





ISOS (International Summit on Organic PV Stability) protocols in action

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OLYMPICS RACE FOR STABILITY



RACE FOR EFFICIENCY



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Protocols for Organic and Hybrid PVs (since 2008)

International Summits on Organic and Perovskite Photovoltaics (ISOS)





IEC Qualification testing serves **for rapid detection of <u>known</u> failure or degradation modes** in the intended environment

> ISOS protocols are meant to assist in unifying the procedures of PSCs stability studies, improve comparability between data from different laboratories and device architectures. It is intended as an intermediate stage in PSC technology maturing, aimed at the identification of degradation pathways and the prospects for their mitigation.

OUTLINE

1. What are ISOS protocols? What was added for Perovskite Solar Cells?

2. How does it work? Examples of researches following ISOS protocols.

3. Which activities are ongoing now in the community? And how to join it :)



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ISOS RESEARCH AGING PROTOCOLS



ORIGINAL ISOS PROTOCOLS

Test type		Dark (ISO	S-D)						Outdoor	(ISOS-O)		
Test ID		ISOS-D-1 Shelf		ISOS-D-2 storage	High te	mp.	ISOS-D-3 Dan heat	np	ISOS-O-1 Outdoor	ISOS-O-2 Outdoor	ISO	S-O-3 Outdoor
Light source		None		None			None		Sunlight	Sunlight	Sur	nlight
Temp. ^a		Ambient		65/85 °C			65/85 °C		Ambient	Ambient	Am	bient
Relative humidity (F	LH.) ^a	Ambient		Ambient	(low)		85%		Ambient	Ambient	Am	bient
Environment ^a		Ambient		Oven			Env. chamber		Outdoor	Outdoor	Ou	tdoor
Characterization light	nt	Solar simulator of	or	Solar sim	ulator		Solar simulate	ог	Solar simulator	Sunlight	Sur	nlight and solar
source		sunlight								-	sim	nulator
Load ^b		Open circuit		Open circ	uit		Open circuit		MPP or open	MPP or open	MP	P
Test type	Lig	ht-soakin	g (ISC	OS-L)				٦	hermal cyc	ling (ISOS-	T)	
Test ID	ISOS-	L-1 Laboratory	ISOS-L-	2 Laborat	tory	ISOS-L-3	Laboratory	ISO	S-T-1 Thermal	ISOS-T-2 Thermal		ISOS- T-3 Thermal
	weat	hering	weathe	ering		weather	ing	cyc	ling	cycling		cycling
Light source	Simu	lator	Simula	tor		Simulato	or	Not	ne	None		None
Temp.ª	Ambi	ent	65/85 °	С		65/85 °C		Bet and	ween room temp. 1 65/85 °C	Between room ter and 65/85 °C	np.	-40 to +85 °C
Relative humidity (R.H.) ^a	Ambi	ent	Ambier	nt		Near 50	£	Am	bient	Ambient		Near 55%
Environment/setup	Light	only	Light &	Temp.		Light, Te	mp. and R.H.	Hot	t plate/oven	Oven/env. chamb.		Env. chamb.
Characterization	Solar	simulator	Solar si	imulator		Solar sin	nulator	Sol	ar simulator or	Solar simulator		Solar simulator
light source								sun	light			
Load ^b	MPP	or open circuit	MPP or	open cir	cuit	MPP		Ope	en circuit	Open circuit		Open circuit
Test type		Solar-th	erma	ll-hun	nidit	у сус	ling (ISO)S-	LT)			
Test ID		ISOS-LT-1 solar-	thermal	cycling			ISOS-LT-2 sola cycling	ar-th	ermal-humidity	ISOS-LT-3 solar-t cycling	herm	al-humidity-freeze
Light source Simulator		Simulator				Simulator						
Temp. Linear or step ramping 65 °C		amping b	ng between room temp. and		Linear ramping between 5 and 65 °C		Linear ramping between -25 and 65°C					
Relative humidity (R.H.)		Monitored, uncontrolled			Monitored, controlled at 50% beyond 40 °C		Monitored, controlled at 50% beyond 40 $^\circ\mathrm{C}$					
Environment/setup		Weathering cha	mber				Env. chamb. with sun simulation		Env. chamb. with sun simulation and			
Characterization lig	nt	Solar simulator					Solar simulator		Solar simulator			
source Load ^b		MPP or open cir	rcuit				MPP or open circuit		MPP or open circuit			

