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Perovskite solar cell study

A summary of the energy levels of the materials in isolation from each other. Red dashed lines show the Fermi levels measured in isolation, while the green dashed line shows the Fermi level for CH₃NH₃PbI₃ (abbreviated to MAPI) when on a TiO₂ substrate. (b) The solar cell at open circuit in dark conditions-the vacuum level has shifted for each layer so that the Fermi levels are aligned. There is a potential gradient for electrons to flow to the TiO₂ and holes to the spiro-OMeTAD. (c) The cell under illumination – the vacuum levels shift until equilibrium is reached the band offset between the layers is flattened, removing the potential gradient for electrons and holes. The result is a Fermi level shift equal to the maximum open circuit voltage of the cell. These results were measured with a KP Technology APS04 system. [3]



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Material	HOMO/	E _F (eV)	Reference*
	E _v (eV)	1 (- 7	
Ag	4.59-4.60	4.69-4.72	[1-3]
Ag nano-network		5.06	[4]
Al	3.58-3.65	3.36	[1, 2]
Au	4.8	4.83-5.06	[1, 2, 5]
AZO / ITO		4.4	[6]
C16IDT-BT	5.15		[7]
C8-BTBT	5.04		[7]
C8-BTBT:C16IDT-BT 0-5% C60F48	5.1	4.3-5.0	[7]
Carbon Single Walled Nanotubes (SWCNTs)	4.69		[8]
Cu	4.45	4.5	[2]
CuO thin film (annealed in vacuum 30 mins)		4.80-4.88	[10]
CuO	4.8	4.6-4.68	[10, 11]
CuSCN	5.35		[12]
Fe	4.4	4.41	[2]
FeS		5.74	[13]
FTO		4.9	[14]
Graphene	4.9	4.2-5.3	[11, 16, 17]
Graphene Doped with VOx		5.65	[17]
Graphene Oxide / Ag nano-network (0-80 μmol NaBH4)		4.65-5.12	[4]
Graphene Oxide Reduced Nanosheets (rGO)		4.74-5.00	[16, 18]
HOPG	4.79	4.61	[2]
ITO (with and without O2 or Argon Plasma)		4.24 - 5.14	[4-6, 21-25]
МАРВІЗ		4.30-4.32	[26-28]
MAPBI3 (Dilute tBP Treatment)		4.93	[28]
MAPBI3 (on TiO2, FTO)	5.3	4.7-5.1	[14]
MAPBI3 (pyridine treated)		5.21	[27]
Mn2O3	5.8	5.12	[29]
MoO3 / ITO		5.3	[22]
MoS2 (RF plasma 30/50W, without plasma)		5.06 - 5.4	[30]
Ni	4.2	4.18	[2]
PBDTTPD	5.15		[12]
PbS-EDT 1.12-1.38 eV (6 layer, 1 ligand)		4.84-4.87	[31]
PbS-TBAI 1.38 eV (6 layer, 1 ligand)		4.79	[31]
PEDOT:PSS	5.00	5.0-5.25	[12, 22, 32-34]
Phen-NaDPO (15mm/s) / AZO or ZnO / ITO		3.83-3.92	[6]
Phen-NaDPO (5-25mm/s) / ITO		4.01-4.51	[6]
Pt		5.65	[13]
PTFE / ITO		5.15	[22]
Sb2O3/Ag/Sb2O3 (SAS structure)		5.1	[35]
Si (native-oxide 22Ωcm-1, n-type)	5.15-5.17	4.31-4.33	[1, 11]
Sn3N4	5.9	4.7	[36]
SnO2		4.53-5.45	[3, 15, 18, 23]
Spiro-OMeTAD (on FTO, MAPBI3)	4.9	4.9	[14]
SWCNTs / PEDOT:PSS	4.85		[8]
Ті	4.07	3.94	[2]
TiO2 (on FTO)		4.6	[14]
TiO2 Mesoporous (Black) Nanosheets (M(B)TNs)		5.37-5.42	[37]
TiO2 Nanoparticle Films		4.43	[38]
TiO2 Nanoplates (Hydrogenated)/N-doped (N(H)TA)		5.17-5.26	[39]
TiO2 Nanotubular Array (+ D Peptide Coating)		4.55-4.63	[40]
Vanadium Oxide (solution processed, s-VOx)		5.3	[41]
Zn	3.52	3.49	[2]
ZnMgO		4.5	[42]

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