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Lead Halide Perovskite: Photovoltaics and Beyond



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Perovskite

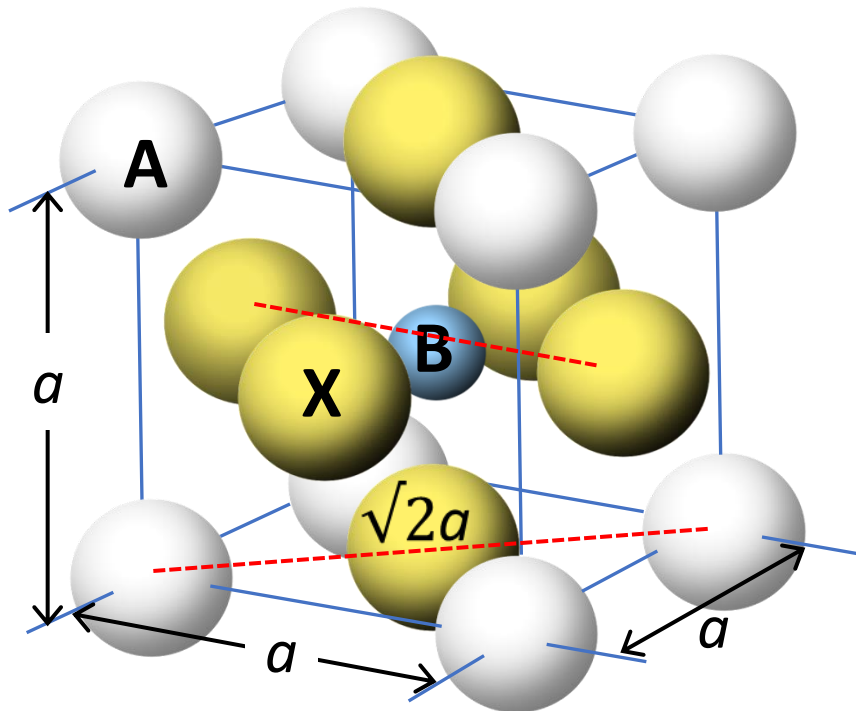
Conventional Oxide Perovskite

vs

Organic-inorganic Halide Perovskite

ABX₃

$$a = 2(r_B + r_X)$$



$$\sqrt{2}a = 2(r_A + r_X)$$

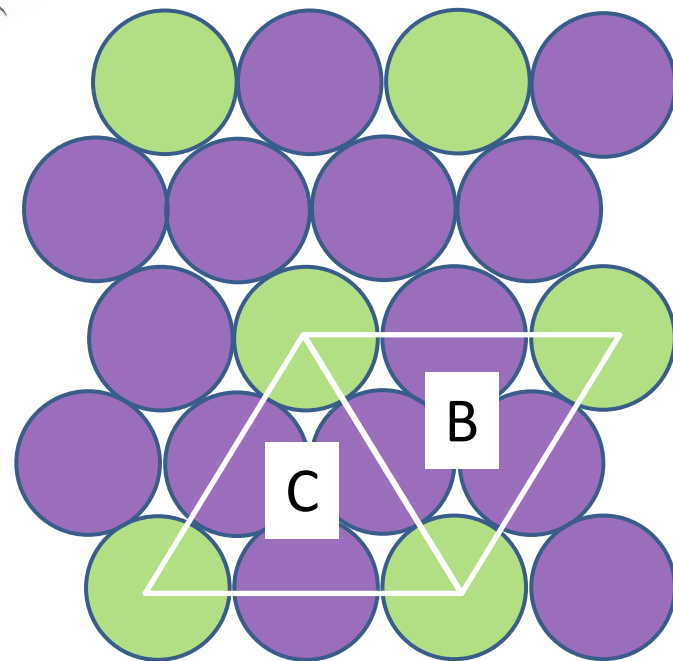
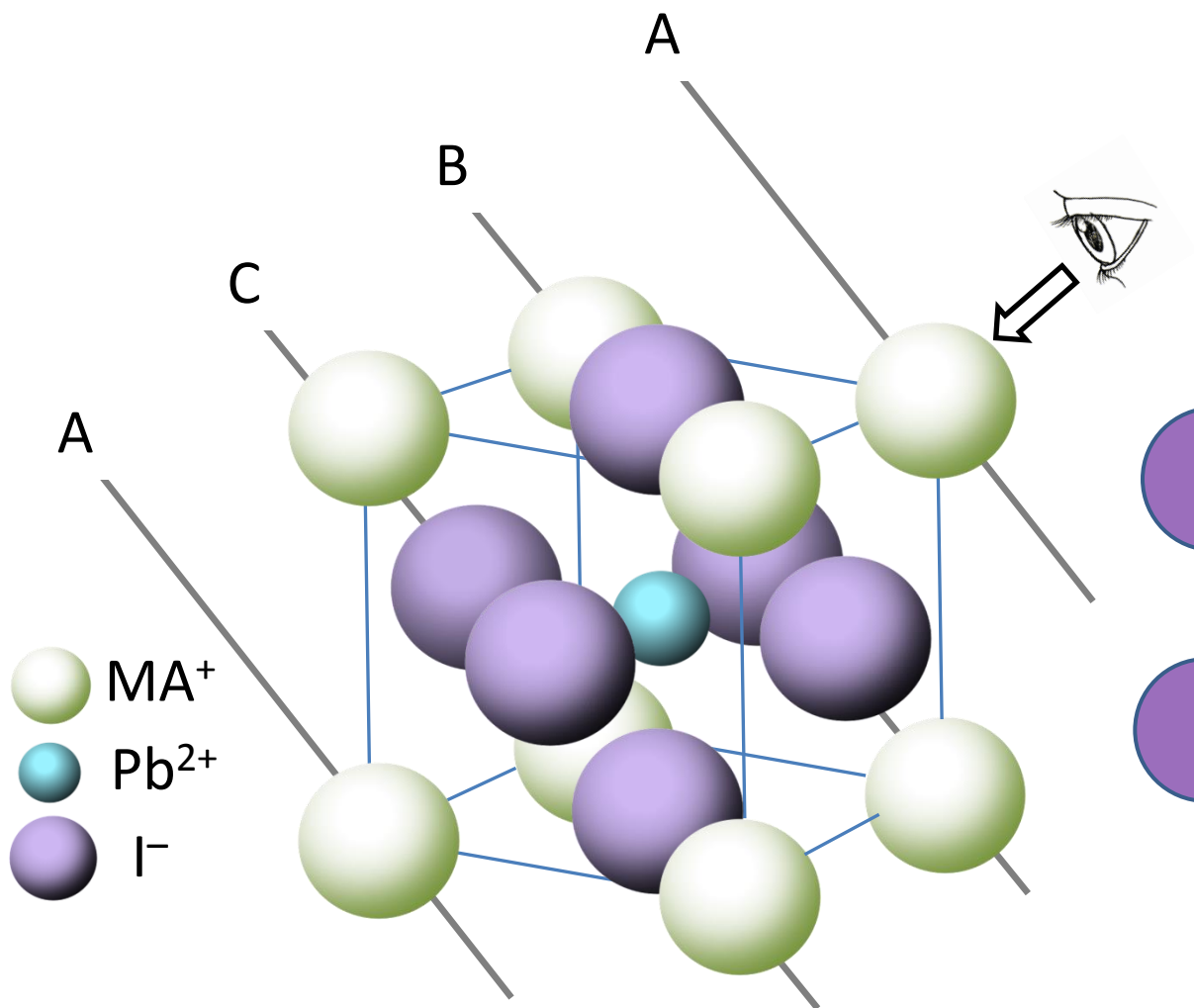
$$a = 2(r_B + r_X) = \sqrt{2} (r_A + r_X)$$

$$(r_A + r_X) = \sqrt{2} (r_B + r_X)$$

$$t = \frac{(r_A + r_X)}{\sqrt{2}(r_B + r_X)}$$

Ideal cubic : $t = 1$

Cubic close packing



MAI₃ layer

$$\text{I}^- = \frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$$

$$\text{MA}^+ = \frac{1}{8} \times 8 = 1$$



One layer: I⁻: 75%, MA⁺: 25%

CONVENTIONAL SEMICONDUCTORS

♠ Electrical conductivity increases with temperature (because of excitation of electrons to conduction band by thermal energy)

* Metal: electrical conductivity decreases with temperature
(because of electron-phonon interaction, electron is scattered by phonon vibration at high T)

♠ Uv-vis spectra (Exciton binding energy measurement): Band gap decreases with temperature

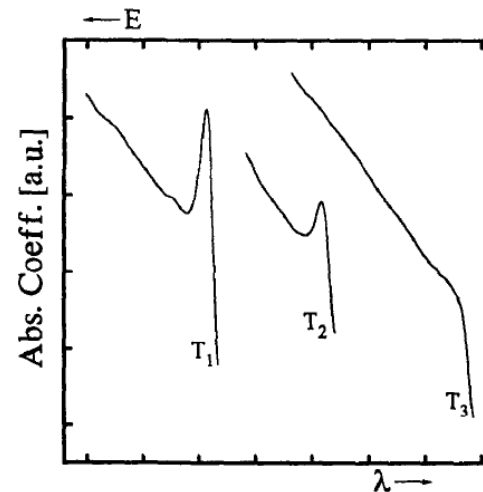
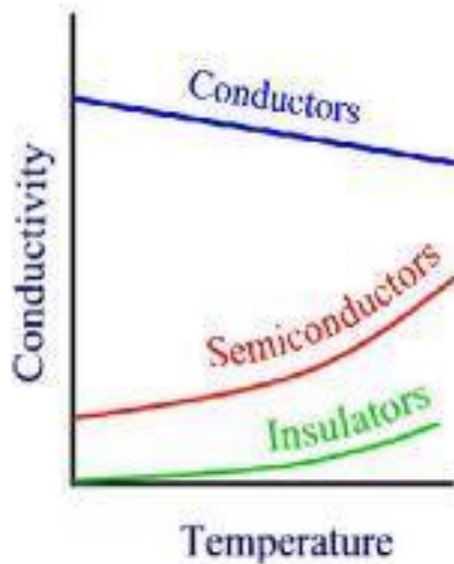
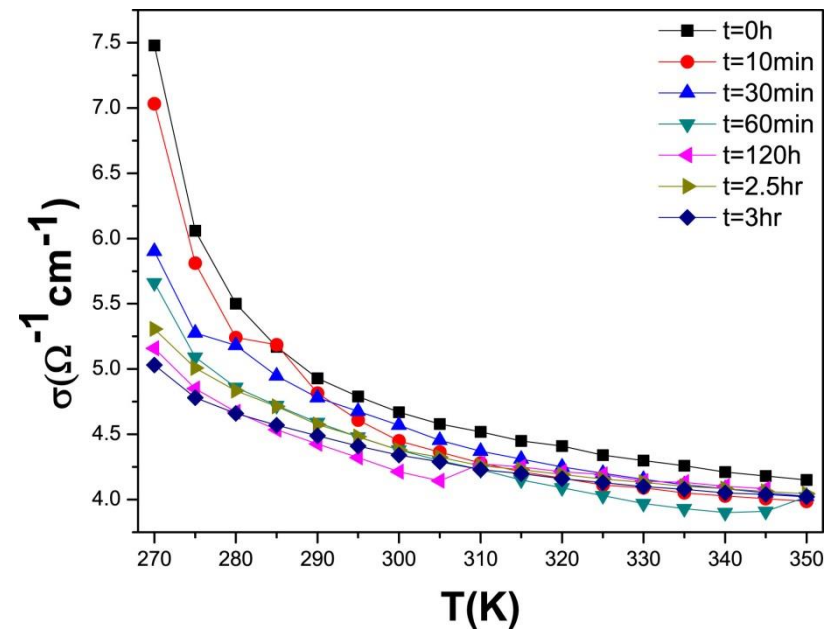
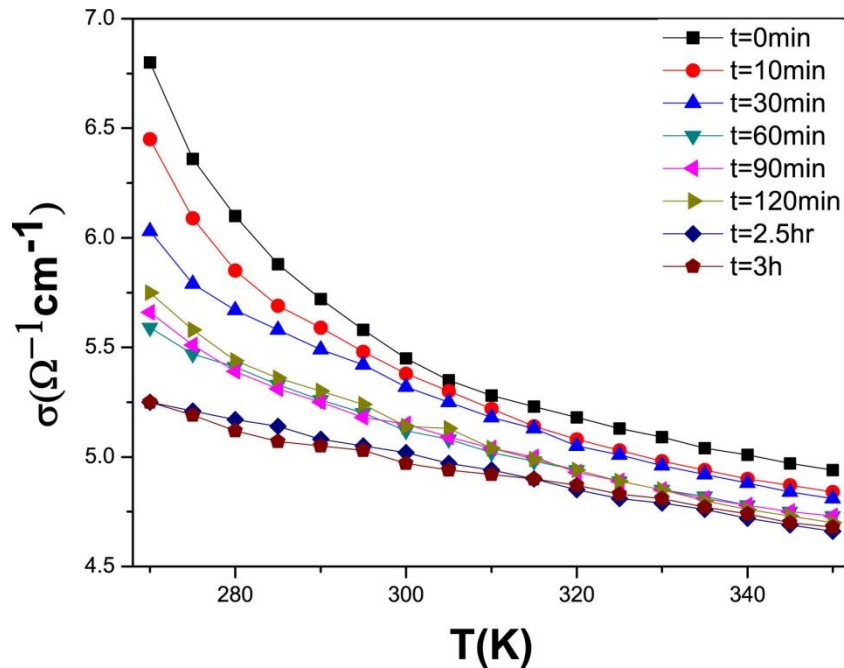


Figure 2.5. Illustration of the temperature dependence of experimental absorption spectrum (at the fundamental absorption edge) ($T_1 < T_2 < T_3$).

E_g decreases with temp.

How about organic-inorganic halide perovskite (MAPbI_3)?

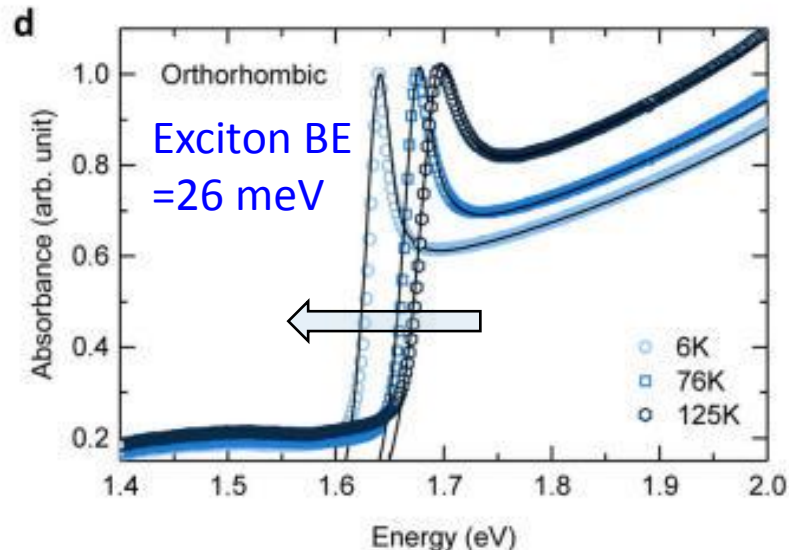
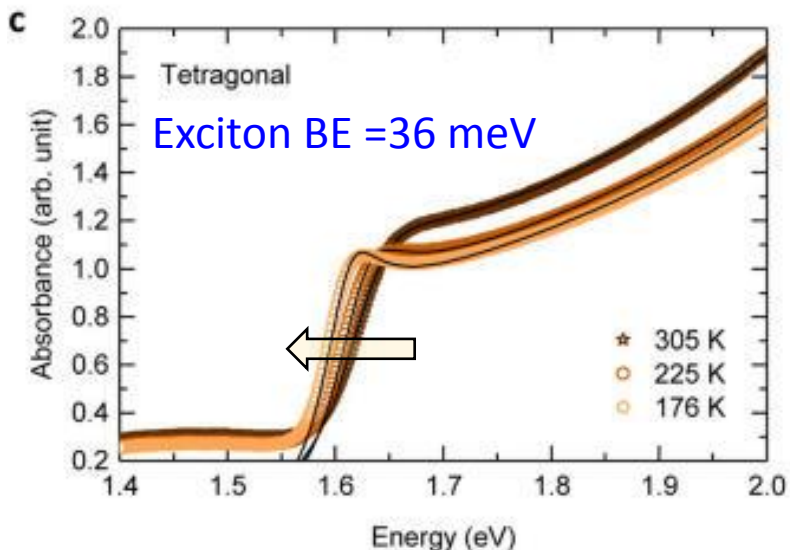
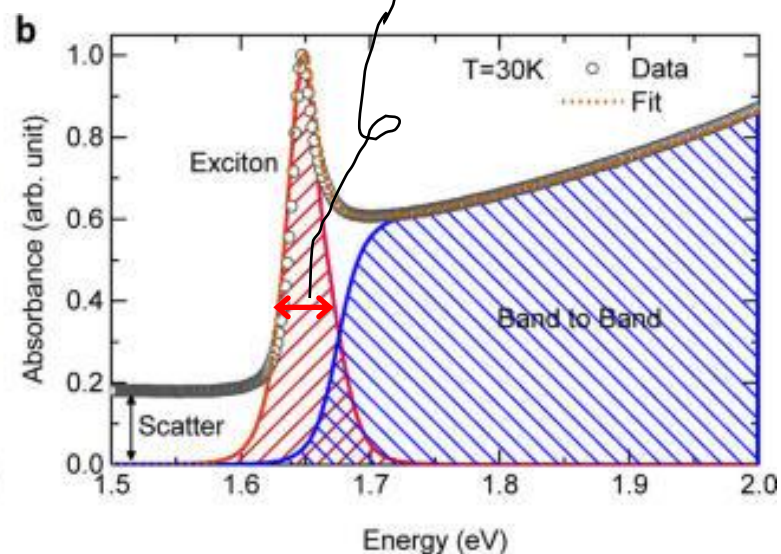
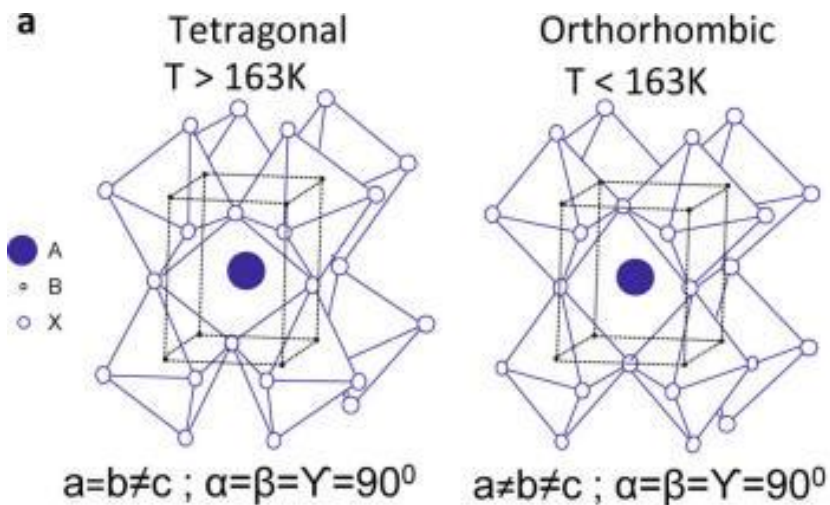


Electrical conductivity as a function of temperature for different age of the sample which was exposed to one sun illumination (left) and was stored in the dark (right).

Bizuneh Gebremichael et al., Physica B: Condensed Matter, 514, 2017, 85-88

Conductivity decreases with temperature (different behavior from convectional semiconductor). Then, MAPbI_3 is metallic? Electron may be scattered by phonon vibration due to organic molecular motion.

Phase dependent exciton BE of MAPbI₃ FWHM = exciton BE (related to disorder)



E_g increases with temp: contrary to conventional semiconductor

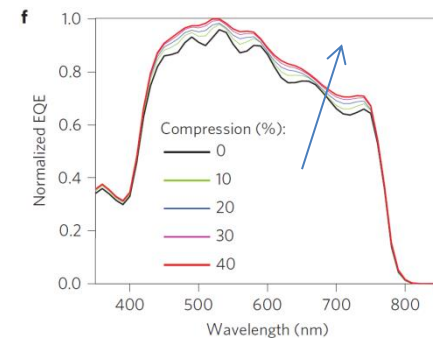
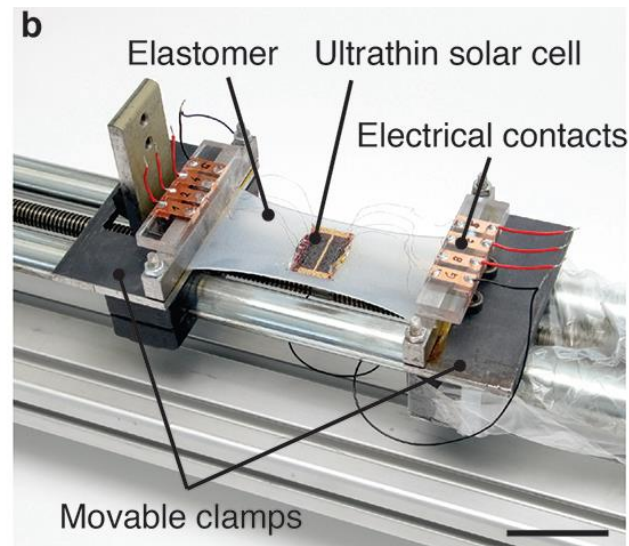
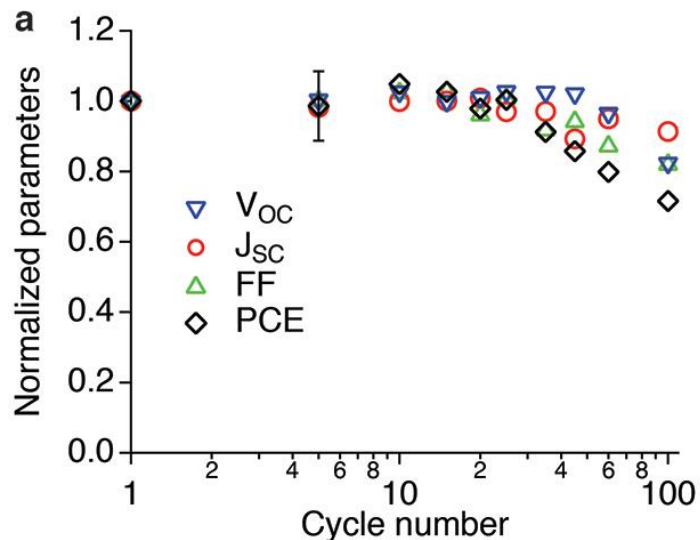
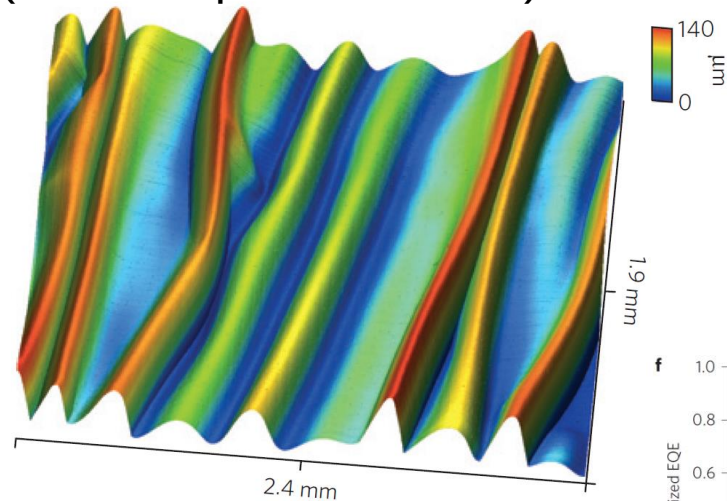
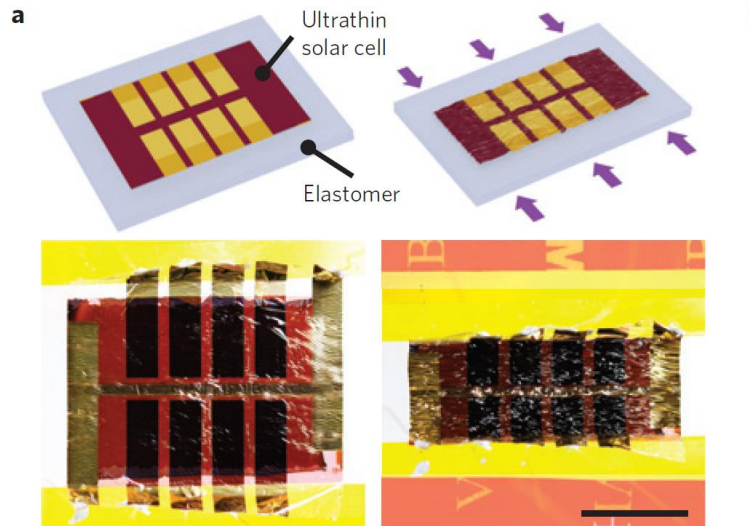
(Shivam Singh et al., J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 2016, 7, 3014–3021)

Compression strain: better EQE?

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► 3-D map of the wrinkle morphology

► (40% compressive strain).



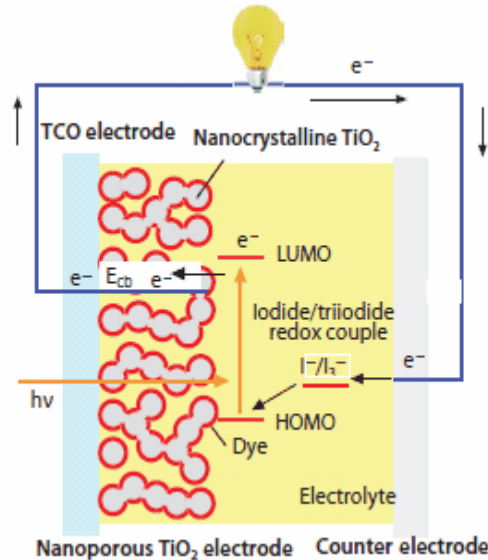
History Genesis of Perovskite Solar Cell



Solar Cell Work, since 1997

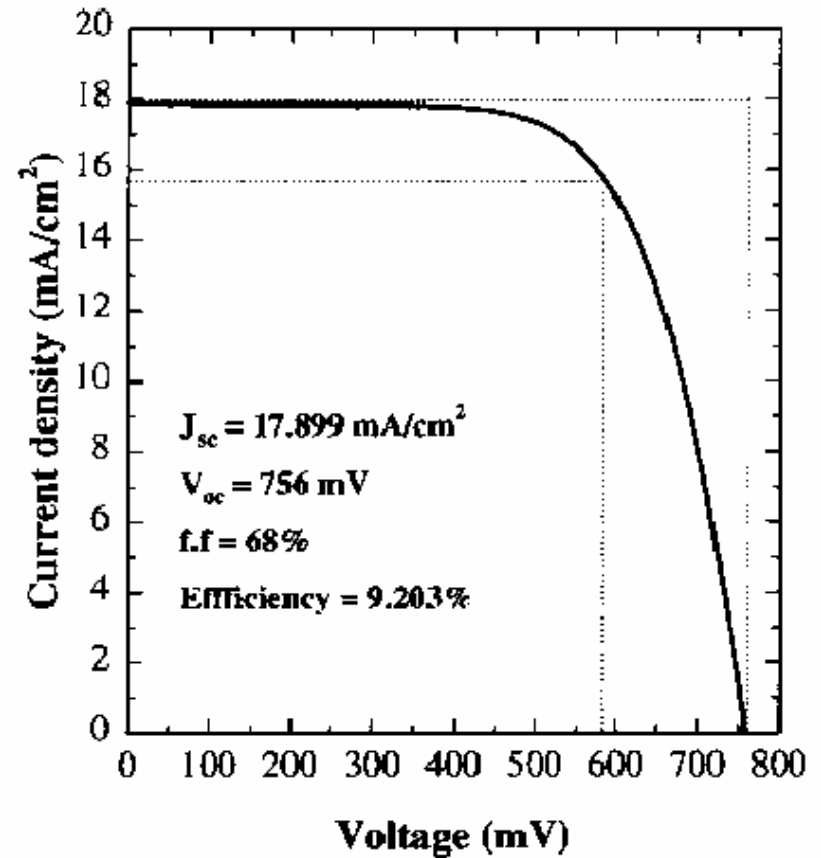


Dr. Arthur Frank



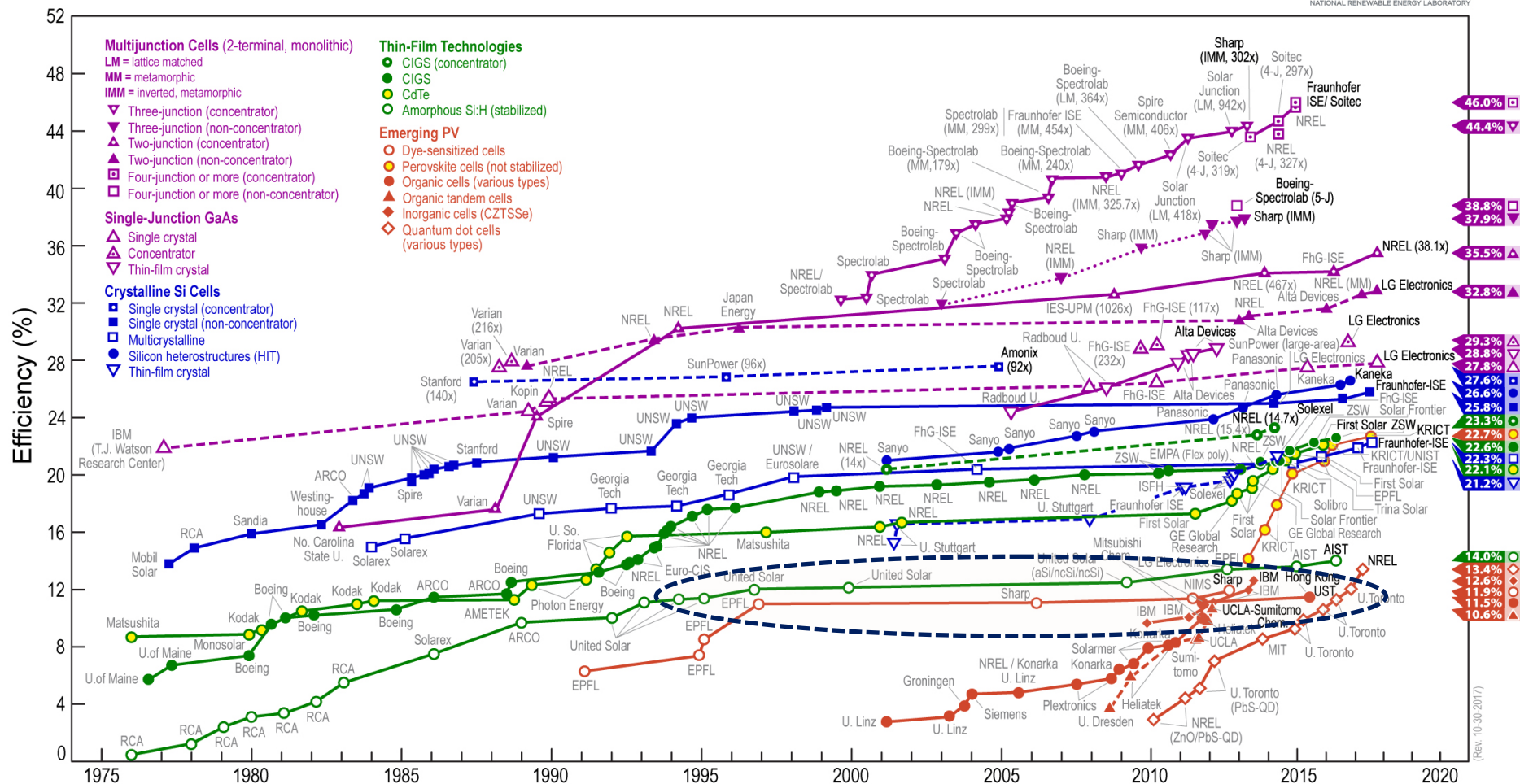
Sample Area : 0.2542 cm^2

Irradiance: 100 mW/cm^2 (AM 1.5)



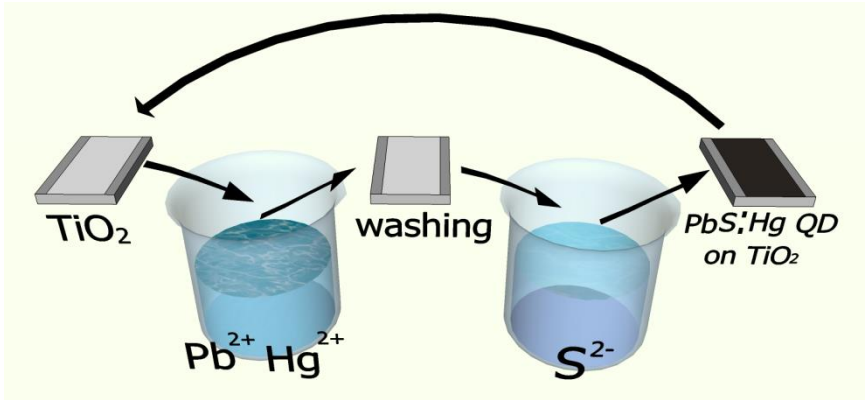
DSSCs stop growing: Efficiency of $\sim 12\%$ since 1997

Best Research-Cell Efficiencies



Due to low absorption coefficient of N719

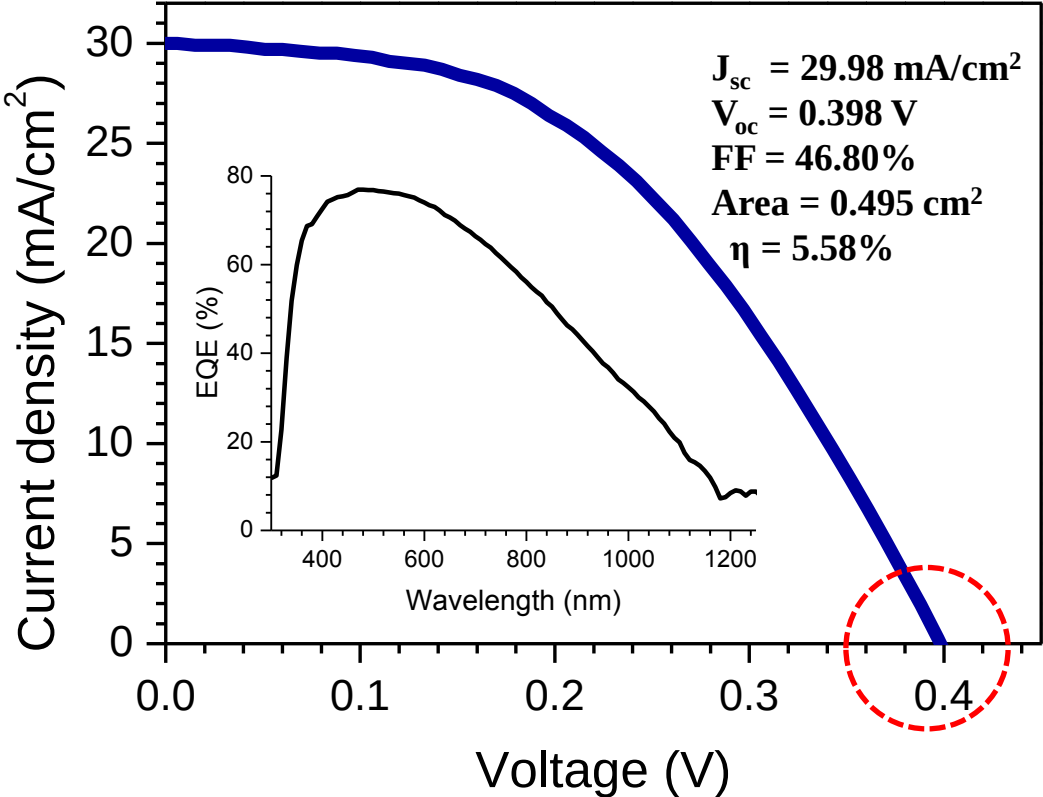
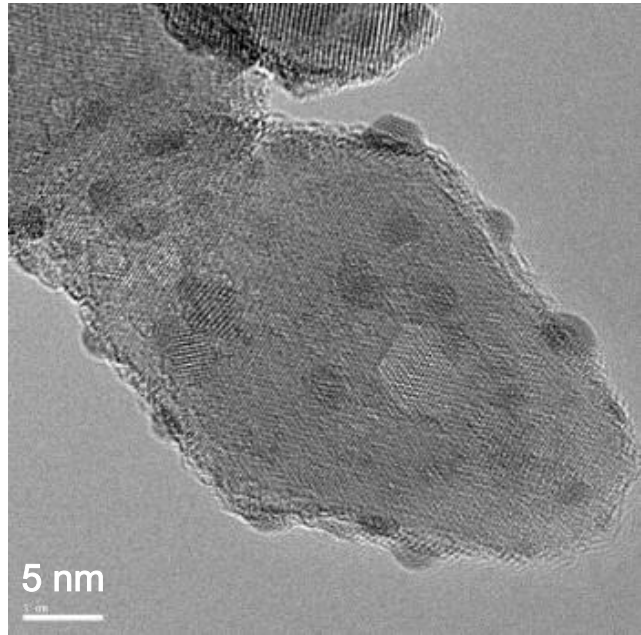
Scientists struggle for finding good sensitizers like QD with high α



OPEN Quantum-Dot-Sensitized Solar Cell with Unprecedentedly High Photocurrent

SUBJECT AREAS:
QUANTUM DOTS
SOLAR CELLS

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NanoEuro2007 Conference



September 11-14, 2007, St-Gallen, Switzerland
(Organized by DyeSol)



Program



Thursday, 13th September 2007

	New technology and products
09.00 - 09.25	DSC production – putting roll-to-roll to work Kevin Tabor, G24i, United Kingdom
09.25 - 09.50	PVT – a tandem application for solar heat and power using DSC Henrik Soerensen, Esbensen Consulting Engineers, Denmark
09.50 - 10.15	New DSC solutions TBC
10.15 - 10.40	DSC appearance – multicoloured and stable panels Andreas Hinsch, Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (ISE), Germany

“Perovskite-sensitized DSSC” Talk given by T. Miyasaka

Efficiency of MAPbI_3 sensitized liquid DSSC was about ~2%

Motivated by the term “Perovskite”

M.S. Thesis, Seoul National Univ., 1992

"Preparation and Physico-chemical Properties of the
Perovskite Type Oxides $A_2(\text{CeTa})\text{O}_6$ ($A=\text{Ca}, \text{Ba}$)"

Ph. D. Thesis, Seoul National Univ., 1995

"Synthesis and Physico-chemical Properties of 2-
dimensional Inorganic Solids and Their Intercalation
Compounds"

(Layered Superconducting Perovskite)

We started perovskite work since then

I asked Dr. Song Rim Jang (my first postdoc in my lab at KIST) to try to make perovskite film and solar cell



By Song Rim Jang (postdoc in 2008)

Inorganic-organic perovskite-type quantum-well crystal

▶ 실험 목적

일반적으로 사용하는 Ru계 염료 대신 색을 띄는 perovskite-type의 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbBr}_3$ 와 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$ 를 사용하여, DSSCs에 적용하고 그 효능을 알아본다.

