

# Forming of Room Ambient PSS Cell Using F-127 With PVA Blend as a Hole Transport Material

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## Abstract :

In the present work we have focused on the synthesis and characterization of perovskite material using solid polymer electrolyte, based on PVA and F-127 blend. We studied detail information about perovskite material, methods as well as its characteristics detail in this paper. We revealed the data by XRD, SEM and UV absorption spectroscopy which was closely connected with the dielectric parameters. We successfully synthesized and tested  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$  perovskite material. The XRD pattern conforms that the pure perovskite material is formed. From SEM image we defiantly say that the formed material is crystalline structure. The find out the perovskite material band gap was 2.36 eV using UV.

**Keywords:** PVA; KI and I2; solid polymer.

## Introduction

Solar cells, also called photovoltaic (PV) cells are devices which transfer sunlight into electricity using the photovoltaic effect and supply a clean energy generation option. The modern era of photovoltaic began, when the first solar cell was developed by Chapin et al in 1954 which was based on silicon wafers form crystals, he denoted that under sunlight, p-n junction diodes generated some voltage . The solar cell action begins by the lighting of the sunlight, on a p-n junction by which the electron-hole pairs are produced, which are detached by the built-in electric area across the p-njunction's depletion region. This separation of the charges generates a PV across the p-n junction leading to electrical current when connected externally by a load. Photovoltaic power can be produced using solar panel fabricated with large amount of solar cells which are composed of photovoltaic material. Mono-amorphous silicon, crystalline silicon, polycrystalline silicon, cadmium telluride, Number of solar cells when joint together it forms solar module, by merging these module the photovoltaic panel or array can be produced. Generally these photovoltaic panels gives direct current (DC) which can be transfer to alternating current (AC) by connecting photovoltaic array to inverter, also for practical purposes many instruments need alternating current. Space satellites and smaller items like streetlight and battery are powered by solar cells. Also these days lots of people use PV at their homes and businesses. Some companies also use photovoltaic technologies for their power stations.

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### 2.1 Materials

We are using distinct materials for reparation of perovskite solar cell i.e. DMF which is used as solvent for  $\text{PbI}_2$ , while  $\text{Ti(IV)}$  used as a blocking layer solution, lead iodide ( $\text{PbI}_2$ ) and  $\text{H}_2\text{-PtCl}_6$ . Methylamine and Hydro iodide acid (HI, 57 wt% in water) used directly, ethanol used as solvent for F-127 and  $\text{I}_2$  and diethyl ether used for remove impurities from precursor material.  $\text{TiO}_2$  pest. The FTO and platinum used as working electrode and counter electrode with dimension 20 mm \* 20 mm resistivity near about 8 to  $9\Omega\text{sq}$ .

### 2.2 Composition of perovskite material

$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$  put into round bottom flask, and this flask placed into the ice bath for  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . then add HI (hydro iodide acid) drop by drop into the Methylamine. Maintain temperature of methylamine at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  while mixing HI. While doing this, stir the mixture continuously for 2 hours. After that keep the prepared mixture in an oil bath for 1 hour to heat at  $80^\circ\text{C}$ . after keeping in oil bath for 1 hour, its white colour powder is formed. After getting the white colour powder, wash the powder in diethyl ether 2 to 3 times. Then next put this powder into the vacuum oven at  $120^\circ\text{C}$  for 20min for drying. After all this process we get the final product of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{I}$ .  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{I}$  powder and  $\text{PbI}_2$  were mixed in 2ml of DMF liquid as 1:1 molar ratio and sterilized for 2 hours so we get the  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$  final product. Then, the tincture was dredged on the substrate, with a spin coater and make it warm up to  $90^\circ$  for 10minutes.

### 2.3 Making processes of solid polymer electrolyte :

To make a solid polymer, PVA, F-127 and  $\text{I}_2$  were initially measured and mixed together using a magnetic stirrer. Initially we take 60:40 ratio for the f-127 and PVA. initially three beaker were taken, one beaker contained PVA, second beaker f-127 and in the third beaker  $\text{I}_2$ . Put PVA direct into the oven at  $130^\circ\text{C}$  for 20 to 25 minutes to melt. Also both f-127 and iodine were dissolved in methanol at room temperature. After melting the PVA take it out from oven and place it on magnetic stirrer and add F-127 and  $\text{I}_2$  one after another. All the three mixture were properly and preserved stirring for 1hour. Then it was poured into a petri dish and dried for 24 hours, thus in 24 hours we got solid polymer film.

### 2.4 Making processes of perovskite sensitized solar cell

FTO was used as a substrate to make perovskite sensitized solar cell. We started depositing chemical  $\text{Ti(IV)}$  bis(acetoacetato)-diisopropoxide used as blocking layer of on FTO and it was put it an oven at  $500^\circ\text{C}$  for 20min to be annealed. Mesoporous  $\text{TiO}_2$  paste is layered on FTO substrate over  $\text{Ti(IV)}$  bis(acetoacetato)-diisopropoxide layer. The coated substrate  $\text{TiO}_2$  was sintered for 45mins at  $510^\circ\text{C}$  and cool down at normal temperature. To deposit the  $\text{TiO}_2$  paste on substrate used doctor blade method. To maintaining the  $\sim 10\mu\text{m}$  thickness of  $\text{TiO}_2$  layer using adhesive blade[6]. The WE was used as sensitized with  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$  perovskite material using spin coating method. To removing impurity washed with acetone. For preparing counter electrode another FTO coat with  $\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6$  solution, followed by heating at  $420^\circ\text{C}$  for 20 minutes. Counter electrode have a coating with solid polymer electrolyte solution, which consisting of PVA : KI ( f-127 is 10% of PVA) and  $\text{I}_2$  (10% of KI). Methanol was used as solvent for this preparation. PSSC made up of sandwich of working electrode and counter electrode and the performance of PSSC analysed at normal temperature.