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Test ID Light source Temp. ^a Relative humidity (F Environment ^a Characterization ligh source	ISOS-D-1 Shelf R.H.) [,] ht	ISOS-D-2 Hig	h temp.	ISOS-D-3 Dam	p ISOS-O-1 Outdoor Sunlight Ambient Ambient Outdoor Solar simulator	ISOS-O-2 Outdoor Sunlight Ambient Ambient Outdoor Sunlight	ISOS-O-3 Outdoor Sunlight Ambient Ambient Outdoor Sunlight and solar simulator
Load ^b					MPP or open	MPP or open	MPP
Test type	Light-soakir	ng (ISOS-L)	_		Thermal cyc	ling (ISOS-T	.)
Test ID	ISOS-L-1 Laboratory weathering	ISOS-L-2 Laboratory weathering	ISOS-L-3 weather	3 Laboratory ring	ISOS-T-1 Thermal cycling	ISOS-T-2 Thermal cycling	ISOS- T-3 Thermal cycling
Light source	Simulator	Simulator	Simulat	or	None	None	None
Temp. ^a	Ambient	65/85 °C	65/85 °C	C	Between room temp. and 65/85 °C	Between room temp and 65/85 °C	$-40 \text{ to } +85 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
Relative humidity (R.H.) ^a	Ambient	Ambient	Near 50	1%	Ambient	Ambient	Near 55%
Environment/setup	Light only	Light & Temp.	Light, To	emp. and R.H.	Hot plate/oven	Oven/env. chamb.	Env. chamb.
Characterization light source	Solar simulator	Solar simulator	Solar si	mulator	Solar simulator or sunlight	Solar simulator	Solar simulator
Load ^b	MPP or open circuit	MPP or open circuit	MPP		Open circuit	Open circuit	Open circuit
Test type	Solar-th	ermal-humic	dity cyo	cling (ISO	S-LT)		
Test ID	ISOS-LT-1 solar	-thermal cycling		ISOS-LT-2 solar cycling	r-thermal-humidity	ISOS-LT-3 solar-the cycling	ermal-humidity-freeze
Light source Temp.	Simulator Linear or step r	amping between room	temp. and	Simulator Linear ramping	; between 5 and 65 °C	Simulator Linear ramping bet	ween -25 and $65 ^\circ\text{C}$
Relative humidity (F	R.H.) Monitored, unc	ontrolled		Monitored, cor 40 °C	trolled at 50% beyond	Monitored, control	led at 50% beyond 40 °C
Environment/setup	Weathering cha	amber		Env. chamb. w	ith sun simulation	Env. chamb. with s freezing	sun simulation and
Characterization ligi	ht Solar simulator			Solar simulator	r	Solar simulator	
Load ^b	MPP or open ci	rcuit		MPP or open c	ircuit	MPP or open circui	it