▶ 실험 방법

- $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbBr}_3$ 의 합성 과정

1. 21.81 mL CH_3NH_2 와 28.28 mL HBr을 섞는다 ($\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2 : \text{HBr} = 1 : 1$).
2. 무색의 이 용액을 evaporation하여 흰색 powder인 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Br}$ 을 얻는다.
3. 0.0280 g $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Br}$ 과 0.0918 g PbBr_2 를 5 mL DMF에 녹여 50 mM $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbBr}_3$ 용액을 만든다 ($\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Br} : \text{PbBr}_2 = 1 : 1$). (Figure 1)
4. DMF를 증발시켜 제거하면 orange색의 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbBr}_3$ powder가 생성된다.

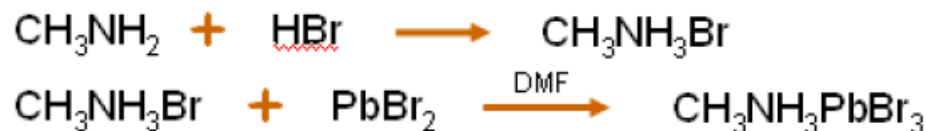


Figure 1. $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbBr}_3$ 합성 과정4

- $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$ 의 합성 과정

1. 21.81 mL CH_3NH_2 와 45.36 mL HI를 섞는다 ($\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2 : \text{HI} = 1 : 1$).
2. 무색의 이 용액을 evaporation하여 흰색 powder인 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{I}$ 를 얻는다.
3. 0.0397 g $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{I}$ 와 0.1154 g PbI_2 를 5 mL acetone에 넣고 40 °C에서 녹여 밝은 노랑색의 50 mM $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$ 용액을 만든다 ($\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{I} : \text{PbI}_2 = 1 : 1$). (Figure 2)
4. Acetone를 증발시켜 제거하면 검은색의 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$ powder가 생성된다.

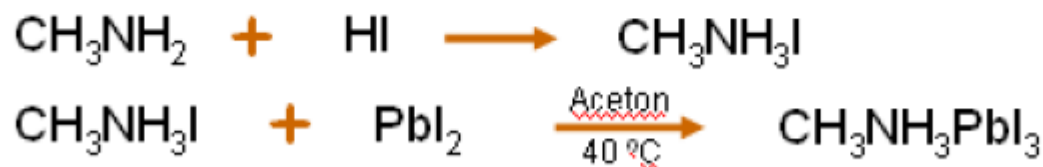
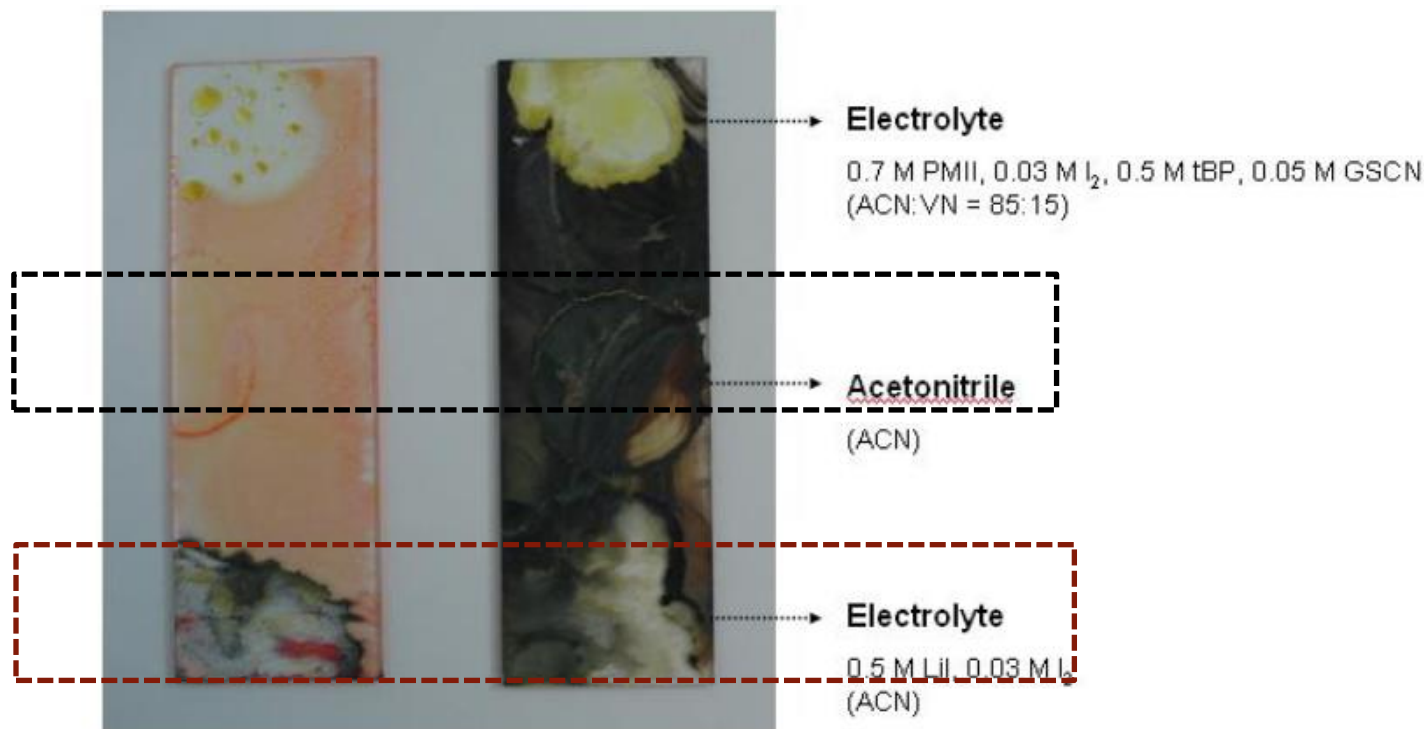


Figure 2. $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$ 합성 과정4

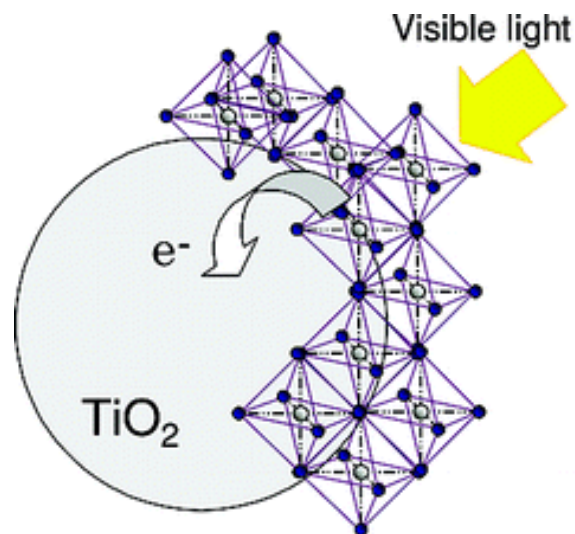
Report on Perovskite Exp. (Jun. 7, 2008)

▶ 실험 결과

Slideglass 위에 합성한 perovskite-type의 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbBr}_3$ 용액을 뿌리고, solvent인 DMF를 증발시켜 제거하면 오렌지색의 powder가 생성된다. 마찬가지로 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$ 용액을 뿌린 후 acetone을 증발시켜 제거하면 검은색의 powder가 생성된다. 그러나 이들은 전해질에 녹는 문제가 발생하여 DSSC에 적용해 볼 수가 없었다. 그래서 우선 그 원인을 찾아보기 위해 전해질의 solvent인 acetonitrile를 떨어뜨려 보았으나, 아무런 변화가 없었다. 그러므로 acetonitrile 때문은 아님을 알 수 있었다. 이번에는 LiI와 I_2 만으로 만들어진 전해질을 떨어뜨려 보았다. 그런데 오렌지색의 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbBr}_3$ 의 경우 검은색으로 바뀌는 것을 관찰할 수 있었다.

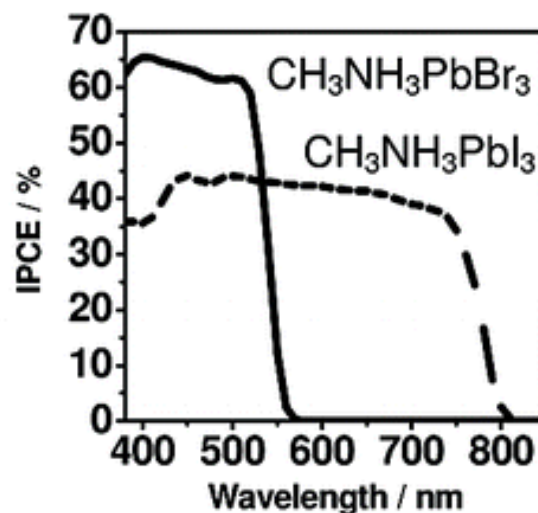


1st Report on Perovskite-sensitized Solar Cell (2009)



Perovskite nanocrystalline sensitizers

[Precursor] ~ 8 wt%
 TiO_2 thickness ~ 8 μm



Prof. T. Miyasaka

J. AM. CHEM. SOC. 2009, 131, 6050–6051

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

perovskite sensitizer on TiO_2	J_{sc} (mA/cm^2)	V_{oc} (V)	FF	η (%)
$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbBr}_3$	5.57	0.96	0.59	3.13
$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	11.0	0.61	0.57	3.81

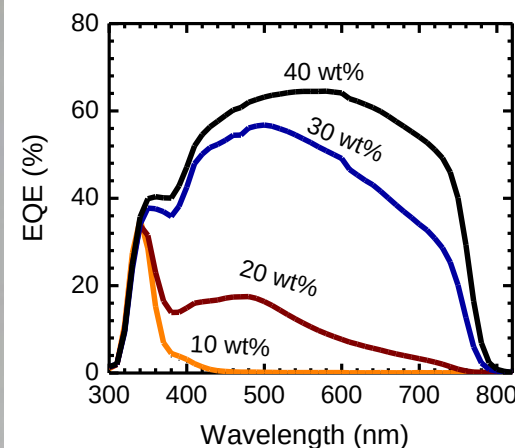
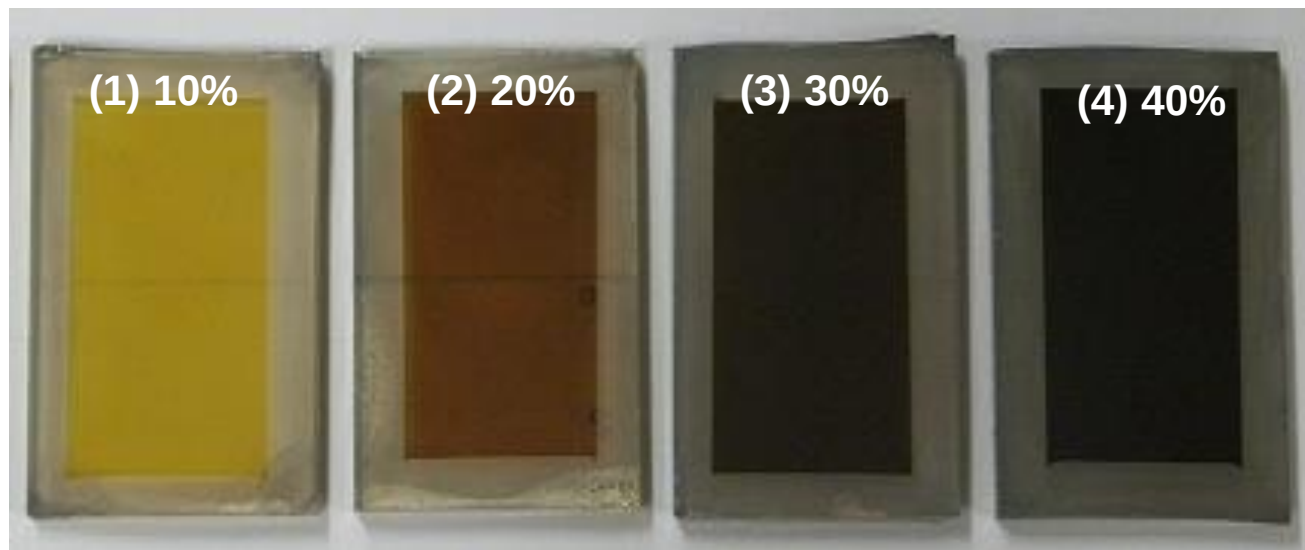
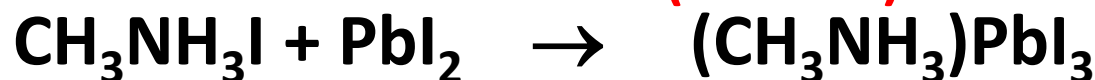
^a Measured with an effective incident area of 0.24 cm^2 under 100 mW/cm^2 AM 1.5 simulated sunlight irradiation.

2nd Report on Perovskite solar cell: 6.5% (2011)



Jeong-Hyeok Im

40 wt% in GBL (~ 1.2 M)

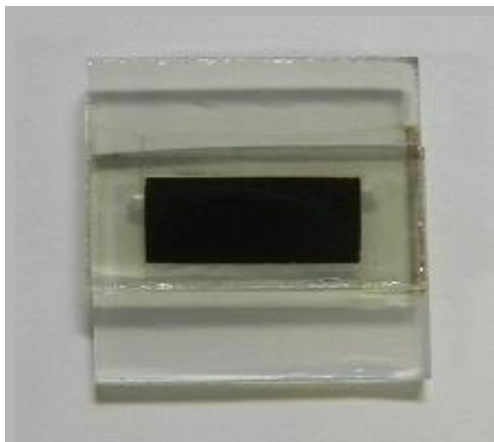


	J_{sc} (mA/cm ²)	V_{oc} (V)	FF	η (%)	Thickness
w/o surface treatment	15.99	0.629	0.617	6.20	3.6 μm
w/ surface treatment	15.82	0.706	0.586	6.54	

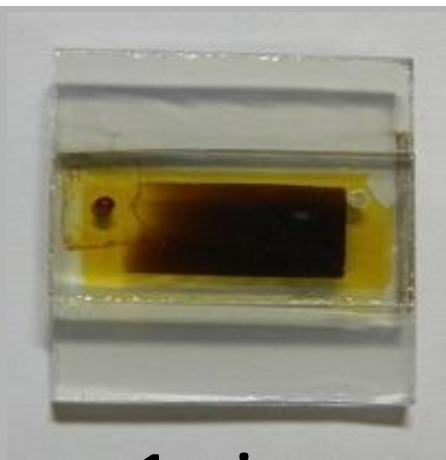
J.-H. Im, N.-G. Park et al., *Nanoscale*, 3, 4088 (2011)

Important message: Ion-ion interaction vs ion-solvent (solvation) interaction, critical in forming perovskite phase.

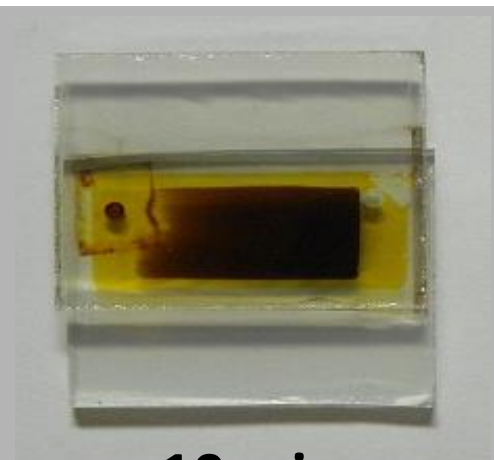
Dissolution of MAPbI₃ in Liquid Electrolyte



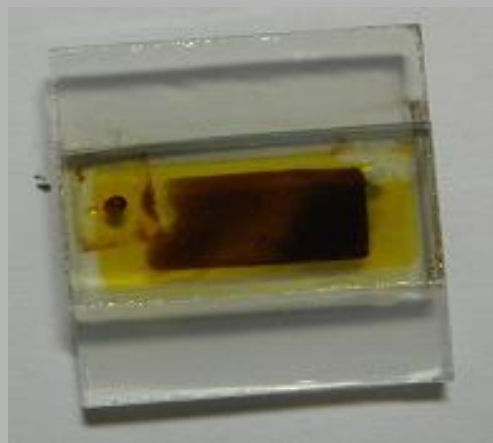
w/o electrolyte



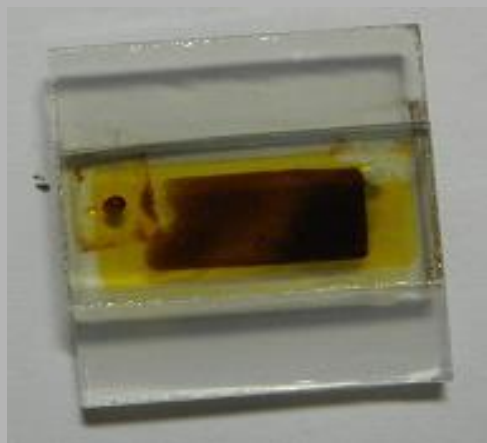
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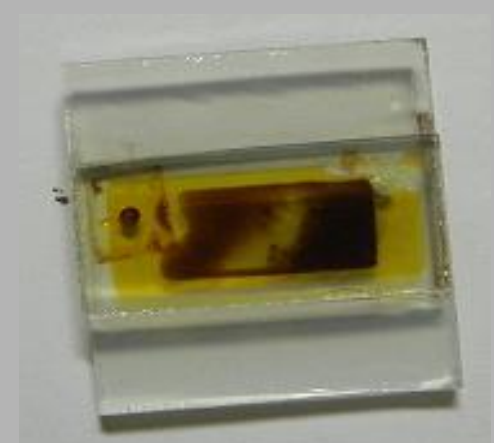
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25 min

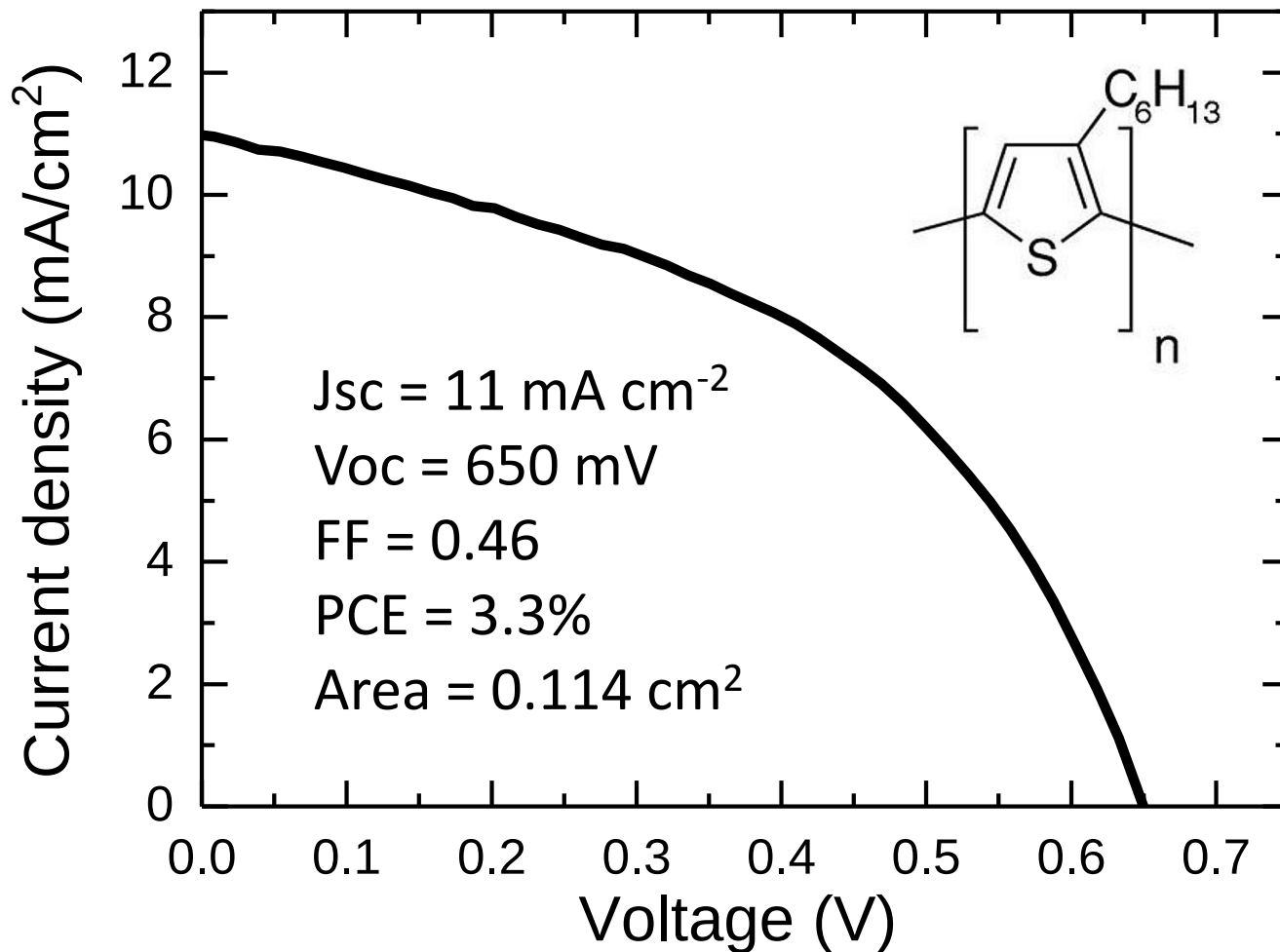


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First Attempt with P3HT

July, 2011

12 mg P3HT in 1 mL Toluene; 1.5 μm thick mp-TiO₂

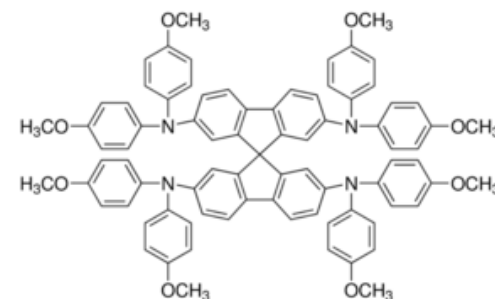
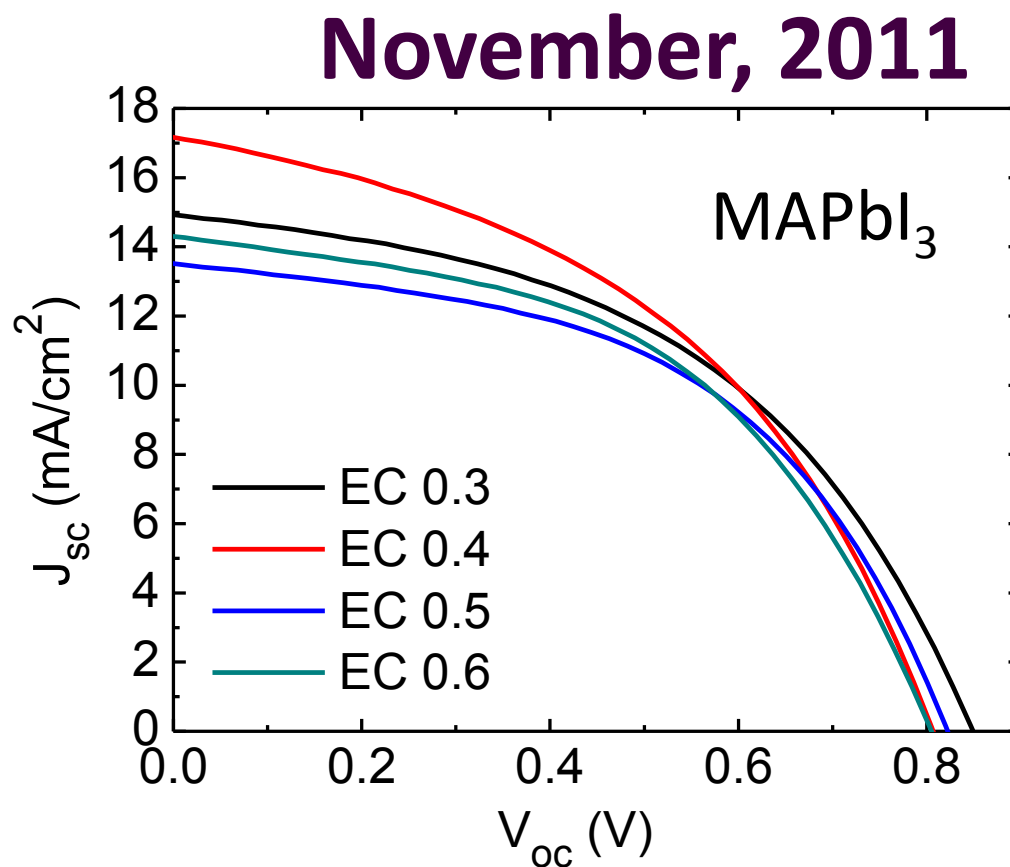


Second Attempt with Spiro-MeOTAD



Hui-Seon Kim

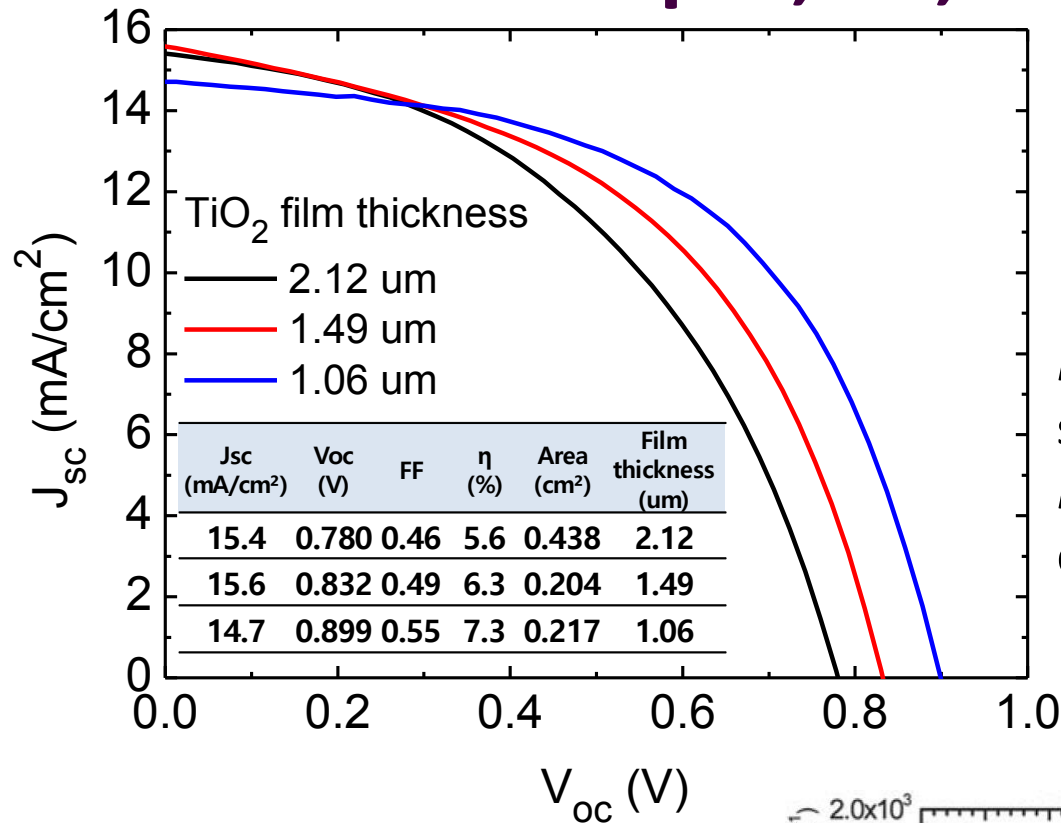
joined



Sensitizer	TiO ₂ : TP : <u>EC</u> : LA =1.25 : 6 : x : 0.1	J _{sc} (mA/cm ²)	V _{oc} (V)	FF	PCE (%)	A (cm ²)	t (μm)
Perovskite	0.3	14.9	0.849	0.47	6.0	0.226	1.25
	0.4	17.2	0.807	0.45	6.2	0.209	1.71
	0.5	13.5	0.822	0.50	5.6	0.244	1.83
	0.6	14.3	0.805	0.49	5.7	0.219	1.84

Decrease in mp-TiO₂ thickness?

