Fabrication and Characterization of Graphene Incorporated Cu Based Perovskite in Application of Perovskite Solar Cell under Ambient Condition

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Abstract

In this work, we demonstrate the synthesis and characterization of Cu-based thin film perovskites and their prospective application in photovoltaic cells and light-harvesting devices, which is lead(Pb) free and environmental friendly. We studied valuable part of graphene for stability issue in CH3NH3CuCl3 (MACuCl3) Perovskites solar cell and improved band gap 2.61 eV to 2.56 eV as well. Copper ions represented responsible of this materials for the bright green photoluminescence. For assimilating MACuCl3 and G-MACuCl3 based Perovskites, solar cells architectures and photovoltaic performance are argued among them. The main limitations for the solar cell efficiency were found the arrangement of insubstantial mass and high absorption coefficient of the electrons as well. As per as our knowledge, this work is demonstrated of the prospective of thin film MACuCl3 and G-MACuCl3 perovskite as light absorber and puts down the establishment for additional development of perovskite solar cell as alternative of lead-free materials.

Keywords

Demonstration, Perovskites, Light-Harvesting, MACuCl3, Absorber, Photoluminescence

1. Introduction

Recent improvement of Perovskites solar cells in efficiency is getting more and more attention based on lead halide perovskites. Beside Pb metal, many other metals like Sn, Cu, Be and so on are used to the compositional change for fabricating perovskites solar cells device. Within very short time last 10 years, the
wonderful power conversion efficiency (PCE%) was achieved rapidly from 3.8% to 22.1% in 2009 to 2019 [1] [2] [3]. Though organic-inorganic lead halide or mixed halide perovskites show excellent performance in photovoltaic cell device addressing 22.1% power conversion efficiency (PCE%), these perovskites experience from contamination, full content of poisonous and toxic which obstruct their commercialization [4]. To create large uniform crystallite size for perovskites materials for improving stabilization of perovskite device performance and develop the materials properties graphene composition are used in earlier reports. Grain size eventually led to roughness and high efficiency of photovoltaic cells [5] [6] [7]. Organic-inorganic lead halide perovskites have elated breach PCE% of solar cell in last six years [8]. In sequence with methylammonium lead iodide (CH\(_3\)NH\(_3\)PbI\(_3\)), they have been demonstrated for their excellent performance of high absorption coefficient, diffusion length and low defect density [9] [10] [11] [12] [13]. NREL’s report establishing perovskites power conversion efficiency 22.1% has been achieved which is effective for replacing commercially successful polycrystalline silicon based solar cells and challenging to deposit thin film perovskites solar cells [14] [15] [16]. Suitable molecular proposal will be required to progress the material’s assets and solar cell performance satisfying the gap CH\(_3\)NH\(_3\)CuCl\(_3\) based perovskite. In the ecosystem due to its bioaccumulation and toxicity, Lead content of these materials has elevated concerns which obstruct the perovskites’ pathway to commercialization. So it is very important to study and construct alternative modules of lead-free perovskites for optoelectronic and commercialization applications [17] [18] [19], thanks to prosperous chemistry for their expand synthetic path of new perovskites working field for photovoltaic and light harvesting applications looking up the tenability of the material [20]. The general formula may be written as (CH\(_3\)NH\(_3\))\(_2\)A\(_{n-1}\)MnX\(_{3n+1}\), where \(n\) is the number of layers within an inorganic block [21]. The thin film structure can be resultant by cutting the standard three dimensional perovskite along specific orientations ((110), (111) and (100)) and support to alternating organic and inorganic slabs [22]. At high temperature superconductor La\(_{2-x}\)Ba\(_x\)CuO\(_4\) and the Ruddlesden Popper phase like K\(_2\)NiF\(_4\) are iso-structural compounds because of their smaller ionic radii of transition metals [23]. Copper ion is predominantly motivating due to the ability to form compounds with large absorption coefficient in the visible region and the steadiness of this oxidation state in the environment [24]. Even with larger organo-ammonium cations and contributing wider synthetic tenability, the Jahn–Teller distortion begins flexible semi-coordinate bonds in the inorganic planes, which present higher plasticity and gracefulness to the structure, consequential in an easier interaction [25] [26]. Copper based thin film perovskites have been previously studied mainly for their interesting optical and magnetic properties where they perform like quasi-two dimension Heisenberg ferromagnetisms [27]. Currently [EDBE] (CuCl\(_4\)), where EDBE = 2,2’-(ethylenedioxy) bis (ethylammonium), has been realized Lithium ions(Li\(^+\)) batteries as cathode material [28]. Through the em-
