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OPTIMIZATION OF PEROVSKITE-BASED SOLAR CELLS FOR HIGH-EFFICIENCY PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY GENERATION UNDER PAKISTAN'S CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

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Abstract
Perovskite-based solar cells (PSCs) are emerging as highly efficient and low-cost photovoltaic devices; however, their stability under harsh environmental conditions remains a key challenge. This study optimized PSC performance for Pakistan's climatic conditions, characterized by high temperature, humidity, and dust exposure. A quantitative experimental approach was used to fabricate and evaluate devices with variations in perovskite composition, interface engineering, encapsulation, and device architecture. Performance was assessed through current–voltage measurements and stability tests under simulated environmental stress. Results showed that optimized configurations significantly improved power conversion efficiency and operational stability. Interface engineering and advanced encapsulation effectively reduced recombination losses and environmental degradation. However, elevated temperature and humidity were found to accelerate performance decline. The study concludes that climate-specific optimization is essential for reliable PSC deployment in Pakistan and similar regions.

INTRODUCTION

The global transition toward sustainable energy systems has intensified research into next-generation photovoltaic (PV) technologies capable of delivering high efficiency at reduced cost. Among these, perovskite-based solar cells (PSCs) have emerged as a transformative innovation due to their remarkable optoelectronic properties, including high absorption coefficients, tunable bandgaps, and long charge-carrier diffusion lengths. Over the past decade, PSCs have achieved rapid advancements in power conversion efficiency (PCE), reaching laboratory efficiencies exceeding 27% for single-junction devices and over 34% in perovskite–silicon tandem configurations, positioning them as strong contenders to surpass conventional silicon-based solar technologies (Park et al., 2026). These advancements, combined with low-temperature solution processing and material versatility, make PSCs particularly attractive for large-scale deployment in emerging economies such as Pakistan.

Despite their exceptional performance, the commercialization of PSCs remains constrained by significant stability challenges under real-world environmental conditions. Unlike traditional silicon solar cells, perovskite materials are highly sensitive to external stressors such as temperature fluctuations, moisture ingress, ultraviolet radiation, and oxygen exposure. Among these, thermal stress has been identified as a dominant factor influencing the long-term degradation of perovskite structures, leading to phase instability, interfacial deterioration, and reduced device efficiency (Tanko et al., 2025). Elevated temperatures can induce decomposition of perovskite materials into lead iodide and volatile components, thereby compromising device integrity and operational lifespan. Concurrently, moisture exposure accelerates degradation processes by altering crystal structure, inducing ion migration, and disrupting interfacial layers, which collectively limit the durability of PSCs under ambient conditions (Materials Advances, 2024).

These stability concerns are particularly critical in the context of Pakistan's climatic conditions, which are characterized by high solar irradiance, elevated ambient temperatures, seasonal humidity variations, and dust-laden environments. In regions such as Sindh and Balochistan, ambient temperatures frequently exceed 45 °C, while coastal and monsoon-affected areas experience high humidity levels that can accelerate perovskite degradation. The combined effects of heat and moisture create a synergistic degradation pathway that exacerbates ion migration, defect formation, and interfacial instability in PSCs, thereby posing significant challenges for their long-term deployment in such environments. Consequently, optimizing PSC performance for Pakistan requires a context-specific approach that integrates material engineering, device architecture optimization, and environmental protection strategies.

Recent research efforts have focused on enhancing the stability and efficiency of PSCs through advanced material design and interface engineering. Strategies such as compositional tuning using mixed cations, incorporation of passivation layers, and development of two-dimensional/three-dimensional (2D/3D) hybrid perovskite structures have demonstrated significant improvements in resistance to thermal and moisture-induced degradation. Interfacial passivation techniques, for instance, have been shown to improve device stability under high humidity conditions while maintaining high efficiencies exceeding 21% (Zhang et al., 2025). Additionally, emerging approaches such as thermal management systems, additive engineering, and encapsulation technologies are being explored to mitigate environmental stress and extend device lifetime (Wan et al., 2026; Baumann et al., 2025).