April, 28, 2012



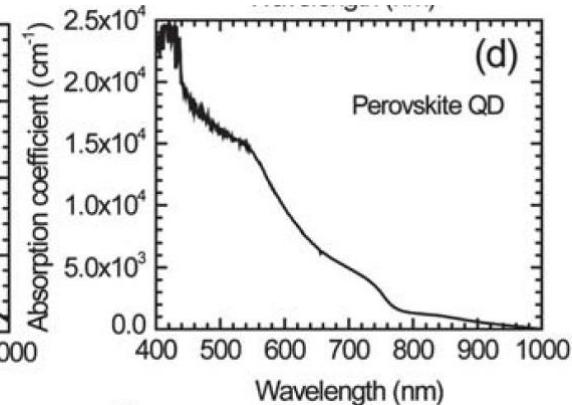
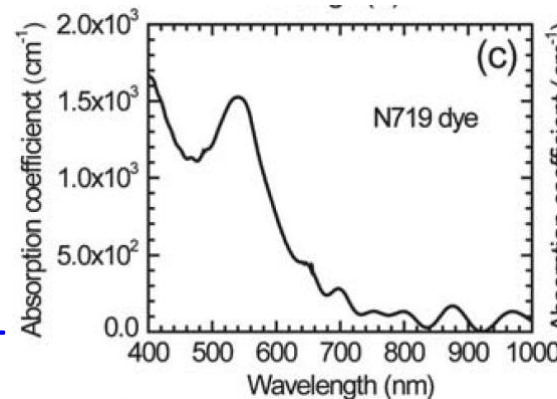
$$F(x) = F(x_0) e^{-\alpha(x-x_0)}$$

$F(x)$: intensity at a point x below the surface of a semiconductor

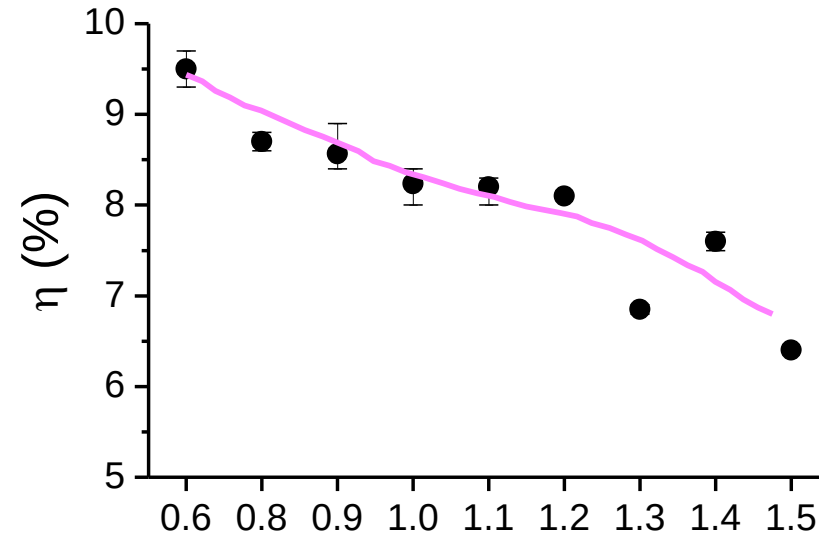
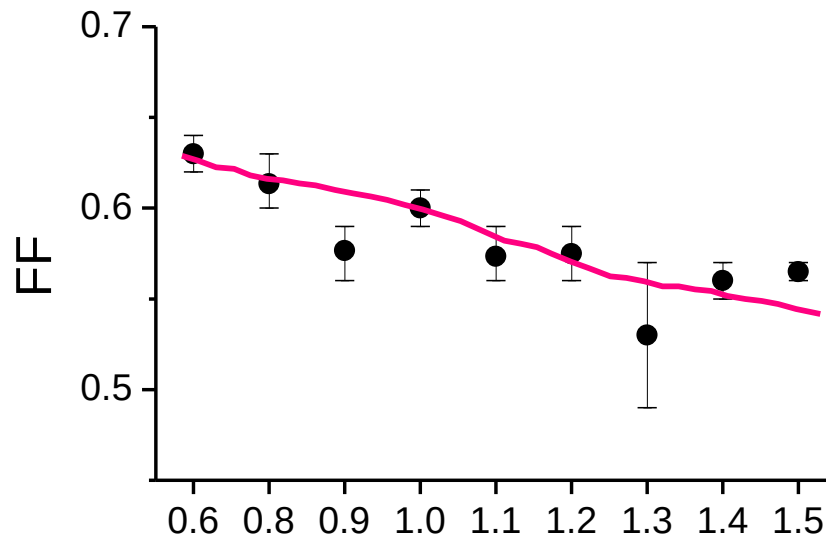
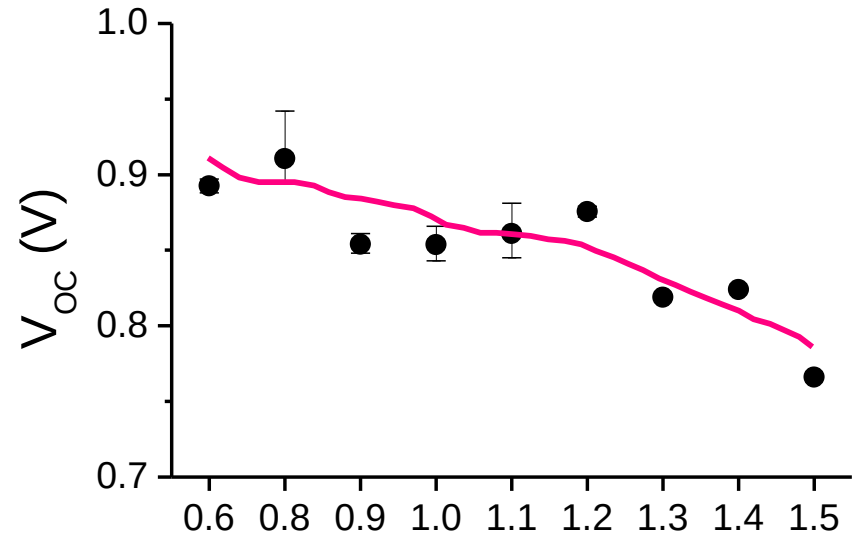
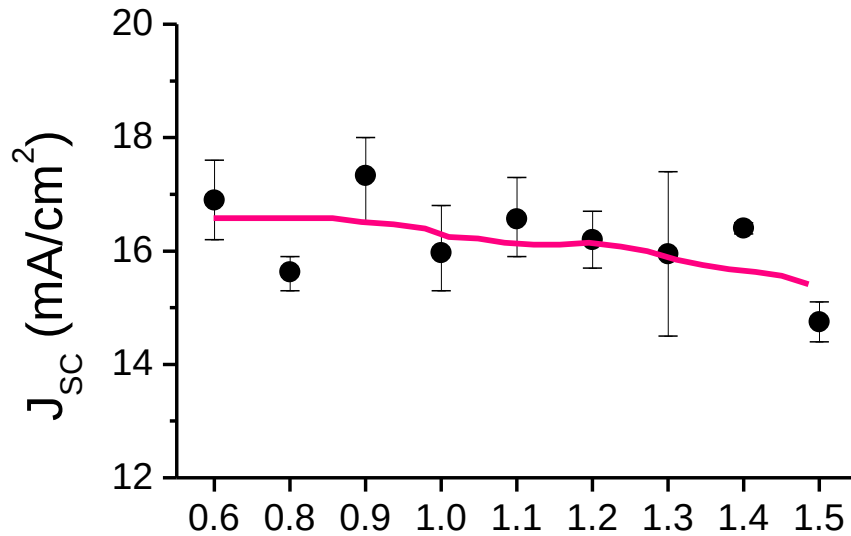
$F(x_0)$: intensity at a surface point x_0

α : absorption coefficient

N.-G. Park, Nanoscale, 2011



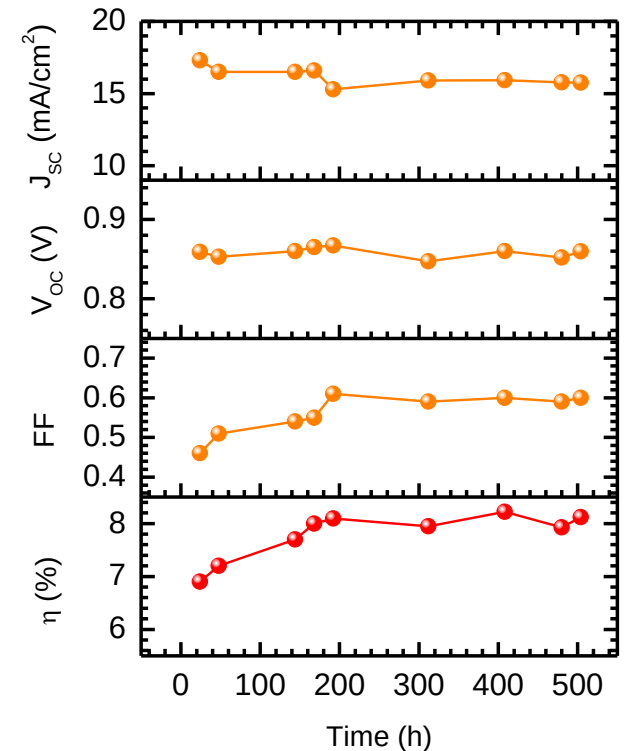
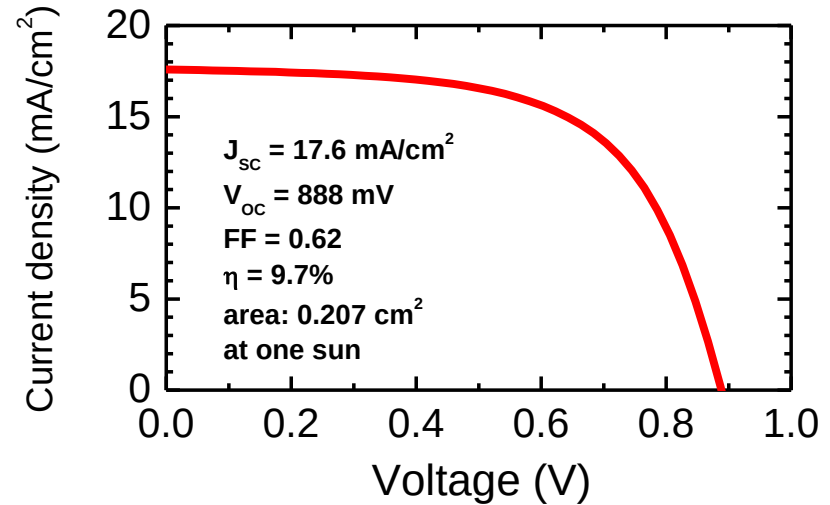
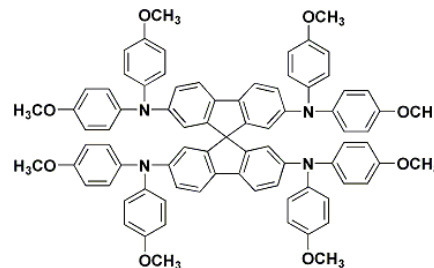
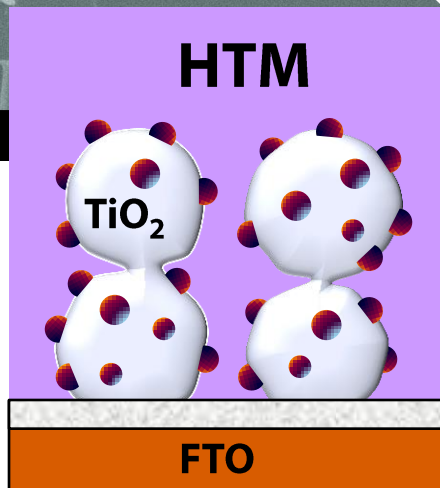
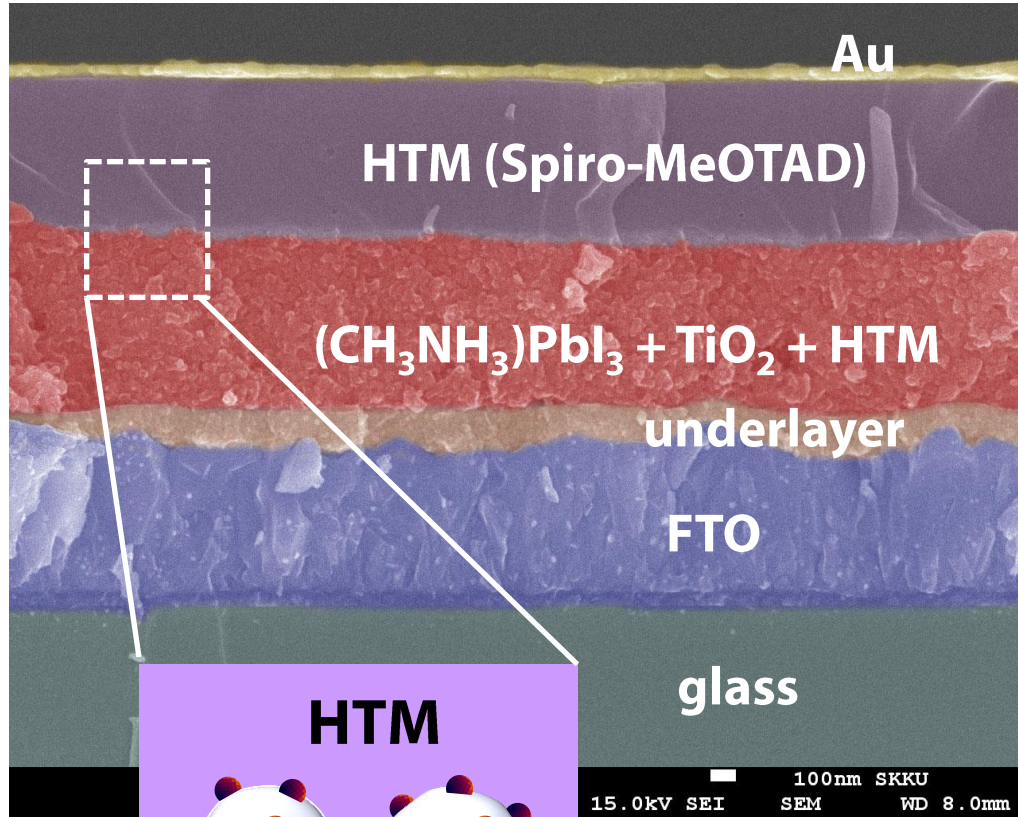
PV Performance increased as thickness decreased



TiO_2 film thickness (μm)

1st Report on SS-Perovskite Solar Cell (2012)

with a PCE of 9.7% & stability





"The First Report on Stable, High Efficiency Solid-State Perovskite Solar Cell"



Lead Iodide Perovskite Sensitized All-Solid-State Submicron Thin Film Mesoscopic Solar Cell with Efficiency Exceeding 9%

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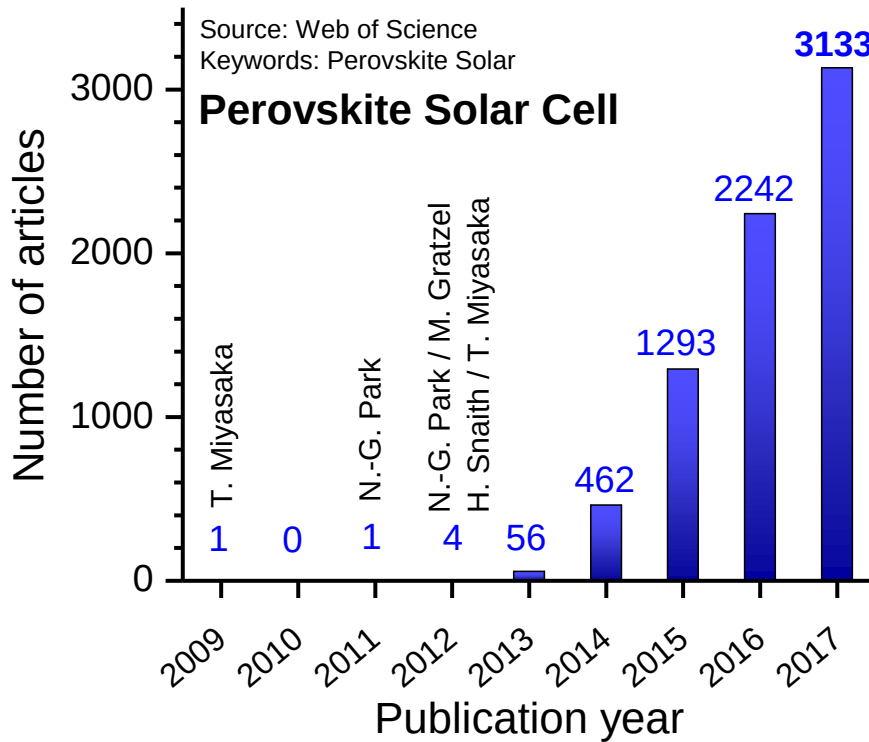
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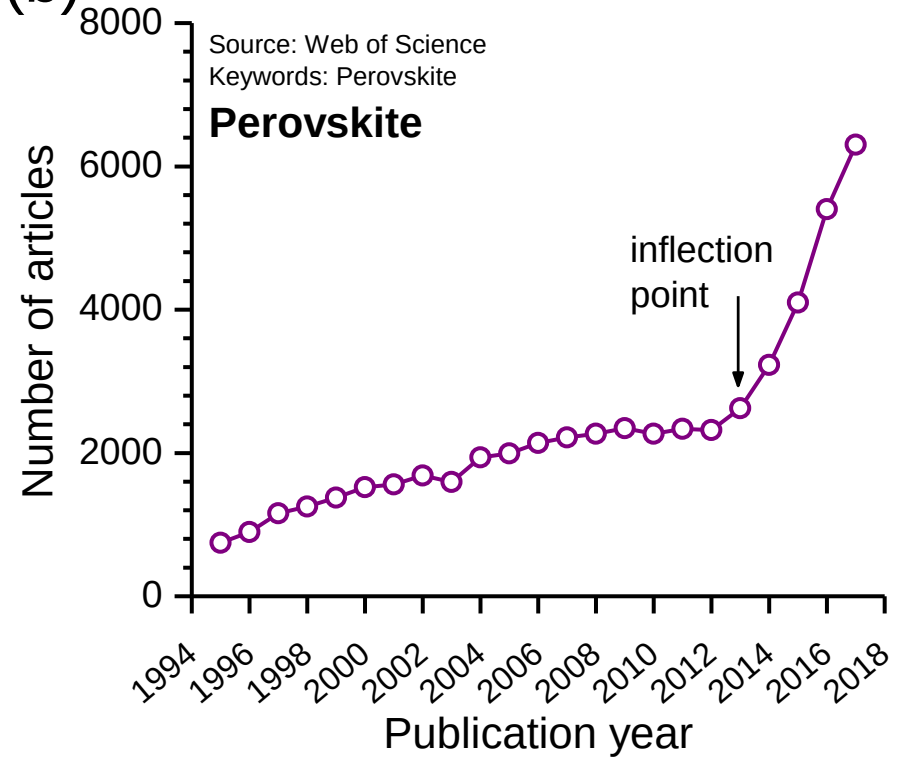
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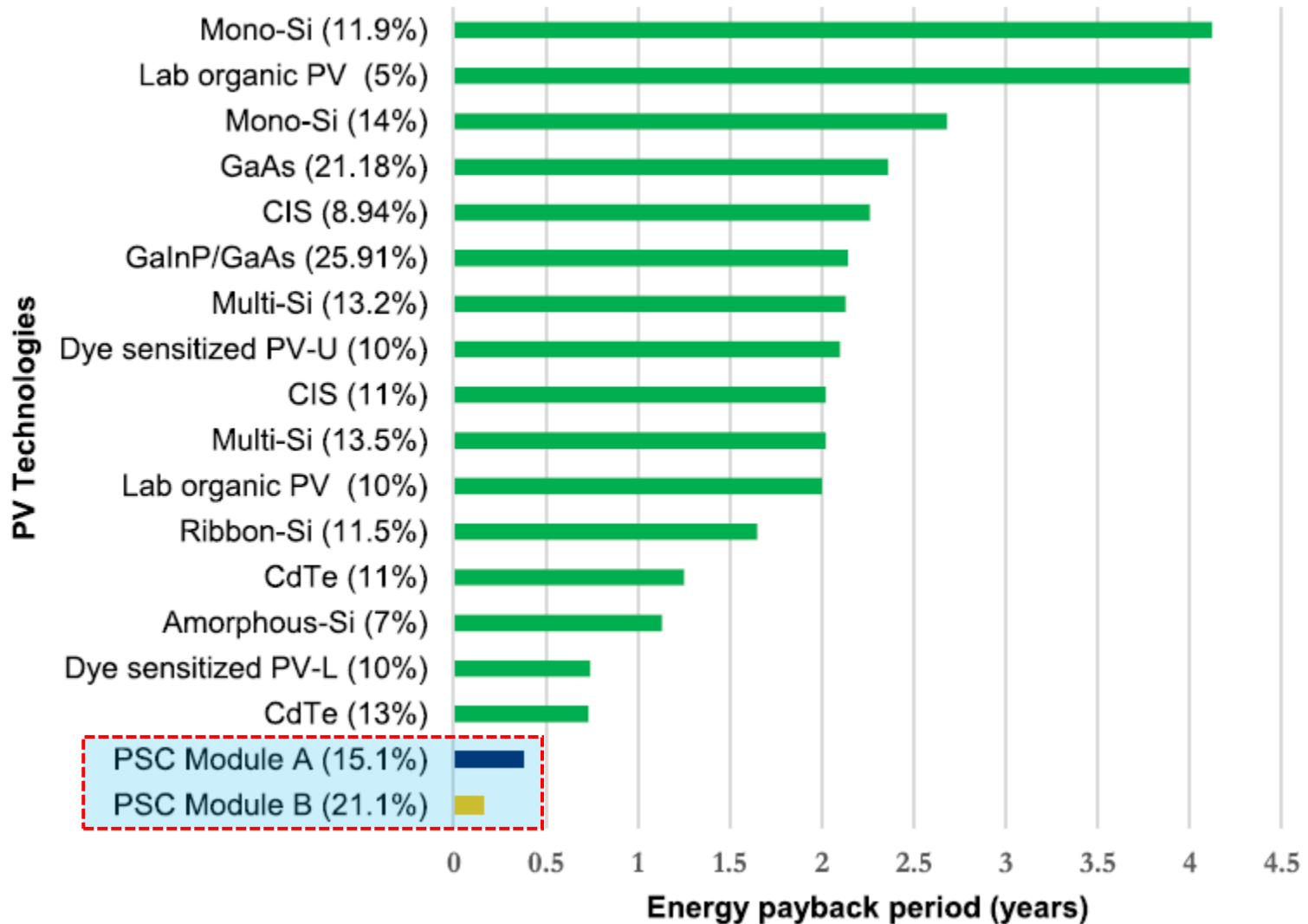
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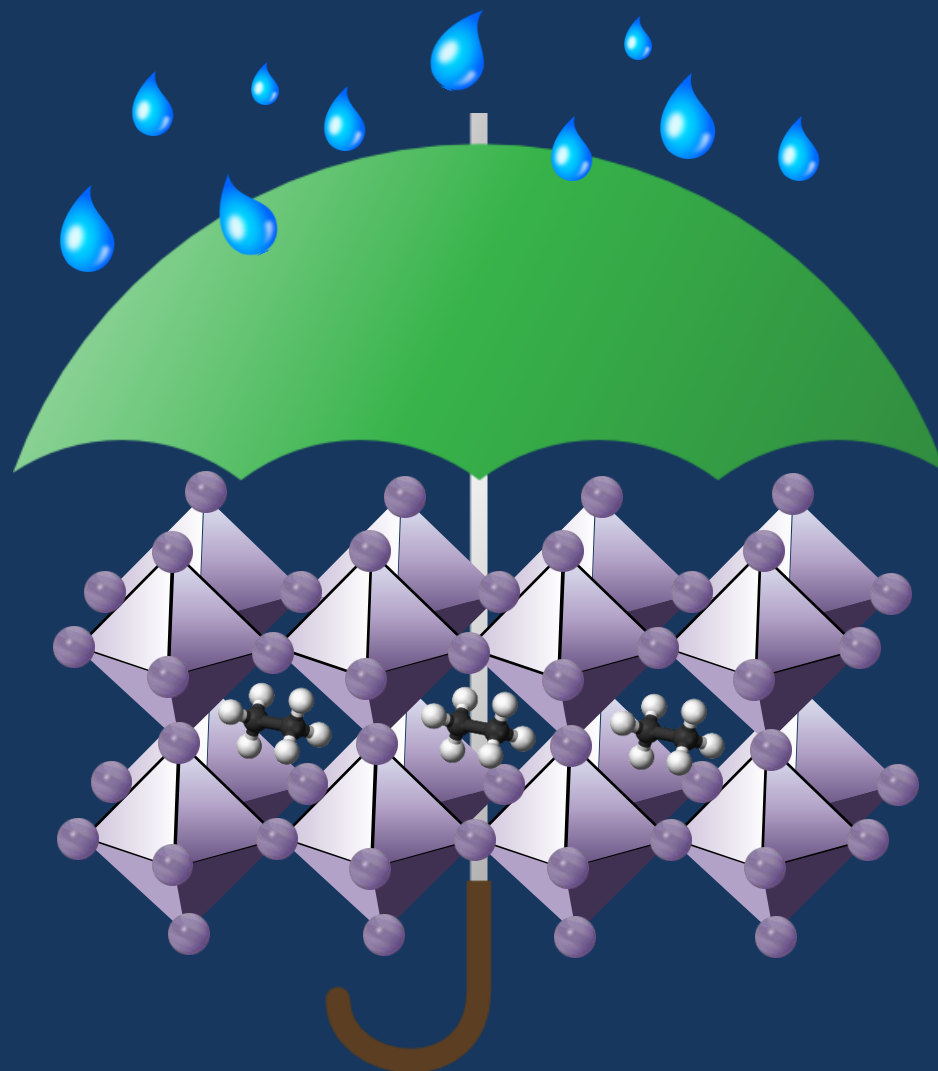
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Toward Hysteresis-free, Stable PSC



On the I-V Hysteresis

Severe hysteresis leads to poor stability

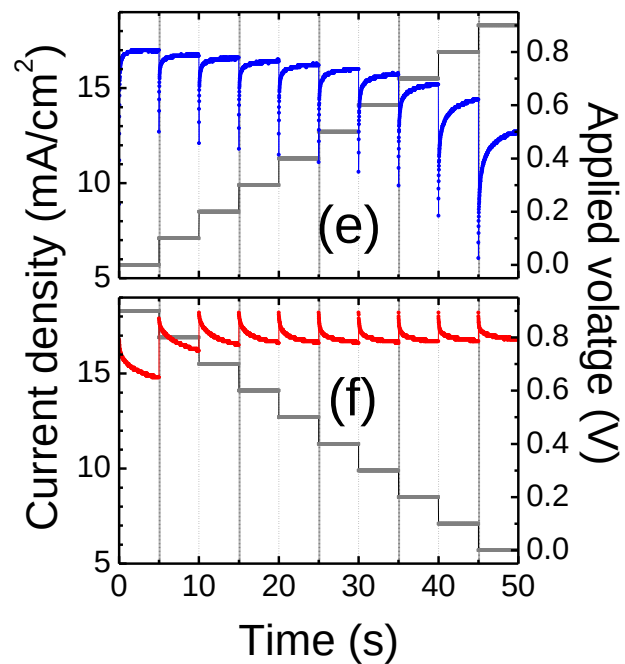
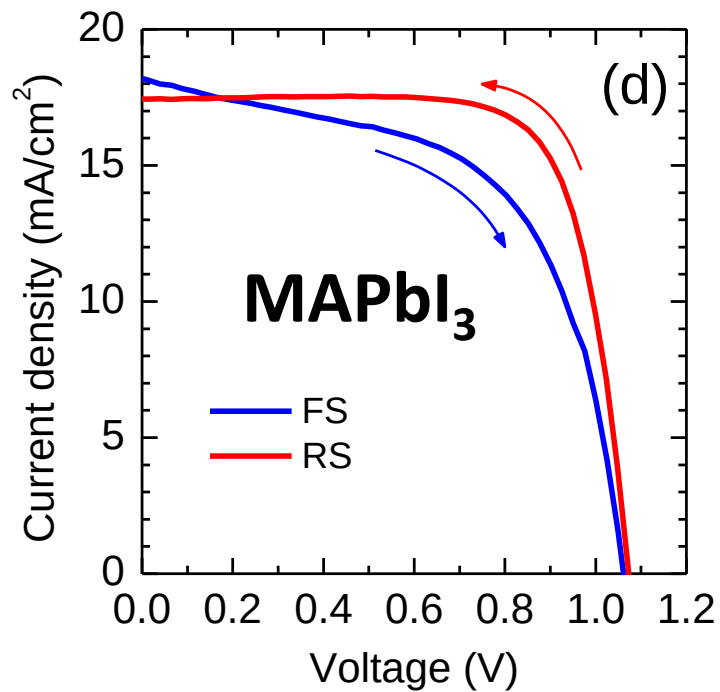
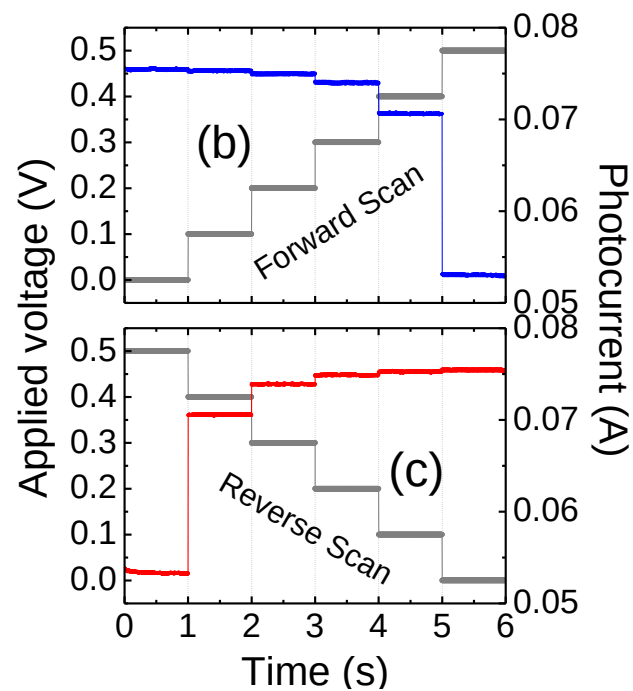
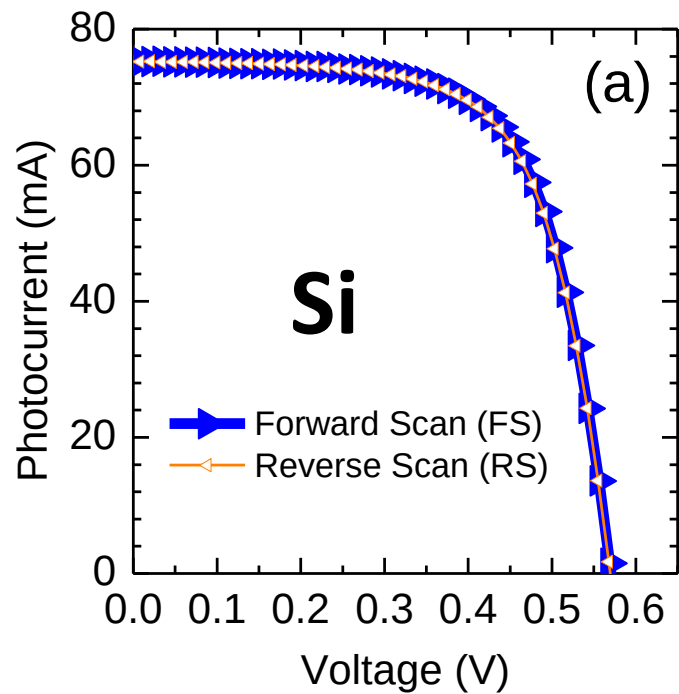
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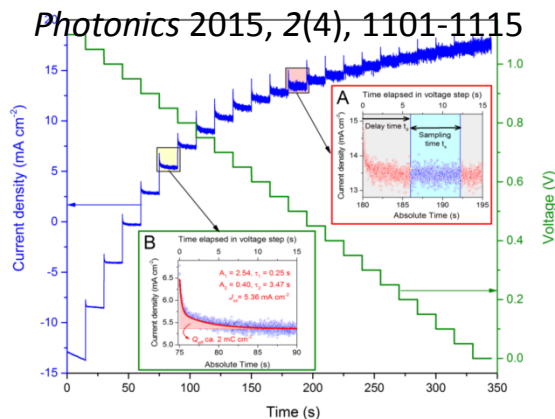
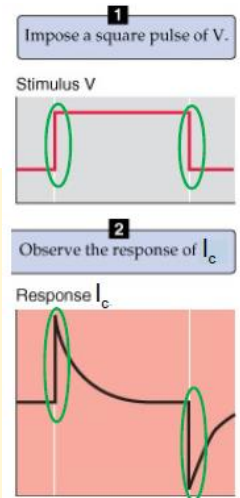
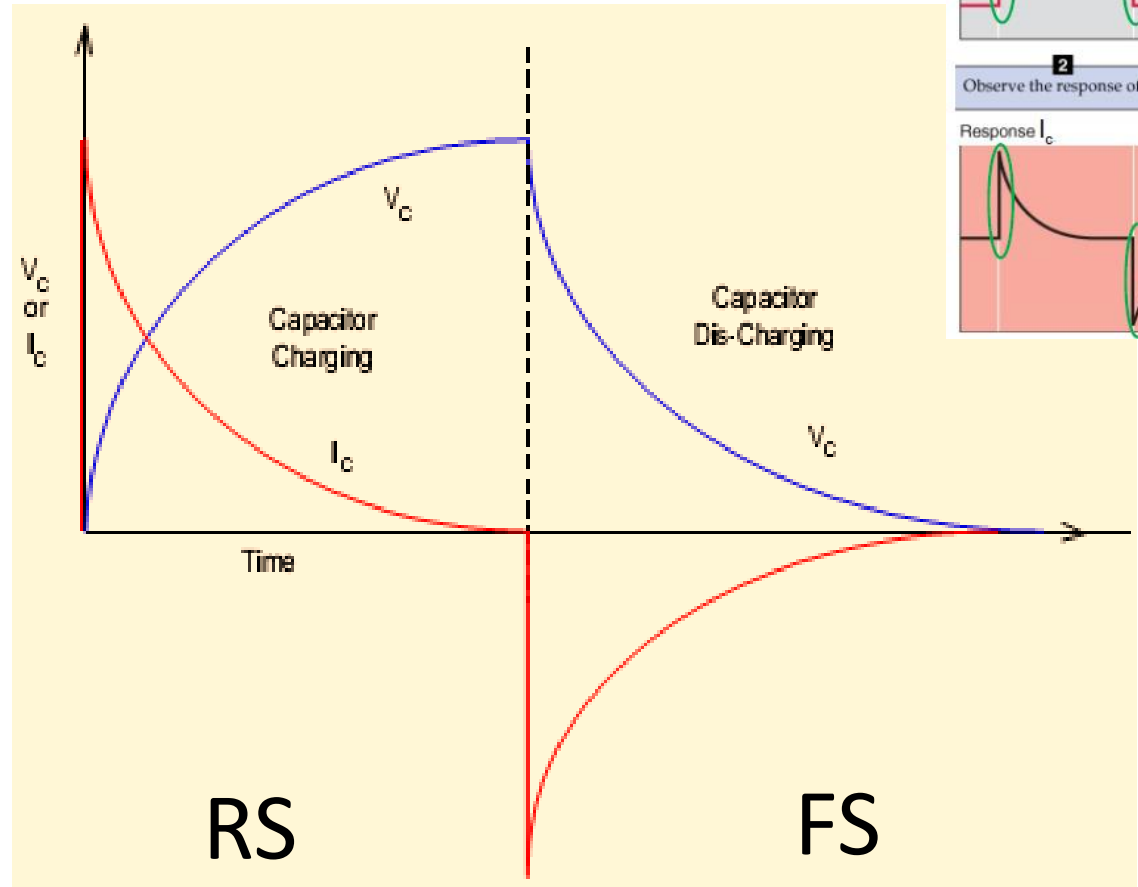
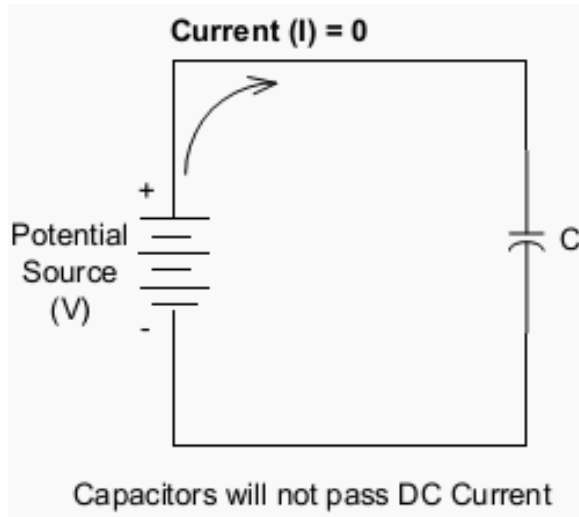
Towards stable and commercially available perovskite solar cells

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Capacitive Current

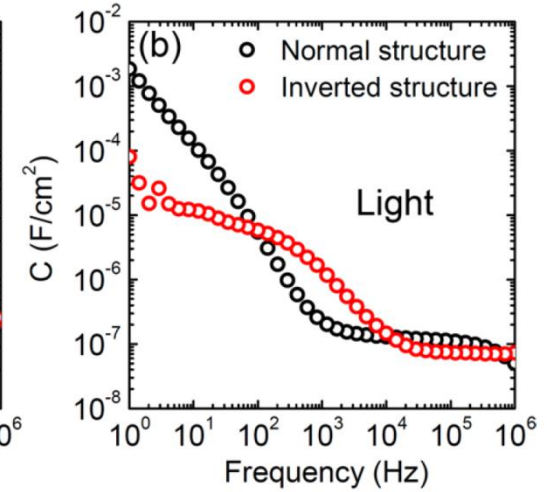
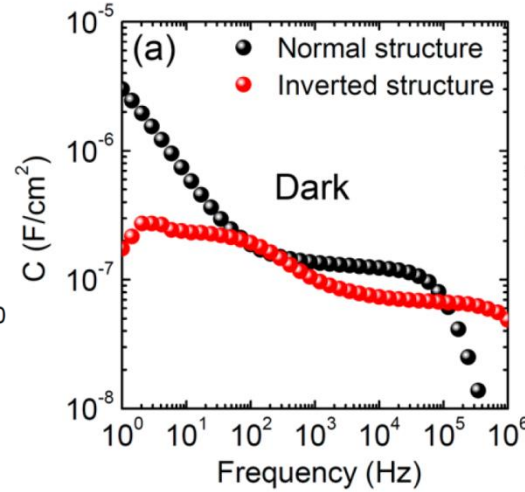
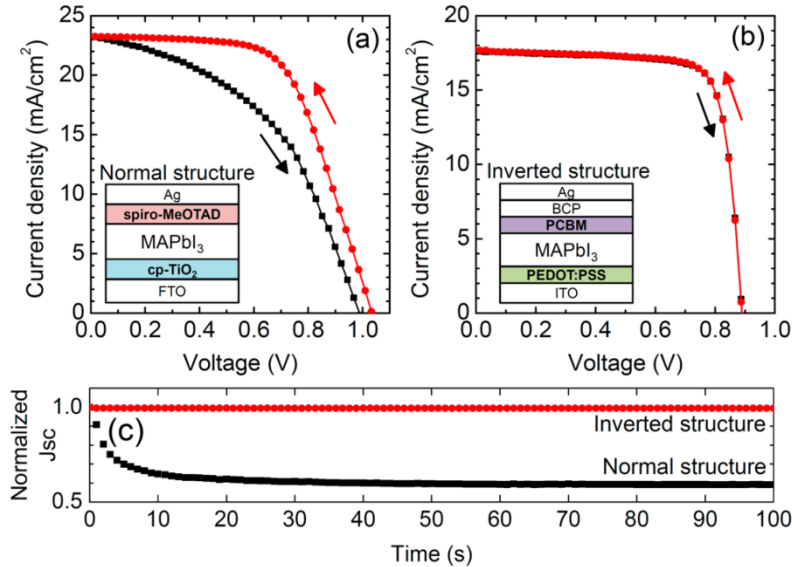
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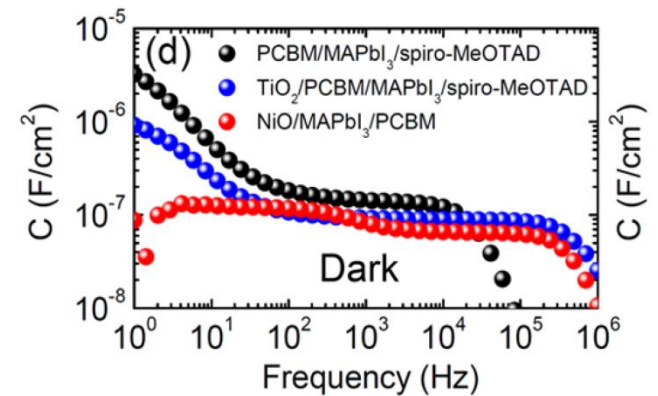
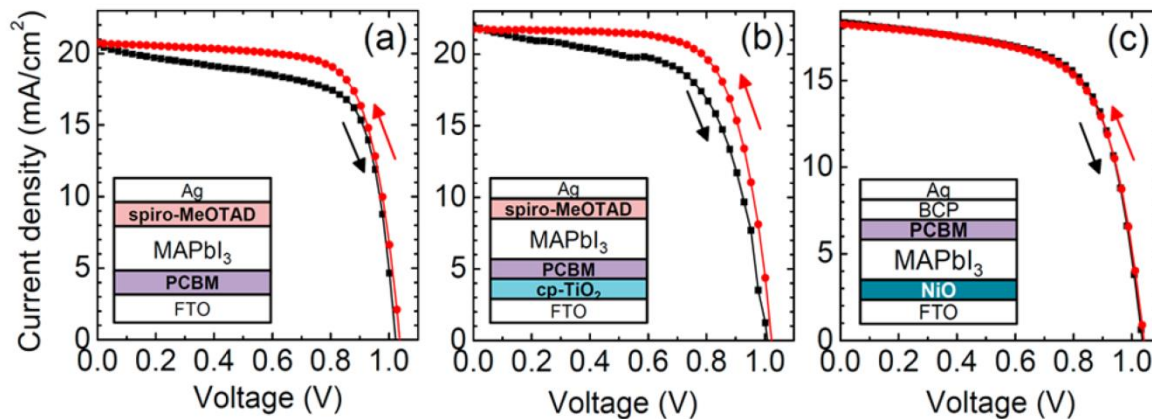
Increases in Capacitance leads to Hysteresis
 Management of Capacitor Component in PSC is important

