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Optical Design of Organic-based Transparent and Tandem Solar Cells



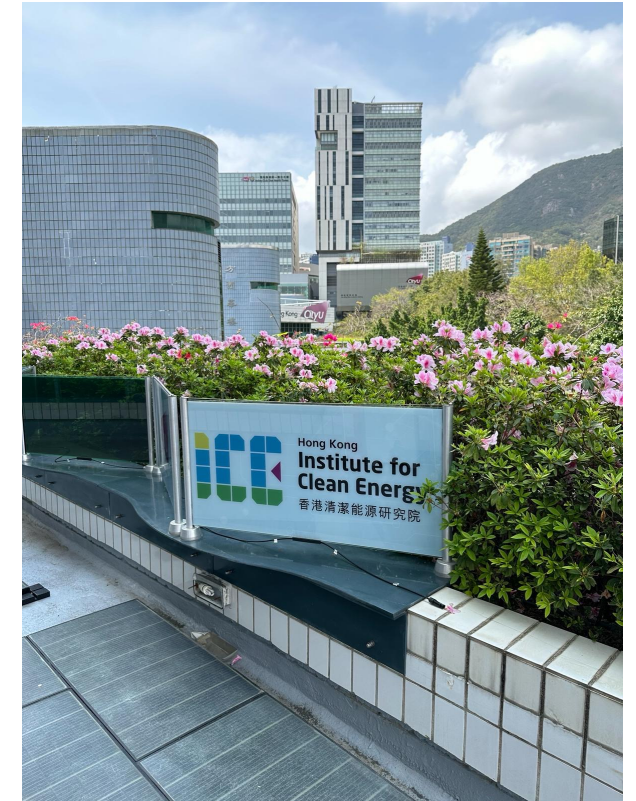
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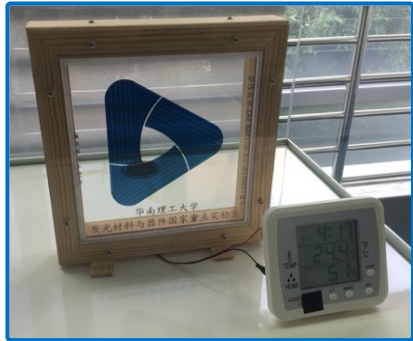
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Academic Positions

South China University of Technology (SCUT 2013-2020)

- Professor, School of MSE, State Key Lab of Luminescent Materials and Devices, SCUT- 2013/6-2020/12
- Director, Innovation Center for Printed Photovoltaics, SCUT, 2018/1-2020/12

Participated in the certification of Champion OPV Module



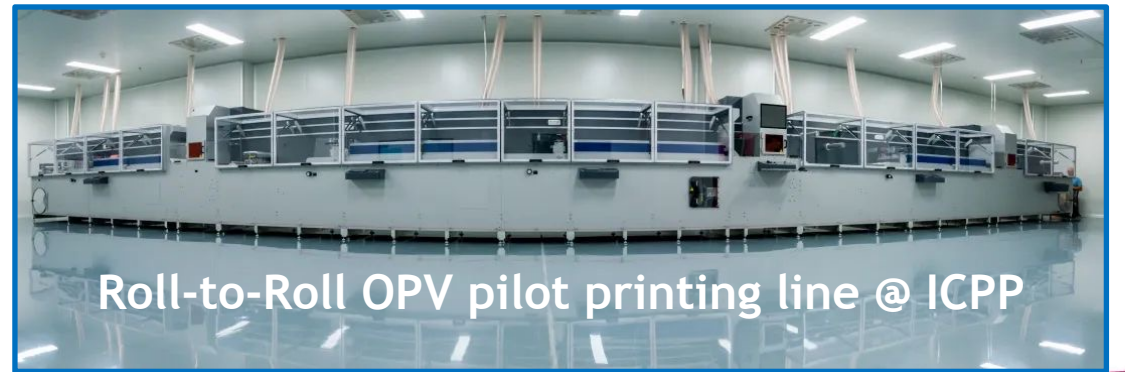
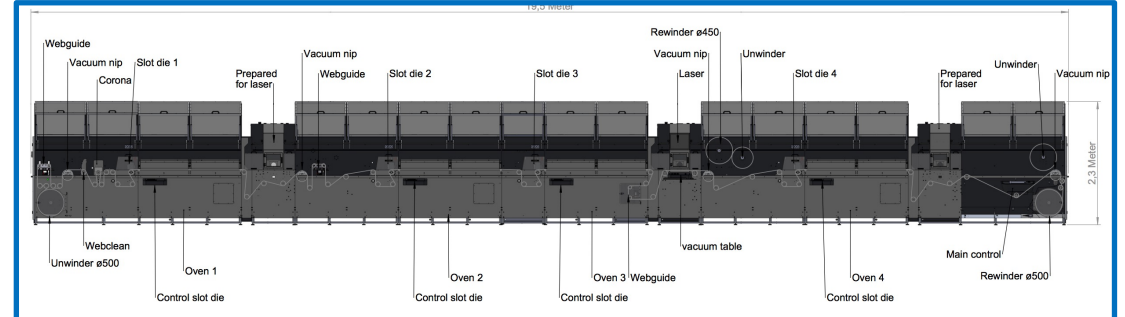
a) Champion Module Efficiencies