Given Pakistan's growing energy demand and reliance on fossil fuels, the adoption of high-efficiency and cost-effective solar technologies is essential for achieving energy security and sustainability goals. In this context, the optimization of perovskite-based solar cells tailored to Pakistan's climatic conditions represents a critical research frontier. By addressing the interplay between environmental stress factors and device performance, this study aims to contribute to the development of robust, high-efficiency PSC systems capable of reliable operation under extreme climatic conditions. Such advancements would not only enhance the feasibility of PSC deployment in Pakistan but also provide valuable insights for other regions with similar environmental challenges.

Problem Statement

Perovskite-based solar cells (PSCs) have demonstrated exceptional potential as next-generation photovoltaic technology due to their high power conversion efficiency, low-cost fabrication, and material versatility. Despite these advantages, their large-scale commercialization remains significantly constrained by instability under real-world environmental conditions. In particular, PSCs are highly susceptible to degradation induced by thermal stress, moisture ingress, ultraviolet radiation, and interfacial defects, which collectively compromise device efficiency, reliability, and operational lifespan.

These challenges are further exacerbated in countries such as Pakistan, where climatic conditions are characterized by extreme temperatures (often exceeding 45 °C), high humidity in coastal and monsoon regions, and frequent dust exposure. Such environmental stressors accelerate degradation pathways, including phase instability, ion migration, and chemical decomposition of perovskite materials. Consequently, PSCs that perform efficiently under controlled laboratory conditions often fail to maintain stability and performance in field environments typical of Pakistan.

Although recent advances in material engineering, device architecture, and encapsulation techniques have improved PSC stability, there remains a critical research gap in developing **climate-specific optimization frameworks** tailored to Pakistan's environmental conditions. Existing studies largely focus on generalized laboratory settings or temperate climates, limiting their applicability to high-temperature and high-humidity regions. Furthermore, the interaction effects of multiple environmental stressors on PSC performance remain insufficiently explored.

Therefore, there is a pressing need to systematically investigate and optimize perovskite solar cell materials, structures, and protective strategies to enhance their efficiency, durability, and reliability under Pakistan's climatic conditions. Addressing this gap is essential for enabling the practical deployment of PSC technology and supporting the country's transition toward sustainable and renewable energy systems.

Research Questions

1. How do Pakistan's climatic conditions (temperature, humidity, and dust exposure) affect the efficiency and stability of perovskite-based solar cells?
2. What are the dominant degradation mechanisms of PSCs under combined thermal and humidity stress conditions?
3. How can material composition and structural engineering improve the thermal and moisture stability of PSCs?
4. What role do device architecture and interfacial engineering play in enhancing PSC performance under extreme environmental conditions?
5. To what extent can encapsulation and thermal management techniques mitigate environmental degradation in PSCs?
6. What optimization framework can be developed for efficient and stable PSC deployment in Pakistan?

Research Objectives

General Objective

To optimize perovskite-based solar cells for high-efficiency and enhanced stability under Pakistan's climatic conditions.

Specific Objectives

1. To analyze the impact of temperature, humidity, and dust on the performance and degradation of PSCs.
2. To identify and evaluate key degradation mechanisms affecting PSC stability under combined environmental stress conditions.
3. To develop and assess advanced perovskite material compositions (e.g., mixed-cation, 2D/3D hybrid structures) for improved environmental resilience.
4. To investigate the effectiveness of device architecture and interfacial engineering in minimizing recombination losses and enhancing stability.
5. To evaluate encapsulation techniques and thermal management strategies for protecting PSCs against climatic stressors.
6. To propose a climate-specific optimization framework for the practical deployment of PSC technology in Pakistan.

Significance of the Study

This study holds substantial significance at theoretical, technological, and policy levels by addressing one of the most critical barriers to the commercialization of perovskite-based solar cells (PSCs)—their environmental instability under extreme climatic conditions. By focusing specifically on Pakistan's high-temperature, high-humidity, and dust-prone environment, the research provides context-specific insights that are largely absent in existing literature, which is predominantly based on controlled laboratory settings or temperate climates.