ploy of an air blowing method toting up CuX (X = F, Cl, Br and I) to the perovskite pioneers optoelectronic properties of perovskite solar cells were enhanced in previous reports [29] [30]. To obtain the more stability of these materials against moisture Lead based arrangement with lower dimensionality and the 2D system with perovskite associated structure CH$_3$CH$_2$NH$_3$PbI$_3$ was exposed to perform as sensitizer in solar cells [31]. Even at 5% addition of Cu at the Pb position, the perovskite crystals preserved their cubic symmetry and photovoltaic cells with supplementary CuBr attributed larger perovskite grain sizes and enhanced power conversion efficiencies (PCE%) [32]. Due to the enlarge in tortuosity of the pathway of the molecule circulating through the coating, composites including of layered clays or silicates isolated in a polymeric matrix have been comprehensively studied as barrier materials for oxygen and water. The CH$_3$NH$_3$CuCl$_3$ should not only be impervious to oxygen but also to moisture as well a crucial protective coating summarizing [33]. To improve as protective coating layers oxygen and moisture opposed to materials that are also extremely conductive can be realistically designed. It is indispensable to encompass higher thickness to boost the tortuosity in the path of water and gas molecules when a polymeric composite is utilized as a protective coating [34] [35]. The special effects of slight incorporation of transition metals [e.g. Cr$^{3+}$, Co$^{2+}$, Cu$^{2+}$, and Y$^{3+}$] into the FAPbI$_3$(HN=CHNH$_3$PbI$_3$) perovskite compounds on the optical absorption spectra, electronic structure and chemical shift have been scrutinized through first principle calculation [36]. Hence, the most important thing to select elements that have far above the ground hole and electron conductivity besides having good quality fence properties to water and gases, so that the thickness of the coating does not slow down charge transfer and hold back solar cells performance [37]. Imperfection free layer graphene has been demonstrated to be unreceptive to many gases and moisture and due to small inter layer spacing [38]. However, modest knowledge about magnetic, electric properties and optoelectronic properties of Cu-based hybrid halide or mixed halide perovskites and very few manifestation of photovoltaic action has been reported in this material set. Here we have studied magnetic, electric properties and optoelectronic properties of Cu based perovskites and demonstrated perovskites solar cells for Pb replacement in low down dimensionality systems. We report the synthesis and characterization of Cu based perovskite family with the general formula MACuCl$_3$ and G-MACuCl$_3$ with the endeavor of investigating the thin film deposition for commercial applications and studying the photovoltaic properties to discover their potential as light sensitizer in perovskites solar cells and their optoelectronic properties. The existence of Cl$^-$ is indispensable to recover the material stability against copper oxidization and augment the perovskite crystallization. By mixing Graphene, the optical absorption can be refrained within the visible to near infrared ($\lambda = 300 - 900$ nm) range. Based on the density functional theory (DFT) optical shift and transport properties of new compounds were dispersed and understood using calculations. In arrangement of Cu$^+$ trap state
was established to be accountable for an well-organized green emission of these perovskites. Different parameters of deposition and fabrication of thin film were discussed to optimize integration of these materials into a perovskites solar cells device structure. The solar cell performance and currently limiting factors of the power conversion efficiency of this device are discussed to afford guidelines for further investigation and optimization of lead-free perovskites.