b) New efficiency world record for organic solar modules
 Enrekert (press release) - 2019年11月11日
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美科学促进会
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赛科特日报
 Solar Energy Goes Organic
 Advanced Science News - 2019年12月25日
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 Photonics Online - 2019年11月05日
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c)

d)

Designed and Assembled a R2R OPV pilot printing line



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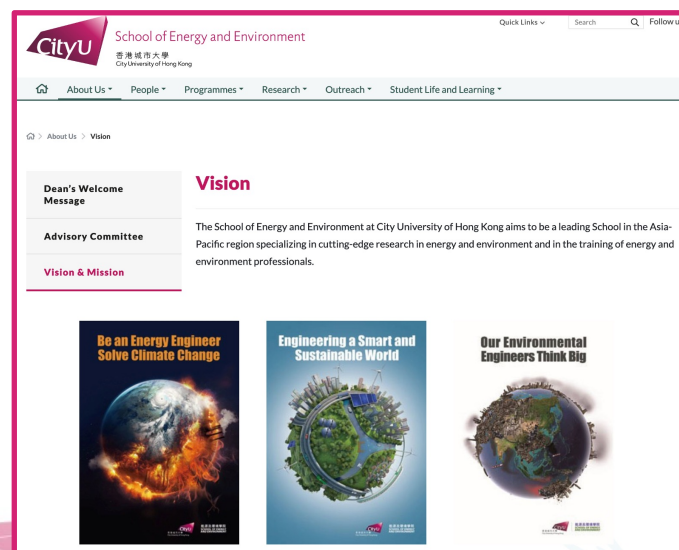
City University of Hong Kong (CityUHK 2021-now)

- Professor, MSE / SEE, City University of Hong Kong- 2021/1-now
- Associate Director, HKICE, City University of Hong Kong- 2022/1-now
- PI (Blue Economy), State Key Laboratory of Marine Pollutions, CityUHK- 2024/1-now

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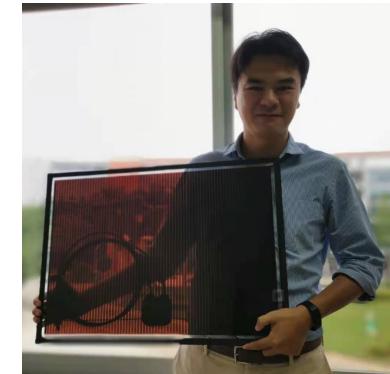
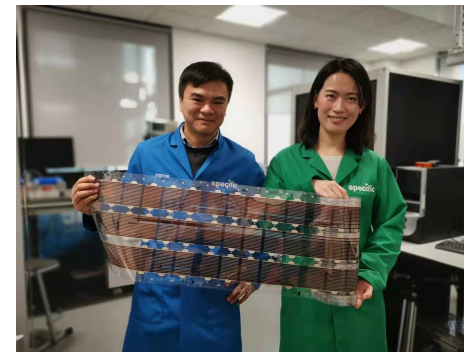