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Test type	Dark (ISOS-D)			Outdoor	(ISOS-O)	
Test ID Light source Temp. ^a Relative humidity (R.H.) ^r Environment ^a Characterization light source Load ^b	ISOS-D-1 Shelf	ISOS-D-2 High temp.	ISOS-D-3 Dam	p ISOS-O-1 Outdoor Sunlight Ambient Ambient Outdoor Solar simulator MPP or open	ISOS-O-2 Outdoor Sunlight Ambient Ambient Outdoor Sunlight MPP or open	ISOS-O-3 Outdoor Sunlight Ambient Ambient Outdoor Sunlight and solar simulator MPP
Test type Li	ght-soaking (IS	SOS-L)		Thermal cyc	ling (ISOS-1	Г)
Test IDISOLight source Temp.aRelative humidity (R.H.)aEnvironment/setup Characterization light source LoadbTest type	S-L-1 Laboratory ISOS-	L-2 Laboratory ISOS-L-3	3 Laboratory	ISOS-T-1 Thermal cycling None Between room temp. and 65/85 °C Ambient Hot plate/oven Solar simulator or sunlight Open circuit S-LT)	ISOS-T-2 Thermal cycling None Between room tem and 65/85 °C Ambient Oven/env. chamb. Solar simulator Open circuit	ISOS- T-3 Thermal cycling None p. –40 to +85 °C Near 55% Env. chamb. Solar simulator Open circuit
Test ID Light source	ISOS-LT-1 solar-therma	l cycling	ISOS-LT-2 solar cycling Simulator	-thermal-humidity	ISOS-LT-3 solar-th cycling Simulator	ermal-humidity-freeze
Temp.	Linear or step ramping 65 °C	between room temp. and	Linear ramping	between 5 and 65 °C	Linear ramping be	etween –25 and 65 °C
Relative humidity (R.H.)	Monitored, uncontrolle	d	Monitored, com 40 °C	trolled at 50% beyond	Monitored, contro	lled at 50% beyond 40 °C
Environment/setup Characterization light	Weathering chamber Solar simulator		Env. chamb. wi Solar simulator	th sun simulation	Env. chamb. with freezing Solar simulator	sun simulation and
source Load ^b	MPP or open circuit		MPP or open ci	rcuit	MPP or open circu	iit

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WHAT WAS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PROTOCOLS INTRODUCTION?



Data from "The Perovskite Database Project", Jesper Jacobsson et al., Nature Energy 7, 107 (2022)

SPECIAL ROLE OF OUTDOOR TESTING

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ISOS D-3: DAMP HEAT TEST



"Glued"



"Laminated"





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CONSENSUS FOR PEROVSKITE SOLAR CELLS STABILITY

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Consensus statement for stability assessment and reporting for perovskite photovoltaics based on ISOS procedures

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in accord with the labs development over a decade after the original consensus

Introduce new protocols specific to perovskite solar cells

Attract attention to the topic and get a very broad perovskite research community on board with a unified research guidelines



EXTENDED ISOS PROTOCOLS

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	Dark storage	(ISOS-D)		Light-soaking (ISOS-L)			
Test ID	D-1	D-2	D-3	L-1	L-2	L-3	
Light source	None	None	None	Solar simulator	Solar simulator	Solar simulator	
Temp.	Ambient (23±4 °C)	65/85 °C	65/85 °C	Ambient (23±4 °C)	65/85 °C	65/85 °C	
Rel. humidity	Ambient	Ambient	85%	Ambient	Ambient	~ 50%	
Environment /setup	Ambient air	Oven, ambient air	Env. chamber	Light only	Light & temp.	Light, temp. & R.H.	
Charact.	Solar sim. or	Solar	Solar	Solar	Solar	Solar	
light source	sunlight	simulator	simulator	simulator	simulator	simulator	
Load	OC.	OC	OC	MPP or OC	MPP or OC	MPP	
	Bias stability	(ISOS-V)		Outdoor stability (ISOS-O)			
Test ID	V-1	V-2	V-3	0-1	O-2	O-3	
Light source	None	None	None	Sunlight	Sunlight	Sunlight	
Temp.	Ambient (23±4 °C)	65/85 °C	65/85 °C	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	
Rel. humidity	Ambient	Ambient	85%	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	
Environment /setup	Ambient air	Oven, ambient air	Env. chamber	Outdoor	Outdoor	Outdoor	
Charact. light source	Solar simulator	Solar simulator	Solar simulator	Solar simulator	Sunlight	Sunlight and Solar simulator	
Load/ voltage bias	Positive: VMPF; Voc; Eg/q; Jsc Negative: -Voc, JMPP ^a)	Positive: VMPP; VOC; Eg/q; JSC Negative: -Voc, JMPP ^a)	Positive: VMPP; VOC; Eg/q; JSC Negative: -Voc, JMPP ^a)	MPP or OC	MPP or OC	MPP	