2. Experimental Section

2.1. Synthesis of MACuCl₃ and G-MACuCl₃

Methylammonium chloride was synthesized by countering 30 mL methylamine (40% mono, from Qualikems) and 20 mL hydrochloric acid (32% in water, from Merck). The three arms flask was filled with methylamine and HCl is added drop wise with methylamine solution at (8°C - 10°C) for 1 h with stirring. As synthesized methylammonium chloride was kept in ice for bath 3 hours. The precipitation was removed by putting the solution on a dry oven and carefully eliminating the solvent at 60°C. The crystalline CH₃NH₃Cl was cleaned several times by diethyl ether (from Merck) and dried for 24 hours using dry oven at 60°C. Then dried light yellow white powder of CH₃NH₃Cl was collected. Precursor 0.168 g of CH₃NH₃Cl was dissolved into 5 mL N, N-dimethylformamide and 0.564 g CuCl₂ was dissolved into 5 mL N, N- dimethylformamide (1:1) separately. Then light yellow solution of CH₃NH₃CuCl₃ perovskites was obtained. Graphene was prepared according to a modified Hummer’s Method and it was added at concentrations 0.05 g·ml⁻¹ at 45 mass% with pristine perovskite (Figure 2(b) and Figure 2(c)) solution to obtain G-MACuCl₃.

2.2. Device Fabrication

At low temperature TiO₂ solution was prepared using PEG (Polyethylene Glycol), Distilled water and TiO₂ respectively 1:20:3 ratio. PEG normally was used for better dispersion of solution to obtain uniform film [34]. The TiO₂ solution (3 mg/ml) was deposited on pre-cleaned ITO (ITO were cleaned by sequential 15 min sonication in warm distilled water, acetone and ethanol, pursued by drying in an oven at 60°C) substrates by Dr. Blade method. Then it was positioned on a hot plate set to 40°C for 10 min and at 70°C for 10 min and we transferred to furnace for annealing at 350°C for 20 min to improve the film stickiness. Then Perovskites (Pristine solution MACuCl₃, G-MACuCl₃) solution were deposited on TiO₂ film coated ITO using spin-coating method at 2000 rpm for 30 s [33] followed by heating at 80°C for 15 min until crystal growth. Graphite layer was coated by candle on the another ITO as the hole transport materials (HTM). Then both ITO were sandwiched together using two binder clips (Figure 1(c)).

2.3. Instruments and Characterizations

X-ray diffraction (XRD) data were composed on GBC EMMA X-ray diffractometer
Figure 1. Comparison of X-ray diffraction of Methylammonium chloride, Methylammonium copper chloride (MACuCl$_3$) and graphene incorporated Methylammonium copper chloride (G-MACuCl$_3$) (a) for thin film and (b) for powder crystal respectively.

at Wazed Miah Science Research Center, Jahangirnagar University with Cu Kα radiation (λ = 1.54 Å). The scanning angular range was 5˚ ≤ 2θ ≤ 50˚ to get possible fundamental picks for each sample. UV-Vis spectrum of methylamine chloride, methylammonium copper chloride perovskite solution and methylammonium copper chloride graphene at 60°C was studied using the UV-Vis Spectrophotometer Model: UVS-2800 at wavelength range of 190 nm - 1100 nm and very low stray light and noise specifications. The IR spectra of the samples were verified at room temperature using a SHIMADZU, IR Tracer-100, Japan. The wave number range was from 400 cm$^{-1}$ to 4000 cm$^{-1}$. The device performance was characterized without any encapsulation using solar simulator (IEC 60904-9 Edition2 and ASTM E927-10 standards, BCSIR, Bangladesh) under an AM1.5G filter at 100 mW/cm$^2$ in air and the intensity was standardized using a certified perovskite photodiode.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Characterization of Perovskites Properties from X-Ray Diffraction Measurement