### 3. Result and discussions

#### 3.1 UV absorption

Band gap of perovskite material observed and studied by using UV – visible spectroscopy. CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> UV-visible absorption was measured by UV spectrometer. As shown in fig1 we clearly seen that band gap (E<sub>g</sub>) is 2.36eV. Transform Kubelka-Munk function formula (i) which is related to the optical band gap energy.

$$[F(R)h\nu]^{1/p} = A(h\nu - E_g) \tag{i}$$

Here, A and P are the constant and index respectively related with optical absorption. Probably P equals to two or 1/2. For transfers approved indirectly or directly. As shown in the graph, we found the band gap of CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> to be 2.36eV, this Bad gap has been reported in the previous work [7, 8].

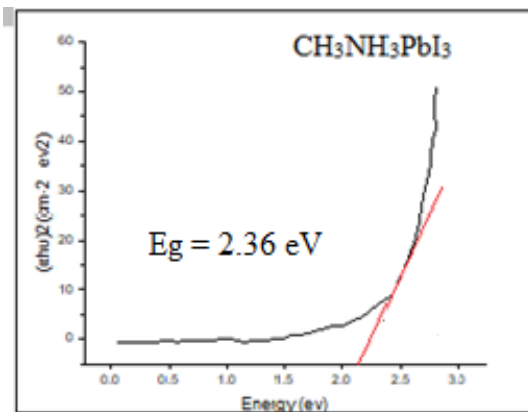


Fig. (1). Graphical presentation of Band gap analysis of CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub>.

#### 3.2 SEM Analysis :

We studied the surface morphology of the perovskite material (CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub>) using scanning electron microscopy as shown in fig 2. From fig. 2 we clearly seen that photo is not a homogeneous in nature. The collection of PbI<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>I material on the surface, So we can say that the structure clearly reveals the crystalline nature of that material[8, 9].

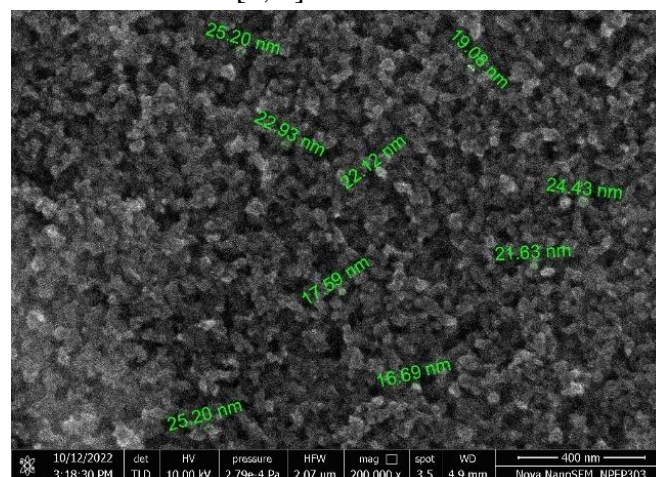


Fig. (2). SEM image of the perovskite material with grain size.

### 3.3 X-ray diffraction (XRD)

We looked at the XRD characteristics of the powder perovskite material from which we understand that the material is crystalline. XRD characteristics will be seen through XRD machine and grain size of material will be calculated according to bragg's formula.

$$2d\sin\theta = n\lambda \quad (ii)$$

Here all parameters are equal as per braggs formula,

$n$  = positive integer

$\lambda$  = wavelength of incident wave

$\theta$  = scattering angle

$d$  = inter planer distance

XRD data range were took from  $20^\circ$  to  $80^\circ$  scanning speed  $2^\circ$  per mint.

From XRD pattern we say that prepared synthesized material of perovskite is orthorhombic ( $a \neq b \neq c$ ,  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$ ). The grain size of perovskite material calculated by formula given in equation (ii) is 48nm. As per literature our results are near about similar with this [8-11].

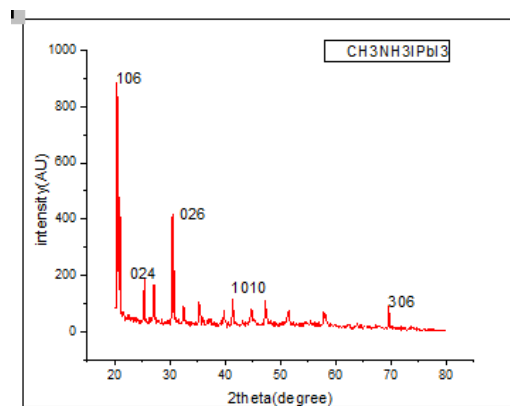


Fig. (3). XRD analysis of perovskite material.

### 4. Conclusion

We successfully synthesized and tested  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$  perovskite material. The XRD pattern conforms that the pure perovskite material is formed. From SEM image we defiantly say that the formed material is crystalline structure. The find out the perovskite material bandgap was 2.36 eV using UV.

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