

# Enhancing the Performance of Formamidinium Lead Halide Perovskite Solar Cells through Thin Film Engineering and Additive-Induced Ion Migration Control

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## Background:

Immerse yourself in the realm of **Perovskite Solar Cells (PSCs)**, a groundbreaking photovoltaic technology poised to reshape the future of solar energy. PSCs, utilizing metal halide perovskite (MHP's) materials, offer a tantalizing blend of **high efficiency** and **easy fabrication**, capturing the spotlight for their potential revolution in solar energy due to **low production costs** and **versatile applications**.

## Why FAPbI<sub>3</sub>:

Enter **Formamidinium Lead Halide Perovskite (FAPbI<sub>3</sub>)**, the heart of our research. FAPbI<sub>3</sub> isn't just a compound; it's a solar superstar. With a **wider bandgap**, tolerance to **cation mixing**, and enhanced stability, FAPbI<sub>3</sub> emerges as a promising candidate, a solar virtuoso ready to elevate solar technology to unprecedented heights.

## Why FAPbI<sub>3</sub> Over Traditional Silicon:

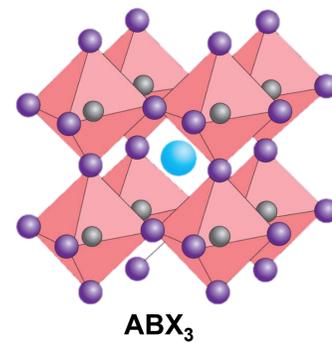
Challenge the status quo with FAPbI<sub>3</sub>, a solar maverick overtaking the traditional stronghold of silicon. Its wider bandgap captures a richer spectrum of light, ensuring unmatched efficiency. Tolerance to cation mixing reduces defects, and enhanced stability guarantees a solar lifespan that outshines the norm.

## What obstacles are hindering the commercialization of this technology?

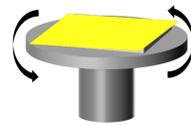
However, its structural instability at ambient temperatures, transitioning from the metastable **α phase** to the less desirable **δ phase**, has hindered its application in solar cells.

## Introducing a transformative solution:

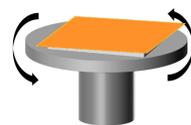
The strategic integration of additives, including **Cesium** and **Rubidium**. This innovative approach not only bolsters **stability** but also effectively mitigates **ion migration**, minimizes **defects** and **traps**, and precisely optimizes the **bandgap**. It stands as a testament to cutting-edge innovation, marking a significant leap forward in the advancement of **materials science** and **solar technology**.



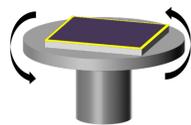
Spin Coating



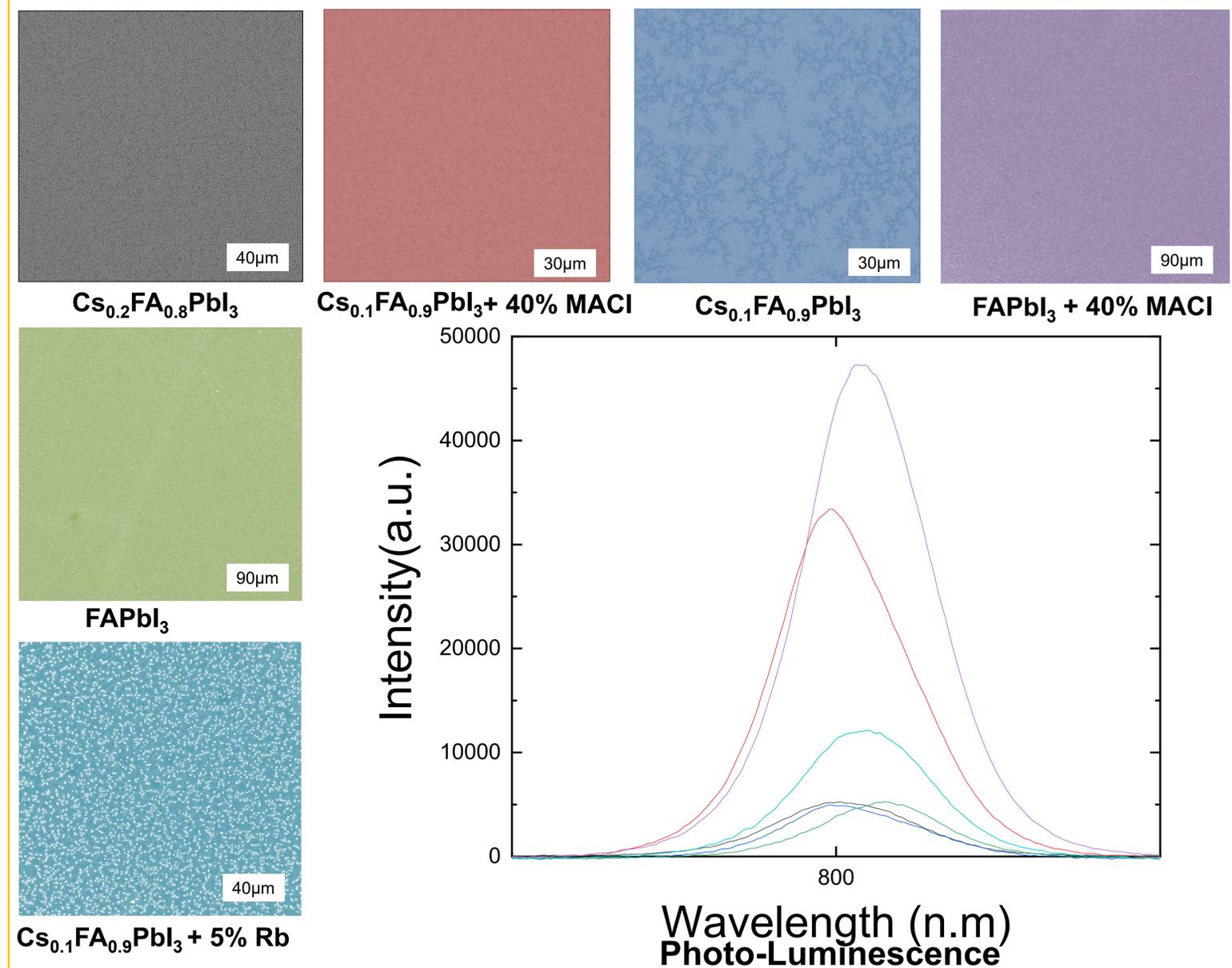
Dispensing 100 μL of PVSK onto the glass substrate.



Adding the anti-solvent (chloro-benzene) in the final 3-4 seconds.



α - FAPbI<sub>3</sub>  
150 °C



## Conclusion:

The presented photoluminescence (PL) data reveals consistent wavelengths across various compositions, affirming the successful formation of thin films. Notably, the composition with 40% mol/v exhibits the highest intensity, indicating promising characteristics for further exploration.