Bias (positive or negative) in the dark

EXTENDED ISOS PROTOCOLS

Light/dark cycling

Thermal cycli	ing (ISOS-T)		Light cycling (ISOS-LC)				
T-1	T-2	T-3	LC-1	LC-2	LC-3		
None None		None	None Cyc Duty cy		olar Simulator/dark de period: 2, 8 or 24 h cle (light:dark): 1:1 or 1:2		
r.t. to 65/85 °C	r.t. to 65/85 °C	-40 to +85 °C	Ambient (23±4 °C)	65/85 °C	65/85 °C		
Ambient Ambient		<55% ^{b)}	Ambient	Ambient	<50%		
Hot plate/ oven	Oven/env. chamber	Env. chamber	Light only	Light & temp.	Light, temp. & R.H.		
Solar simulator	Solar simulator	Solar simulator	Solar simulator	Solar simulator	Solar simulator		
OC	OC	OC	MPP or OC	MPP or OC	MPP		
Light-humidi	ty-thermal cycl	ing (ISOS-LT)					
L] Solar-therr	F-1 nal cycling	LT-2 Solar-thermal-humidity cycling		L1-3 Solar-thermal-humidity-freeze cycling			
Solar si	mulator	Solar simulator		Solar simulator			
Linear or step ra room temp	amping between . and 65 °C	Linear ramping between 5 °C and 65 °C		Linear ramping between -25 °C and 65 °C			
Monitored,	uncontrolled	Monitored, controlled at 50% beyond 40 °C		Monitored, controlled at 50% beyond 40 °C			
Weatherin	g chamber	Env. chamber with sun simulation		Env. chamber with sun simulation and freezing			
Solar si	mulator	Solar simulator		Solar simulator			
MPP	or OC	MPP	or OC	MPP or OC			



ISOS-V test

ISOS-V Electric bias

ISOS-V test

Forward bias: formation of macroscopic defects, decrease in R_{SH} and J_{SC}

ISOS-V Electric bias

ISOS-V Macroscopic defect formation

Forward bias: formation of macroscopic defects, decrease in $\rm R_{SH}$ and $\rm J_{SC}$

Recovery: disappearing of macroscopic defects, recovery of R_{SH} and J_{SC} decrease in V_{OC}

ISOS-V Electric bias

Voltage - Ion-migration induced degradation

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Voltage - Ion-migration induced degradation

EXTENDED ISOS PROTOCOLS

INTRINSIC STABILITY (ISOS-I) PROTOCOLS

Test ID	Key features
ISOS-D-11	Inert atmosphere, room temperature, dark
ISOS-D-2I	Inert atmosphere, elevated temperature, dark
ISOS-L-1	Inert atmosphere, room temperature, light
ISOS-L-2	Inert atmosphere, elevated temperature, light
ISOS-V-1	Inert atmosphere, room temperature, dark, electrical bias
ISOS-V-2I	Inert atmosphere, elevated temperature, dark, electrical bias
ISOS-LC-11	Inert atmosphere, room temperature, cycled light
ISOS-LC-2-3	Inert atmosphere, elevated temperature, cycled light
ISOS-T-1-3I	Inert atmosphere, cycled temperature, dark

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Humid atmosphere ISOS-3

Ambient atmosphere ISOS-1 and 2

Inert atmosphere ISOS-I

PERO AGING BEHAVIOURS UNDER ILLUMINATION

Indoor constant light

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Consequences of meta-stability for outdoor data analysis

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Seasonal changes

Long-term stability trends

Parameters' extraction

Affects the energy yield

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Consequences of meta-stability for outdoor data analysis

e.g. aparently positive T coefficients

Note they are actually negative, if one measures indoor with enough light soaking

Seasonal changes

Long-term

Parameters'

extraction

Affects the

Consequences of meta-stability for outdoor data analysis

- Model without light-soaking only fits experimental data for part of a day
- We can make a semi-empirical model with light-soaking effect which gives good fit all day/any day
- This model predicts up to 7% annual energy yield losses on lightsoaking alone depending on the loation and device

Seasonal changes

Long-term stability trends

Parameters' extraction

arteracts

Affects the energy yield

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1. Reporting list

2. Discussion on the Figures of Merit for stability

3. "Best practices"

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FIGURES OF MERIT FOR STABILITY

 T_{80} : 20% decrease in PCE from the initial value.

