

Highly Luminescent and Stable Quasi-2D Perovskites based on Multi-functional Asymmetric Spacer

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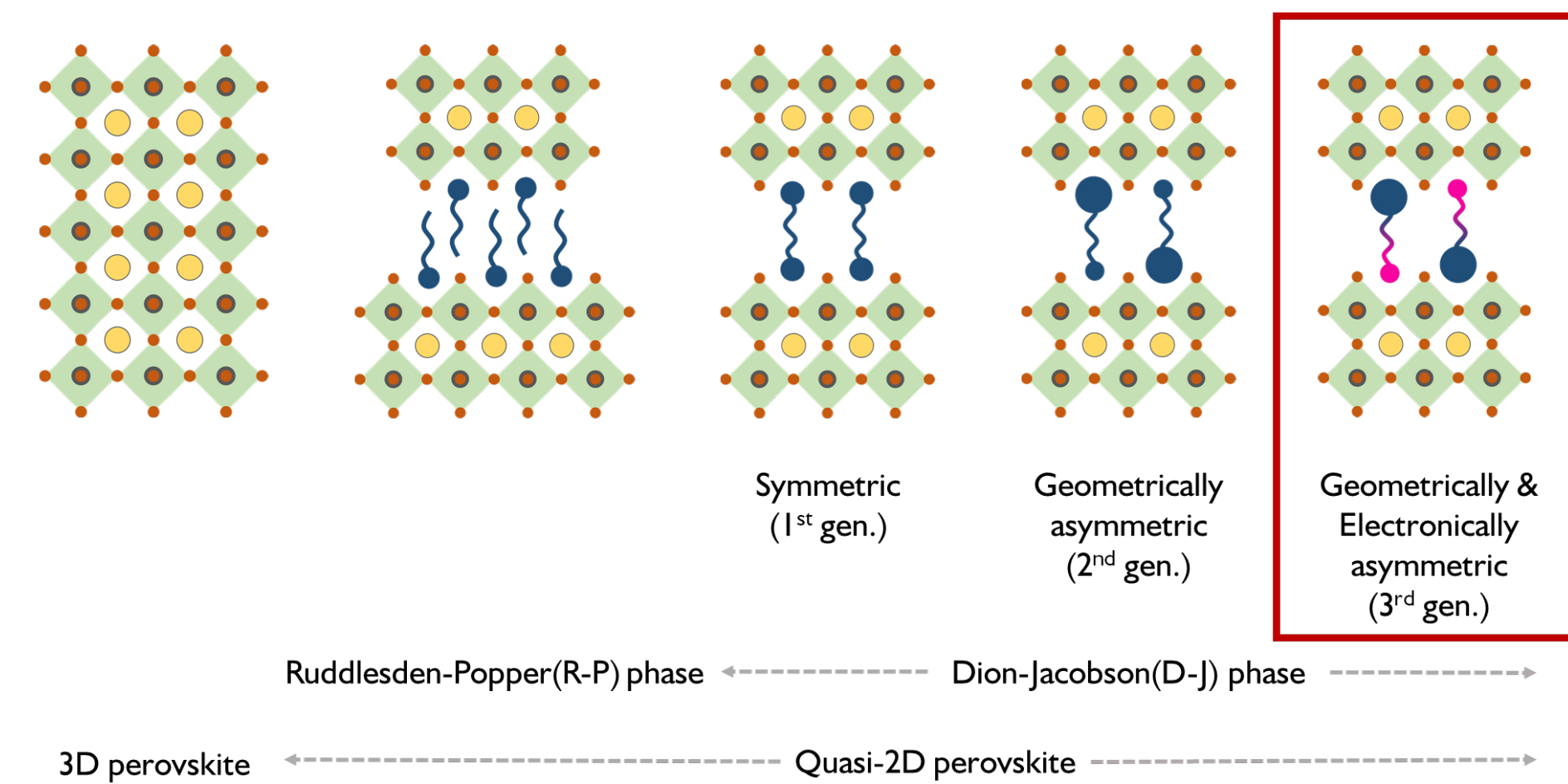
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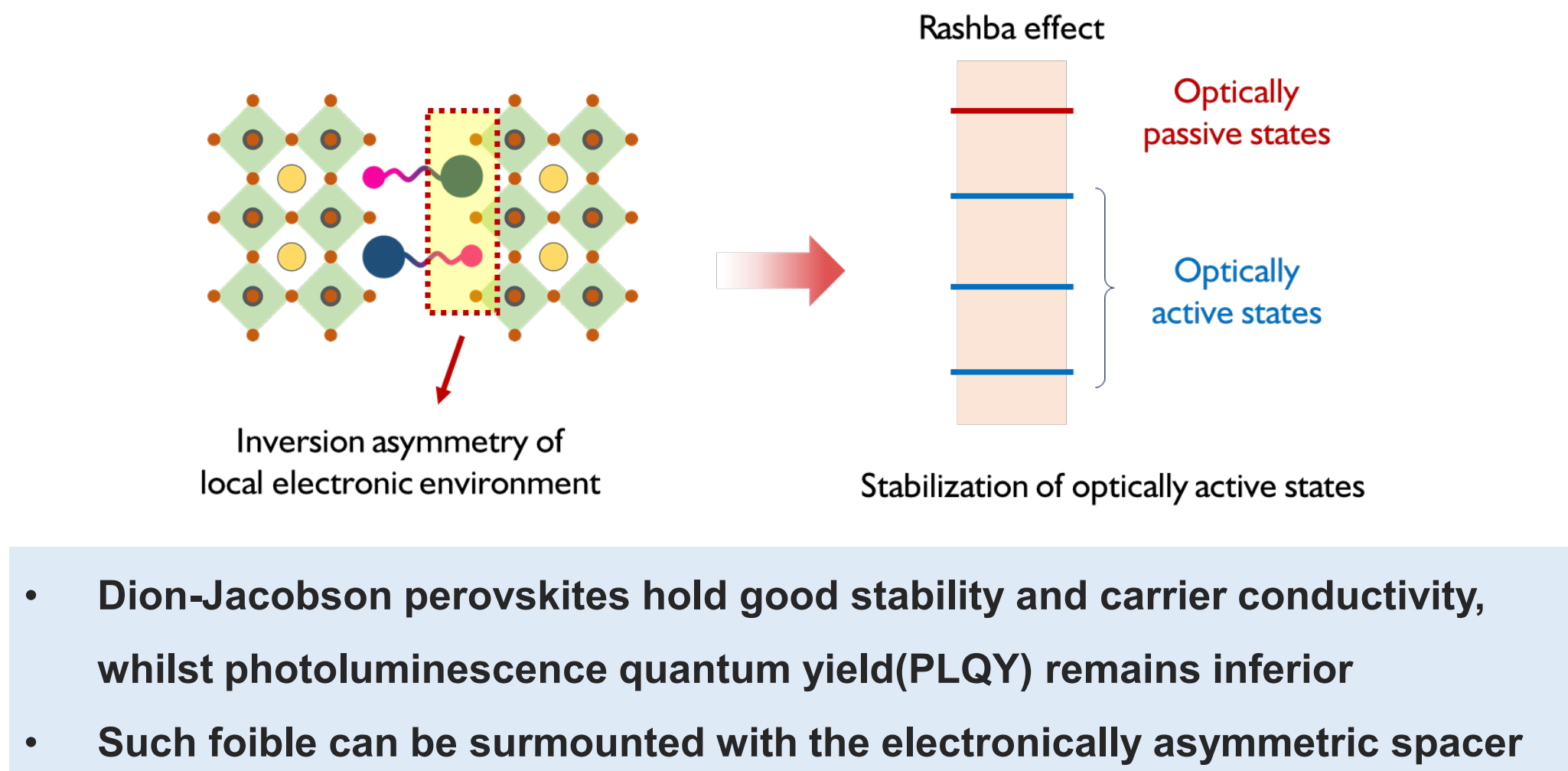