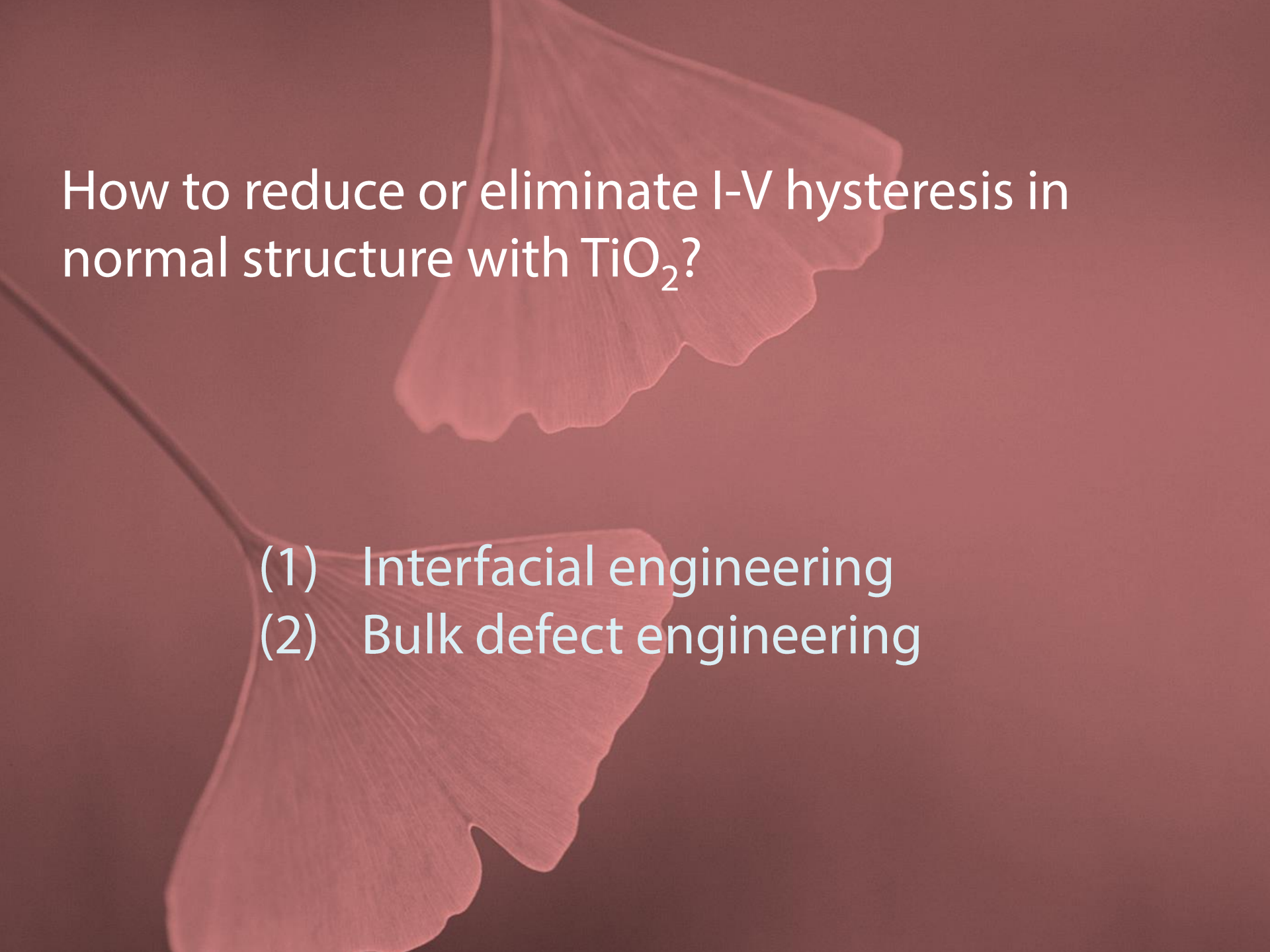
► Importance of Interface (*J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* 2015, 6, 4633–4639)

- Hysteresis: normal vs inverted structure



- Effect of selective contacts on hysteresis

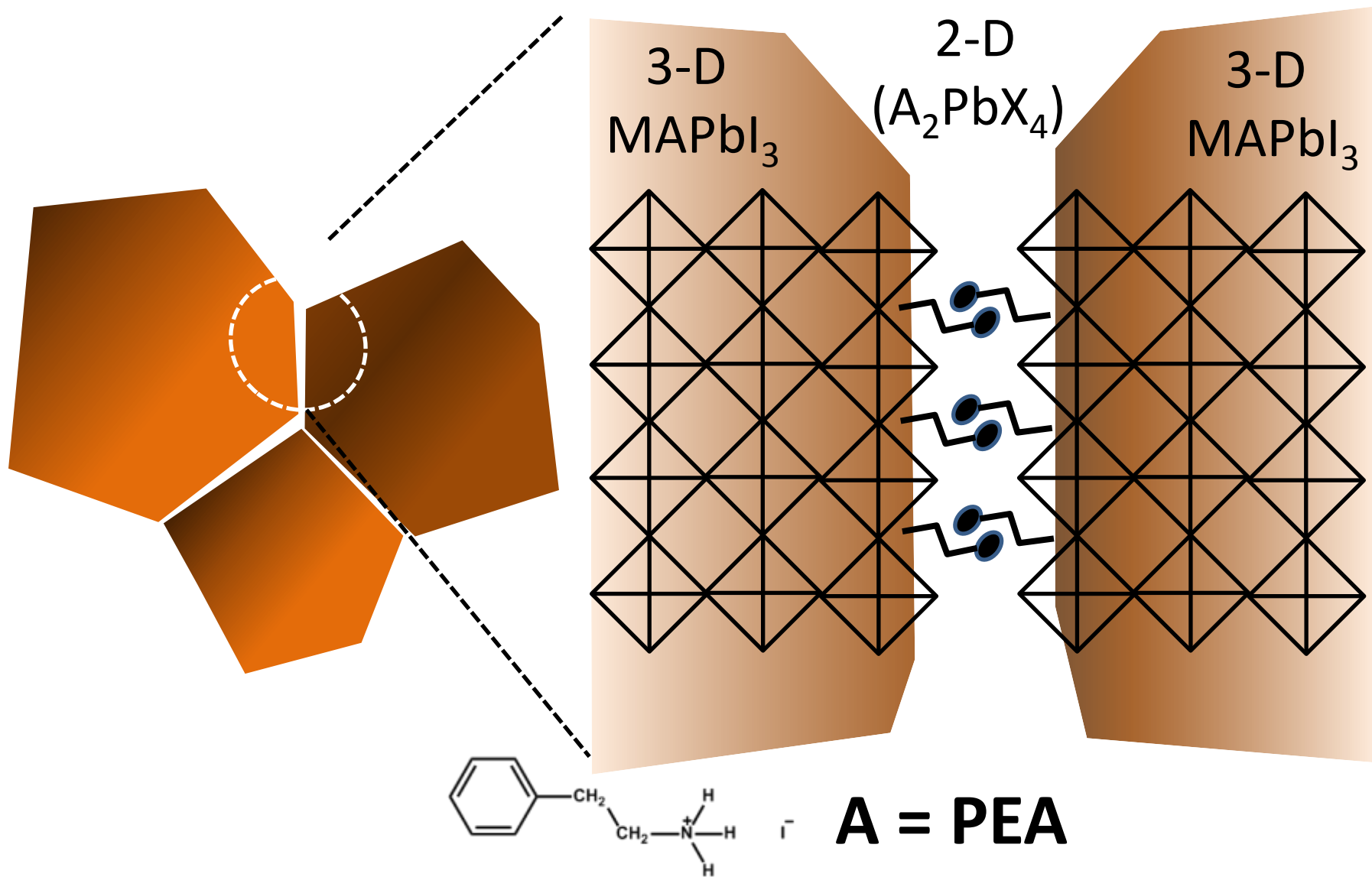




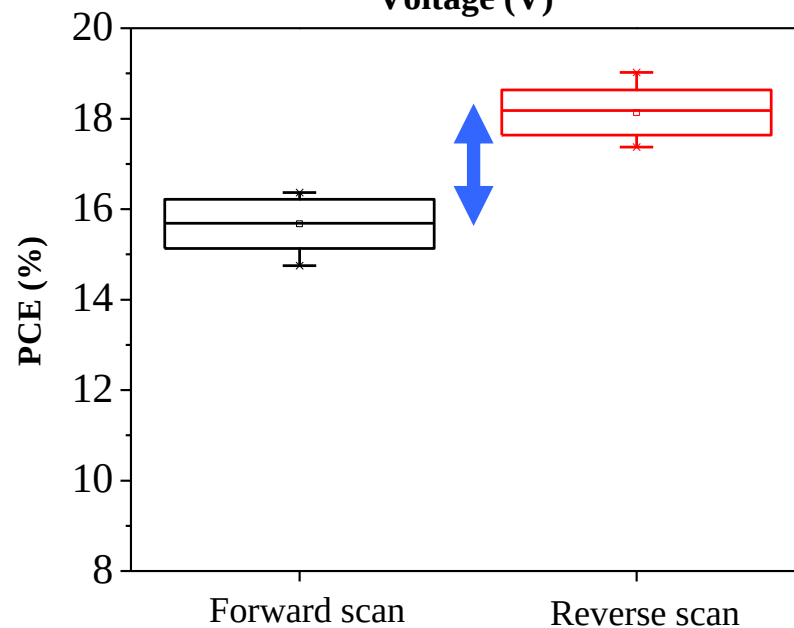
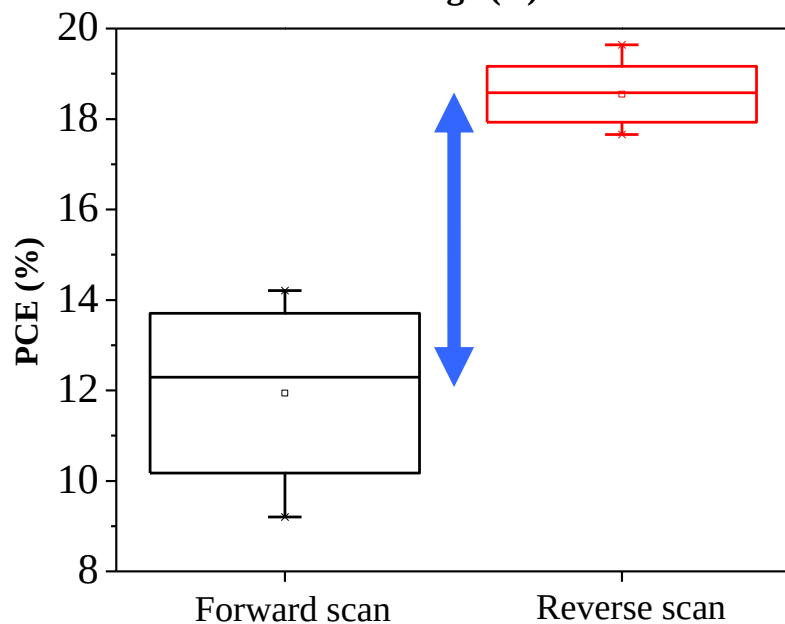
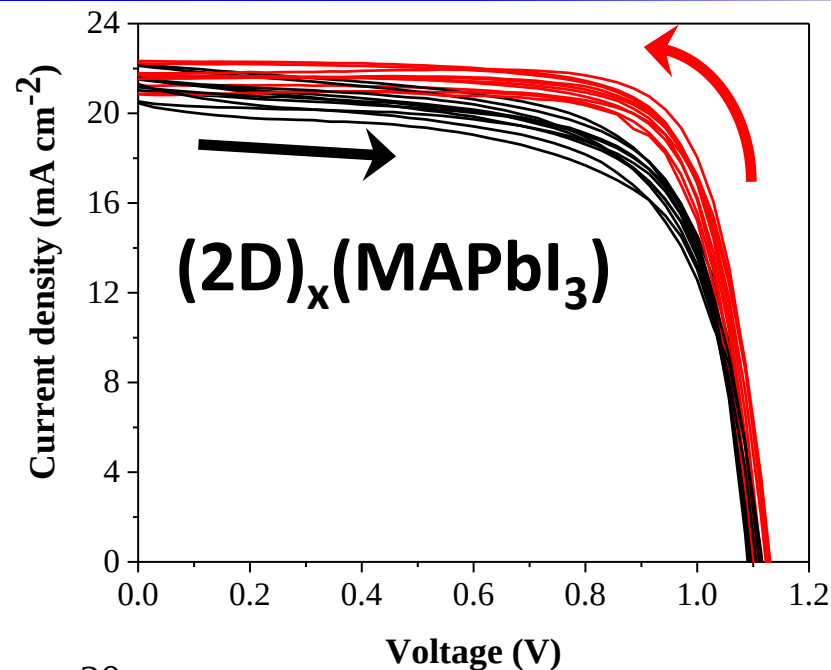
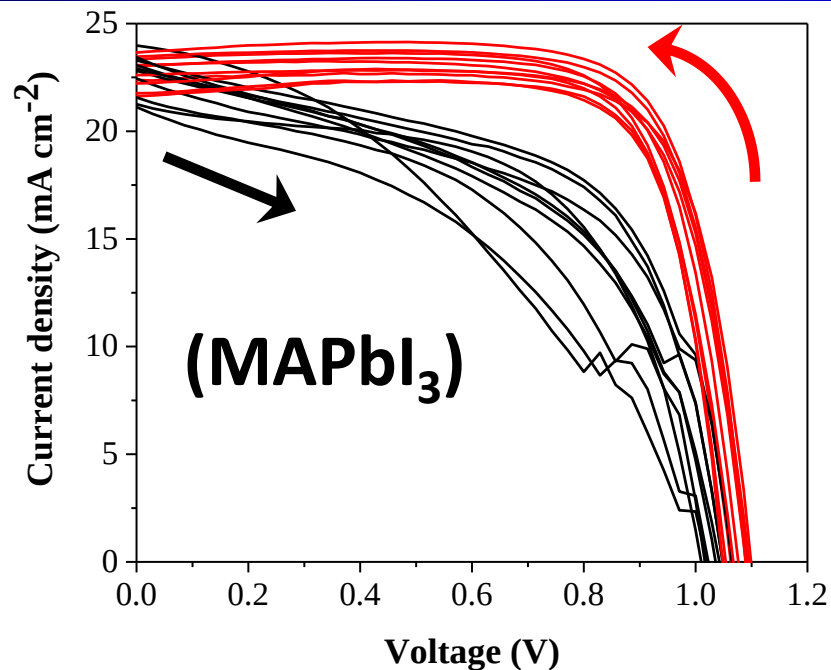
How to reduce or eliminate I-V hysteresis in normal structure with TiO_2 ?

- (1) Interfacial engineering
- (2) Bulk defect engineering

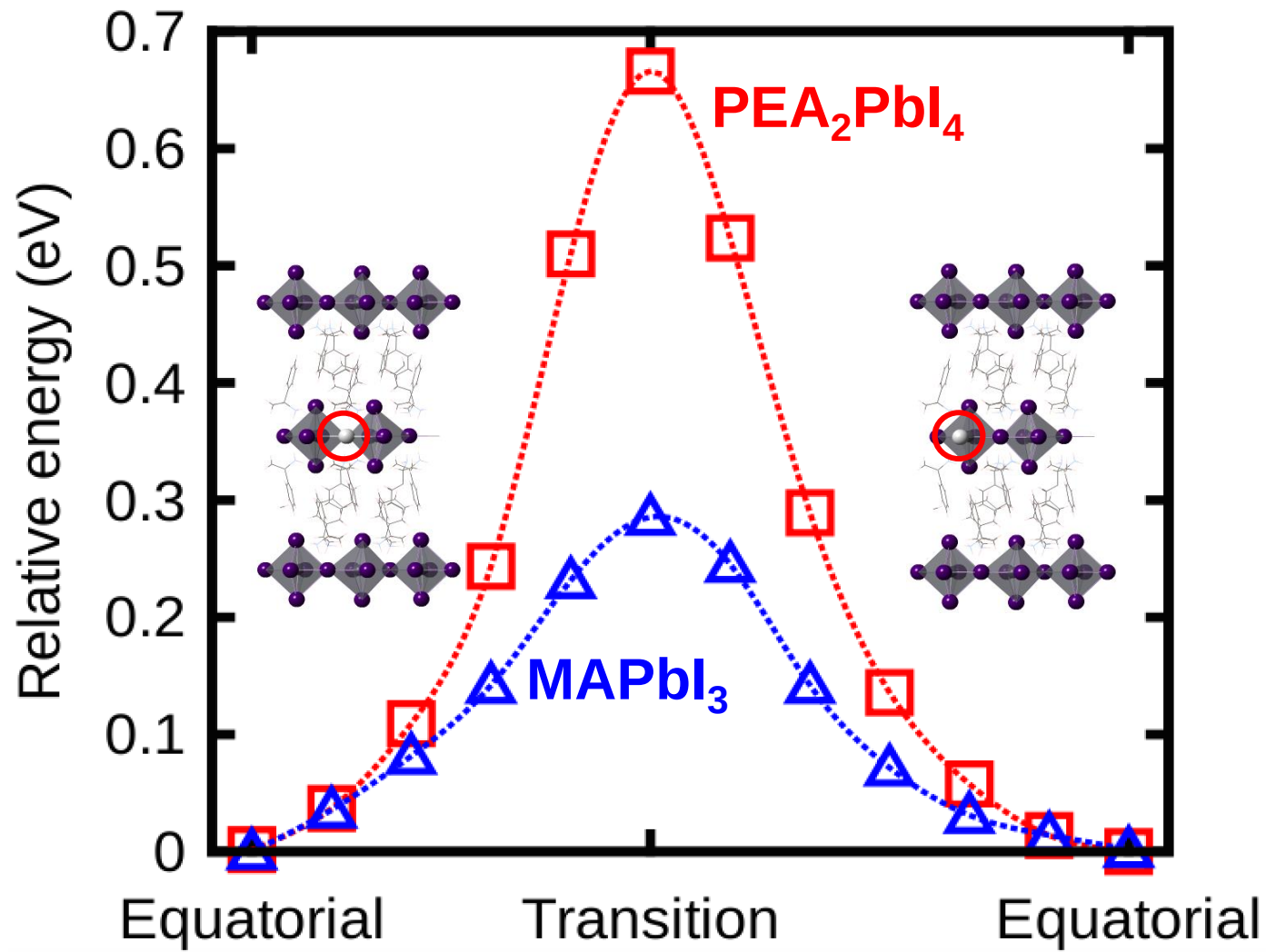
Interfacial Engineering with 2D $(\text{PEA})_2\text{PbI}_4$



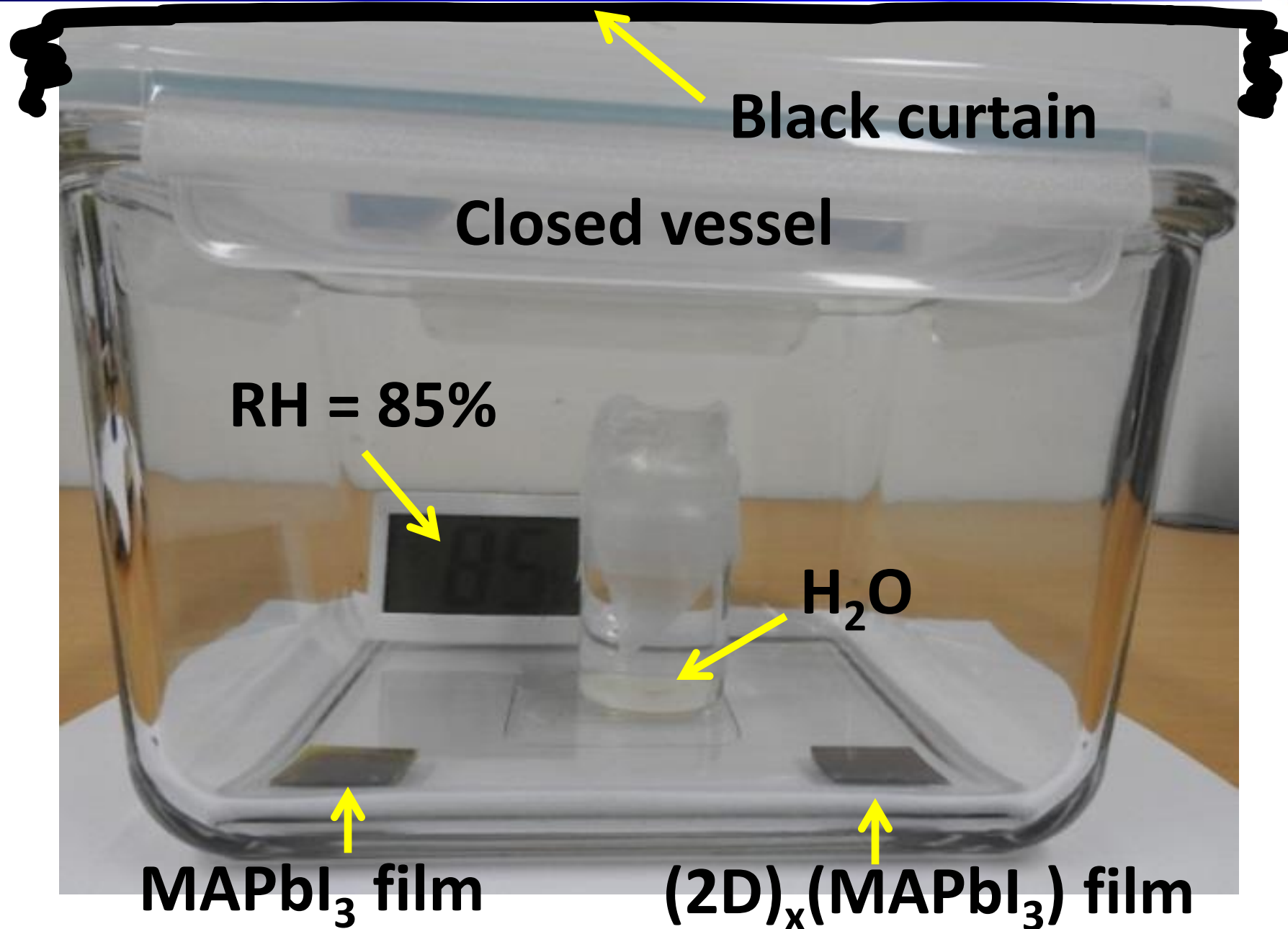
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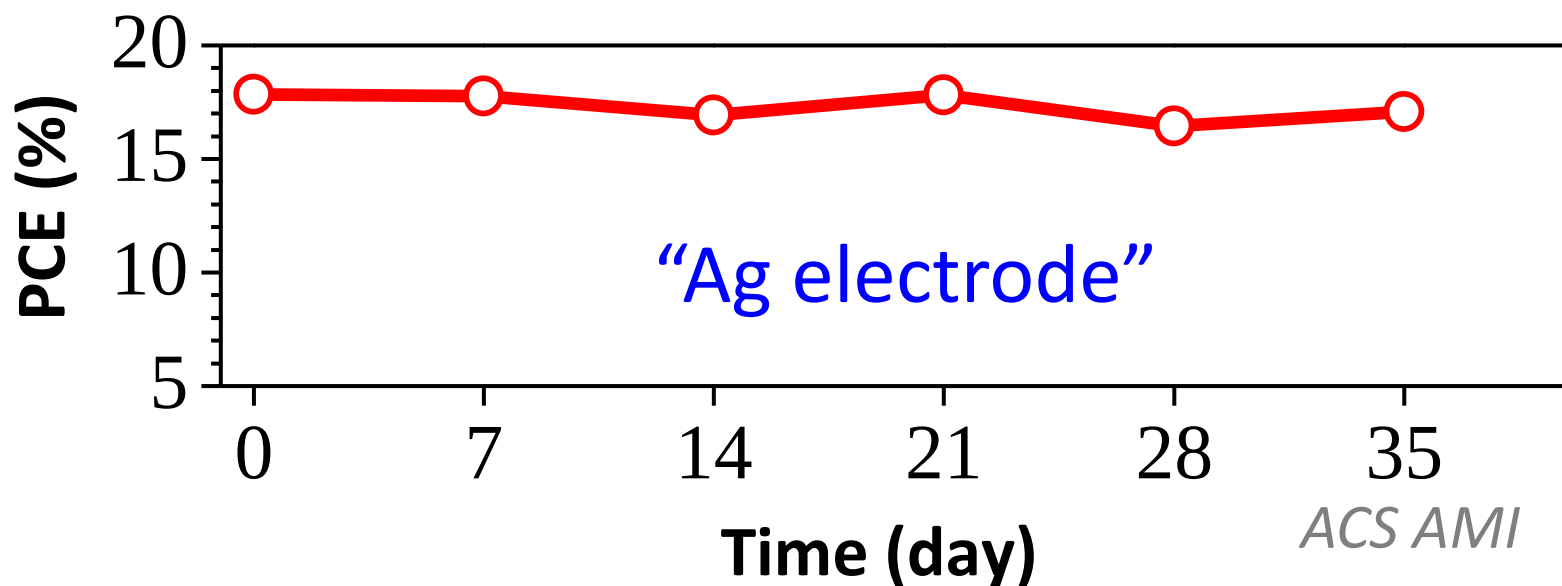
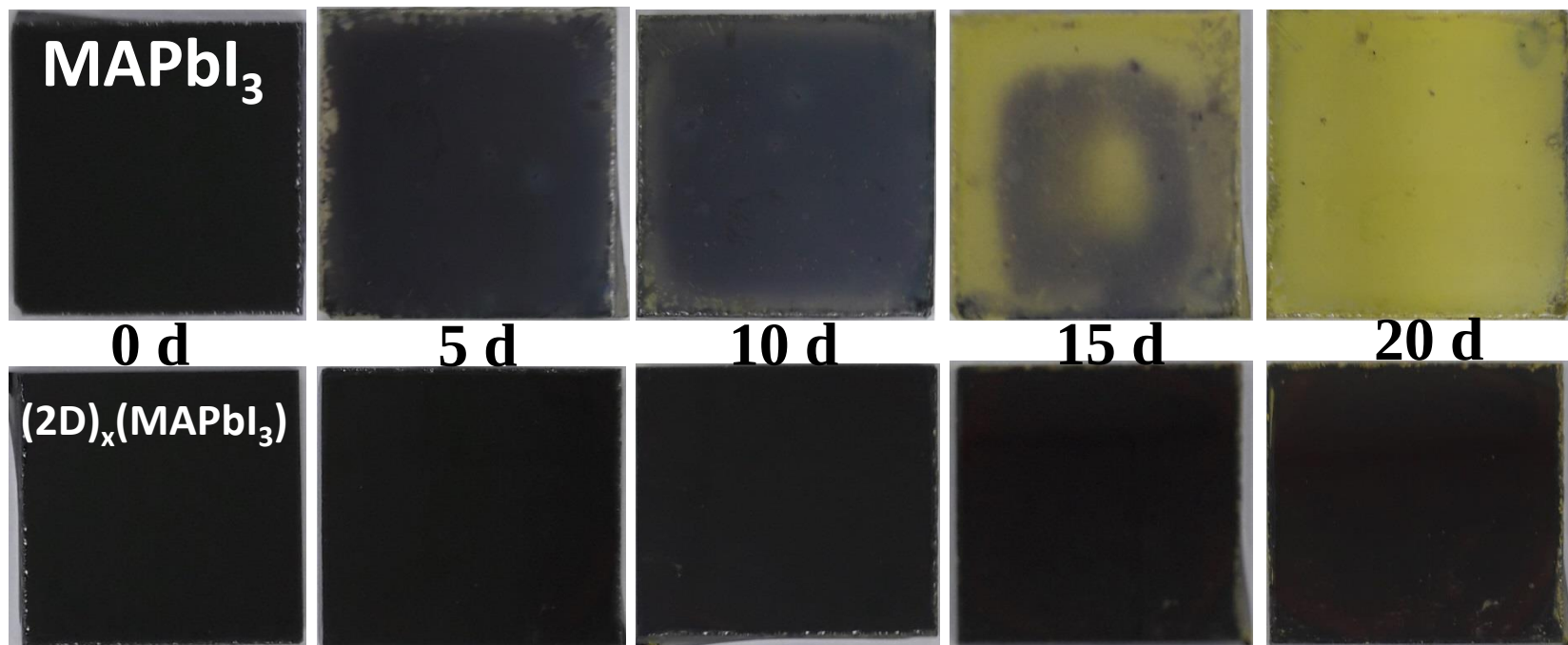
Higher energy for iodide displacement in 2D than in 3D



