

Supporting Information

Thermodynamic Regulation of CH₃NH₃PbI₃ Crystal Growth and Its Effect on Photovoltaic Performance of Perovskite Solar Cell

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Derive equation of thermodynamic MAPbI₃ reaction process.

From the relation (8) in the manuscript, we could derive a logarithmic formula by introducing constant C' .

$$\ln Y(\text{grain size}) = \frac{\hat{a} \dagger G_c}{3kT} + C'$$

Substituting equation (7), we could derive a formula about relationship between grain size and concentration.

$$\ln Y = \frac{1}{3kT} \frac{32}{\left(\frac{kT}{V_M} \ln \frac{C}{C_0}\right)^2} + C'$$

Finally, the equation could be obtained by replacing concentration C with X .

$$\ln Y = \frac{32j_{sl}^3}{3kT \left(\frac{kT}{V_m} (\ln X - \ln C_0(T)) \right)^2} + C'$$

Here, the equation was summarized as a simple formula with substitution other terms to constant, except for concentration.

$$\ln Y = \frac{B}{(\ln X - A)^2} + C$$

It would be assumed that the equilibrium concentration is 0.02 M of MAI solution at room temperature since the PbI_2 film could not react with 0.02 M of MAI solution. In this manner, a value of A would be -3.19, which means natural log value of equilibrium constant. The other value of B and C were mathematically evaluated in order that the model was fitted with an actual data in Table S1, as result, B and C were 1.22 and 3.73 respectively (see Figure 3).

Table S1. Grain sizes, short-circuit photocurrent density (J_{sc}), open-circuit voltage (V_{oc}), fill factor (FF) and power conversion efficiency (PCE) versus MAPbI_3 concentration. Data were taken from reference S1.

MAI Concentration	0.038 M	0.044 M	0.050 M	0.057 M	0.063 M
Grain Size (nm)	720	360	190	130	90
J_{sc} (mA/cm ²)	21.68	-	21.01	-	19.27
V_{oc} (V)	1.065	-	1.090	-	1.080
FF	0.709	-	0.711	-	0.646
PCE (%)	16.36	-	16.27	-	13.45

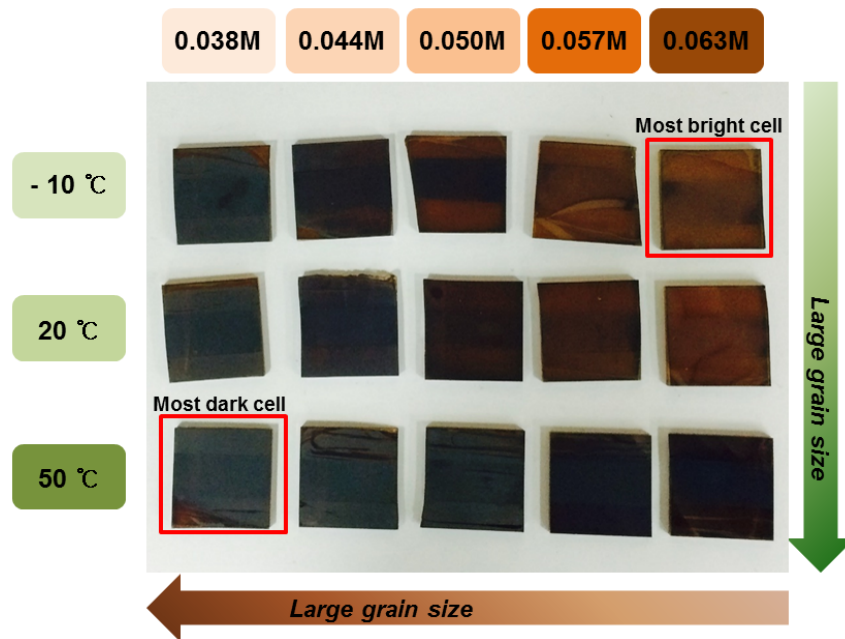


Figure S1. Photograph of MAPbI₃ coated substrates depending on MAI concentrations and reaction temperature.

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