Introduction

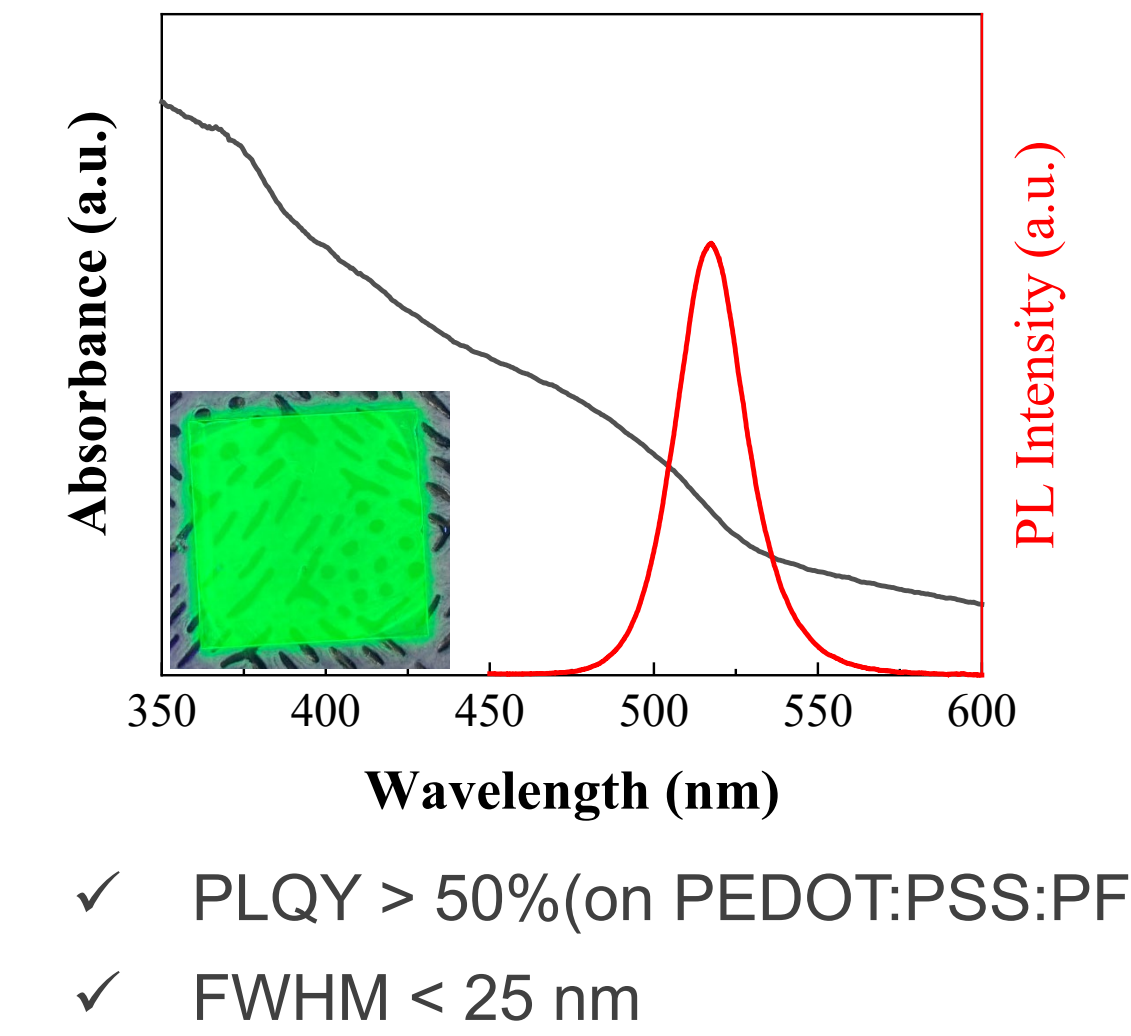
Dion-Jacobson phase perovskites



Collapse of inversion symmetry



Highly Emissive & Stable Quasi-2D perovskite



Theoretical

Inversion symmetry held

$$E_{0,0} = \Lambda + K$$
$$E_{0,(0,\pm 1)} = \Lambda - K$$
$$K = \langle \psi_e(1) \psi_h(2) | \hat{H}_{Coulomb} | \psi_e(2) \psi_h(1) \rangle < 0$$

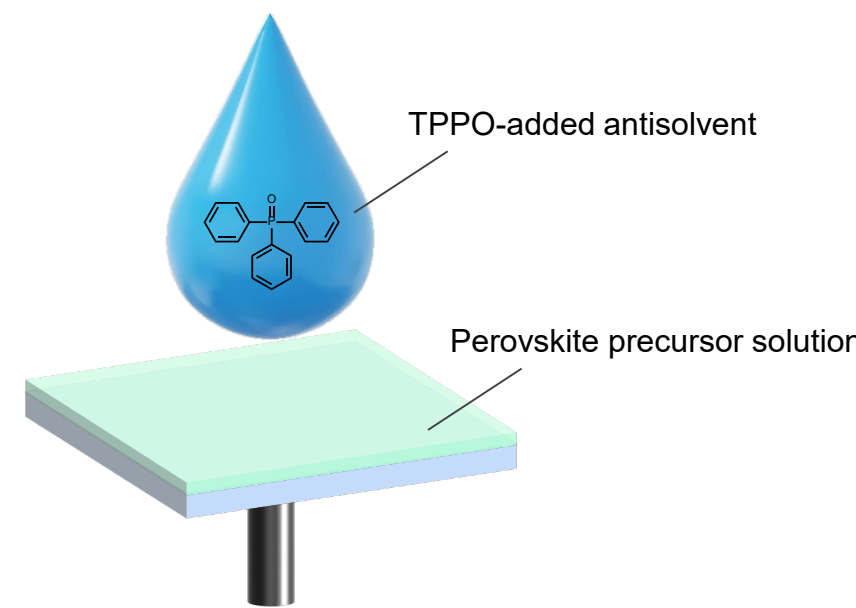
Inversion symmetry collapsed

$$\hat{H}_{R,z} = \sum_{c=e,h} (\alpha_{xy}^{z,c} \sigma_x^c \sigma_y^c - \alpha_{yx}^{z,c} \sigma_y^c \sigma_x^c), \text{ et cycl.}$$
$$E = \Gamma (\pm \alpha_{xy}^{z,e} \alpha_{xy}^{z,h} \pm \alpha_{yx}^{z,e} \alpha_{yx}^{z,h})$$

