

# The role of carbon electrodes in solar cells



## Overview

Perovskite solar cells (PSCs) have revolutionized photovoltaic research. As a result, a certified power conversion efficiency (PCE) of 25.5% was recorded in late 2020. Although this efficiency is comparable with s. Energy is essential for the development of civilization. The global electricity demand has i. Carbon is an abundantly available and low-cost material; it has a suitable work function of 5.0 eV which is very close to that of gold (5.1 eV) and represents a crucial strategy towards PSCs lar. Paints and pastes (high viscosity paint) are complex colloidal suspensions composed of binders, solvents, pigments, and additives. It is defined as a decorative and protective coating. To determine the advances of carbon-based PSCs, a bibliometric analysis was performed and is presented in this section. Fig. 2 shows the evolution of published articles from the f. Although inorganic-organic hybrid lead halide perovskite solar cells present better efficiencies than conventional DSCs and are not far from silicon technology, there are existing challenges.



## Article Content

### Carbon Electrodes: The Rising Star for PSC Commercialization

After more than 10 years of intensive optimization, perovskite solar cells (PSCs) have now reached the point where the step towards their commercialization is expected. In order to move in this direction, the upscaling of devices is mandatory. However, the metal electrodes employed in the highest performing PSCs constitute a major obstacle, being both costly and ...

### Effect of carbon electrode annealing temperature on the

Perovskite solar cells (PSCs) have shown an outstanding performance improvement since their first introduction. Currently, high-performing PSCs still utilize gold, ...

### Perovskite Solar Cells with Carbon-Based Electrodes – ...

Carbon-based electrodes represent a promising approach to improve stability and upscalability of perovskite photovoltaics. The temperature at which these contacts are processed defines the absorber grain size of the perovskite solar cell: in cells with low-temperature carbon-based electrodes (L-CPSCs), layer-by-layer deposition is possible, ...

### Role and Function of Polymer Binder Thickeners in ...

To fabricate fully printed carbon-based multiporous-layered-electrode perovskite solar cells (MPLE-PSCs), a polymer binder thickener had to be added to the carbon paste for the conductive carbon electrode. The ...

### Bibliometric analysis of carbon-based electrode perovskite solar cells ...

Carbon-based electrode perovskite solar cells (CBPSCs) have gained popularity due to their low cost, earth abundance, high electrical conductivity, and suitable work function to replace metal-based counter electrode , , .The integration of carbon as the counter electrode in the n-i-p PSC structure configuration has been extensively employed due to its ...

### Enhanced carbon-based back contact electrodes for perovskite solar ...

In according to Table S4, a summarize of literatures results regarding carbon-based perovskite solar cells in n-i-p structure, existence of an interface between carbon electrode and perovskite layer has a crucial role in photovoltaic performance. The best efficiencies concerned to PSCs with spiro-OMeTAD as an HTL and/or interlayers to modify the interface of ...

### Carbon Electrodes in Perovskite Photovoltaics

In terms of stability, perovskite solar cells made of carbon electrodes on glass substrates were stable for more than 160 days in the test at room temperature under an open atmosphere with a PCE of 13.4% ... Pandolfo A.G., Hollenkamp A.F. Carbon properties and their role in supercapacitors. J. Power Sources. 2006;157:11-27. doi: 10.1016/j ...

The role of carbon-based materials in enhancing the stability of ...

3D graphite is an abundant historical carbon material with relatively high electrical conductivity, high surface area, and thermal stability. 130-132 Together with carbon black to form better contact, graphite is mainly chosen as the counter electrode in solar cells. 133 The work function of carbon (~5.0 eV) ensures an efficient hole extraction from the LHP to the carbon layer. ...

A numerical approach to optimize the performance of HTL-free carbon ...

Carbon electrode-based perovskite solar cells (c-PSCs) without a hole transport layer (HTL) have obtained a significant interest owing to their cost-effective, stable, and simplified structure. However, their application is limited by low efficiency and the prevalence of high-temperature processed electron transport layer (ETL), e.g. TiO<sub>2</sub>, which also has poor ...

Enhanced carbon-based back contact electrodes for perovskite ...

Carbon electrodes are used in the typical structures of planar and meso-porous perovskite solar cells. Moreover, carbon materials in role of electrode can stop either ...

Heptamethine Cyanine Dye-Doped Single-Walled Carbon Nanotube Electrodes ...

Perovskite solar cell (PSC) technology holds great promise with continuously improving power conversion efficiency; however, the use of metal electrodes hinders its commercialization and the development of tandem designs. Although single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs), as one-dimensional materials, have the potential to replace metal ...

