative evaluation
- Polymorph changes between 0K and RT
- Computational approaches for excited states
- Defect and Surface Structures
- Development of Pb-free perovskites



Different Activation E of V₁

I vacancy diffusion barrier



Figure 4 | Chronophotoamperometry measurements of a perovskitebased cell. (a) The measurement sequence in a $d\text{-}TiO_2/CH_3NH_3Pbl_3/$

0.62 eV

Y. Tateyama group. JACS (2015)



Migration path x

0.3 eV

F. Angelis group. Energy Env. Sci. (2015)

Table 1 Activation energies ($E_{a\nu}$ in eV) and rate constants (k, in s⁻¹), calculated according to eqn (1), for the migration of the different investigated point defects in MAPbI₃ and MAPbBr₃. Values in parentheses for MAPbI₃ refer to the energetics and rates of two consecutive hops

	MAPbI ₃		MAPbBr ₃		
Defect	$E_{\rm a}$ (eV)	$k (s^{-1})$	$E_{\rm a}$ (eV)	k (s ⁻¹)	
V _{I/Br}	0.08 (0.16)	$1.7 \times 10^{12} (7.7 \times 10^{10})$	0.09	1.2×10^{12}	
V _{MA}	0.46	6.5×10^{5}	0.56	1.3×10^{4}	
V_{Pb}	0.80	1.2×10^{0}	_	_	
Ii	0.08 (0.16)	$1.7 \times 10^{12} (7.7 \times 10^{10})$	_	_	

0.08 eV



Numerically Unstable Crystal Structures

• Minimum energy structures used in DFT calculation are different from the crystal structures @ room temp.



Computational Approaches for Excited States

Phase Separation

NANOLETTERS

Letter pubs.acs.org/NanoLett

Origin of Reversible Photoinduced Phase Separation in Hybrid Perovskites

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Irradiation induced halide phase separation

Photostriction

RESEARCH

SOLAR CELLS

Light-induced lattice expansion leads to high-efficiency perovskite solar cells

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Light induced lattice strain

(~1%)

Analysis of Defects

- Dominant point defects generate shallow-level defects
- Even grain boundaries and surfaces exhibit shallowlevel defects
- But there are deep-level defects in experimental data



W.-J. Yin et al. Adv. Mat. (2014)





J. Kim et al. JPC Lett. (2014)



Categories of Pb-free Perovskites



Shi, Z. et al. (2017). Adv. Mat., 29(16)



Computational Screening



Article

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Functionality-Directed Screening of Pb-Free Hybrid Organic– Inorganic Perovskites with Desired Intrinsic Photovoltaic Functionalities

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Extension to Machine Learning



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Predicting the Thermodynamic Stability of Solids Combining Density Functional Theory and Machine Learning

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"We start by constructing a data set that comprises density functional theory calculations of around 250000 cubic perovskite systems.

This includes all possible perovskite and antiperovskite crystals that can be generated

with elements from hydrogen to bismuth, excluding rare gases and lanthanides. Incidentally, these calculations already reveal a large number of systems (around 500) that are thermodynamically stable but that are not present in crystal structure databases."



Various Applications of Halide PVKs

Halide PVKs

Solar Cell



https://www-thz.physics.ox.ac.uk/perovskites.html

LED



http://www.cam.ac.uk/research/news/ledsmade-from-wonder-material-perovskite

Photodetector



J. S. Huang group. Nat. Photon. (2015)

X-ray Imaging





Samsung Elec & N.G. Park Nature. (2017)



Memory







Zhu et. al. Nat. Mat. (2014)

Summary

- Compositional mixing for the phase stabilization.
 - Concept of anti-stabilizer
 - MAPbBr₃ to FAPbI₃
 - Br into Cs₃Bi₂I₉ & CsSnI₃
- More sophisticated structural model
 - Surface, interface, nanostructures, and defects
- Quick and accurate materials screening methods
 - Machine learning and big data
 - Pb-free perovskites can be a strong candidates for nextgeneration solar cells and light emitting diodes