Experimental

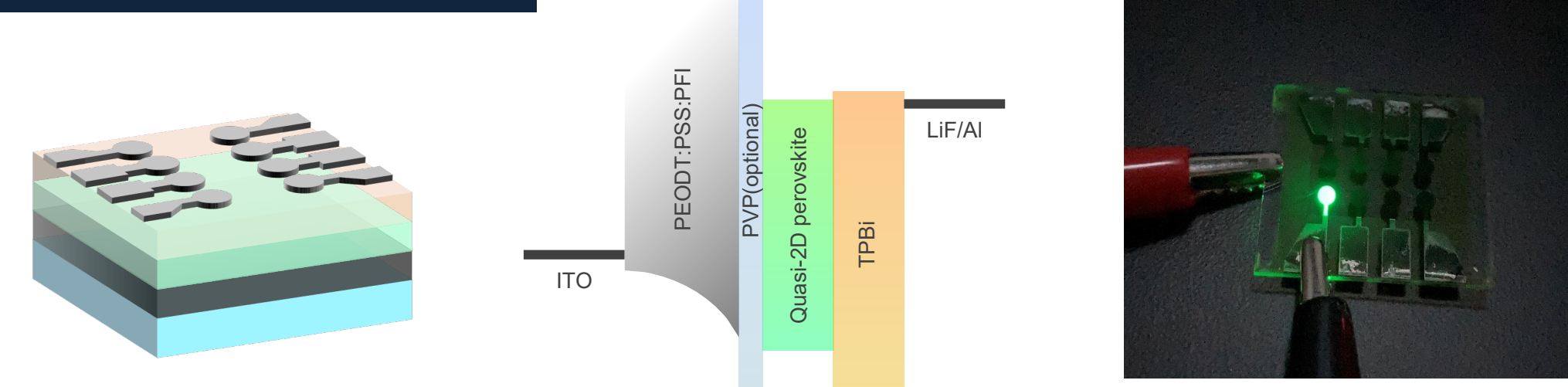
Quasi-2D perovskite film fabrication

- Fabrication condition**
- Spin-coating of perovskite precursor solution onto the substrate
 - Antisolvent dripping as designated time
 - Passivation agent: TPPO



- Quasi-2D perovskite film was successfully fabricated on the substrate
- The film was annealed at 70°C for 10 min to remove any residual solvents