Before Figure 1(a) shows the XRD peaks of synthesized thin film Methylammonium copper chloride and graphene incorporated methylammonium copper chloride. Diffraction peaks at 9.38˚, 17.67˚, and 28.81˚ are indexed to be (001), (110), and (003) for CH$_3$NH$_3$CuCl$_3$ crystal planes, and other peaks are assigned to the glass substrate. For graphene assorted perovskite we observed new planes (111), (022) and (201) attributed at 20.53˚, 29.54˚ and 30.36˚ respectively in the XRD. In further we can progress crystalinity with the incorporation of graphene which was exposed by the intensity change in the (001) plane. We analyzed the crystallite size full and width half maxima (FWHM) for MACl, MACuCl$_3$ and G-MACuCl$_3$ viewed that the FWHM is smallest for G-MACuCl$_3$ demonstrating the highest crystallinity of the perovskite phase in the (001) plane attributed 9.38˚. However, the peak widths at half-maxima are about the same for both samples after normalizing the perovskite (001) peak intensities, denotation that
on average, the differences in crystallinity are not significant. The average crystallites size were measured 43.015 nm for MACuCl₃ and 63.135 nm for Graphene-MACuCl₃ powder crystal (Figure 1(b)) which assembled uniformly due to sharp peaks achieved. The first order peak maxima synthesized thin film (001) for Methylammonium copper chloride and crystallite size also increased 180.44 nm and 200.56 nm respectively compare to the powder XRD reading and all are monoclinic lattice system. Volume of unit cell MACuCl₃ and graphene incorporated MACuCl₃ perovskite is 783(Å³) and 1200.2(Å³) respectively (Table 1). Thin film X-ray diffraction patterns of these two films are revealed in Figure 1(a) and compared to their respective powders. In both the cases, the (00l) reflections are finer [37], the annealing conditions were optimized to acquire crystalline, single-phase films.

3.2. Investigation of Structural Properties of Perovskites by Fourier Transformation Infrared (FTIR) Measurement

There are several peaks of these three FTIR curves in the FTIR spectrum of MACuCl₃ and G-MACuCl₃ (Figure 2(b)) have a broad band at about 3510 cm⁻¹ which indicate the water bond O-H stretching which are not present in MACl. The second vibration mode 3052 cm⁻¹ of MACuCl₃ and 3050 cm⁻¹ for G-MACuCl₃ which indicates the alkanes groups of C-H stretching but this curve is smaller than MACl. The spectrum (black) represents the large cation salt methylammonium chloride. In this curve the bond C-H is stretching alkanes, C-N stretching amines, alkanes bending C-H and bending C-O are present [33] Similar vibration mode 1651 cm⁻¹ is attributed at both materials as synthesized MACuCl₃ and G-MACuCl₃ which is not found in MAI. The vibrational mode 1651 cm⁻¹ indicates the carbon-oxygen stretching [34].

3.3. Characterization of Optoelectronic Properties of Materials

On site Coulomb interactions with the DFT method together (U+DFT) was used to schoolwork the electronic structure of copper perovskite materials. These copper ions(Cu⁺) enclosing compounds illustrate the most unwavering ferromagnetic configuration within self-governing inorganic planes, while the interplanar

| Formula       | Crystal System | a [Å] | b [Å] | c [Å] | β [deg] | Volume of unit cell (Å³) |
|---------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------------------------|
| Thin film MACuCl₃ | monoclinic     | 19.86 | 3.61  | 11.01 | 97      | 783                      |
| Thin film G-MACuCl₃ | monoclinic   | 20.03 | 3.09  | 19.39 | 90.74   | 1200                     |
| Powder MACuCl₃  | monoclinic     | 18.8  | 4.23  | 11.11 | 98      | 875                      |
| Powder G-MACuCl₃ | monoclinic     | 20.02 | 4.31  | 17.51 | 92      | 1508                     |

Table 1. Crystal structure and lattice parameters of cu-based perovskites (using XRD data by full proof software).
Figure 2. (a) Comparison Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) of Methylammonium chloride (MACl), Methylammonium copper chloride (MACuCl₃) and Methylammonium copper chloride graphene composite (G-MACuCl₃), (b) Perovskite crystal of MACuCl₃ and (c) Perovskite crystal of graphene-MACuCl₃.