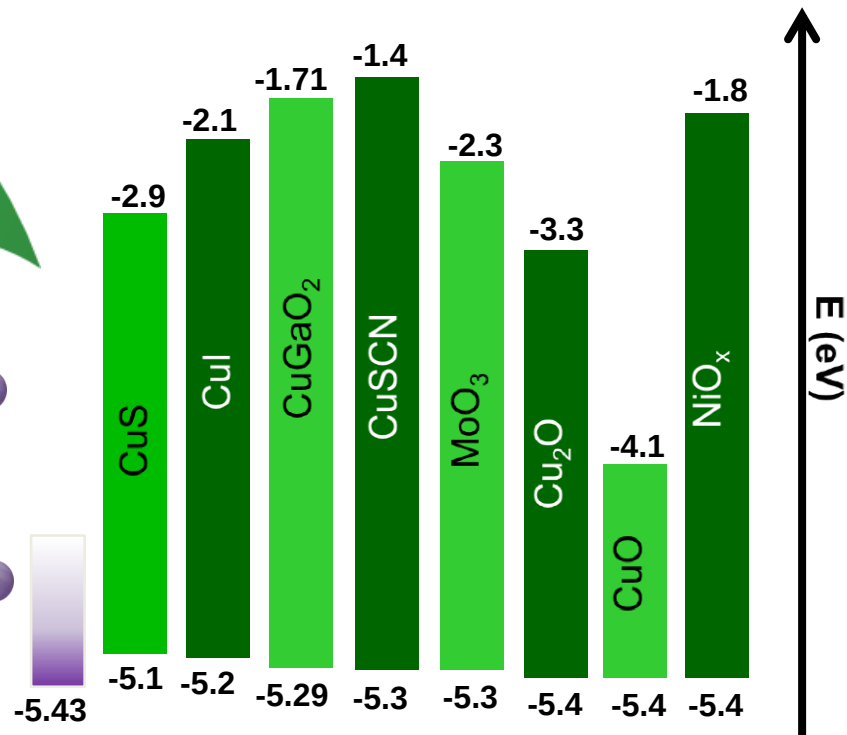
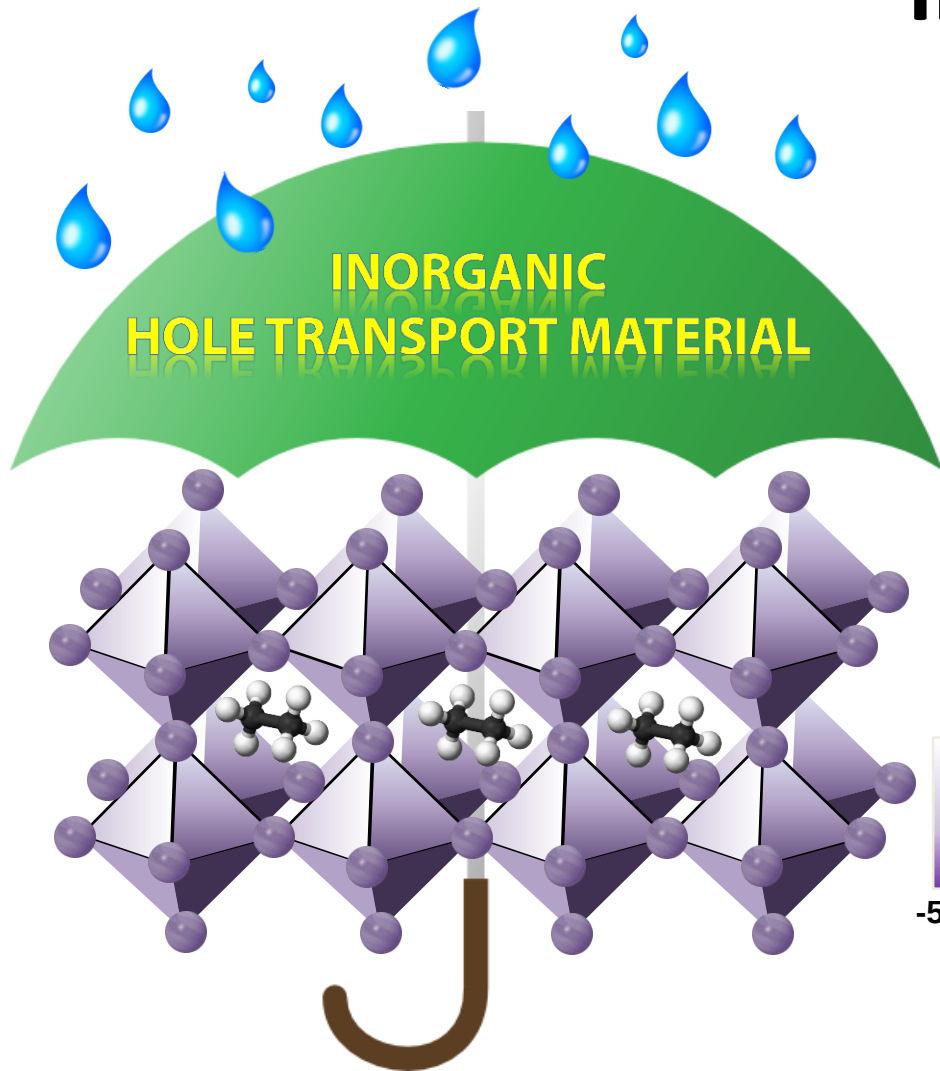
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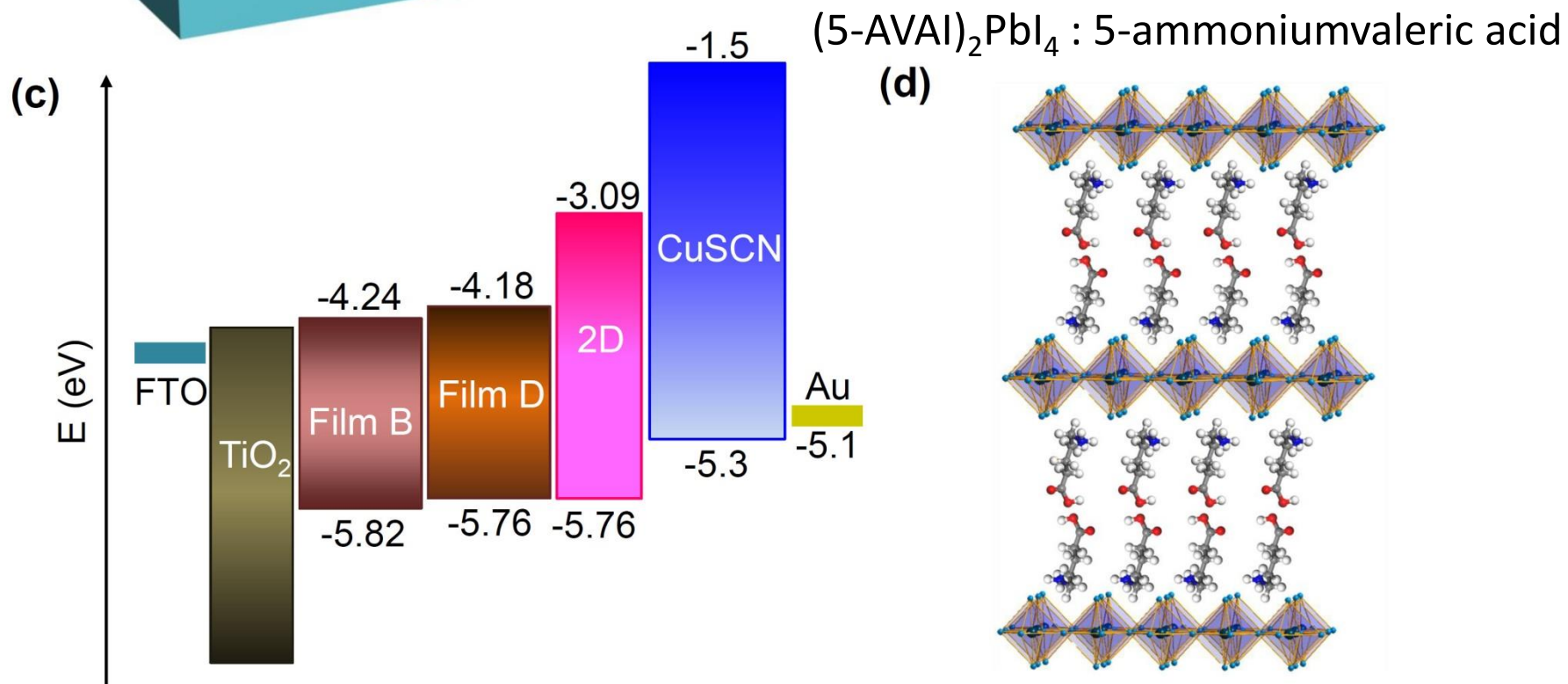
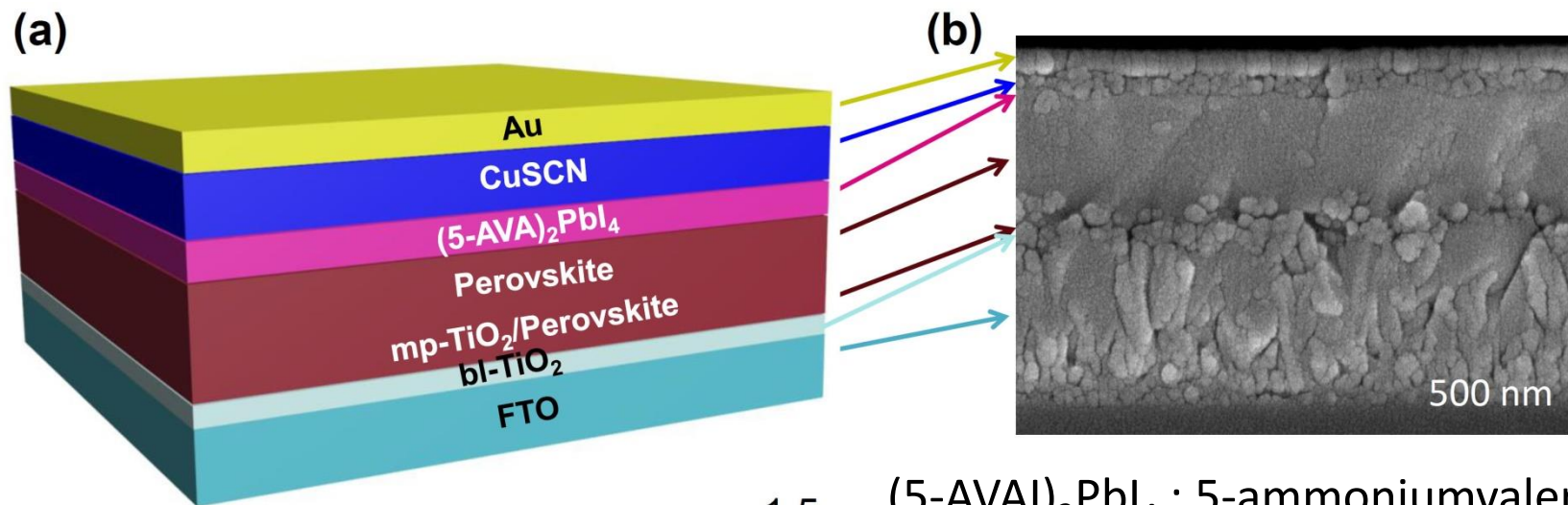
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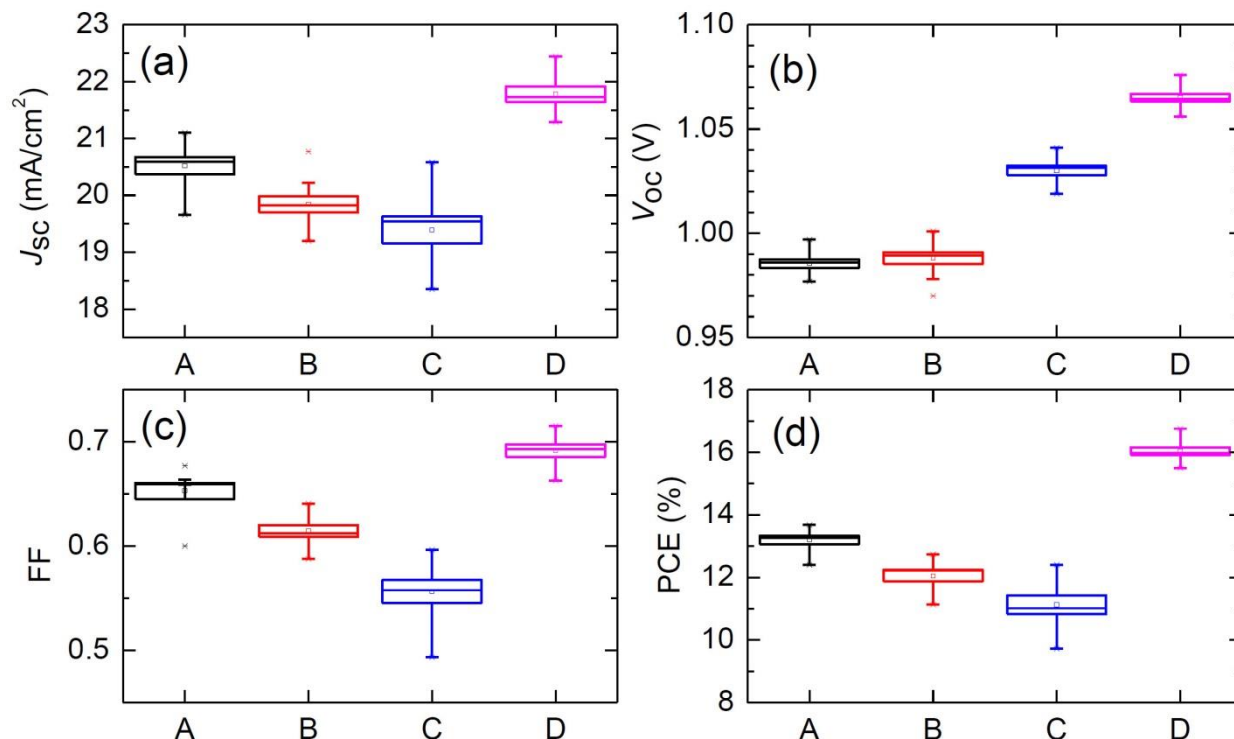
Inorganic HTMs



In-situ formation of 2D on perovskite surface



Post-treatment of 5-AVAI on PbI_2 excess PSK

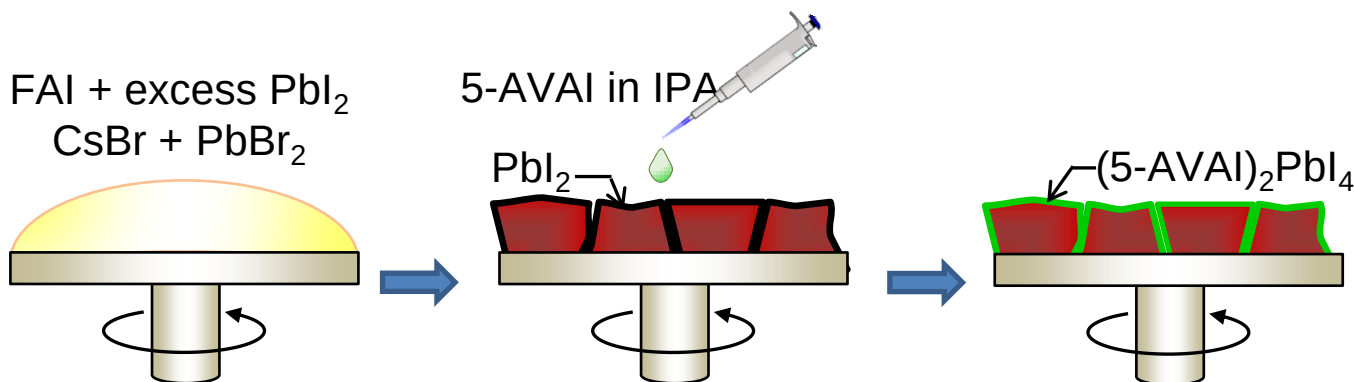


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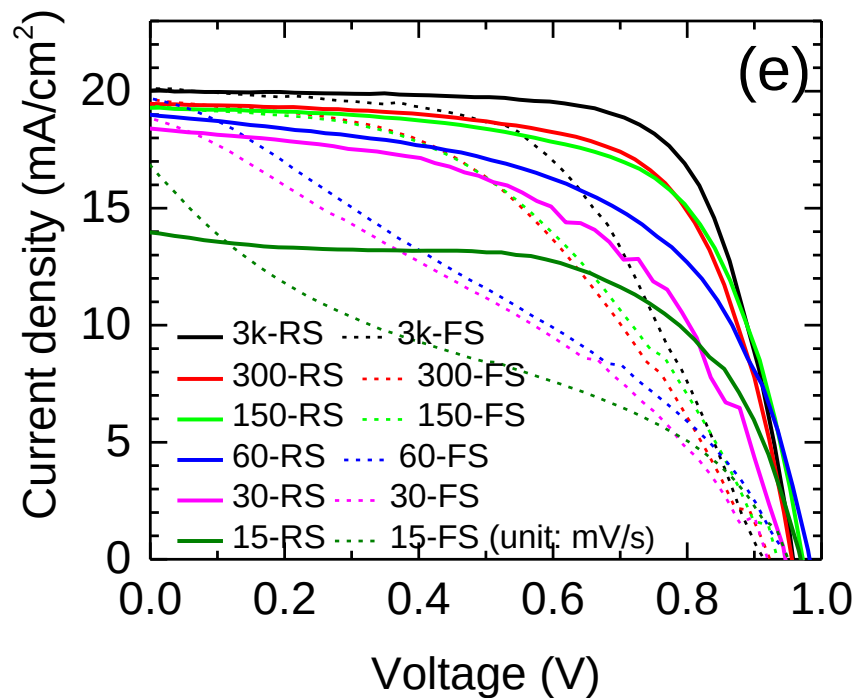
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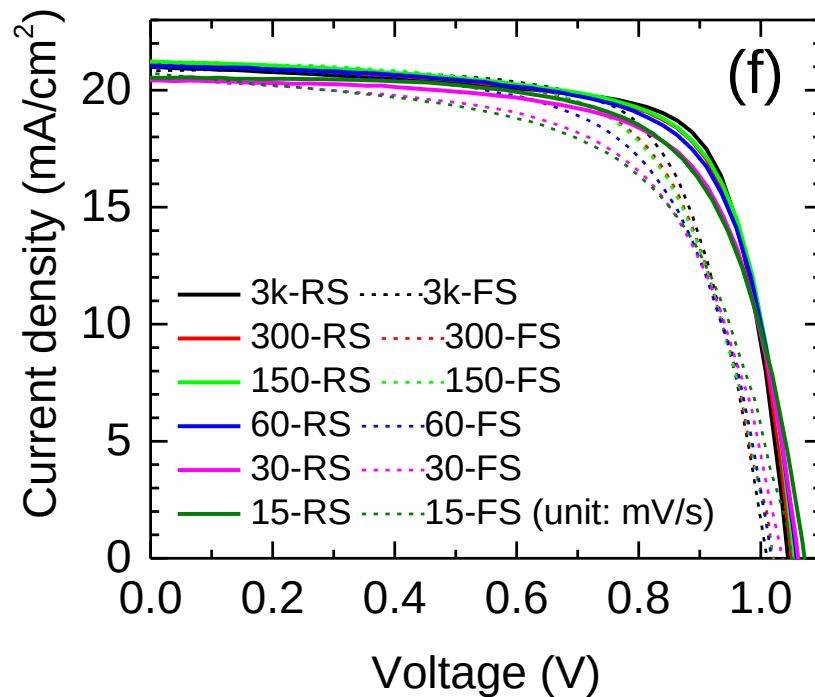
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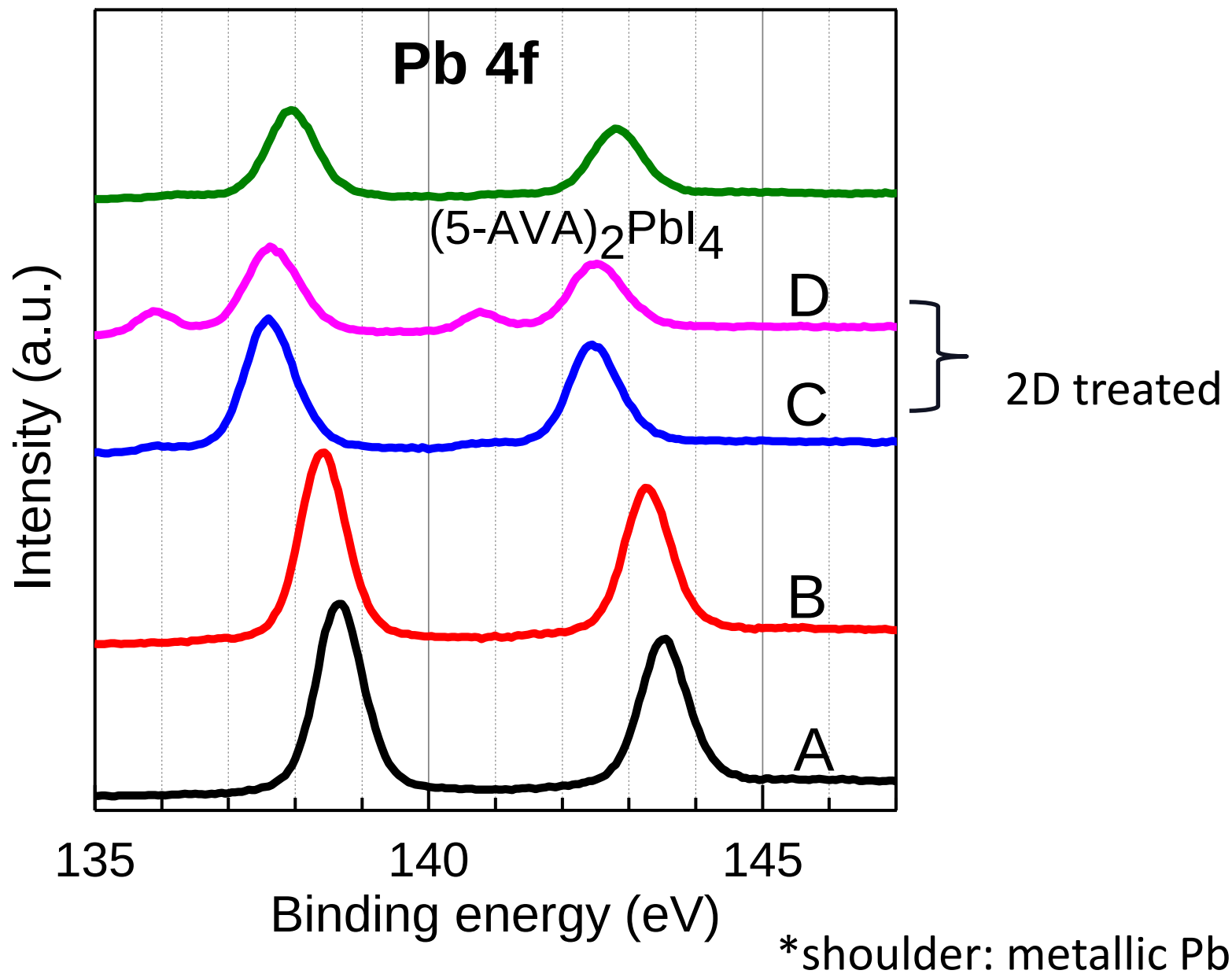
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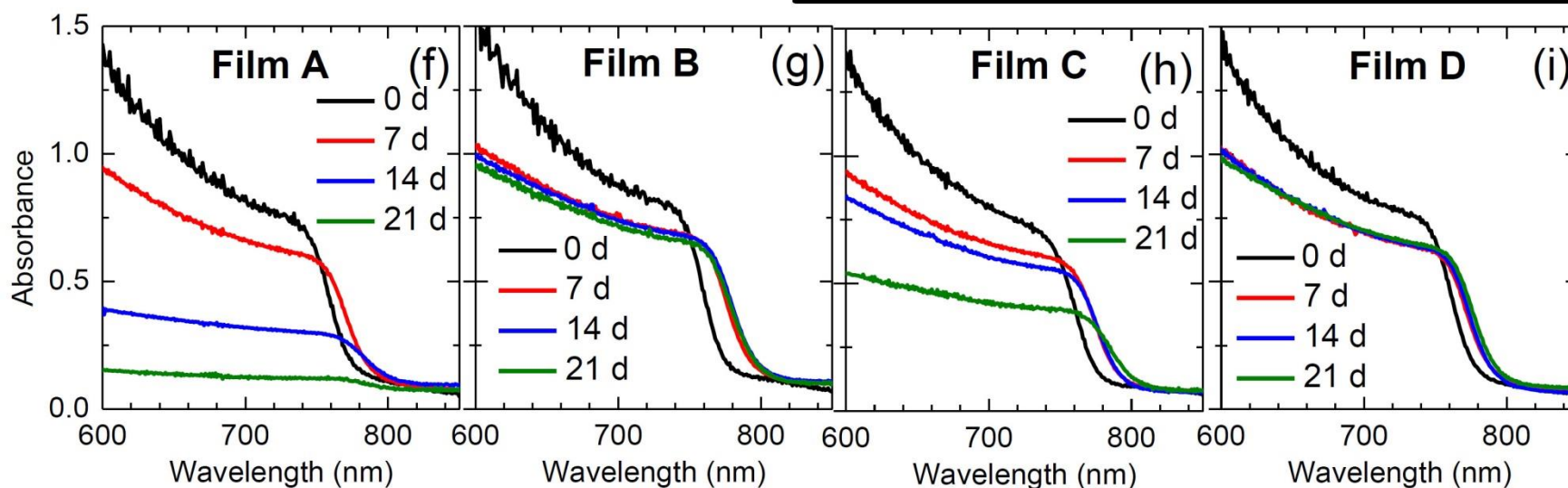
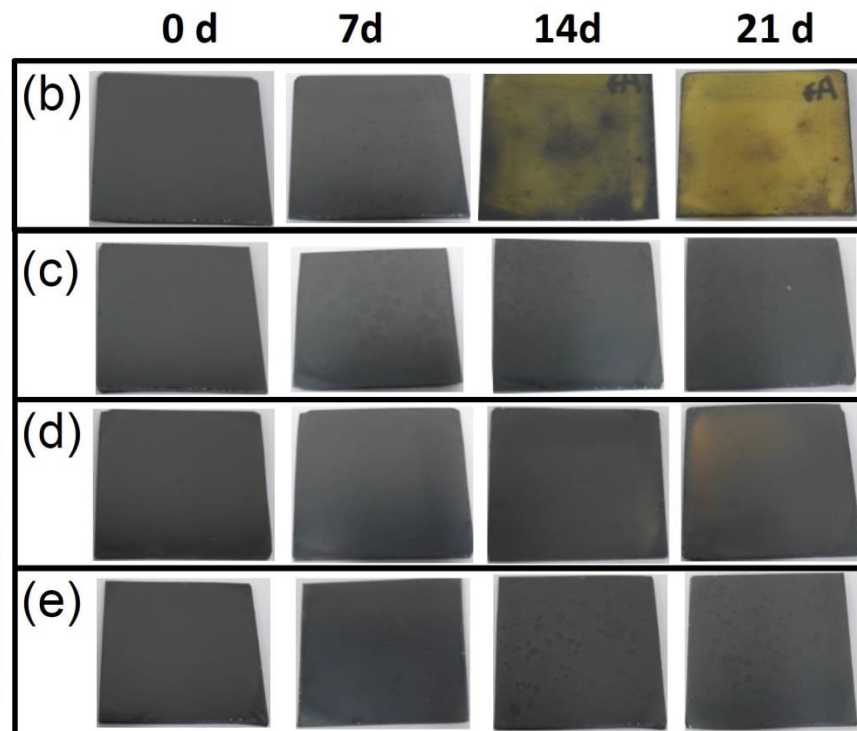
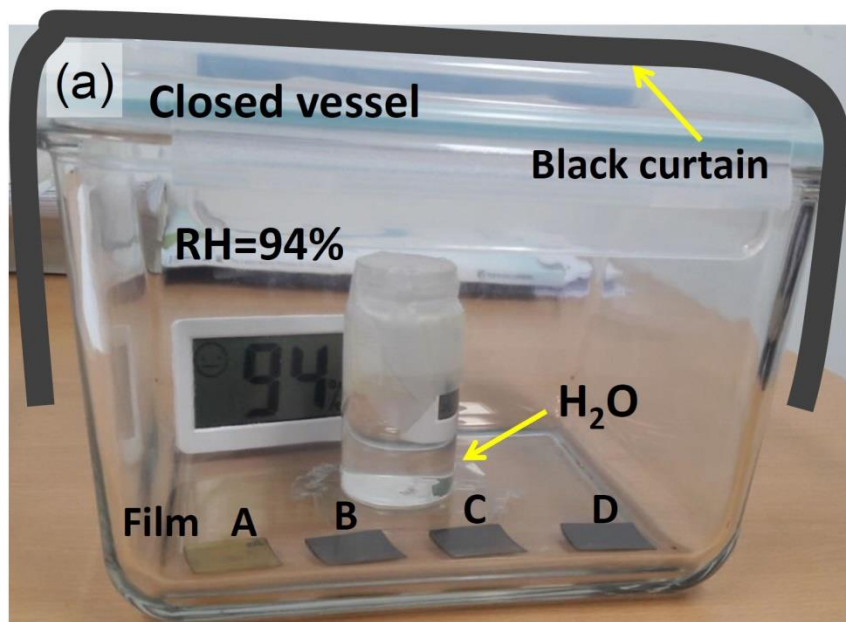
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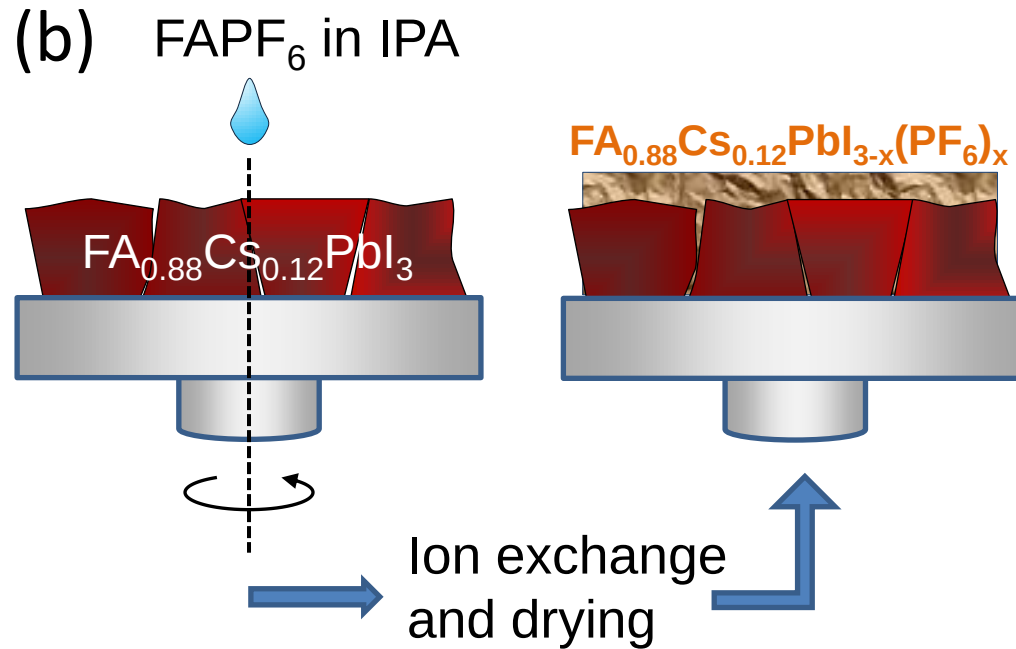
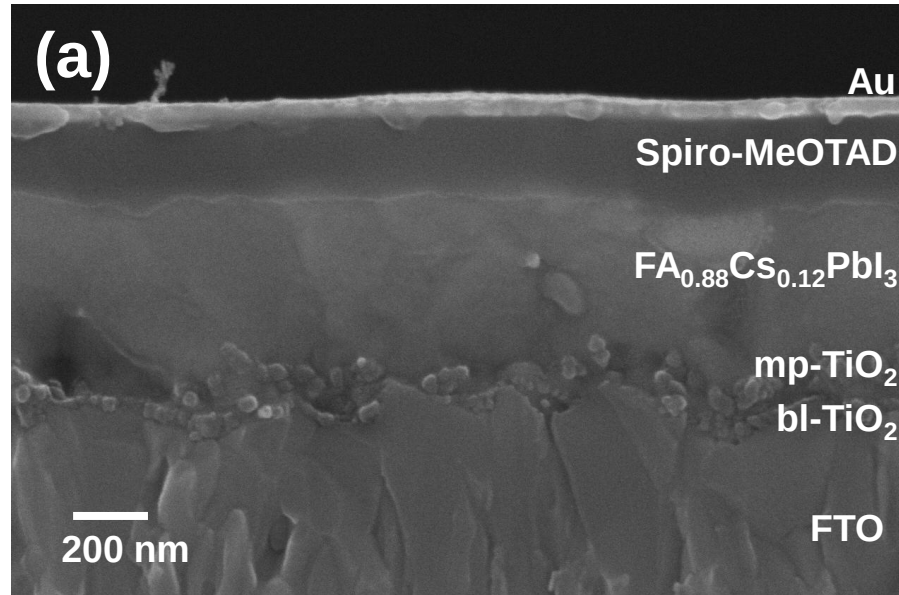
Evidence of in-situ formed 2D



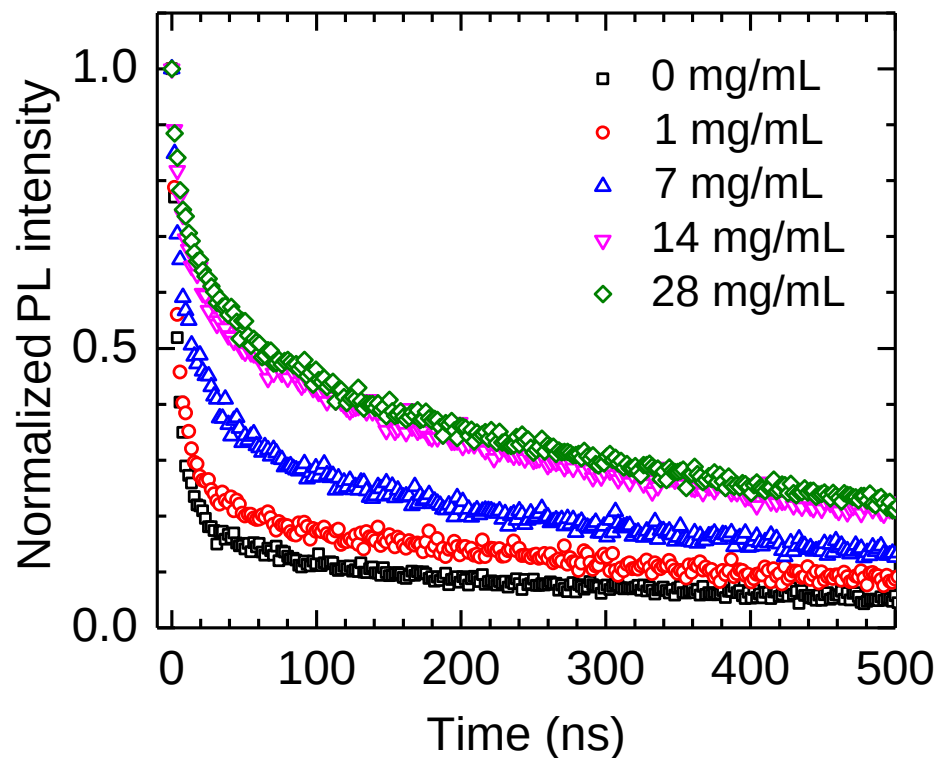
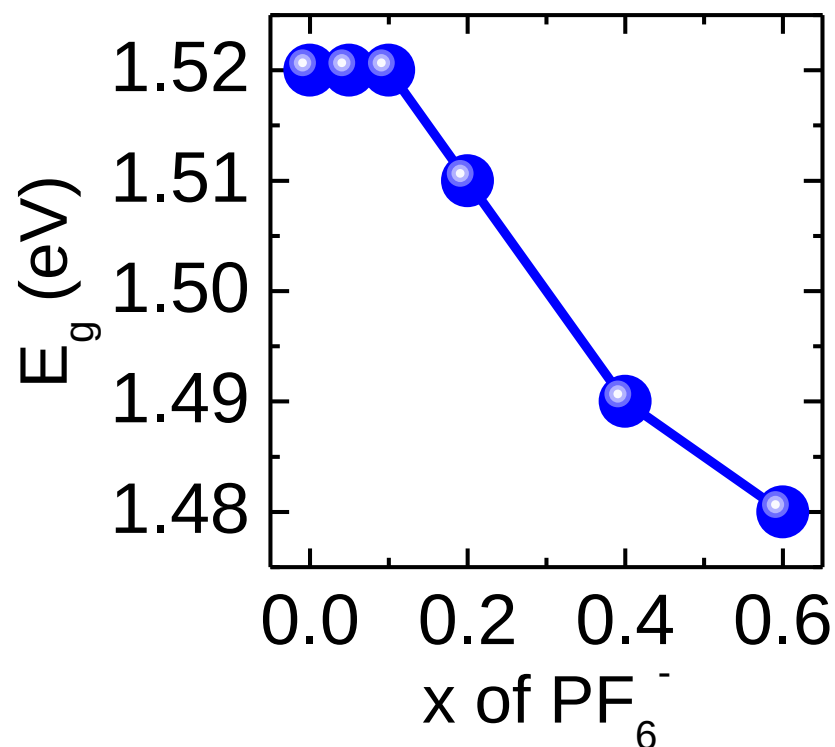
Effect of In-situ formed 2D on stability



Ion Exchange Reaction for Interfacial Engineering

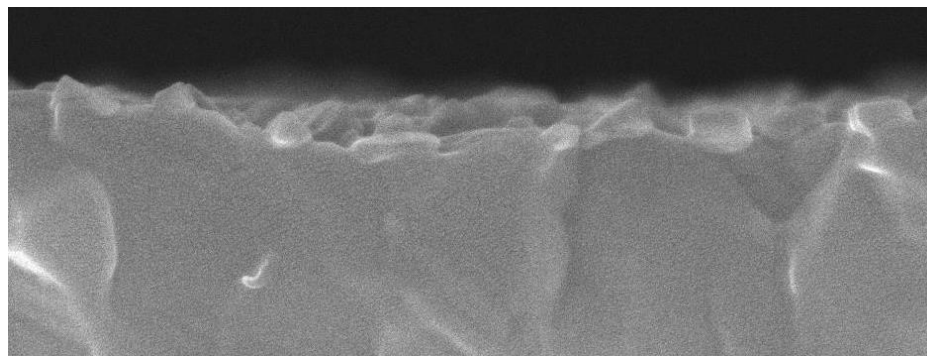
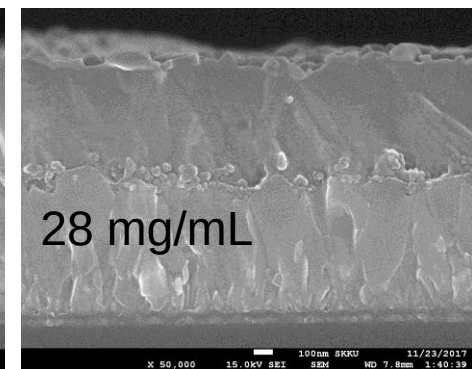
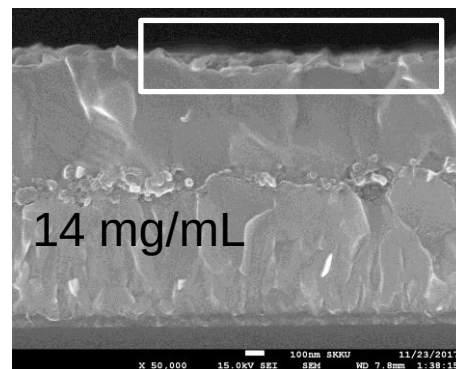
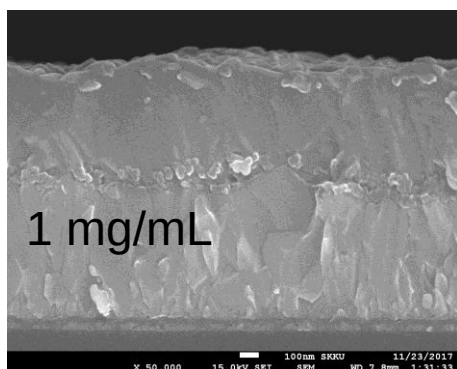
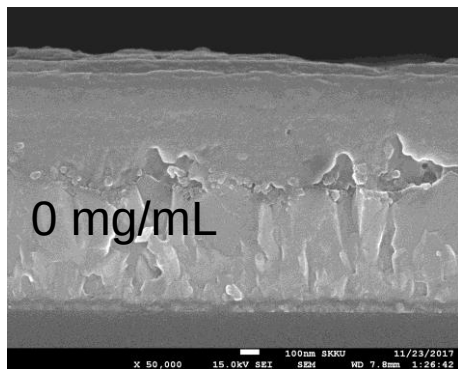
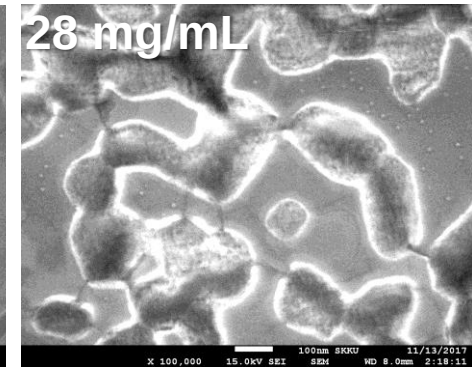
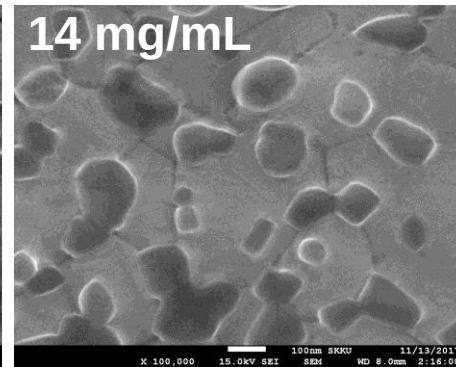
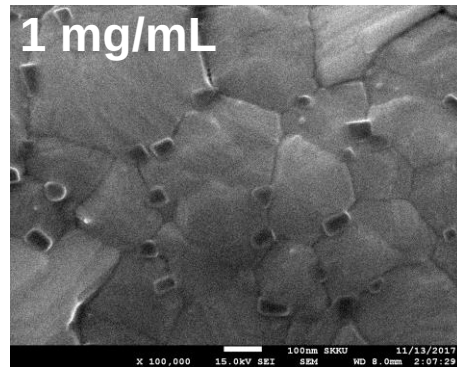
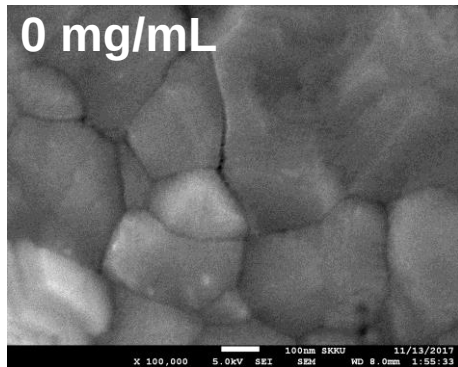