"Stabilized" T_{s80} : 20% decrease counted from the "stabilized" value (i.e. after fast effects were saturated). The time it took to stabilize is discarded.

"Back extrapolated" T₈₀: 20% decrease in PCE from its backextrapolated or maximum value. "Stabilization time" is included.

	FOM options		Description and applicability If it takes too low and				
1	T ₈₀		20% of PCE decay from the initial PCE (t=0).				
2	T ₅₈₀	Continuou s stress	 20% of PCE decay from a certain PCE value during the aging experiment, or t_{burn-in}: - for cells with "burn-in" effect, the PCE value for 80% is estimated, should burn-in or from the extrapolated t=0 value from the post-burn-in decay fitting. - for cells with PCE increase, the T₈₀ should be estimated for time at which the efficiency has dropped to 80% of the maximum PCE, with the complete time from t=0 to this point quoted as the T₈₀ value. 				
3	η ₁₀₀₀ (PCE after 1000 hours)		In case T_{80} is not reached within the timeframe of the aging experiment, it is recommended to report the decrease observed over first 1000 h in addition to (optionally) extrapolation applied to determine T_{80} and/or T_{S80} .				
4	T ₉₅ and T _{S95}		Analogous to T_{80} and T_{580} , apart from to 95% of the t=0, maximum, or post-burn-in back extrapolated t=0 PCE.				
5	T ₈₀ analogue, corrected for the recovery processes	+ recovery	If the restoration process has been tested after the stress removal.				
6	T ₈₀ analogue for energy output per cycle or average PCE value during the cycle	Cycled stress	For cycled illumination conditions, esp. in case of non-monotonous PCE vs time curves.				

REPORTING CHECKLIST

Parameter	Characteristics
Initial solar cell characterizatio n	Current-voltz time, the Stabilized EQE/IPCE than activity of fresh devices, including voltage scan conditions: scan speed, direction, dwelling cycles (NPLC), preconditioning etc. Provide a cycles (NPLC), preconditioning etc. The provide a cycles of the precondition of the precon
Encapsulation	 Wiring: materials, processing conditions, addition Front and back side encapsulation layer(s): materials (environment, temperature, duration). Edge sealant: materials (reference, thickness, width), so conditions. Geometry: rim (minimum distance between encapsulation edge and active area edge), device active area; picture or a schume of the device.
Aging conditions	The base of the angle of the light burce type, intensity, spectrum, filters applied, calibration. Light burce type, intensity, spectrum, filters applied, calibration. Light burce type, intensity, spectrum, filters applied, calibration. Term, filters applied, calibration. Term, filters applied, calibration. Term, filters applied, calibration. Sensor. Atmosphere: air/s ox/ sealed pouch/ environmental chamber etc.; controlled Dependent of the test conditions comply with known protocols (IEC, ISOS etc.).
Aging time	Stress duration and corresponding performance loss, resting times (e.g. without stre
Measurements during aging	Periodically recorded J-V curves: a g freque or scar and, direction, NPLC, dwelling time, preconditioning, light source u Recovery time and conditions MPP tracking (if applied): har Other periodic measurements (n
Number of samples	Number of solar cells of each type ceach aging condition, statistical analysis (if applicable). Number of samples still operating a cified efficiency level at the end of the aging test.
Outdoor	Location (city/coordinates) and dates of exposure. Weather conditions throughout the exposure period: temperature, humidity, sunlight irradiance (preferably in

It does sound uneasy, but it is a consensus between 60 researchers in the field, that all these info is needed to reproduce your results

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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"Round-robin" outdoor experiment

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CONCLUSIONS

ISOS protocols are applicable for Perovskite solar cells but should be extended to grasp the entire range of observed phenomena.

ISOS-V-1-3for bias application in the darkISOS-LC-1-3for light cycling experimentsISOS-Ifor aging in an inert atmosphere

Reporting checklist for aging experiments is suggested.

Good practices for aging experiments are discussed.

The goal of these guidelines is to assist in **unifying** the procedures of PSCs stability studies, improve comparability between data from different laboratories and device architectures. It is intended as an intermediate stage in PSC technology maturing, aimed at the identification of degradation pathways and the prospects for their mitigation.

Thank you for your attention!