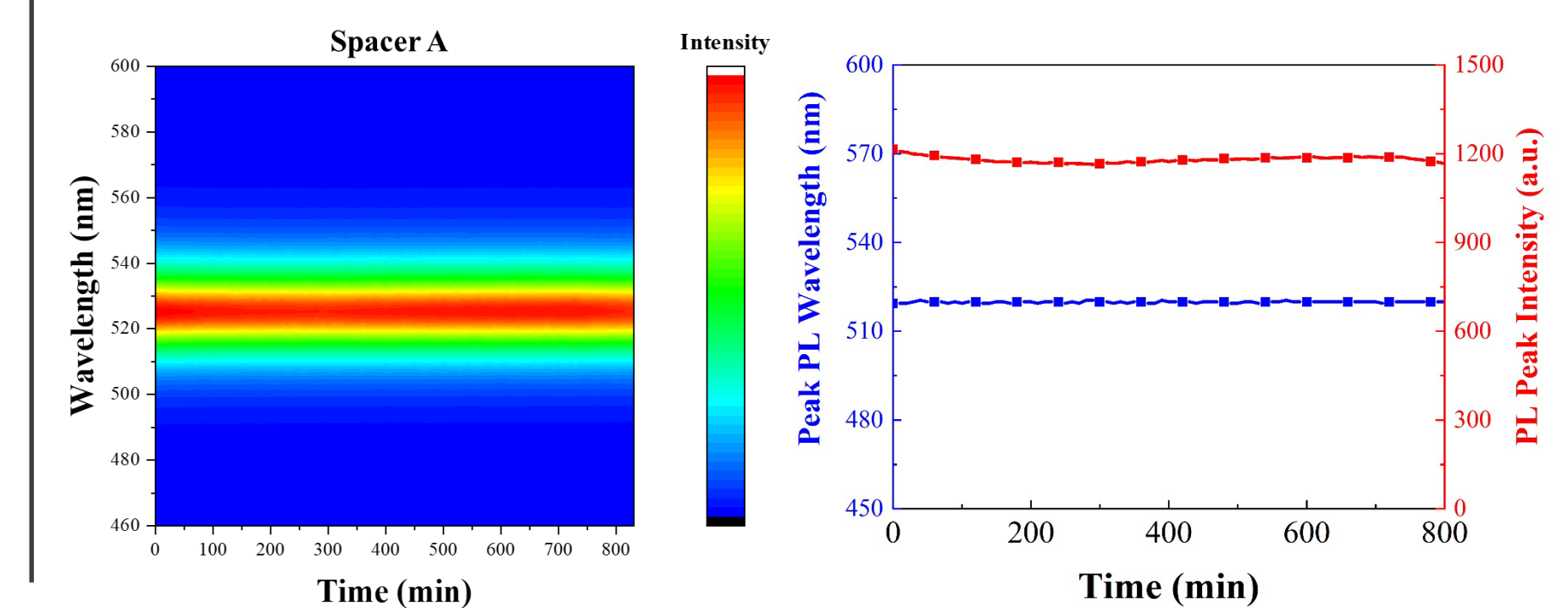
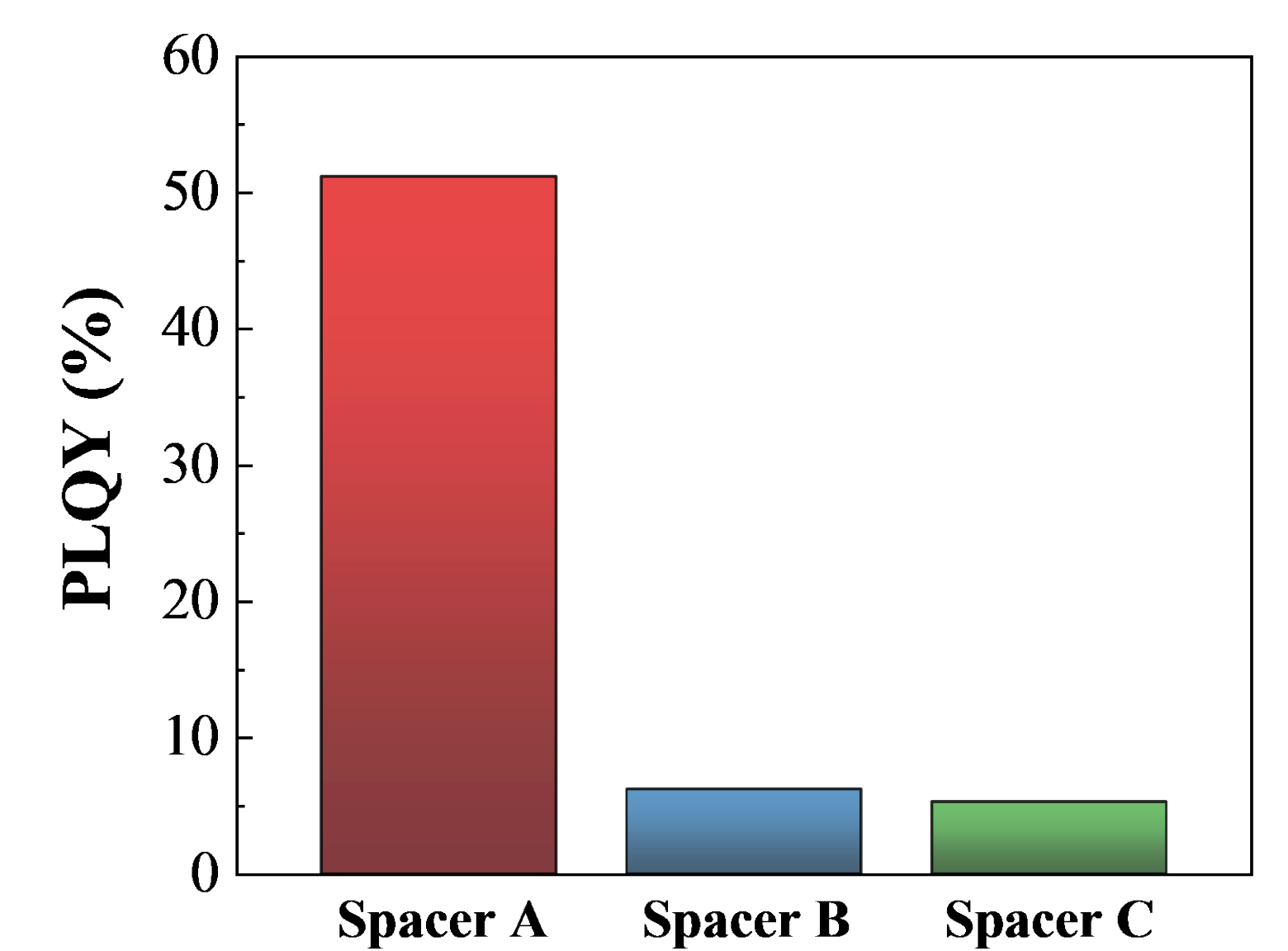