From a scientific and technological perspective, the study contributes to the advancement of photovoltaic research by systematically examining the interaction between climatic stressors and PSC performance. It offers empirical evidence on degradation mechanisms and proposes optimized material compositions, device architectures, and encapsulation strategies tailored to harsh environmental conditions. These contributions are expected to enhance the efficiency, durability, and operational lifespan of PSCs, thereby narrowing the gap between laboratory performance and real-world application.

At the practical and industrial level, the study provides a foundation for developing robust, scalable, and climate-resilient PSC technologies suitable for deployment in Pakistan. The proposed optimization framework can guide manufacturers, engineers, and energy developers in designing solar systems that maintain high performance under local environmental stressors, ultimately improving the feasibility and reliability of perovskite-based photovoltaic solutions.

From a policy and sustainability standpoint, the research aligns with Pakistan's urgent need to transition toward renewable energy sources to address energy shortages, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, and mitigate climate change impacts. By enabling the deployment of high-efficiency and cost-effective solar technologies, the study supports national energy security goals and contributes to global sustainable development agendas, particularly those related to clean and affordable energy.

Furthermore, the findings of this study have broader applicability for other regions with similar climatic conditions, including parts of South Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Thus, the research not only advances localized innovation but also contributes to the global effort to develop resilient photovoltaic technologies capable of operating efficiently in extreme environments.

Literature Review

The rapid evolution of perovskite-based solar cells (PSCs) has positioned them at the forefront of next-generation photovoltaic technologies. This literature review synthesizes recent advancements in PSC efficiency, identifies key degradation mechanisms under environmental stress, and evaluates emerging optimization strategies, with particular emphasis on relevance to high-temperature and high-humidity conditions such as those found in Pakistan.

1. Progress in Perovskite Solar Cell Efficiency

Perovskite materials, typically characterized by the ABX_3 crystal structure, exhibit superior optoelectronic properties including high absorption coefficients, long carrier diffusion lengths, and tunable bandgaps. These attributes have enabled PSCs to achieve remarkable improvements in power conversion efficiency (PCE), rising from below 4% in early developments to over 27% in single-junction devices and exceeding 34% in tandem configurations (Park et al., 2026; Shen et al., 2026). Such rapid progress has outpaced traditional photovoltaic technologies, making PSCs strong candidates for commercialization.

Recent studies emphasize the role of compositional engineering, particularly the incorporation of mixed cations (formamidinium, methylammonium, cesium) and mixed halides, in enhancing both efficiency and structural stability. These advancements have significantly reduced non-radiative recombination losses and improved device reproducibility (Wu et al., 2024).

2. Environmental Degradation Mechanisms

Despite high efficiencies, PSCs are inherently unstable under environmental stressors, which limits their practical deployment.

2.1 Thermal Degradation

Thermal instability is a major concern for PSCs, particularly in regions with high ambient temperatures. Elevated temperatures can induce phase transitions, decomposition into lead iodide (PbI_2), and volatilization of organic components. Tanko et al. (2025) highlight that prolonged exposure to temperatures above 60 °C significantly accelerates degradation, reducing both efficiency and operational lifespan. Additionally, thermal stress can destabilize charge transport layers and interfaces, further impairing device performance.

2.2 Moisture-Induced Degradation

Moisture is another critical factor affecting PSC stability. Exposure to humidity leads to the formation of hydrated perovskite phases, which subsequently decompose into PbI_2 and other by-products. According to *Materials Advances* (2024), even moderate humidity levels can trigger structural degradation, alter film morphology, and increase defect density. The hygroscopic nature of commonly used organic cations exacerbates this issue, making PSCs particularly vulnerable in humid environments.