Table 2. Fourier Transformation Infrared (FTIR) Characterization of Materials.

| Vibration (cm⁻¹) mode of MACuCl₃ | Vibration (cm⁻¹) mode of G-MACuCl₃ | Attributed         |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 3510                             | 3510                              | O-H Stretch        |
| 3152                             | 33,150                            | N-H Stretch        |
| 2965                             | 2960                              | C-H Stretch        |
| 2522                             | 2520                              | unidentified       |
| 1651                             | 1649                              | C-O [34]           |
| 1500                             | 1498                              | NH₃ bending        |
| 1455                             | 1450                              | NH₃ bending        |
| 1415                             | 1416                              | CH₃ bending        |
| 1257                             | 1256                              | CH₃-NH₃ rocking    |
| 1004                             | 1001                              | unidentified       |
| 937                              | 935                               | CH₃-NH₃ rocking    |
pairing is anti-ferromagnetic (AFM), corresponding with previous electronic and magnetic studies of (CH$_3$NH$_3$)$_2$CuCl$_4$ [38]. The absorption spectra of the series MACuCl$_3$ and G-MACuCl$_3$ show typical features improving absorbance [35] of graphene incorporated and highest absorption peak 341 nm and 243.25 nm respectively (Figure 3(a)). Strong bands for each material with coefficient absorption up to 200 cm$^{-1}$ are originated below 350 nm, and determined the corresponding band gaps from Tauc plots (Figure 3(c) and Figure 3(d)) are 2.60 eV (477 nm) for powder MACuCl$_3$, 2.61 eV (475 nm) for powder G-MACuCl$_3$, 2.61 eV (474 nm) for thin film MACuCl$_3$ and improved band gap 2.56 eV (483 nm) for thin film G-MACuCl$_3$ (Table 3). MACuCl$_3$ and G-MACuCl$_3$ were referred for future optimization by good feature of their better stability and improved optoelectronic properties, respectively [36]. ITO films acquired a high excellence transparent electrode which has been measured low resistance as per 10 Ω·cm and an elevated optical transmittance in the visible range by RF sputtering and premeditated their application as transparent electrodes in outsized area electric devices [39].

Multilayer films with high absorbance and visible transmittance below 20% were demonstrated as like ITO/TiO$_2$, ITO/TiO$_2$/MACuCl$_3$ and ITO/TiO$_2$/G-MACuCl$_3$ by sputtering at room temperature and examined the electrical and optical

Figure 3. (a) Comparison uv-visible spectra of Methylammonium copper chloride (MACuCl$_3$) and Methylammonium copper chloride graphene composite (G-MACuCl$_3$), (b) Comparison coefficient of absorbance spectra of MACuCl$_3$ and G-MACuCl$_3$, (c) Tauc plot of MACuCl$_3$ and G-MACuCl$_3$ for band gap calculation for powder and (d) for thin film.
Table 3. Band gap of perovskites.

| Cu based perovskites      | Band gap (eV) |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Powder MACuCl₃            | 2.60          |
| Powder G-MACuCl₃          | 2.61          |
| Thin film MACuCl₃         | 2.61          |
| Thin film G-MACuCl₃       | 2.56          |

characteristics of multilayer structures and single-layer (Figure 4(a) and Figure 4(b)). Besides, the transmittance is found to be mainly reliant on the thickness of TiO₂ film. Based on Figure 4(b) it can be observed that multilayer ITO/TiO₂/MACuCl₃ and ITO/TiO₂G-MACuCl₃ films show higher absorbance than pure ITO film.