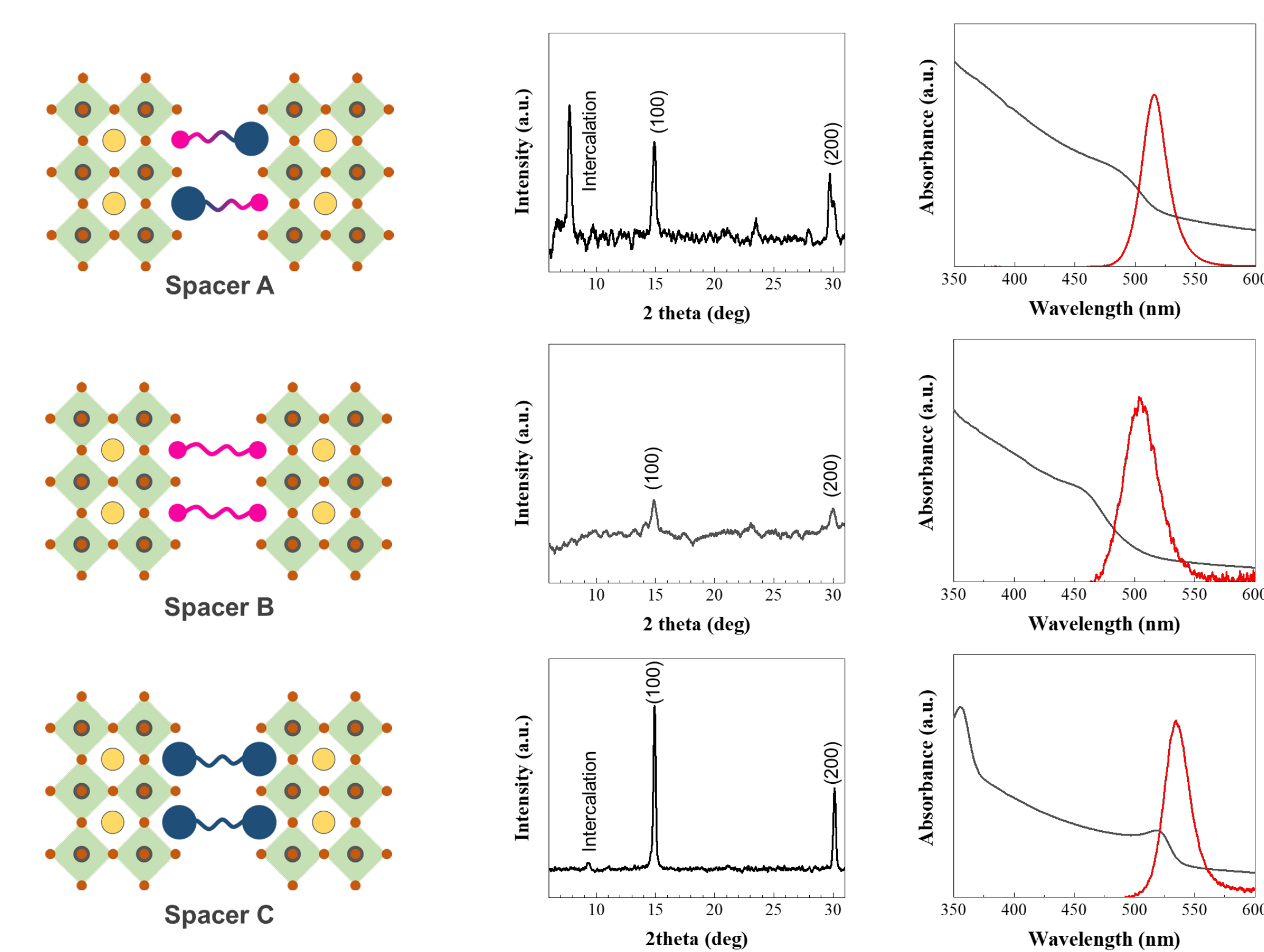
PeLED Fabrication