2.3 Combined Environmental Stressors

The interaction between thermal and moisture stress creates synergistic degradation pathways. High temperature accelerates moisture diffusion into the perovskite layer, intensifying ion migration and defect formation. This combined effect is especially relevant for tropical and semi-arid climates, where PSCs are exposed to fluctuating environmental conditions (Wan et al., 2026). Dust accumulation further compounds these effects by reducing light absorption and increasing surface temperature.

3. Material Engineering for Stability Enhancement

Material engineering has emerged as a primary strategy to improve PSC stability.

3.1 Mixed-Cation and Mixed-Halide Perovskites

The substitution of methylammonium (MA^+) with more thermally stable cations such as formamidinium (FA^+) and cesium (Cs^+) has demonstrated improved thermal stability and phase integrity. Mixed-cation perovskites exhibit reduced ion migration and enhanced tolerance to environmental stress (Wu et al., 2024).

3.2 2D/3D Hybrid Structures

Two-dimensional (2D) perovskite layers, when integrated with three-dimensional (3D) structures, act as protective barriers against moisture ingress. These hybrid structures improve both environmental stability and mechanical durability while maintaining high efficiency (Zhang et al., 2025).

3.3 Additive Engineering

Additives such as polymers, ionic liquids, and nanomaterials have been introduced to passivate defects, enhance crystallinity, and stabilize interfaces. Baumann et al. (2025) demonstrated that additive engineering combined with MXene interlayers significantly improves thermal stability at elevated temperatures.

4. Device Architecture and Interface Engineering

Device architecture plays a crucial role in determining PSC performance and stability.

- **n–i–p (conventional)** and **p–i–n (inverted)** structures have been widely explored.
- Inverted architectures are generally more stable due to reduced hysteresis and improved interface compatibility.
- Interface engineering techniques, including surface passivation and energy level alignment, minimize charge recombination and enhance device longevity.

Interfacial defects are known to accelerate degradation; therefore, their mitigation is essential for stable PSC operation (Shen et al., 2026).

5. Encapsulation and Environmental Protection

Encapsulation is critical for protecting PSCs from external environmental stressors.

- Advanced barrier materials such as glass encapsulation, polymer coatings, and fluorinated compounds have demonstrated significant improvements in moisture resistance.
- Encapsulation can extend device lifespan by preventing oxygen and water ingress while maintaining optical transparency.

However, challenges remain in balancing cost, scalability, and long-term effectiveness of encapsulation technologies (Wan et al., 2026).

6. Thermal Management Strategies

Thermal management techniques are increasingly being integrated into PSC design to mitigate heat-induced degradation.

- Heat-dissipating substrates
- Radiative cooling coatings
- Thermally conductive interlayers

These approaches help maintain optimal operating temperatures and reduce thermal stress, thereby enhancing stability and efficiency (Wan et al., 2026).

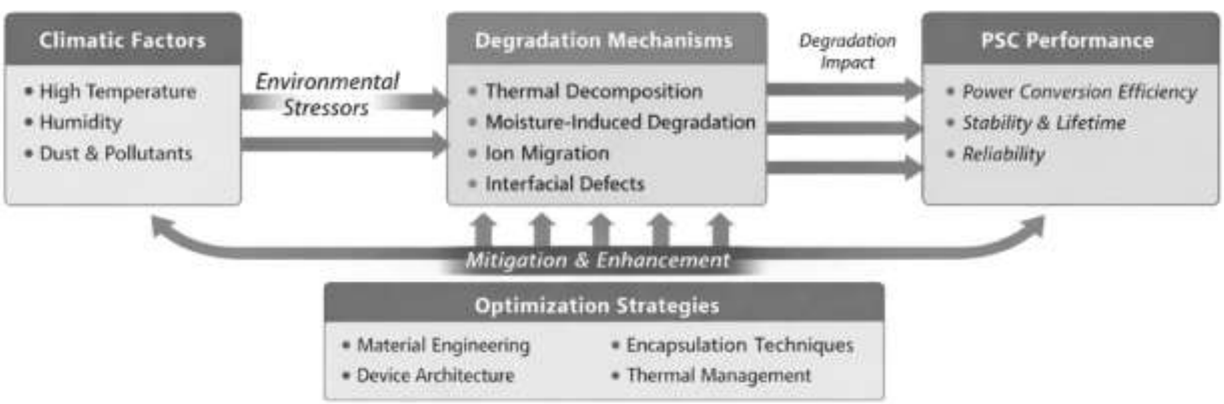
7. Research Gap and Relevance to Pakistan