3.4. Current Density-Voltage Investigation

Current density-Voltage (J-V) curves were found after enlightening the CH₃NH₃CuCl₃ and Graphene-CH₃NH₃CuCl₃ solar cells under ambient condition. The undefended CH₂NH₃CuCl₃ cells illustrated a rapid decline in the short-circuit current and open-circuit voltage (Figure 5(c) and Figure 5(d)). After 40 days of revelation to moisture, photovoltaic behavior is investigated from the cells. Figure 5(a) and Figure 5(b) shows the J-V curves of CH₂NH₃CuCl₃ solar cells summarized with graphene composite. For graphene composition enhanced the stability of the cells to moisture. This explains why graphene composite demonstrate good stability in towering humidity conditions. The best performing cell with a self-protective coating confirmed a photocurrent of 0.21 mA·cm⁻² and an open-circuit voltage of 334 mV. The low open-circuit voltage found when compared to the best performing cell in literature deposited with graphite is due to the high recombination losses with CH₂NH₃CuCl₃ [39]. Changing graphene concentration that exhibits lower recombination sufferers than CH₂NH₃CuCl₃ and the performance of the photovoltaic device can be further optimized. Devices were fabricated with ITO/TiO₂/CH₂NH₃CuCl₃/graphite/ITO consuming graphite itself as the HTM established higher open-circuit voltage of 0.334 V, but lower short-circuit current density of 0.039 mA·cm⁻² (Table 4) due to low conductivity of graphite compared with CH₂NH₃CuCl₃ (Figure 5(c) and Figure 5(d)). Utilizing of more conductive materials further optimization, graphene can also progress the stability of the devices. Photocurrent vibrations is pragmatic in samples with copper based perovskites and with composition of graphene this could be due to the graphene incorporation performing as a buffer layer and avoiding the direct contact of TiO₂ and the graphite HTM [40]. The crystal size during the CH₂NH₃CuCl₃ growth is also another factor that can set in to the variation of photocurrents and therefore claims photocurrents decreasing with regards to the graphene incorporation. The shunt (Rₛ) and series resistances (Rₛ) are considered to study the effect of graphene self-protective coating on the electrical
Figure 4. (a) Comparison transmittance spectra of ITO, Titanium dioxide (TiO₂), Methylammonium copper chloride (MACuCl₃) and graphene incorporated Methylammonium copper chloride (G-MACuCl₃) layers. (b) Comparison absorbance spectra of ITO, Titanium dioxide (TiO₂), Methylammonium copper chloride (MACuCl₃) and graphene incorporated Methylammonium copper chloride (G-MACuCl₃) layers.

Figure 5. (a) Comparison Current density (Jsc mA cm⁻²)-Voltage of MACuCl₃ based solar cell and graphene incorporated G-MACuCl₃. (b) Ageing effect on solar cell performance. (c) Current(mA)-Voltage(V) and Power(mW)-Voltage(V) curve of Methylammonium copper chloride (MACuCl₃) and (d) Current(mA)-Voltage(V) and Power(mW)-Voltage(V) curve of graphene incorporated Methylammonium copper chloride (G-MACuCl₃), (e) Solar cells of following materials.
Table 4. Performance of photovoltaic cells.

| Solar Cells   | Current density (mA·cm⁻²) | Fill Factor (FF%) | Open Circuit-Voltage (mV) | Short Circuit-Current (mA) | Power Conversion Efficiency (PCE%) |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| MACuCl₃       | 0.21                      | 42.82             | 334                       | 0.136                     | 1.52 x 10⁻³                       |
| G-MACuCl₃     | 0.11                      | 47.45             | 330                       | 0.039                     | 6.45 x 10⁻⁴                       |

The performance of the devices using the J-V data of the devices in Figure 5. The degradation of the perovskite due to the diffusion of oxygen and moisture into the perovskite layer was investigated. In spite of the shunt and series resistances of the cells, we look forward to the perovskite degradation machinery to be the identical. Therefore, the results of the achieved with higher series resistances and lower shunt (compared to best performing cells) could be unmitigated to high efficiency cells [40]. We finished a reference cell without protective coating and compared our power conversion efficiency to make sure suitable comparison.