- Hole transport layer and emission layer were solution-processed
- TPBi(50nm), LiF(1nm), and Al(100nm) was deposited via thermal evaporation

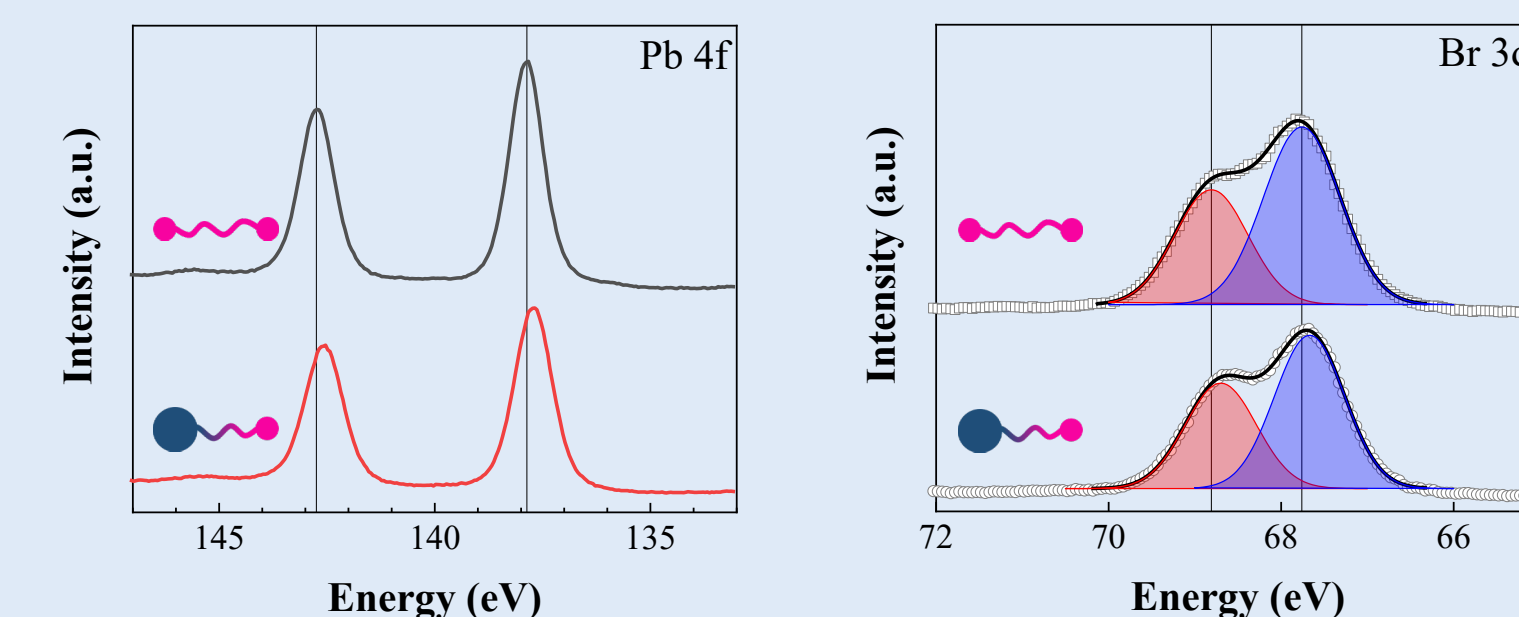
Results

Optical properties upon spacer inversion symmetry modulation



Hypothesis 1

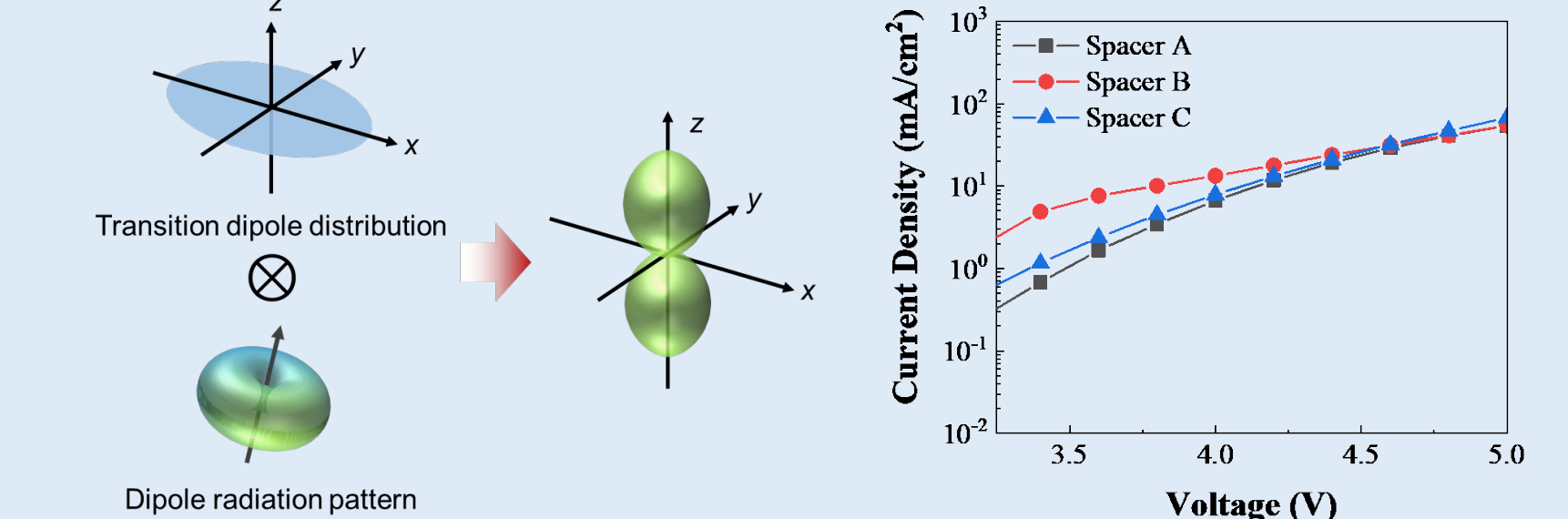
- Enhancement of PLQY is attributable to the passivation capability of the bulky head of the spacer molecule



- XPS survey revealed that the bulky head of the spacer passivates Pb²⁺ to some extent
- But such a **passivation effect seems not salient**, because if so, spacer C should have the highest PLQY → **Reject Hypothesis 1**