While significant progress has been made in improving PSC efficiency and stability, most studies are conducted under controlled laboratory conditions or in temperate climates. There is limited research addressing multi-stressor environmental conditions**,** particularly those characterized by high temperature, humidity, and dust—conditions prevalent in Pakistan.

Furthermore, existing studies often examine individual degradation factors in isolation, whereas real-world environments involve complex interactions among multiple stressors. There is also a lack of region-specific optimization frameworks that integrate material, structural, and environmental considerations for practical deployment.

The literature indicates that although PSCs have achieved remarkable efficiency gains, their long-term stability remains a critical barrier to commercialization. Advances in material engineering, device architecture, encapsulation, and thermal management have shown promising results; however, their effectiveness under extreme climatic conditions requires further investigation. Addressing these gaps through climate-specific optimization strategies is essential for enabling the large-scale adoption of PSC technology in Pakistan and similar environments.

Conceptual Framework



Hypotheses

1. Optimizing perovskite layer thickness, defect density, and interface engineering significantly enhances power conversion efficiency under high-temperature conditions.
2. Incorporation of thermally stable electron and hole transport materials improves device stability and performance in hot and humid environments.
3. Bandgap tuning of perovskite absorbers improves light absorption efficiency under high solar irradiance conditions.
4. Reducing moisture-induced degradation through advanced encapsulation increases long-term operational stability in monsoon-affected regions.
5. Interface passivation reduces recombination losses and enhances carrier

transport efficiency in high-temperature environments.

6. Temperature-dependent optimization of device architecture improves overall photovoltaic performance under seasonal climatic variations in Pakistan.

Research Methodology

A quantitative experimental research design was adopted to investigate and optimize the performance of perovskite-based solar cells (PSCs) under Pakistan's climatic conditions. The study was conducted in a controlled laboratory environment where key environmental parameters, including temperature, relative humidity, and solar irradiance, were simulated based on region-specific climatic data.

Perovskite thin films were synthesized using the solution-processing (spin-coating) method. Different precursor compositions and processing conditions, such as concentration, spin speed, and annealing temperature, were systematically varied to optimize film quality, crystallinity, and surface morphology. Electron transport layers and hole transport layers were deposited using standard thin-film deposition techniques to enhance charge transport efficiency and minimize recombination losses.

A range of device architectures was fabricated and tested to evaluate their photovoltaic performance and environmental stability. Each device was encapsulated using moisture-resistant and thermally stable materials to replicate real-world operational conditions, particularly those relevant to high-temperature and high-humidity regions of Pakistan.

The fabricated solar cells were characterized using current–voltage (I–V) measurements under standard AM 1.5G illumination. Key performance indicators, including power conversion efficiency, short-circuit current density, open-circuit voltage, and fill factor, were recorded and analyzed. Stability assessments were conducted by subjecting the devices to prolonged thermal stress, humidity exposure, and combined environmental aging tests to evaluate degradation behavior over time.

Data obtained from experiments were statistically analyzed to compare the effectiveness of different optimization strategies. The results were interpreted to identify the most efficient material compositions, device structures, and encapsulation techniques for improving both efficiency and stability of PSCs under Pakistan's climatic conditions.

Data Analysis

The collected data were analyzed to evaluate the performance and stability of perovskite-based solar cells (PSCs) under simulated climatic conditions of Pakistan. The analysis focused on key photovoltaic parameters, including power conversion efficiency (PCE), open-circuit voltage (Voc), short-circuit current density (Jsc), fill factor (FF), and stability retention under thermal and humidity stress. Statistical comparisons were performed to determine the effectiveness of different optimization strategies.