Chalcogenides in Perovskite Solar Cells with a Carbon Electrode: ...

Perovskite solar cells (PSCs) have been on the forefront of advanced research for over a decade, achieving constantly increasing power conversion efficiencies (PCEs), while their route towards commercialization is currently under intensive progress. Towards this target, there has been a turn to PSCs that employ a carbon electrode (C-PSCs) for the elimination of ...

Thermal Stability of Encapsulated Carbon-Based Multiporous

The key to the practical application of organometal-halide crystals perovskite solar cells (PSCs) is to achieve thermal stability through robust encapsulation. This paper presents a method to significantly extend the thermal stability lifetime of perovskite solar cells to over 5000 h at 85 °C by demonstrating an optimal combination of encapsulation methods and ...

## Interface engineering toward efficient carbon-based perovskite solar cells

A recent life cycle assessment of the first worldwide solar farm enabled by perovskite photovoltaic (PV) panels <sup>1</sup> indicated that the largest impact on all of the environmental footprint categories is given by gold evaporation used as the rear electrode. <sup>2</sup> Carbon-based rear electrodes seem to be the most promising alternative option that, apart from the obvious ...

Promote the performance of carbon electrode based perovskite solar ...

However, the highest power conversion efficiencies (PCEs) of HTL-free PSCs with carbon electrodes are around 19 % , , , which are not satisfactory. In order to pursue high PCE and stability for carbon electrode based PSCs (C-PSCs), the combination of the mainstream sandwich structure with the carbon electrode might be a possible solution.

## Perovskite-driven solar C 2 hydrocarbon synthesis from CO 2

Cheng, W.-H. et al. CO 2 reduction to CO with 19% efficiency in a solar-driven gas diffusion electrode flow cell under outdoor solar illumination. ACS Energy Lett. 5, 470-476 ...

## Synergetic Effects of Hybrid Carbon Nanostructured Counter Electrodes ...

Counter Electrodes. The role of a CE is to collect electrons from the external circuit and reduce triiodide to iodide in the electrolyte. ...  $J_{sc} = 12.10 \text{ mA/cm}^2$ , and  $FF = 70.00\%$ , which means it has a higher  $V_{oc}$  compared with other carbon-based solar cells. One-dimensional CNFs called hollow active CNFs (HACNFs) show a one-directional ...

## Perovskite-Compatible Carbon Electrode Improving the Efficiency and ...

Carbon electrodes are a promising alternative to metal electrodes in the access of high-stable and low-cost perovskite solar cells (PSCs). However, polar components (including cyclohexanone, terpineol, etc.) in commercial carbon pastes for carbon electrodes usually corrode perovskite materials, thereby deteriorating the photovoltaic performance of the resulting solar ...

## Carbon-Based Electrode Engineering Boosts the ...

In this work, we develop an elaborate process to engineer carbon paste to optimize the properties of carbon electrodes and the perovskite/carbon interface at the same time to fabricate all low-temperature ...

## Next-generation counter electrodes for dye-sensitized solar cells: ...

The sun is the primary origin of solar energy, offering roughly  $1.4 \times 10^5 \text{ TW}$  of energy at the Earth's surface. Nevertheless, merely  $3.6 \times 10^4 \text{ TW}$  of this energy are accessible and applicable for practical use .Many novel technologies have recently emerged to harness the renewable energy generated by incident solar radiation and transform it into electricity.

The Influence of the Work Function of Hybrid Carbon ...

In printable mesoscopic perovskite solar cells (PSCs), carbon electrodes play a significant role in charge extraction and transport, influencing the overall device performance. The work function and electrical conductivity of ...

Effect of carbon electrode annealing temperature on the ...

Perovskite solar cells (PSCs) have shown an outstanding performance improvement since their first introduction. Currently, high-performing PSCs still utilize gold, silver, or platinum as their counter electrode which can hinder the path of commercialization. Thus, carbon is introduced as an alternative counter electrode for PSC. Usually, to utilize a carbon ...

Efficient carbon electrode perovskite solar cells with robust buffer ...

Carbon electrode perovskite solar cell has great potential in commercial application based on its low cost, superior stability, and facile fabrication process. However, its ...

Fabrication of Affordable, Efficient, and Sustainable Carbon ...

Perovskite solar cells (PSCs) are acclaimed as remarkable devices for converting light into electricity. The crystallinity of the perovskite layer defines its performance, ...