Bang gap decreased, Carrier life time increased

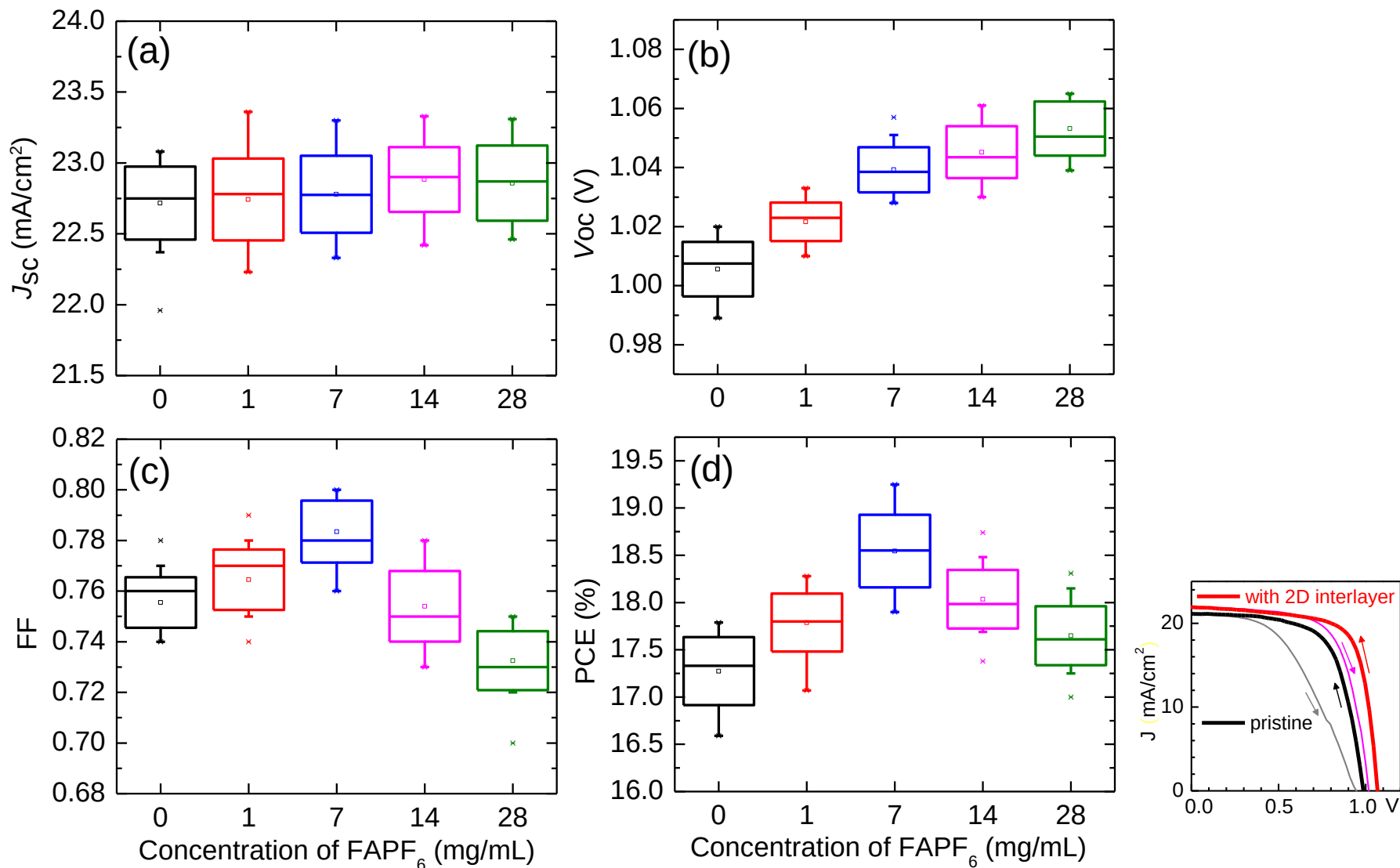


PF_6^- (2.55 Å) is slightly larger than I^- (2.20 Å)

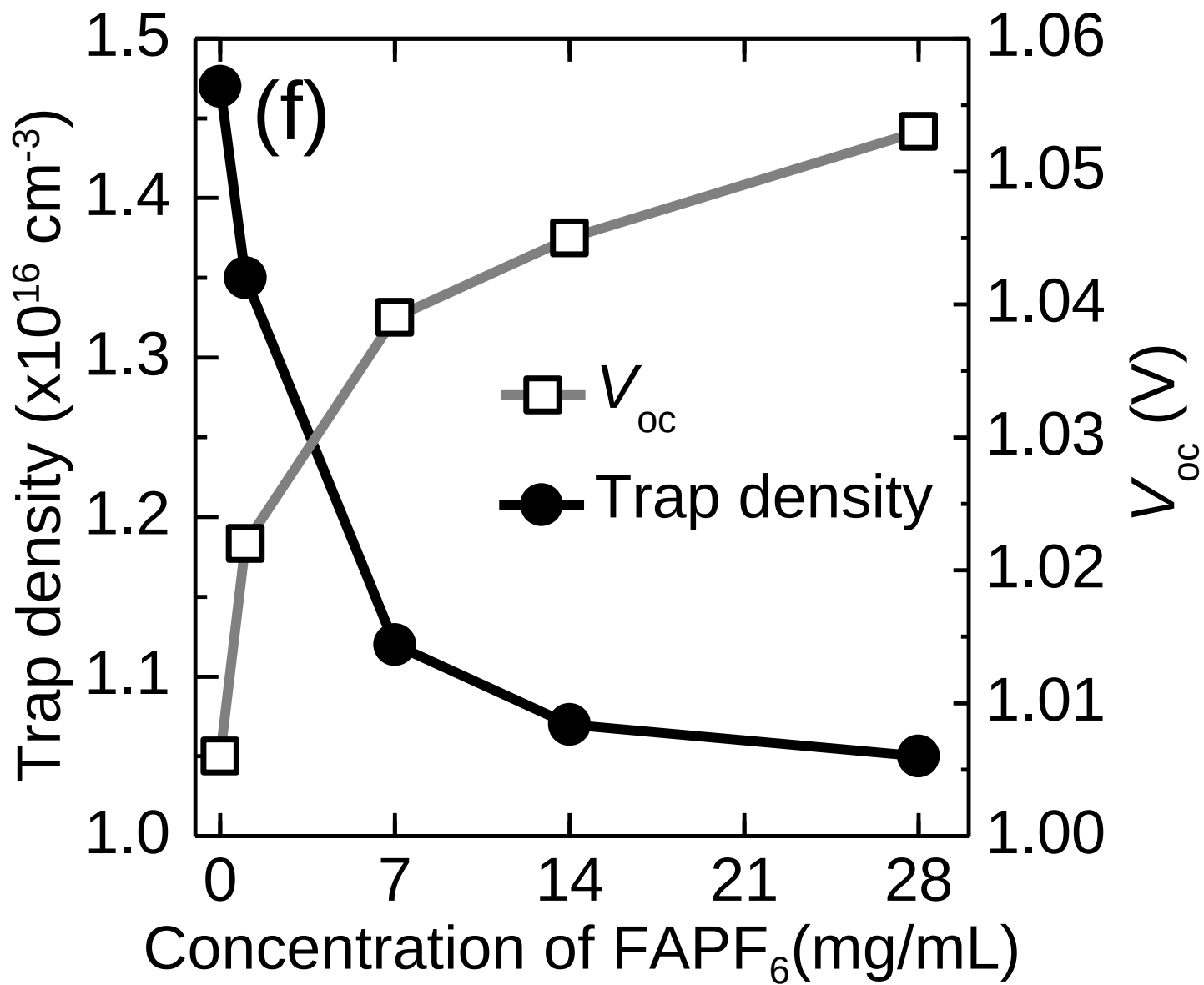
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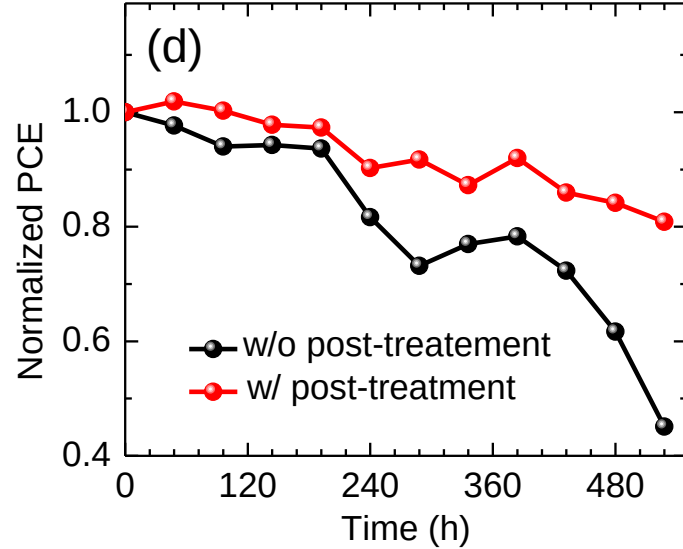
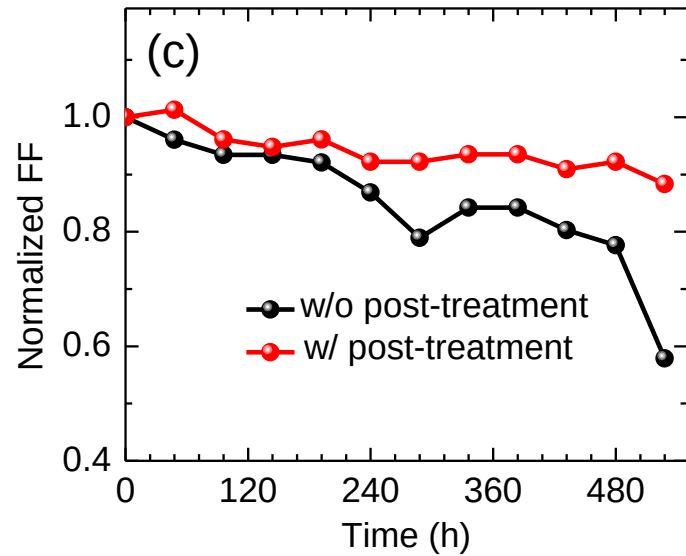
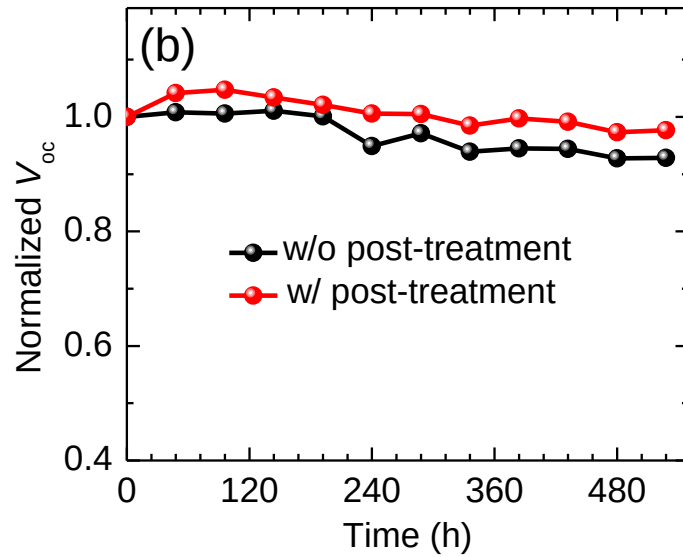
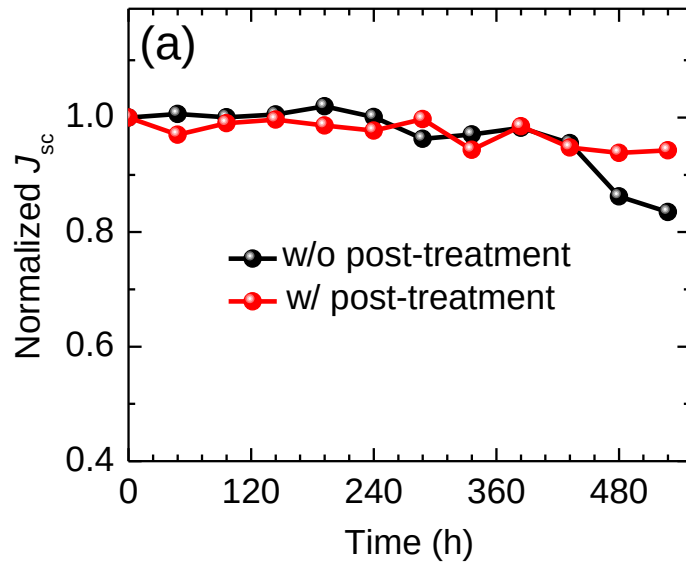
Effect of Ion Exchange on PV Parameters



* Hysteresis was reduced by ion exchange reaction



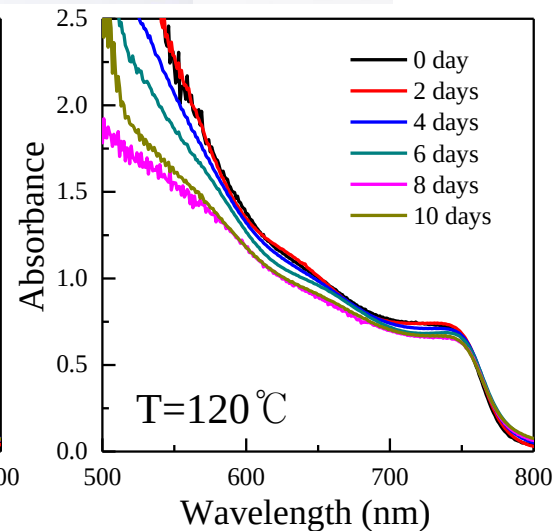
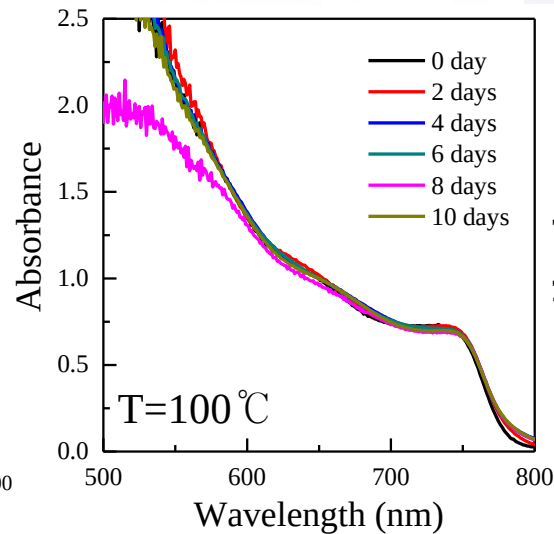
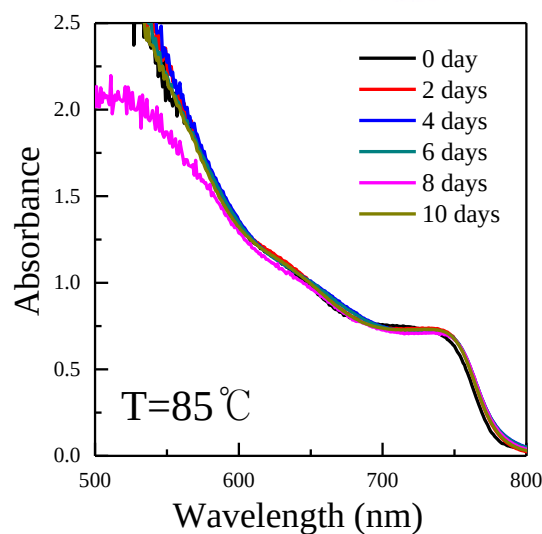
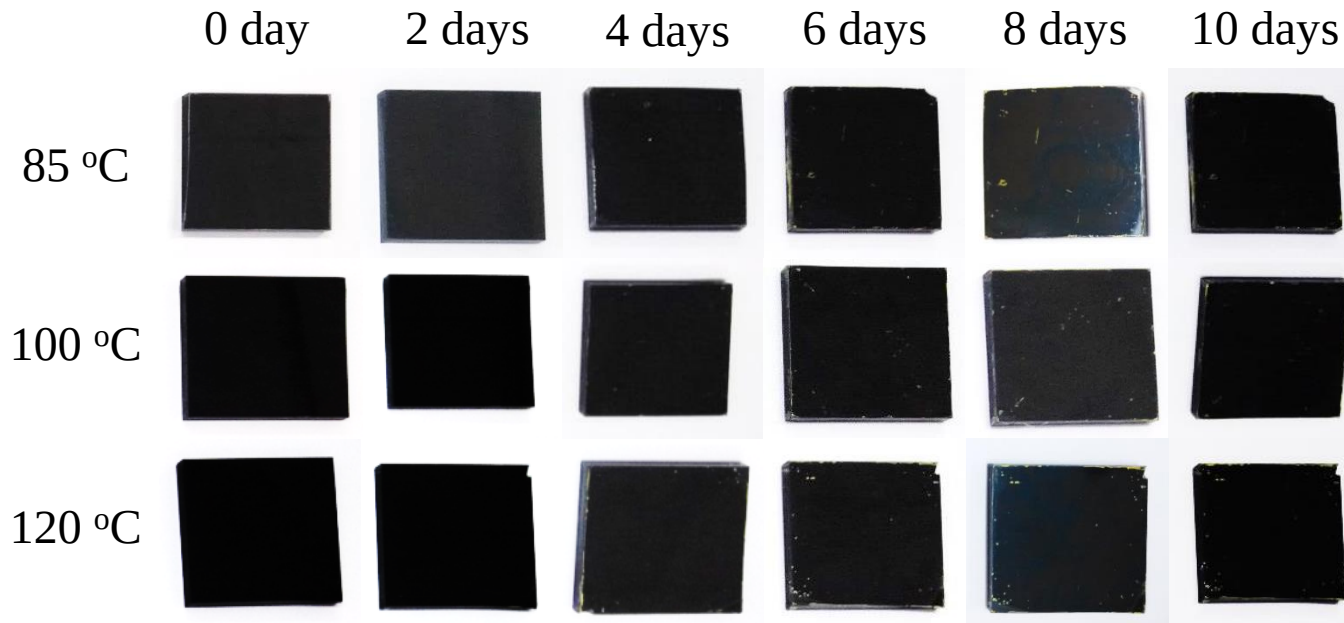
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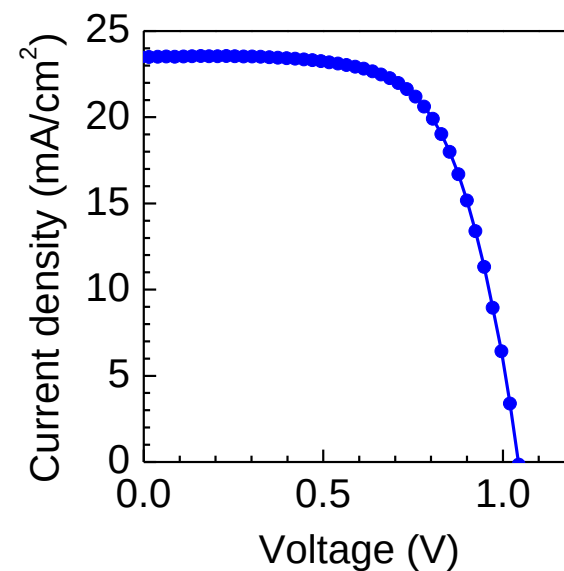
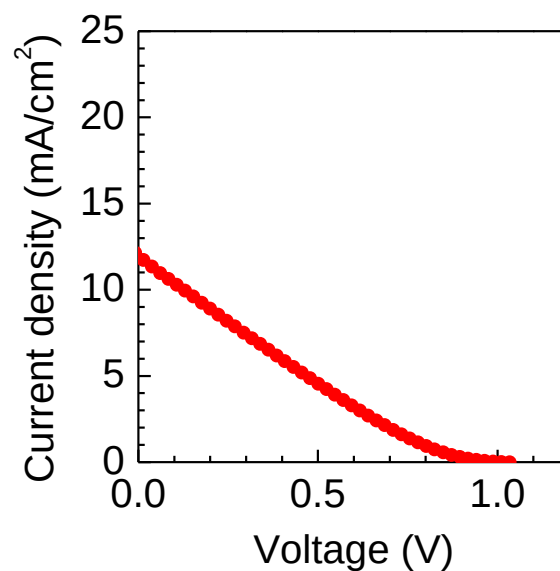
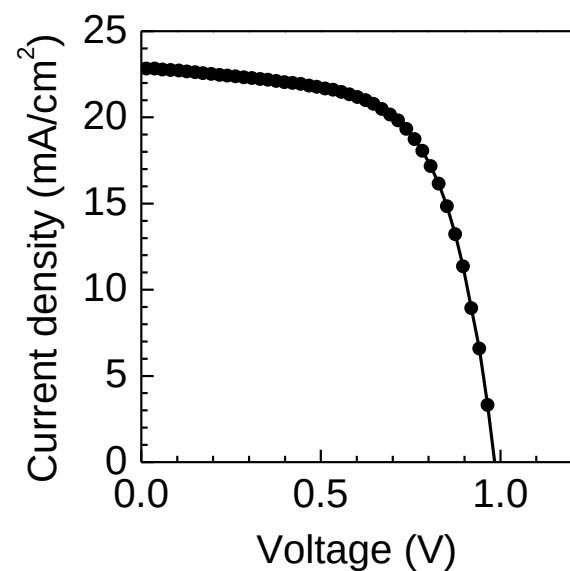
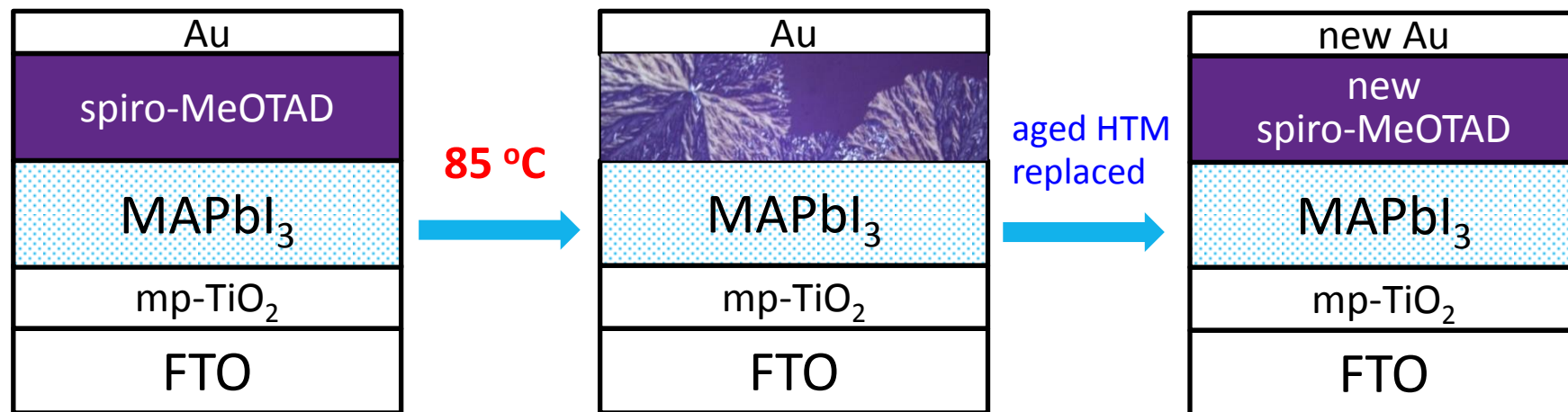
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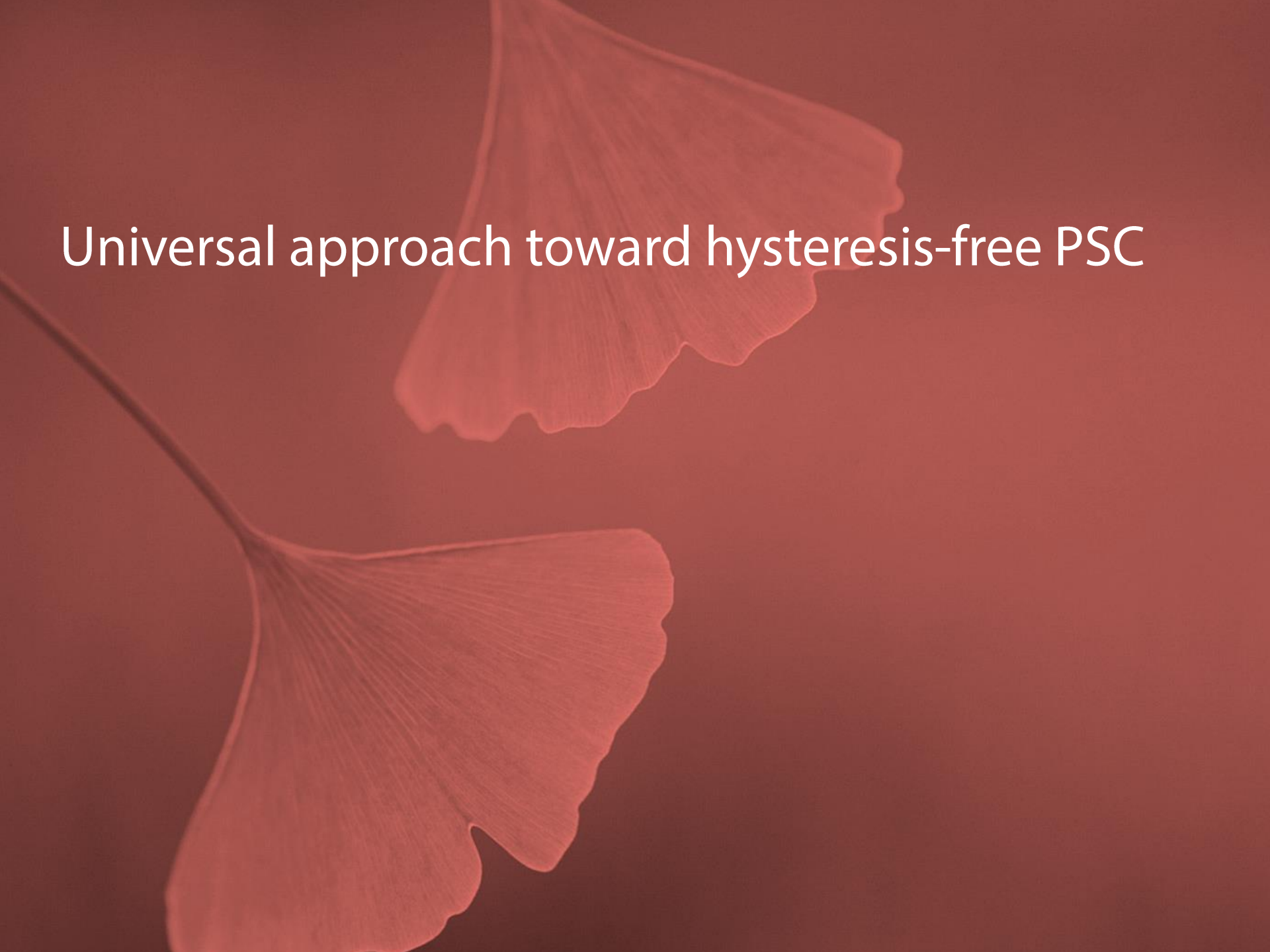
: MAPbI₃ film itself is thermally stable!



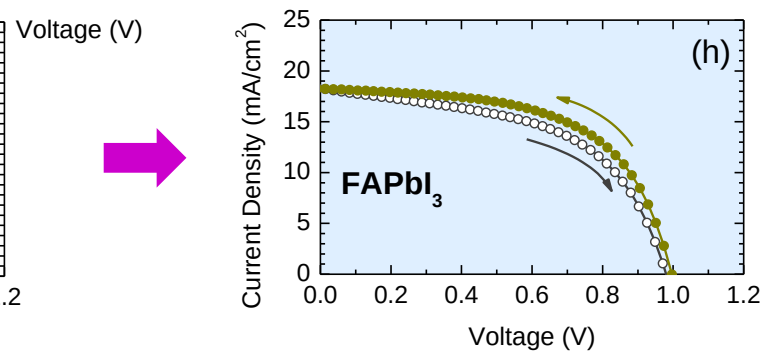
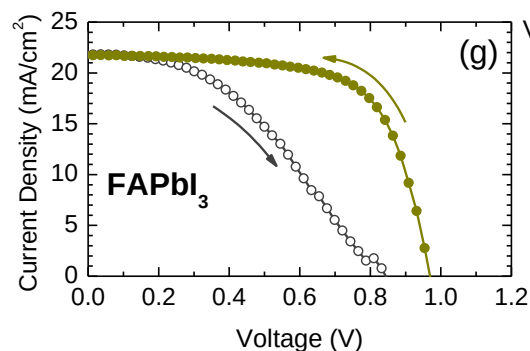
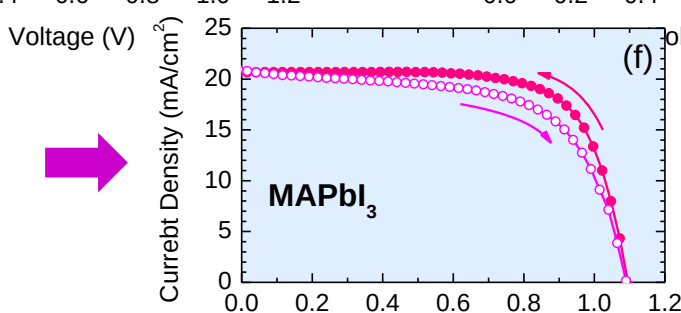
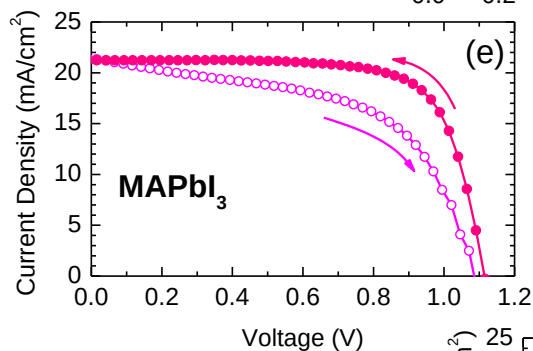
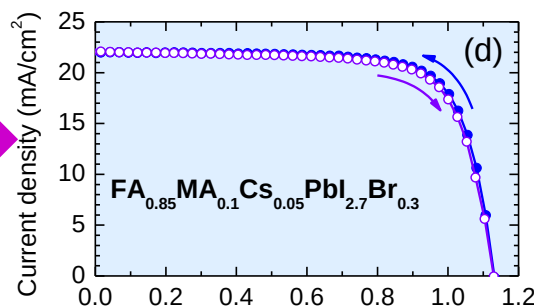
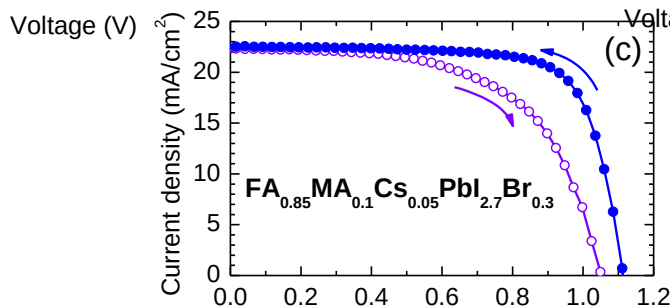
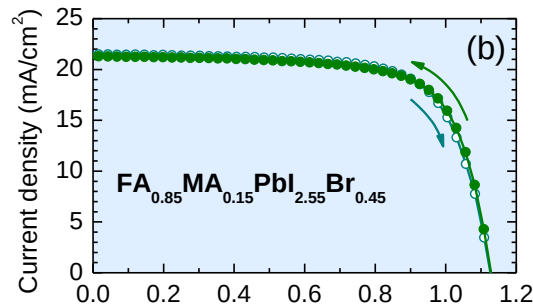
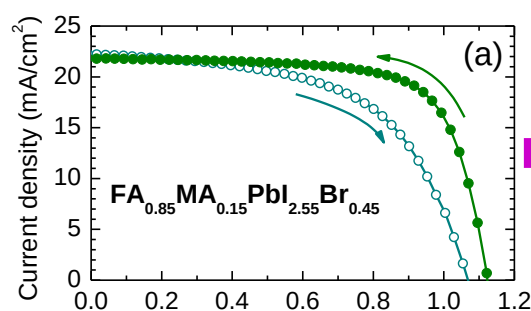
In device with spiro-MeOTAD?