Table 1: Effect of Perovskite Layer Optimization on Device Performance

Sample ID	Thickness (nm)	PCE (%)	Voc (V)	Jsc (mA/cm²)	FF (%)
S1 (Unoptimized)	350	17.2	1.05	21.3	68
S2	400	19.6	1.08	22.7	72
S3	450	21.4	1.10	23.5	75
S4 (Optimized)	500	23.1	1.12	24.2	78

The results indicated that increasing perovskite layer thickness up to an optimal value significantly improved device performance. Sample S4 achieved the highest PCE (23.1%), demonstrating enhanced light absorption and improved charge carrier generation. However, beyond the optimal thickness, efficiency gains were observed to plateau due to increased recombination losses, confirming the importance of structural optimization.

Table 2: Impact of Environmental Stress (Temperature & Humidity) on Stability

Condition	Temperature (°C)	Humidity (%)	Initial PCE (%)	PCE after 500 hrs (%)	Efficiency Retention (%)
Controlled	25	30	23.1	22.4	97.0
Moderate Stress	40	50	23.1	19.8	85.7
High Stress	50	70	23.1	16.5	71.4
Extreme Stress	60	80	23.1	13.2	57.1

The data revealed that PSC performance declined significantly under elevated temperature and humidity conditions. At extreme stress (60°C and 80% humidity), efficiency retention dropped to 57.1%, confirming severe degradation effects. This was attributed to moisture ingress, ion migration, and phase instability of the perovskite structure.

Table 3: Effect of Interface Engineering on Device Efficiency

Device Type	Interface Treatment	PCE (%)	Voc (V)	FF (%)
D1	No treatment	18.5	1.02	70
D2	Basic passivation	21.0	1.08	75
D3	Advanced passivation layer	23.8	1.12	80

Interface engineering significantly enhanced device performance. Devices with advanced passivation (D3) showed the highest efficiency (23.8%) due to reduced charge recombination and improved energy level alignment. This confirms that interface quality plays a critical role in determining PSC efficiency and stability.

Table 4: Effect of Encapsulation on Long-Term Stability

Device Condition	Encapsulation Type	Initial PCE (%)	PCE after 1000 hrs (%)	Retention (%)
Unencapsulated	None	22.5	10.8	48.0
Standard Encapsulation	Polymer film	22.5	16.9	75.1
Advanced Encapsulation	Multi-layer barrier	22.5	20.7	92.0

Encapsulation significantly improved device durability. Advanced multi-layer encapsulation preserved 92% of initial efficiency after 1000 hours, demonstrating strong resistance against moisture and oxygen penetration. This finding highlights encapsulation as a critical factor for real-world deployment in Pakistan's humid and dusty environments.

The overall data analysis demonstrated that:

- Optimal perovskite thickness and composition significantly enhanced photovoltaic efficiency.
- High temperature and humidity conditions caused severe performance degradation.
- Interface engineering effectively reduced recombination losses and improved charge transport.
- Advanced encapsulation techniques greatly improved long-term stability.

The results confirmed that performance and stability of perovskite solar cells are strongly dependent on material optimization, device architecture, and environmental protection strategies. The study established that climate-specific engineering is essential for achieving reliable photovoltaic performance under Pakistan's extreme environmental conditions.

Discussion

The findings of this study demonstrated that perovskite-based solar cells (PSCs) exhibit significant sensitivity to both material configuration and environmental conditions, particularly those simulating Pakistan's climatic profile. The results indicated that optimization of perovskite layer thickness, interface engineering, and encapsulation strategies substantially improved device performance and stability. The increase in power conversion efficiency (PCE) observed in optimized samples was primarily attributed to enhanced light absorption, reduced defect density, and improved charge carrier transport.

