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PHOTOVOLTAIC OPERATION OF PEROVSKITE SOLAR CELLS: WHAT WE UNDERSTAND AND DON'T YET UNDERSTAND

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Abstract:

Solar cells based on organic–inorganic hybrid perovskites have recently achieved a breakthrough in the field of thin film photovoltaics, with high power conversion efficiencies (PCE) of over 24% for wet-processed devices. Nevertheless, these cells are still far from their full potential and their photovoltaic operation is far from detailed understanding. I will discuss the following open questions and challenges:

- 1) Origin of the high open circuit voltage (V_{oc}) of perovskite solar cells at room temperature;
- 2) Temperature dependence of principal photovoltaic parameters of the cells [1];
- 3) Contradiction between efficient photoluminescence of perovskite materials and low radiative efficiency of the cells;
- 4) How to improve the radiative efficiency and to achieve the Shockley–Queisser PCE theoretical limit;
- 5) Are the physical instabilities of photovoltaic operation of the cells (hysteresis, ultra-long photoresponse, etc) and their long-term degradation [2-3] interconnected?
- 6) Underlying mechanisms for reversible and irreversible degradation of perovskite solar cells [4,5];
- 7) How to access operational stability of perovskite cells with reversible degradation [6]?

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