Universal approach toward hysteresis-free PSC

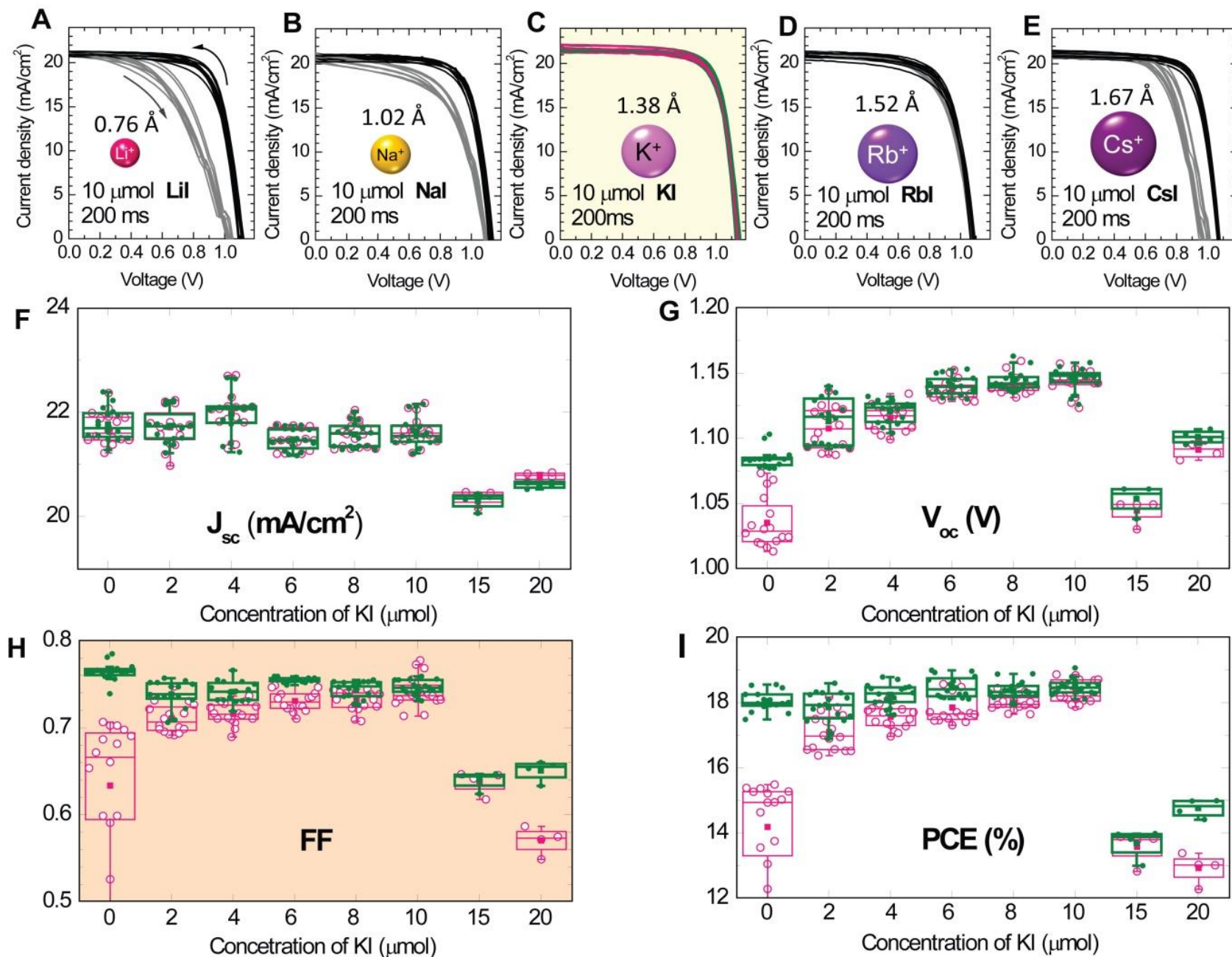


Defect Engineering: Universal Approach for Hysteresis-Free PSC

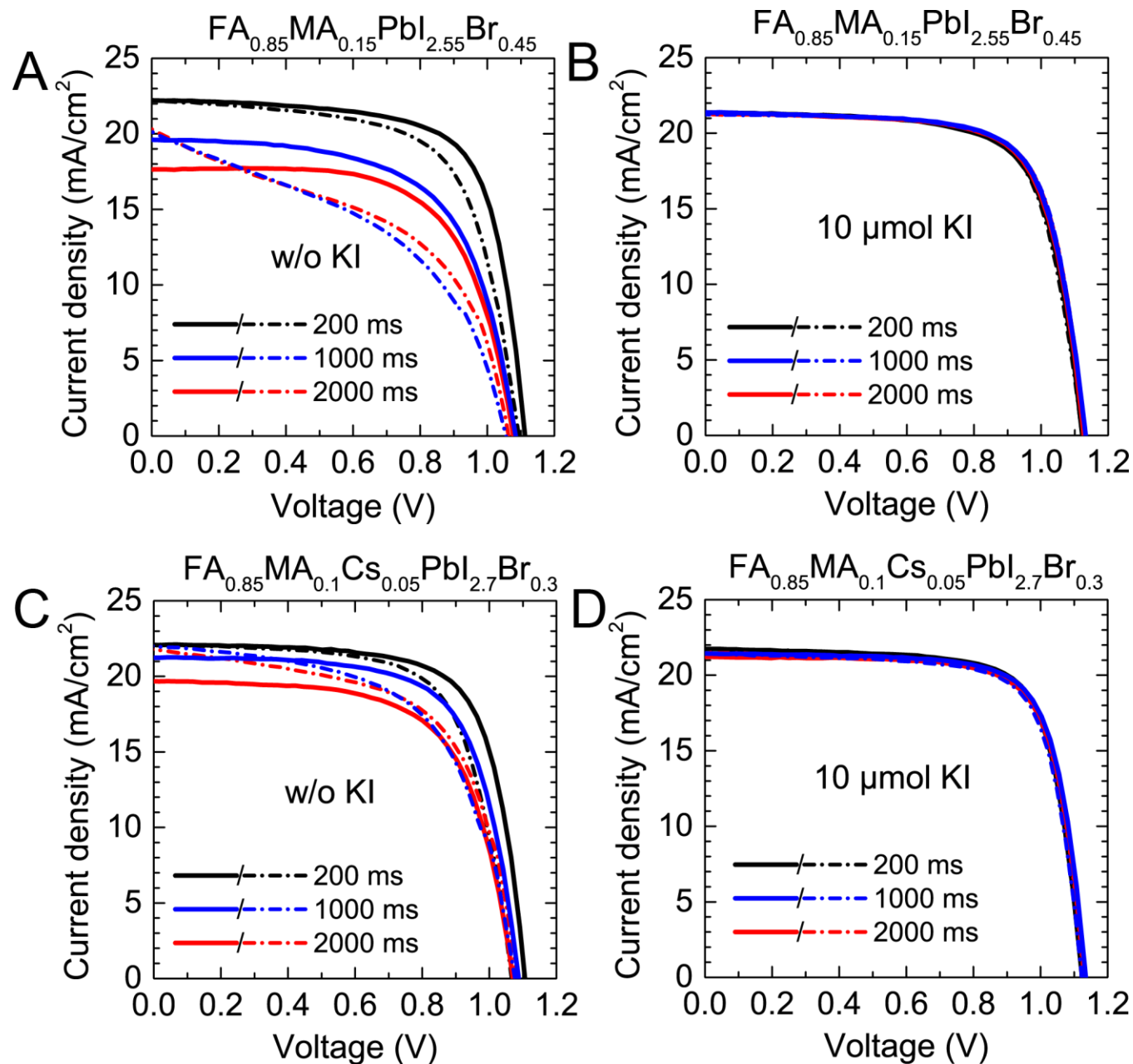


HTM: spiro-MeOTAD
Normal Mesoscopic Structure

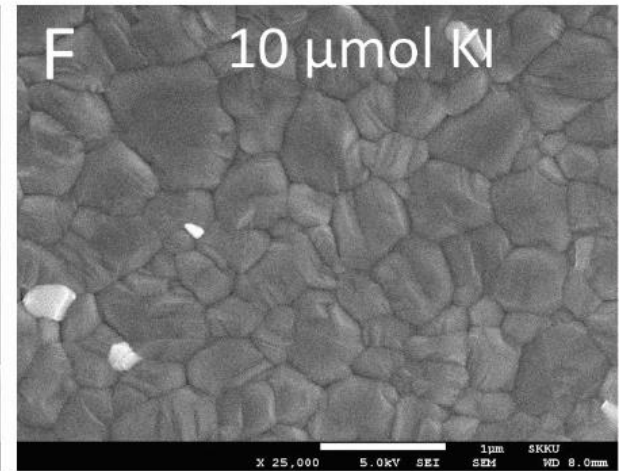
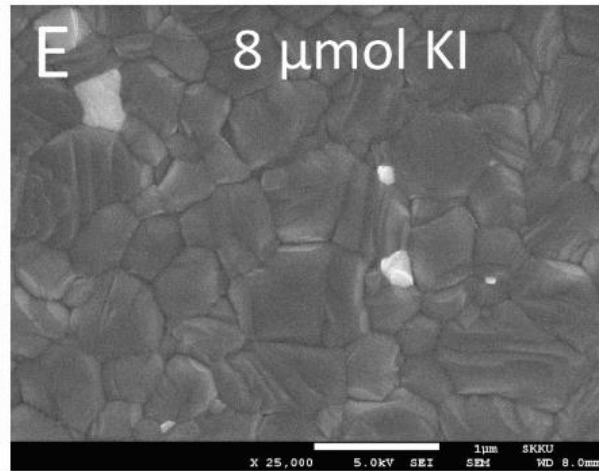
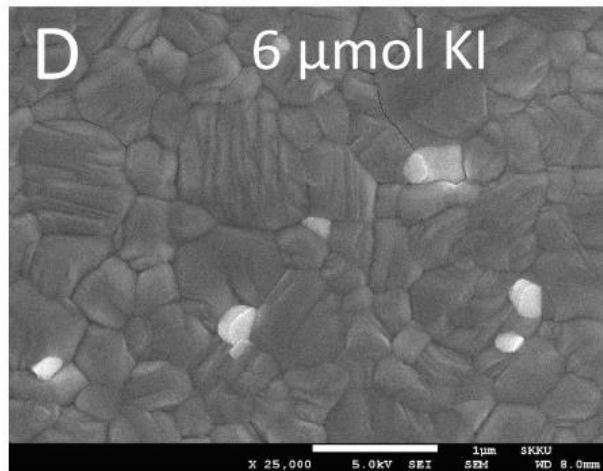
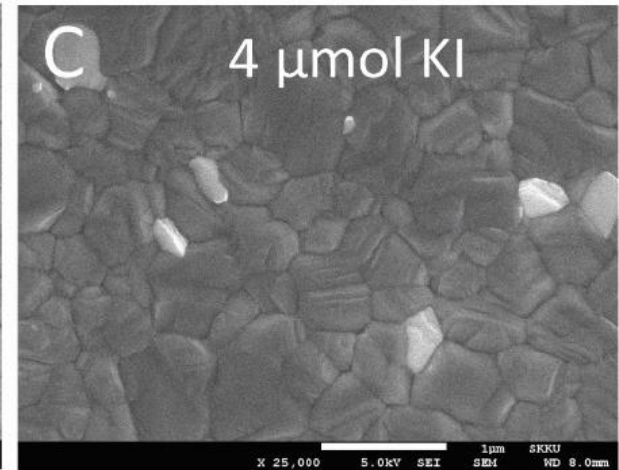
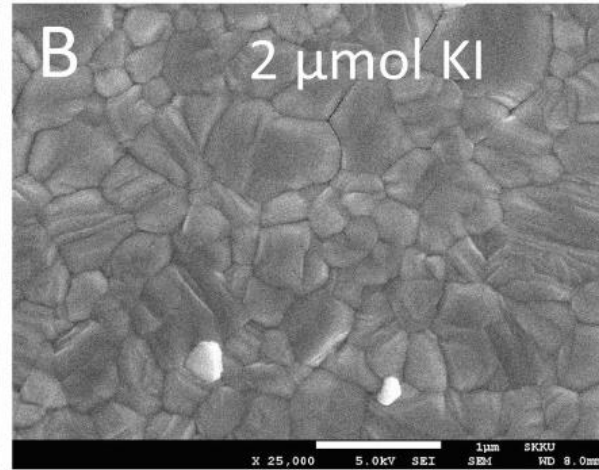
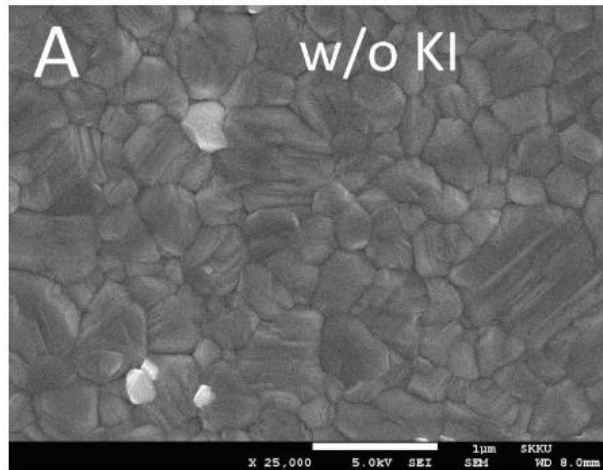
Only KI? Other Alkali metal iodides?



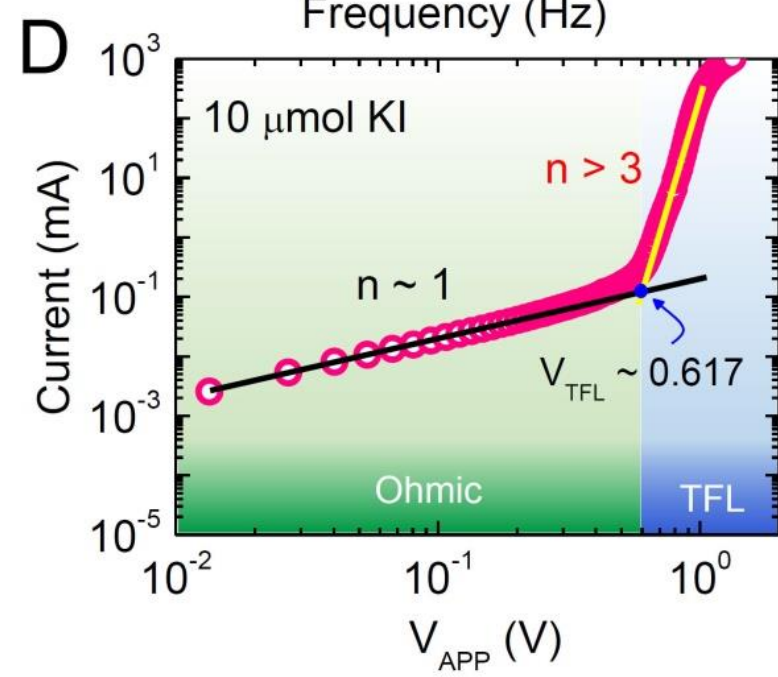
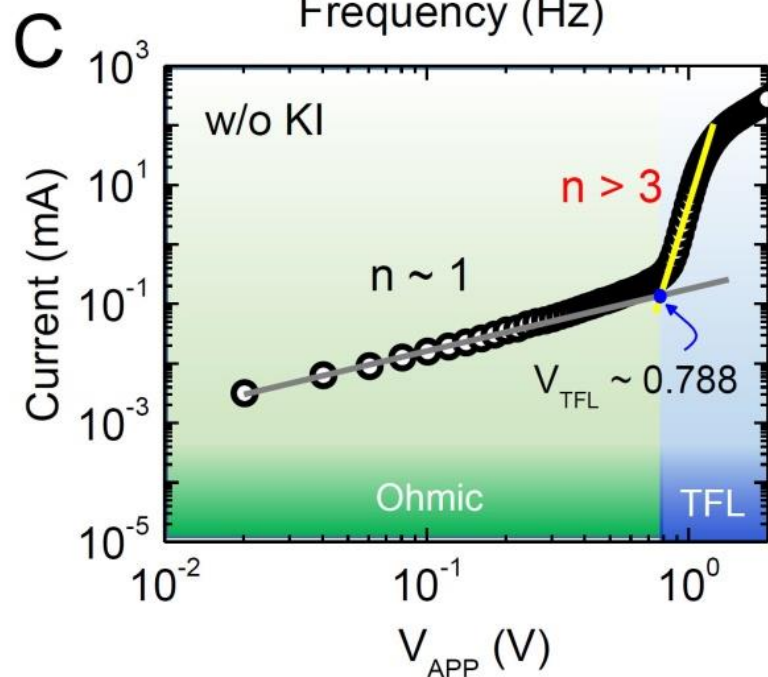
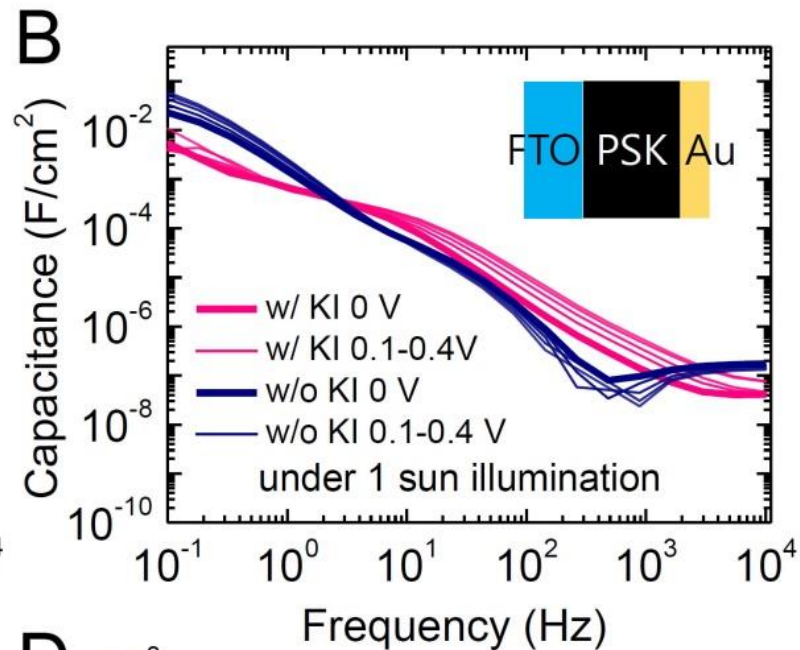
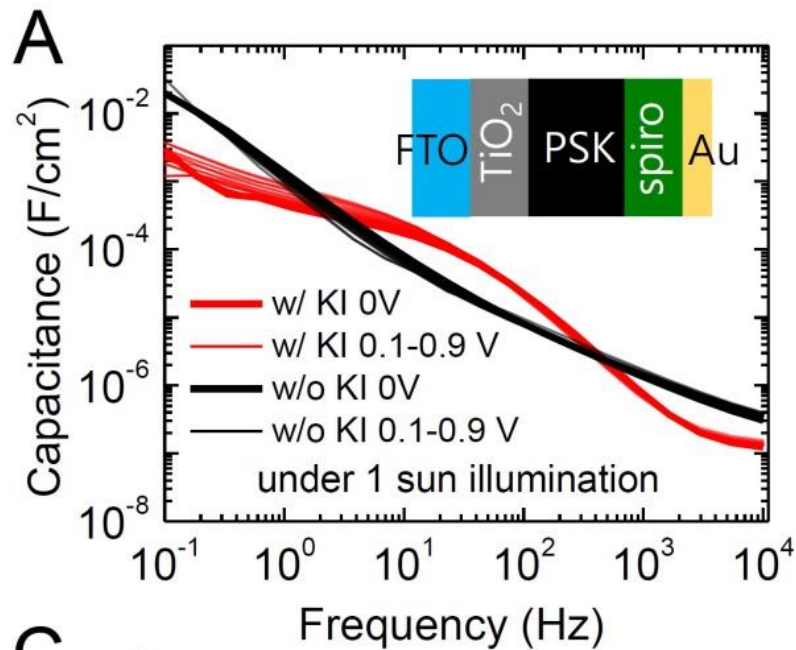
Scan rate independent I-V behavior



Morphology not affected by KI

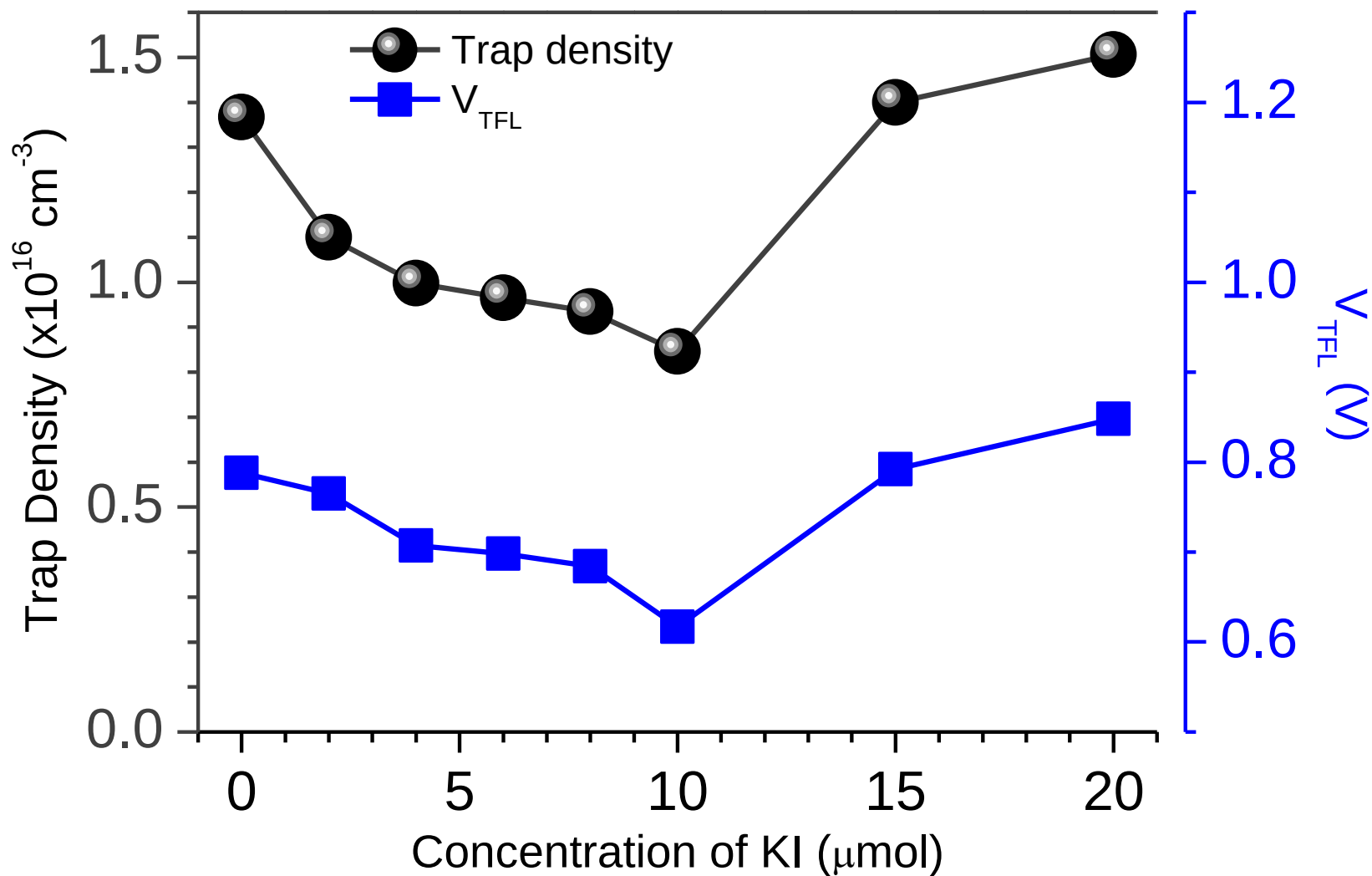


cf) Hysteresis can be affected by grain size

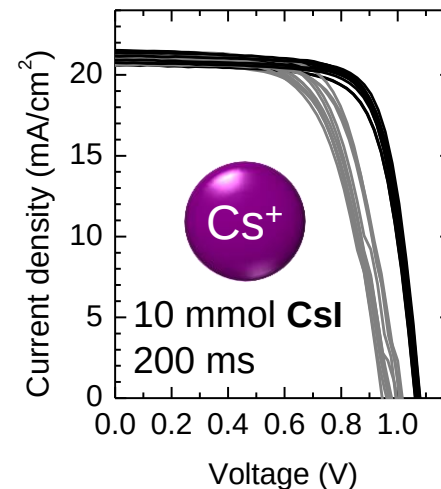
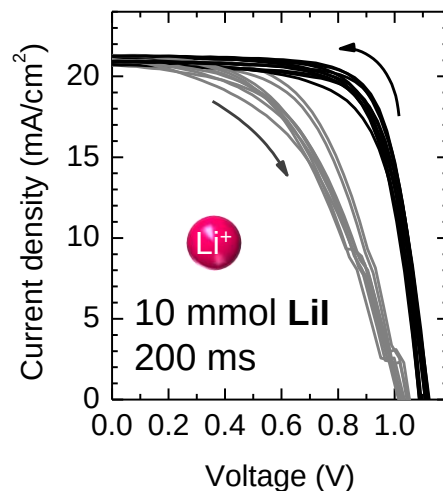
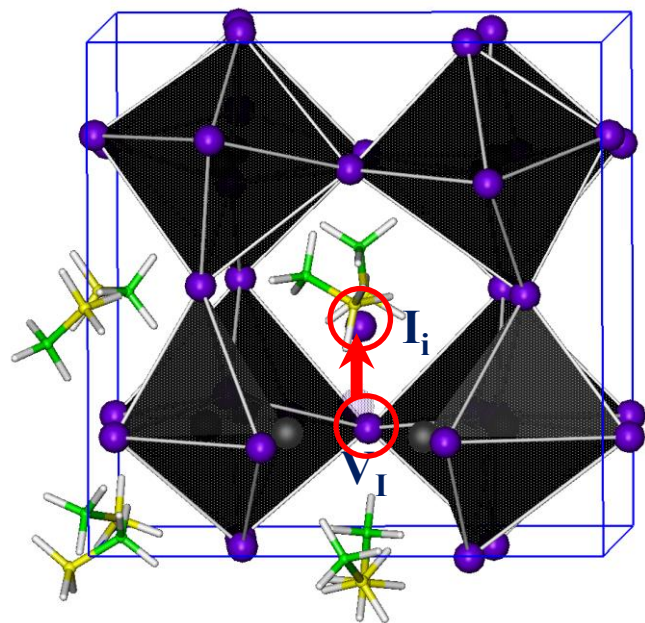


$$V_{\text{TFL}} = en_t d^2 / 2\epsilon\epsilon_0 \quad (n_t: \text{trap density})$$

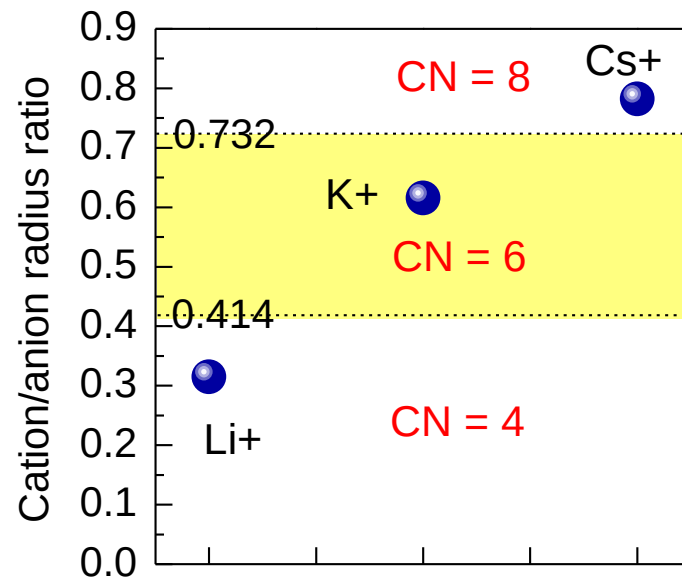
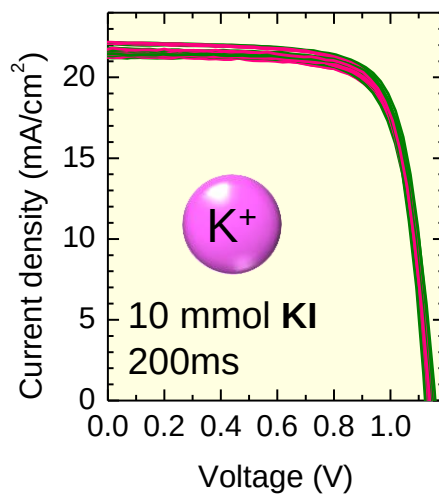
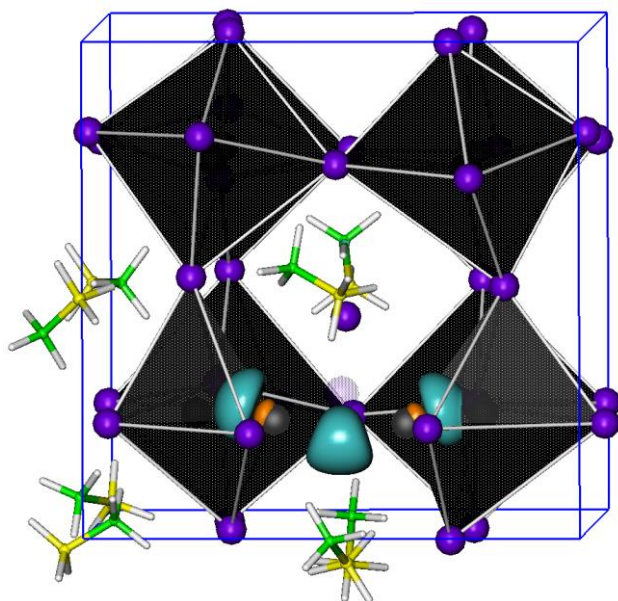
Trap density as a function of [KI]

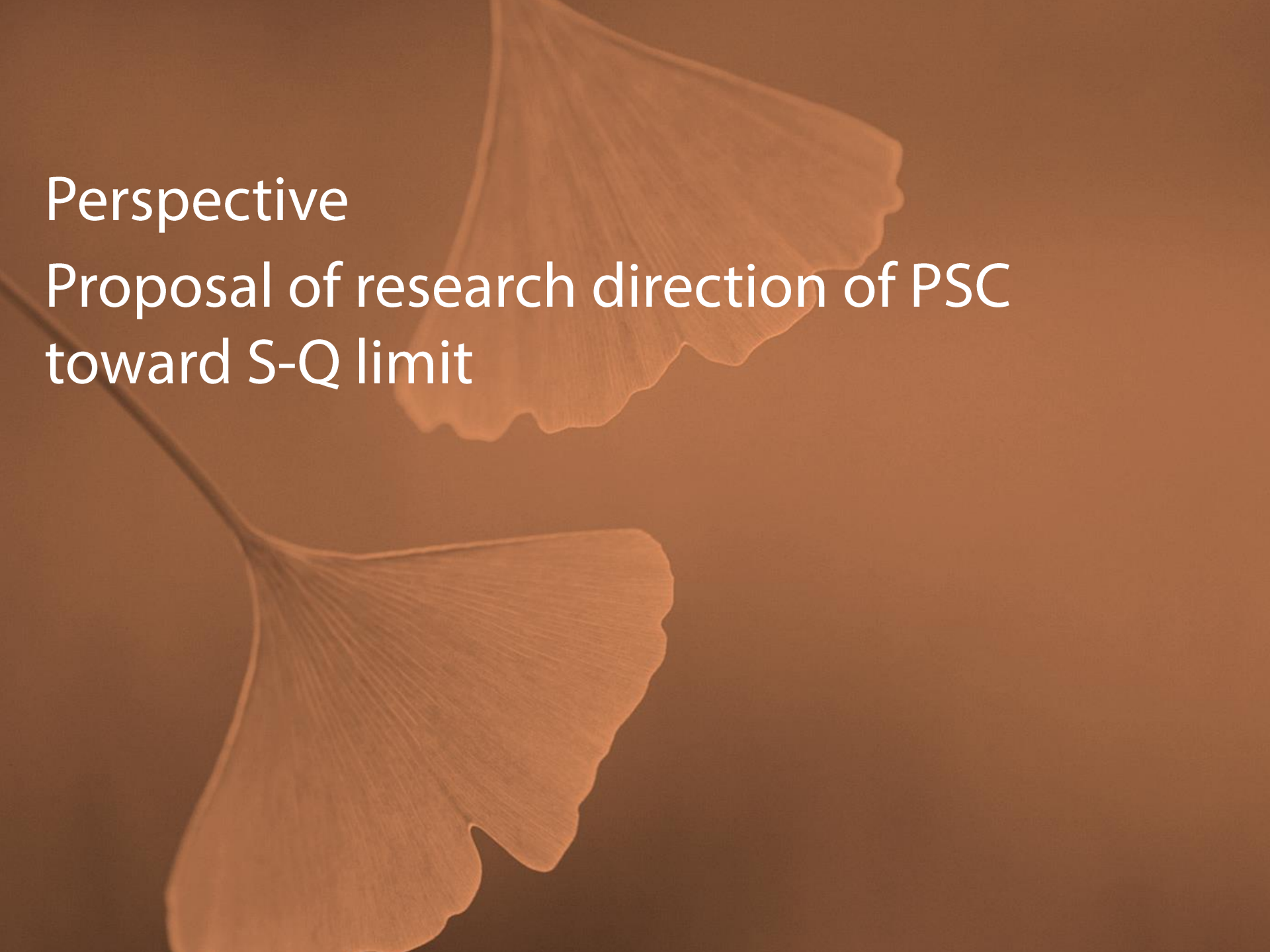


Defect: Vacancy, Interstitial, Antisite, and Frenkel



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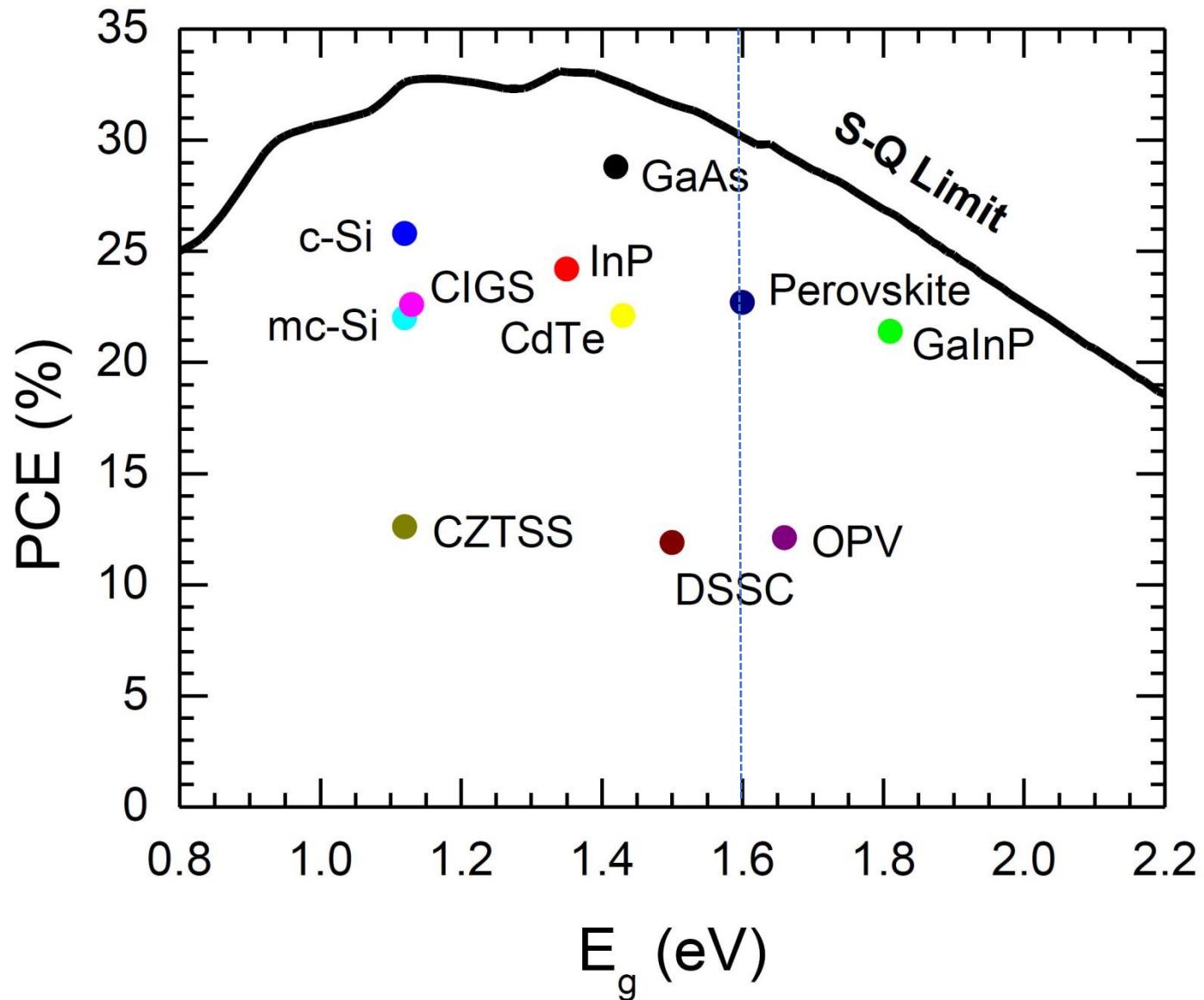


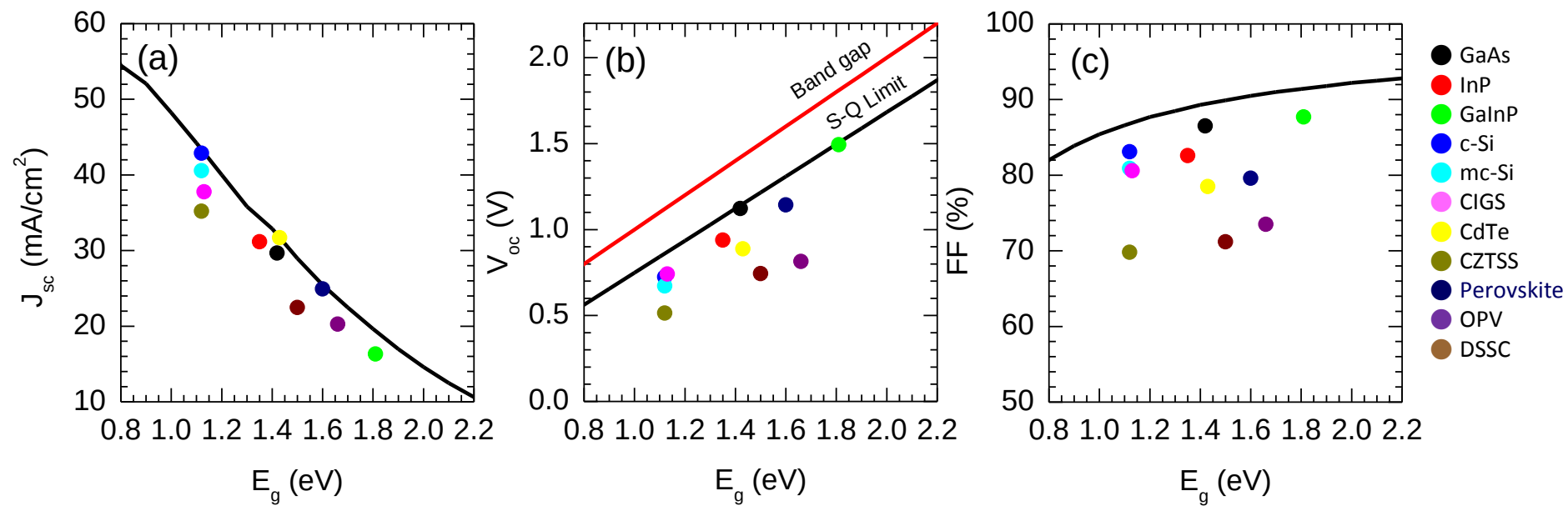
The background of the slide is a solid, muted brown color. Two ginkgo leaves are positioned diagonally across the frame. One leaf is in the upper right quadrant, and the other is in the lower left quadrant. Both leaves are a lighter, warm brown color, matching the background but with a slightly different texture and vein pattern. The leaves have a fan-like shape with a pointed apex and a wavy, scalloped margin. The veins are clearly visible, radiating from the base to the tip.

