



Defects activity in metal halide perovskites

Abstract

Metal halide perovskites (chemical formula ABX_3 , $A = \text{formamidinium (FA}^+)$, methylammonium (MA^+), or Cs^+ , $B = \text{Pb}^{2+}$, Sn^{2+} , $X = \text{I}^-$, Br^- , or Cl^-) have demonstrated their potential as a material platform for a new generation of optoelectronic technology. One superior feature of metal halide perovskites is their continuously tunable bandgap from near infrared to ultraviolet by designing the chemical composition of the semiconductor crystalline unit. This enables them to provide top absorbers with matched bandgaps for tandem solar cells.

Here I will assess the most recent advances in elucidating the (photo)chemistry of defects related to the chemical composition of the perovskite crystalline unit. I will show how they define the charge carrier dynamics in the semiconductor and how they affect the figures of merit and stability of perovskites based solar cells.

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