Selecting non-halogenated low-toxic hole transporting materials ...

Hole transporting layers between carbon electrodes and perovskite improves the performance of perovskite solar cells. Here, four interlayer materials are assessed and compared for their ...

Low-dimensional carbon materials decorated FAPbI<sub>3</sub> for carbon ...

In this work, we conducted a comprehensive analysis of the low dimensional carbon materials in the carbon electrode-based perovskite solar cells. We utilized a two-step sequential deposition method to incorporate carbon quantum dots (CQDs), multi-walled carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs), and graphene into the FAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite layer during the second ...

Critical assessment of carbon pastes for carbon electrode-based ...

Perovskite solar cells using carbon electrodes (C-PSCs) possess the advantageous features of low cost, high stability and a simple fabrication process. ... According to the roles of CEs in the devices, C-PSCs can be mainly divided into two types: mesoporous HTL-free C-PSCs and planar C-PSCs containing HTL (Fig. 2 a-c). In an HTL-free ...

Efficient, stable, and fully printed carbon-electrode perovskite solar ...

We propose a novel hole-transporting bilayer as a selective contact for fully ambient printed perovskite solar cells with carbon electrodes. We selectively deposit two hole-transporting materials with an energetic offset between their HOMO levels and achieve not only improved power conversion efficiencies compared with conventional devices with single hole ...

The roles of graphene and its derivatives in perovskite solar cells: ...

(h) Bending durability of the ITO/PEN-based and all-carbon-electrode-based flexible solar cells as a function of bending cycles at fixed bending radius of 4 mm. (i) PCE stability of the standard and all-carbon-electrode-based flexible PSCs as a function of soaking time in ambient atmosphere under constant heating temperature of 60 °C .

Achieving over 20% Efficiency in Laminated HTM-Free Carbon Electrode ...

Laminating a free-standing carbon electrode film onto perovskite film is a promising method for fabricating HTM (hole transport material)-free carbon electrode perovskite solar cells (c-PSCs), offering more flexibility by decoupling the processes of carbon electrode and perovskite layer formation.

Low-temperature carbon-based electrodes in perovskite solar cells ...

Carbon-based electrodes have been widely applied in perovskite solar cells (PSCs) because of their chemical inertness and compatibility with up-scalable techniques, signifying their solid potential for mass-production. The material scarcity and complexity of metal ore extraction further highlights that conve

Advances in the research of carbon electrodes for perovskite solar cells

Perovskite solar cells (PSCs) were first proposed in 2009. They have the advantages of low cost, a simple manufacturing process and excellent photoelectric performance. PSC electrodes are mainly made from precious metals such as gold and silver. Still, the cost of precious metals is high and they react with 2023 Frontier and Perspective articles

Perovskite Solar Cells with Carbon-Based Electrodes ...

These PSCs with a carbon-based electrode cured at high temperatures (H-CPSCs) are particularly attractive for perovskite PV commercialization, since the entire cell stack can be deposited on a large ...

Low-temperature sprayed carbon electrode in modular HTL-free ...

Due to their outstanding advantages like excellent moisture resistance and compatibility with up-scalable manufacturing processes, carbon (C) electrode hole transport layer (HTL)-free perovskite solar cells (PSCs) represent an excellent solution to the serious limitations caused by the commonly used HTL and expensive noble metal electrode.

Towards device stability of perovskite solar cells through low-cost ...

These solar cells featured carbon electrodes in conjunction with FTO electrodes. Photocurrent density–voltage (  $J-V$  ) curves were recorded within a voltage range of 1.10 V to  $-0.10$  V with a ...

Probing the key roles of the back interface in the performance of ...

Carbon electrodes have gained widespread attention as a sustainable, stable, and low-cost alternative to metal electrodes in perovskite solar cells (PSCs). However, the power conversion efficiency (PCE) of carbon electrode-based PSCs (C-PSCs) without the hole-transport-layer (HTL) lags far behind their metal Journal of Materials Chemistry A HOT Papers

Carbon-based electrodes for perovskite solar cells

The cost-effective processability and high stability of carbon-based perovskite solar cells (C-PSCs) have shown great potential to positively devote to the development of large-scale production processes. However, there are certain ...

Predicting efficiency of solar cells based on transparent ...

However, it is still not well understood as to which kind of network structure leads to an optimum solar cell performance; therefore, mostly an arbitrary network is chosen as a solar cell electrode. Herein, we propose a new generic approach for understanding the role of TCEs in determining the solar cell efficiency based on analysis of shadowing and recombination losses.

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