The device without any graphene revealed a 15.5 KΩ of Rₛₜₛ and a 2.4 KΩ of Rₛ. Where the device one with graphene composite illustrated a increase in both Rₛₜₛ and Rₛ to a 61 KΩ and 29 KΩ respectively. Although the Rₛₜₛ and Rₛ resistances are increasing with increase of graphene composition, but the ratio of Rₛₜₛ/Rₛ has reduced from 6.45 to 2.11 for the devices without graphene and with graphene. Due to graphene incorporated into the perovskite a larger nanocomposite is fashioned which volume of unit cell increased 783 (Å)³ to 1200 (Å)³ (see Table 1) results in a augment in the Rₛ of the coated devices. Beside that holes of CuCl and the conduction band electrons of TiO₂ show the way to the lower shunt resistance(Rₛₜₛ) due to CuCl may come in contact with the TiO₂ [41]. Low conductivity of without graphene compared to the graphene composite of perovskites because of reduce in the Rₛₜₛ [42]. Figure 5(c) and Figure 5(d) showed using graphite as HTM and 8 μm TiO₂, solar cell devices were realized with MACuCl₃ and Graphene-MACuCl₃ characterized. MACuCl₃ consented a power conversion efficiency of 0.00152%, with Vₜₛ = 334 mV, Jₜₛ = 215 μA/cm², and FF = 42.82%. Graphene-MACuCl₃ gave a much lower power conversion efficiency of 0.00065%, though the optimized band gap (2.56 eV) less than MACuCl₃ and Jₜₛ = 112 μA/cm², Vₜₛ = 330 mV, and FF = 0.47 (Table 4). Because of Cu²⁺ reduction (as confirmed by XPS and photoluminescence measurements) the higher trap density commenced for lower performance of Graphene-MACuCl₃ which establish an additional way for charge recombination. To bear out the repairing behavior of the cell operating under dark condition (Figure 5(a)) the two devices was investigated in a wider range from −5V to +5V for dark current. High dark currents found (Figures 5(a)-(c)) at existence of high leakage current probably due to the direct make contact between the TiO₂ and graphite (HTM), assisted by the absence of perovskite checking layer over the TiO₂. Another limitation factor, band gap 2.61 eV and 2.56 eV suggesting deprived electron transfer in the device (Figure 3(d)) from ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy (UVS-2800) mea-
surements. The devices based on MACuCl₃ and G-MACuCl₃ were demonstrated the sensitization action of the perovskite (see Figure 5(e)) in photocurrent measurements. The measurement was presented using Solar simulator (1.5 AM at 25°C and power 1KW, BCSIR, Dhaka, Bangladesh). In précis, graphene composite has been found to perform as a multifunctional coating facilitating charge-carrier transport while simultaneously as long as an impervious seal to moisture [43], representing a corroboration of perception composite coating for superior photovoltaic stability [44]. The composite averts degradation of the CH₃NH₃CuCl₃ from UV, moisture, and air as revealed by the constant short circuit current density over an absolute period of time. The shielding graphene composite successfully checks the corrosion of the CH₃NH₃CuCl₃ into the Cl₂ and CuCl₂ [45]. The processing of CH₃NH₃CuCl₃ cells under atmospheric conditions once they are summarized with graphene composite which could allow the high moisture impermeability. In this work for both oxygen and moisture sensitive use of composite defensive materials could be comprehensive other lead free organic-inorganic metal halide perovskites. In this paper the sandwich approach could build up opportunities for coated or roll to roll perovskite cells and suggest important diminution in the processing costs. The use of coated counter electrode and the optimization of the composite for the cells continuing efforts engage fabrication of higher efficiency cells with graphite. It is currently followed using graphene with CH₃NH₃CuCl₃ crystals to prevent moisture from solar cells atmospheric roll to roll process is used. Similar perception can also be useful to design and widen different materials for lamination to grant long term stability.

4. Conclusion

Photo-voltaic properties and material stability of thin film perovskites CH₃NH₃CuCl₃ and with graphene composite are investigated in details, where it is found to be strongly dependent on the graphene composite. The absorption is occupied by their connected band gap that can be refrained diminishing from 2.61 eV to 2.56 eV in graphene composite. An additional donation to the absorption in the region between 350 and 900 nm is experimented from graphene transitions. Based on Cu perovskite and with graphene composite, they are fabricated with uniform penetration of mesoporous TiO₂ using thin film copper perovskites which realized PCE(%) of 0.00152% sing MACuCl₃ as sensitizer. Moreover, these graphene incorporated perovskites solar cells have been achieved highest fill factor 47.45% which affected solar cell performance. In spite of the mesoporous TiO₂ layer having been revealed to help the electron withdrawal from the thin film perovskites, low absorption coefficient and lower volume of unit cell for the electron cooperation of solar cell efficiency is good. This demonstration introduced to improve of photo-voltaic cell and overcome these issues stressing the importance of investigation.

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