Promoting New PV Technology in HK

Work with local companies & the community to promote green tech



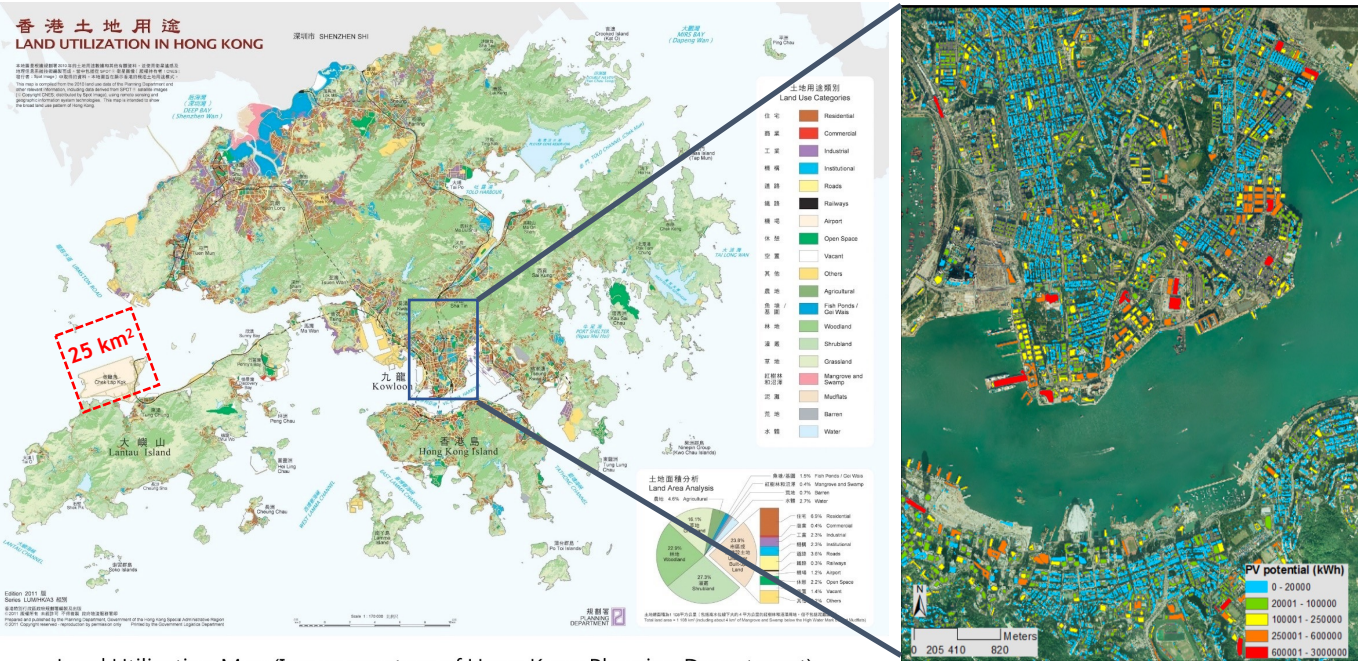
R&D: New Generation Printable PV



- 【碳中和】都市太陽能
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_FXxaosg1s
- 2021「科學為民」- 香港發展太陽能可再生能源的機遇與挑戰
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZgvlhoi2Ac>
- Innocarnival 2022-Challenges and Opportunities of Solar Power in HK
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5yq-ihv-HA>

Challenges of Solar Energy Deployment in Urban City

	km ²
Residential	78
Commercial	5
Industrial	27
Parks	53
Road	46
Agriculture	50
Fish Ponds	16
Reservoir	25
Mountain	600
Land	1100
Coastal/Sea	1645



Land Utilization Map (Image courtesy of Hong Kong Planning Department)



