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Hybrid perovskites for photovoltaics: Story, challenges and opportunities
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Photovoltaic technologies based on hybrid perovskites have been a breakthrough in the field, competing with the consolidated silicon counterparts. The progress of the electrical performance has indeed created high expectation in the market uptake. On the other hand, their low structural stability, primary of the MAPbI$_3$, risks to severely retard their dissemination. The review describes the path from the early stage to the recent development of photoactive hybrid perovskites, highlighting limits and strengths. The focus is primarily on structural aspects and optical response of the material under conditions that mimic its operation, to enlighten the origin of the limited perovskite durability. Protocols are provided for predictive or comparative evaluation of the attitude of materials to defect formation. These protocols can be also applied to validate novel stabilisation strategies. All in all, these features frame the exceptionality of hybrid perovskites in their crystal-liquid duality.

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