Hypothesis 2

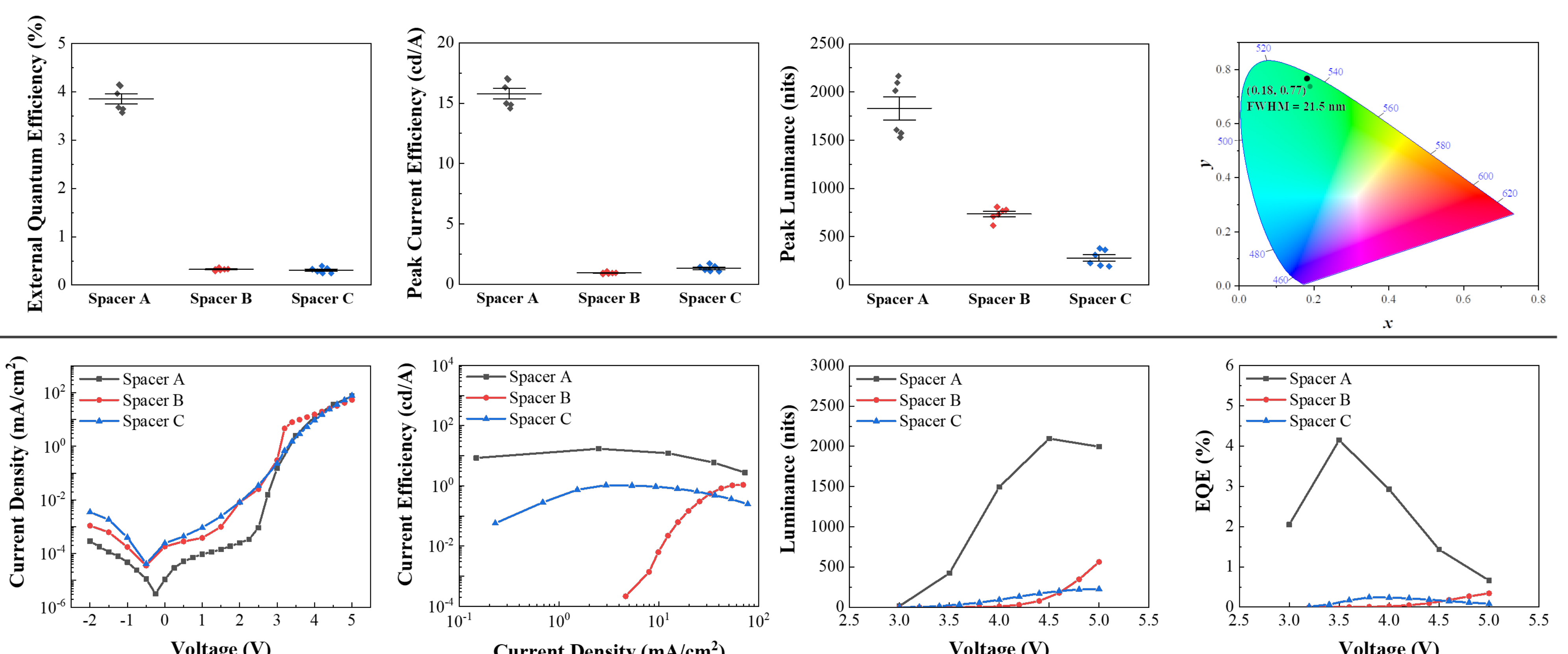
- Enhancement of PLQY is attributable to the horizontal alignment of the quasi-2D perovskite slabs



- Consistent with J-V characteristics in which spacer A case shows the lower current density
- But such behavior **cannot explain PL characteristics** that spacer A shows higher PL intensity → **Reject Hypothesis 2**

- Therefore, optical enhancement is attributed to the electrical asymmetry of the spacer molecule
- The collapse of inversion symmetry of local electric potential stabilizes optically active states

Perovskite light-emitting diode fabrication



- Quasi-2D perovskite light-emitting diodes were fabricated, recording EQE > 4%, luminance > 2000 nits with narrow FWHM ~ 21.5 nm
- Electroluminescence characteristics were superior in the case of the asymmetric spacer, in consensus with photoluminescence characteristics
- Ideality factor η over 2 implies layered structure was successfully formed

Conclusion

- Here, the heretofore underrated aspect of Dion-Jacobson phase perovskite, the electrical asymmetry of the spacer was demonstrated.
- Emission enhancement cannot be attributed to the passivation effect and perovskite slab alignment.
- Therefore, the improvements are attributed to the electronic inversion asymmetry of the spacer molecule, which **stabilizes optically active states relative to the passive state, thereby enabling bright emission.**
- Light-emitting diodes based on the quasi-2D perovskite emission layer were fabricated and recorded greatly enhanced EQE, luminance, and color purity.
- Additional optimization in both electroluminescence and photoluminescence will be further pursued.

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