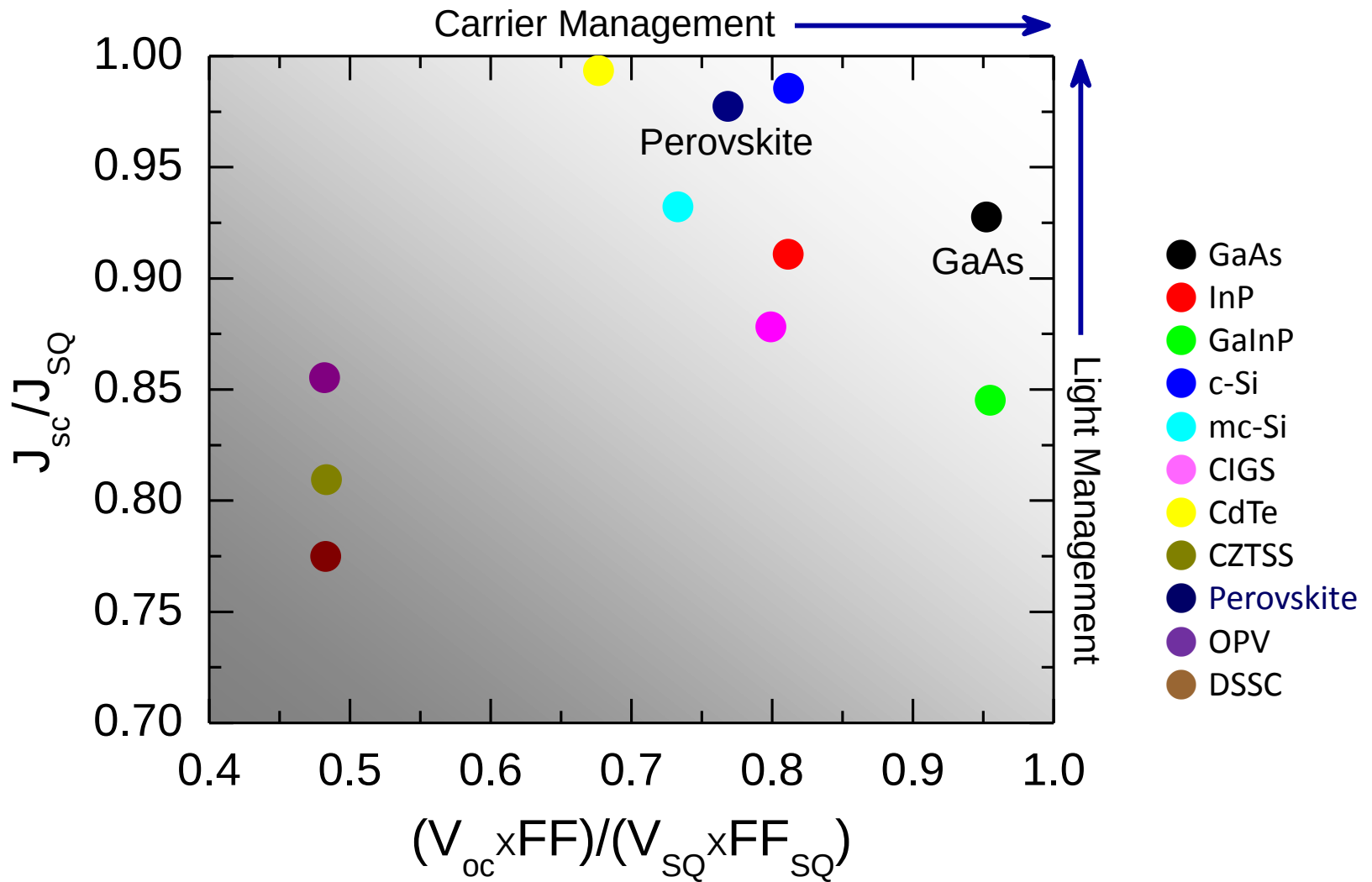
Perspective

Proposal of research direction of PSC
toward S-Q limit

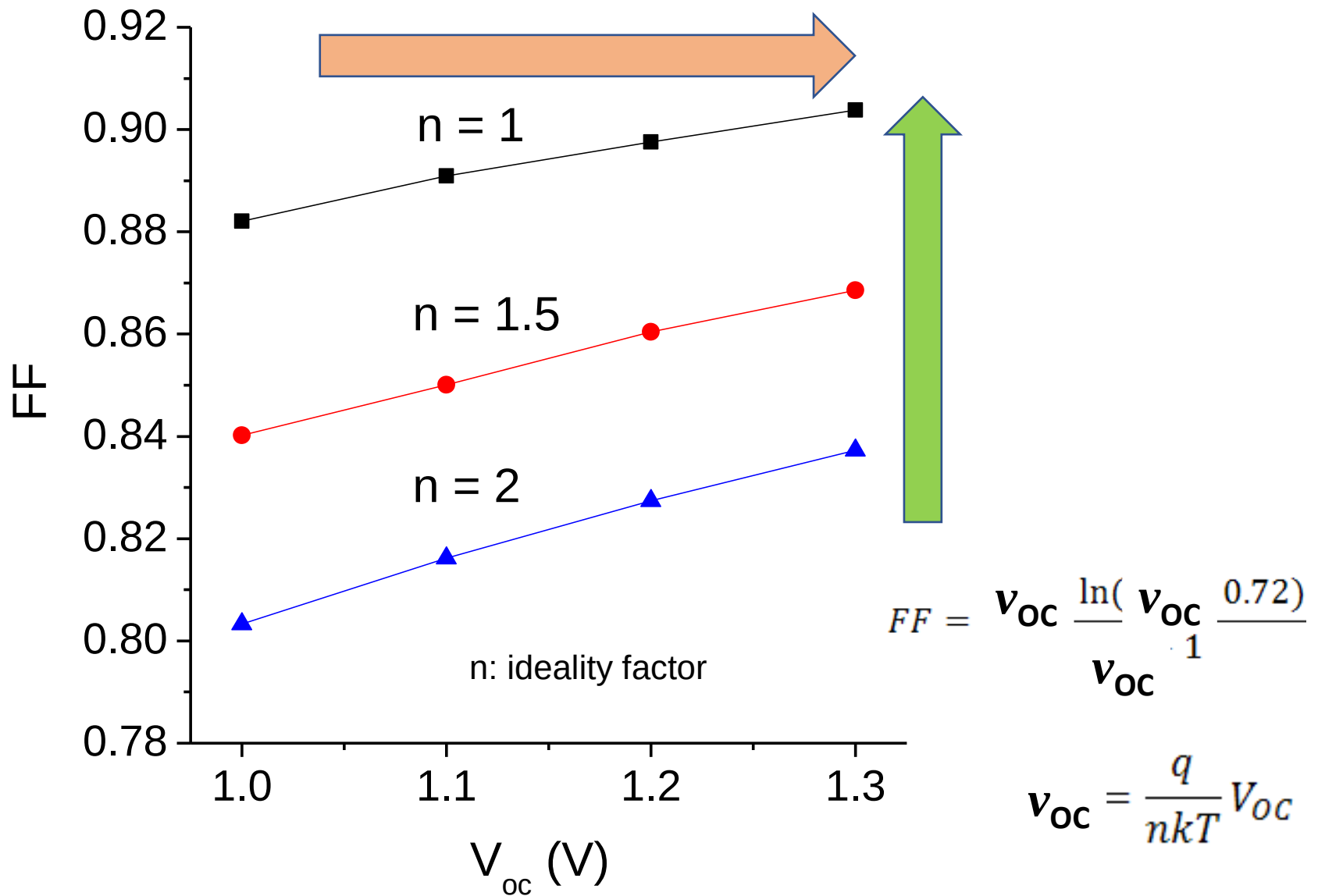
PSC R&D Direction







Pushing V_{oc} and FF up toward S-Q limit is important!



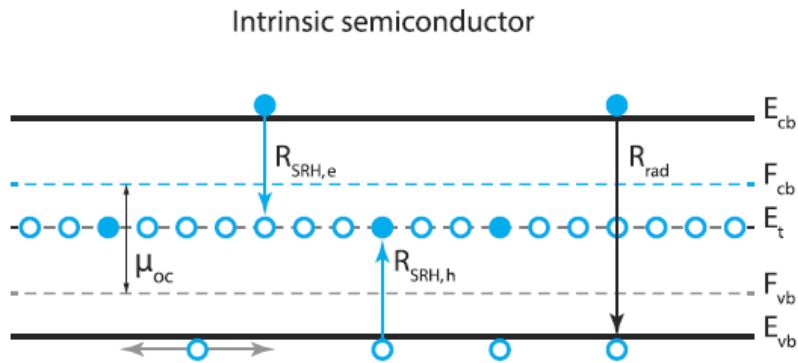
Ideal diode with high V_{oc} will be best for FF_{sq}

Common issue to get S-Q limit V_{oc} and FF

Recombination!

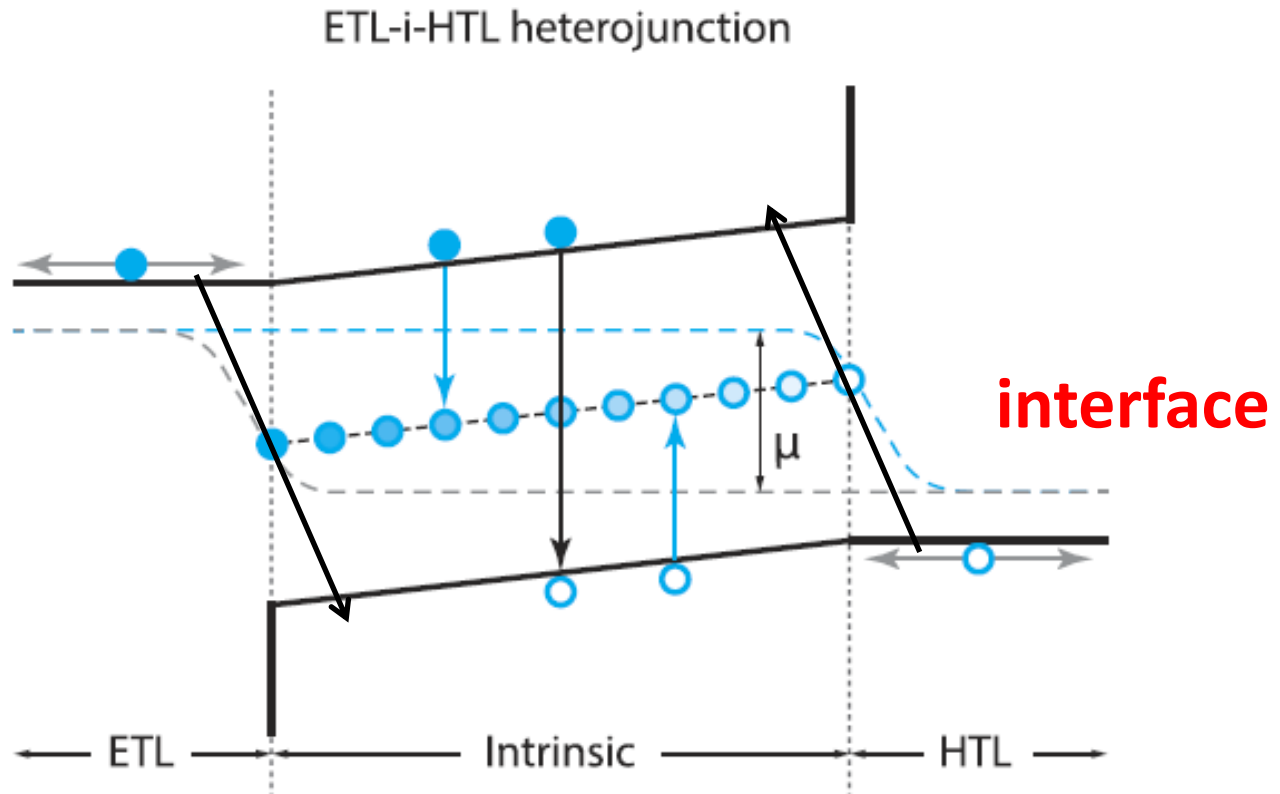
Understanding “**Recombination**” is most important

*in order to allow only band-to-band
recombination*



Radiative recombination

Shockley-Read-Hall (SRH)
recombination (**non-radiative**)



How to evaluate ideality (n_{ID}) factor

1. Light-intensity dependent V_{oc} (reliable)

$$eV_{oc} = E_g - n_{ID}k_B T \ln \frac{I_0}{I}.$$

2. Dark JV (due to parasitic resistance)

$$J_{\text{dark}}(V) = J_0 \left(\exp \frac{eV}{n_{ID}k_B T} - 1 \right) \quad \text{For PSC}$$

$1.2 < n_{ID} < 5?$

3. Electroluminescence (due to parasitic resistance)

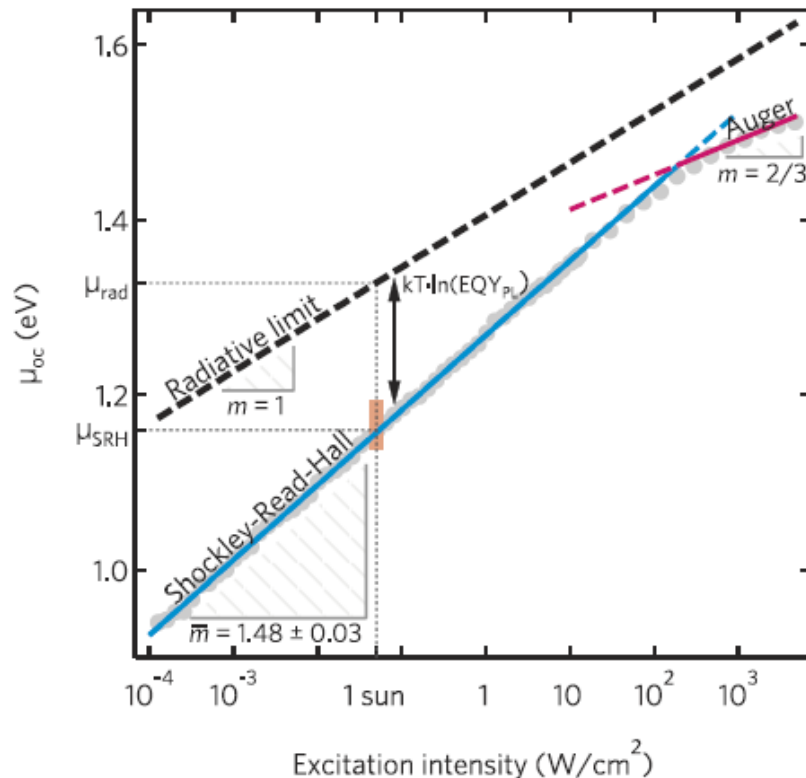
$$V_{oc} = \frac{k_B T}{e} \ln \left(\text{EQE}_{\text{EL}} \frac{J_{\text{ph}}}{J_{\text{em},0}} + 1 \right) \approx V_{\text{oc,rad}} - \frac{k_B T}{e} \ln \text{EQE}_{\text{EL}}$$

Optical determination of SRH and interface recombination using EQY_{PL}

* Similarly to V_{oc} - I , the free energy (chemical potential) of the electron-hole pairs (μ) as a function of the intensity of the exciting light (I_{ex}), namely **the μ - I_{ex} characteristics**

$$\mu = kT \ln \left(\frac{J_{PL}}{J_{0,rad}} \right) = kT \left[\ln \left(\frac{J_{ex}}{J_{0,rad}} \right) + \ln(EQY_{PL}) \right] = \mu_{oc,rad} + kT \ln(EQY_{PL})$$

$EQY_{PL} = 1$: only radiative recombination



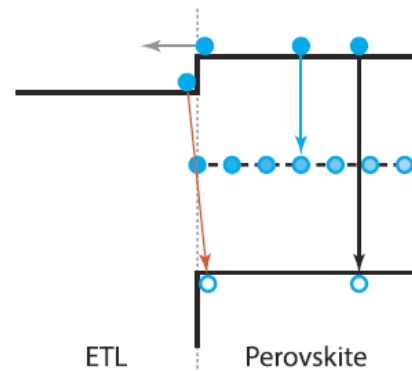
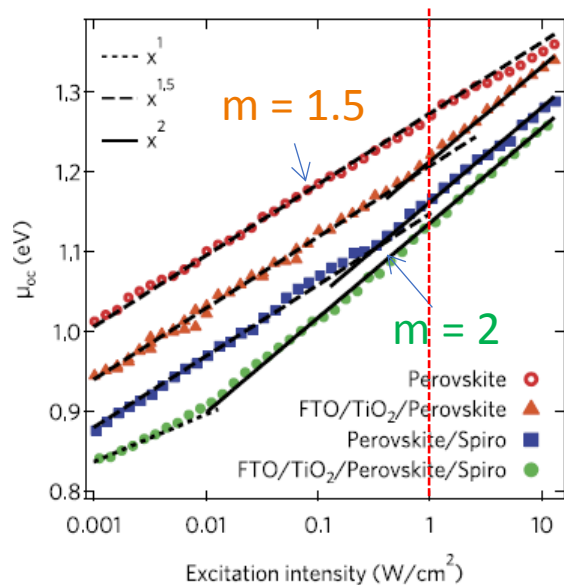
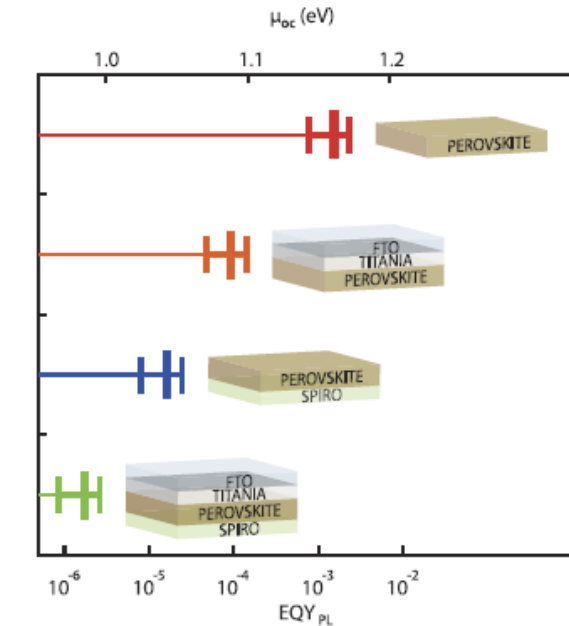
m : ideality factor

For Intrinsic $MAPbI_3$ film
at 1sun

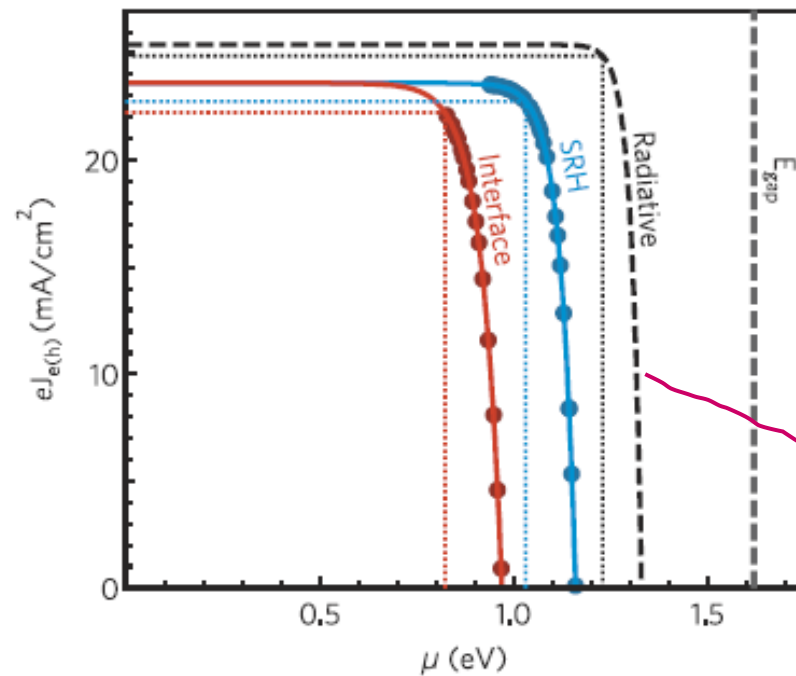
$$\mu_{rad} = 1.33 \text{ eV } (V_{oc} = 1.33 \text{ V})$$

$$\mu_{SRH} = 1.16 \text{ eV } (V_{oc} = 1.16 \text{ V})$$

For heterojunction with ETL and HTL



Three processes
Radiative
SRH
Interface



$V_{oc} = 1.33$ V (ideality factor = 1) $PCE_{SQ} = 30.5\%$
($J_{sc} = 25.4$ mA/cm², $FF = 0.91$)

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Beyond PV: Highly sensitive X-ray photodetector

Risk of medical X-ray radiation

Repeated exposure to medical X-ray radiation can accumulate over time to substantial cancer-causing doses

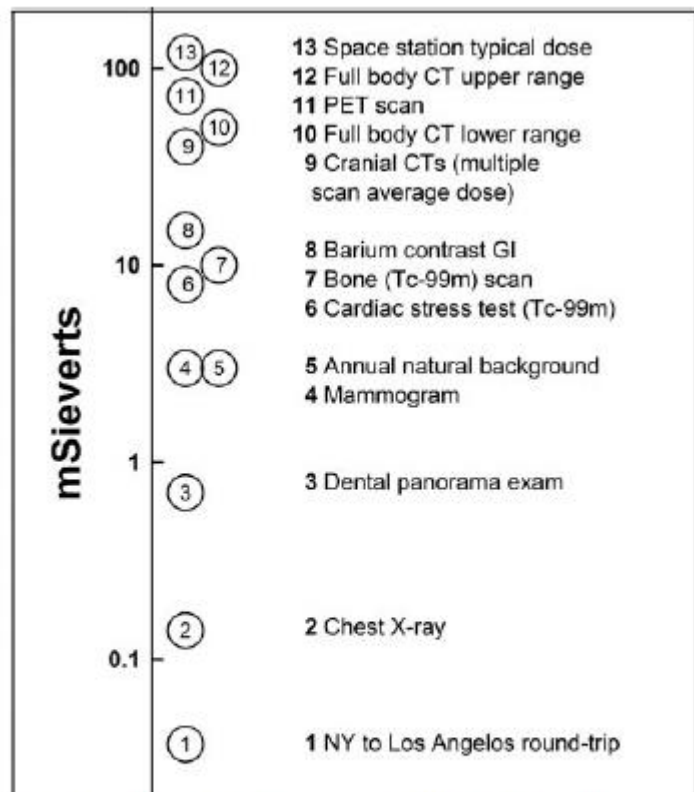


FIG. 2. Magnitude of radiation exposure from various sources.

[Adapted from N. F. Metting: <http://owdose.energy.gov/imagegallery.aspx> (32).] For cranial CT, the dose takes into account the multiple scans performed for the typical patient. GI, Gastrointestinal; PET, positron emission tomography.

TABLE 1. Units related to radiation safety used by the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements

Absorbed dose

SI units: 1 gray (Gy) = 1000 mGy

Old units: 1 rad = 10 mGy

Effective dose

SI units: 1 sievert (Sv) = 100 rem; 1 rem = 10 mSv

Old units: 1 rad = 1 rem (for x-rays)

Amounts of radioactivity

1 megabecquerel (MBq; 10^6 Bq) = 0.027 mCi

1 mCi = 37 MBq

30 mCi = 1111 MBq

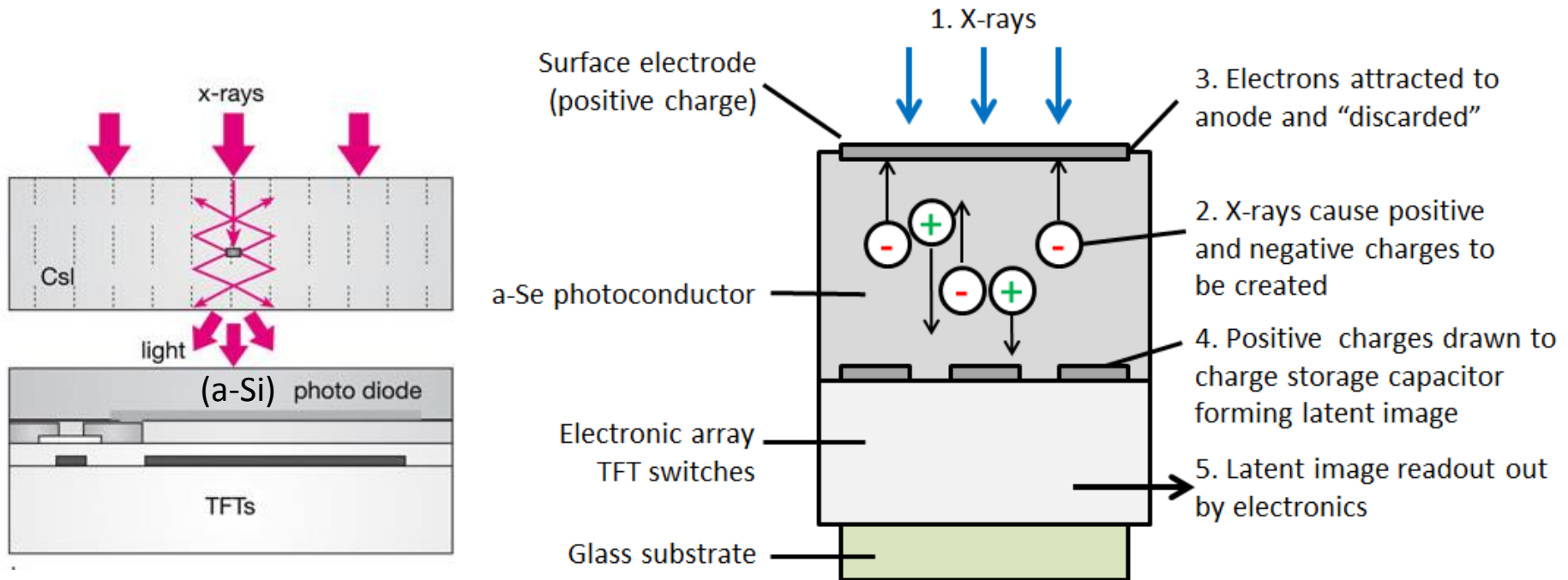
Searching sensitive X-ray detector materials is a solution for this dose-risk problem.

Indirect and direct X-ray imaging

Two flat detector technologies

Indirect method: thallium doped cesium iodide (CsI:TI) scintillators

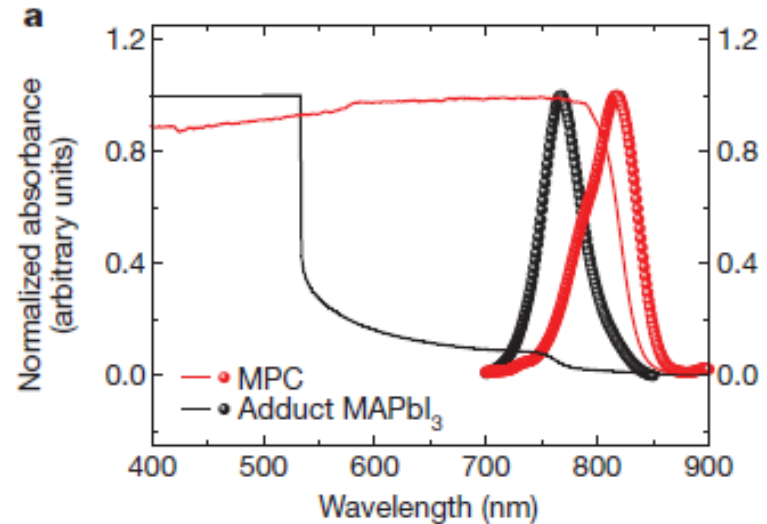
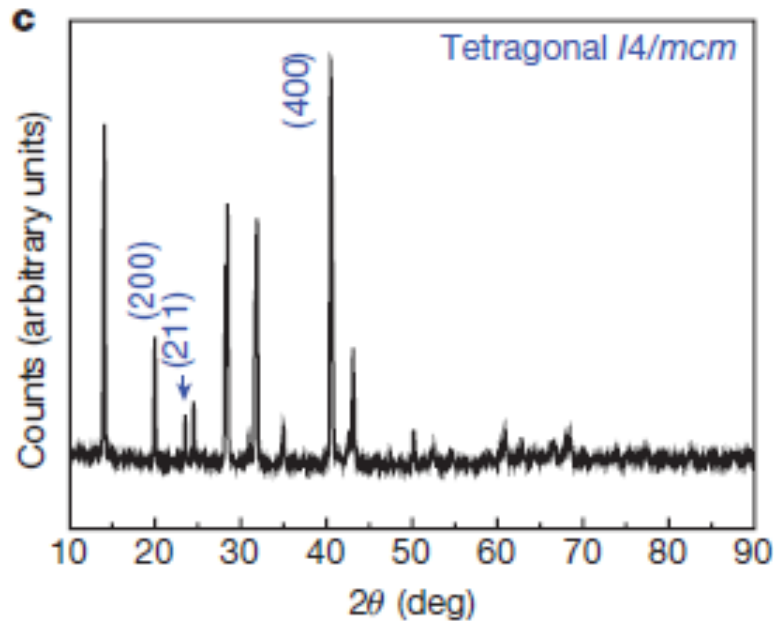
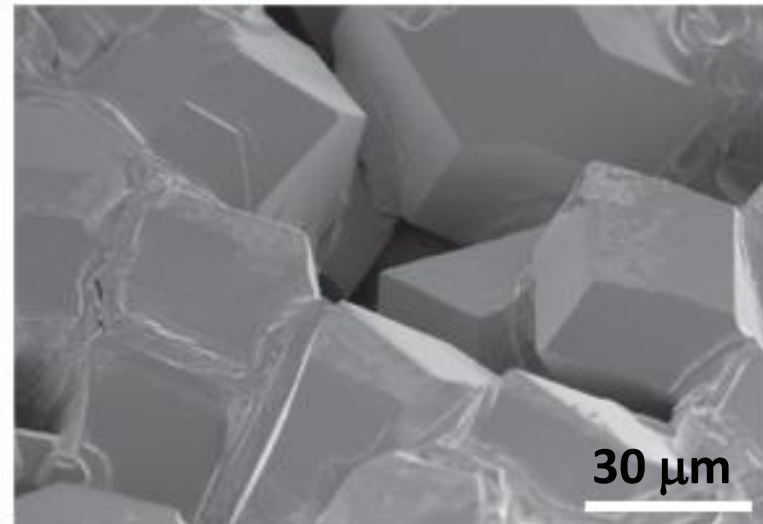
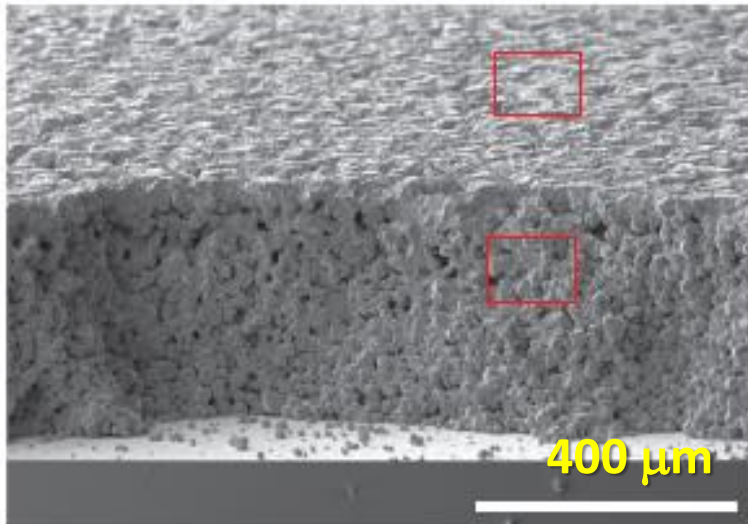
Direct method: amorphous selenium (a-Se) particularly suitable for mammography due to good X-ray conversion efficiency



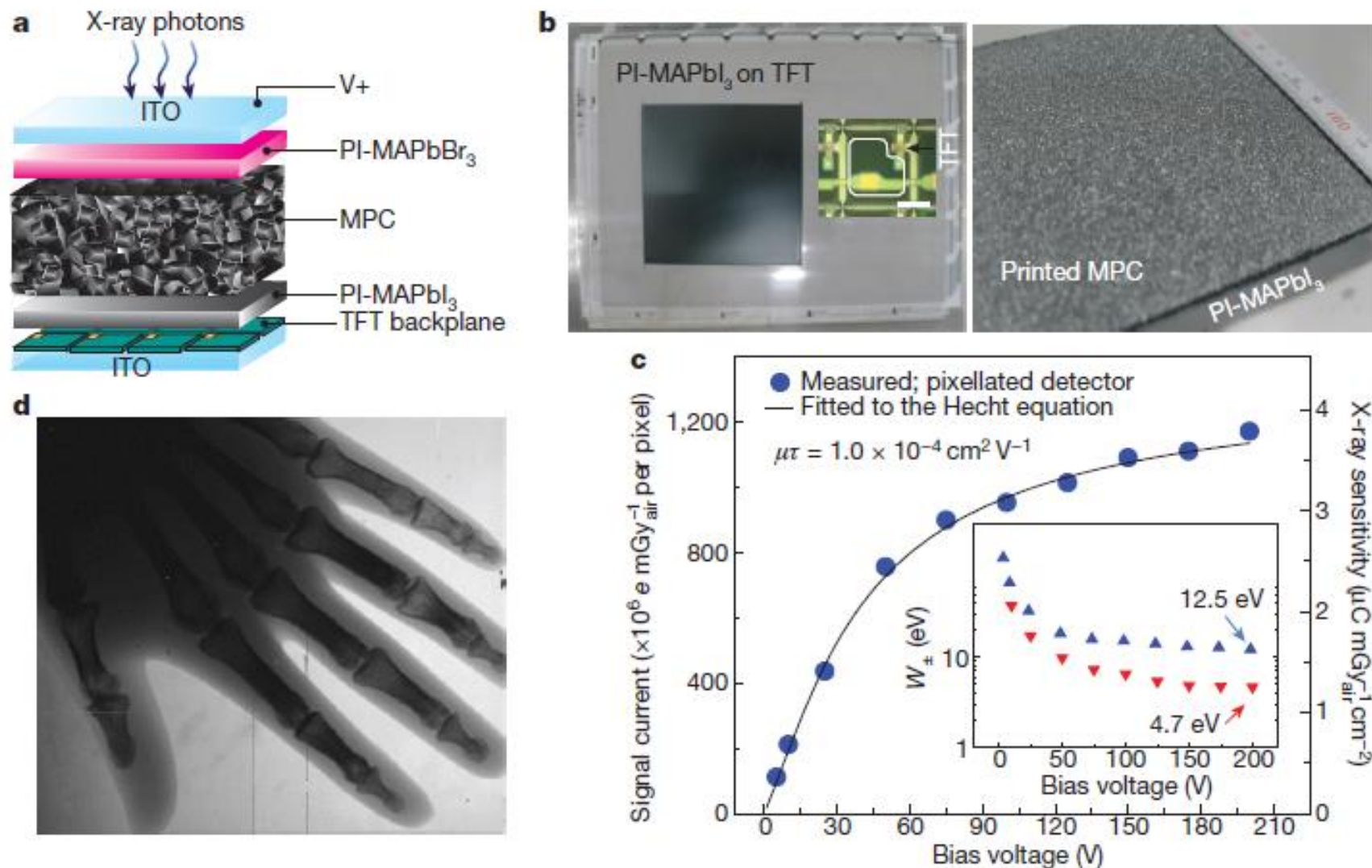
Indirect (scintillator)

direct

Multicrystalline Perovskite Crystal (MPC)



Perovskite X-ray imaging



LETTER

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