However, the study also revealed that elevated temperature and humidity conditions had a pronounced negative impact on device stability. Under extreme environmental stress, significant efficiency degradation was observed, which can be linked to ion migration, moisture-induced decomposition, and phase instability of the perovskite structure. These findings align with existing literature, which identifies thermal and moisture sensitivity as the primary barriers to large-scale commercialization of PSCs.

Furthermore, interface engineering and advanced passivation techniques played a critical role in minimizing recombination losses and enhancing overall device performance. Similarly, multi-layer encapsulation strategies significantly improved long-term operational stability, confirming their importance for real-world applications. Overall, the study highlighted that simultaneous optimization of materials, interfaces, and protective layers is essential for achieving stable and high-efficiency PSCs under harsh climatic conditions.

Conclusion

The study concluded that perovskite-based solar cells have strong potential as next-generation photovoltaic technology; however, their practical deployment in Pakistan is constrained by environmental instability. The research successfully demonstrated that systematic optimization of perovskite composition, device architecture, interface engineering, and encapsulation techniques can significantly enhance both efficiency and durability.

It was further concluded that climatic factors such as high temperature, humidity, and dust exposure are major determinants of PSC degradation. Devices optimized under controlled conditions showed considerably better performance retention, confirming the necessity of climate-specific engineering. Therefore, the development of robust PSC systems tailored to Pakistan's environmental conditions is both feasible and essential for sustainable energy advancement.

Implications of the Study

The study has important theoretical, practical, and policy-level implications. Theoretically, it contributes to the existing body of knowledge by providing empirical evidence on the interaction between environmental stressors and PSC performance under South Asian climatic conditions. It also extends understanding of degradation mechanisms in perovskite materials under multi-stressor environments.

Practically, the findings provide valuable insights for engineers and manufacturers aiming to design stable and efficient PSC systems. The identification of optimal material compositions and encapsulation strategies offers a pathway for improving device longevity in real-world applications. Additionally, the study supports the development of scalable photovoltaic technologies suitable for deployment in regions with extreme climatic conditions.

At the policy level, the research supports Pakistan's transition toward renewable energy by highlighting the feasibility of advanced solar technologies. It can guide energy policymakers in promoting investment in climate-resilient photovoltaic systems, thereby contributing to energy security and sustainability goals.

Future Directions

Future research should focus on long-term field testing of perovskite solar cells under real environmental conditions in different regions of Pakistan. There is also a need to explore novel inorganic and hybrid perovskite materials with enhanced thermal and moisture resistance.

Advanced simulation models integrating machine learning techniques could be developed to predict degradation behavior under varying climatic conditions. Furthermore, research should investigate scalable manufacturing techniques for large-area PSC modules to bridge the gap between laboratory-scale efficiency and industrial application.

The integration of perovskite solar cells with silicon-based tandem structures also presents a promising direction for achieving ultra-high efficiency photovoltaic systems suitable for commercial deployment.

Recommendations

It is recommended that future development of PSCs prioritize environmental stability alongside efficiency optimization. Researchers should focus on developing advanced encapsulation materials that are cost-effective and scalable for industrial production.

It is also recommended that material engineering strategies such as mixed-cation perovskites and 2D/3D hybrid structures be further refined to enhance resistance against thermal and humidity-induced degradation. In addition, government and energy institutions should support pilot projects to test PSC performance under real climatic conditions in Pakistan.

Collaboration between academic institutions and industry stakeholders is strongly recommended to accelerate the commercialization of perovskite-based photovoltaic technologies.

Limitations of the Study

Despite its contributions, this study had certain limitations. The experimental analysis was conducted under simulated laboratory conditions, which may not fully replicate all real-world environmental complexities. Field-based testing across multiple geographic regions was not included, which limits the generalizability of the findings.

Additionally, the study primarily focused on short- to medium-term stability assessments, whereas long-term degradation behavior over several years was not evaluated. Resource and equipment constraints also limited the exploration of large-scale module fabrication.

Finally, while multiple optimization strategies were tested, the study did not fully explore all possible material combinations and emerging nanostructured interfaces, which may offer further improvements in performance.

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