- HK consumes ~280000 TJ annually
- Now: ~100 MW PV installation -> ~0.2 % energy in HK
- PV: 5 GW x 1500 hr/yr x 60min x 60s = 27000 TJ ~ 10%
- Requires 25 km² covered by 20% PV panels to produce 5GW
- All available building rooftops ~ 0.5-1 GW PV installation



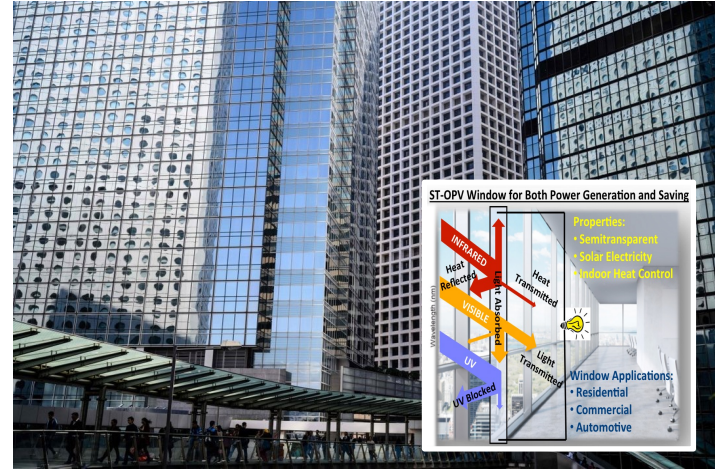
Innovative PV Technology with Broaden Applications

- Solar cells with new form factors for easy application integration

Rooftops



Facades & Windows



Roads



Automobiles



Agriculture & Fisheries

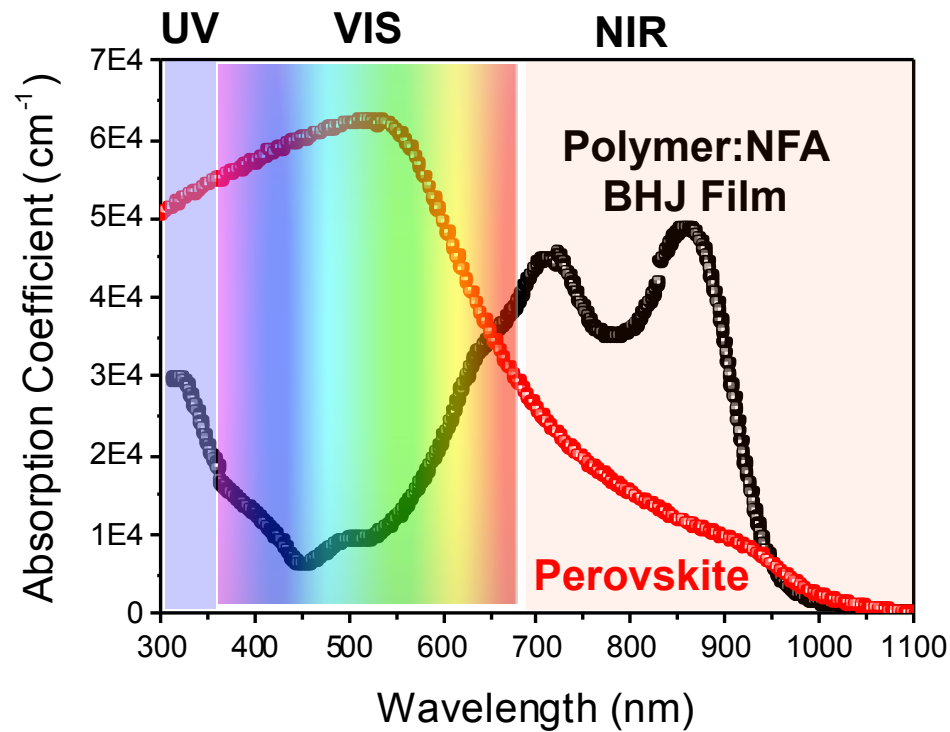
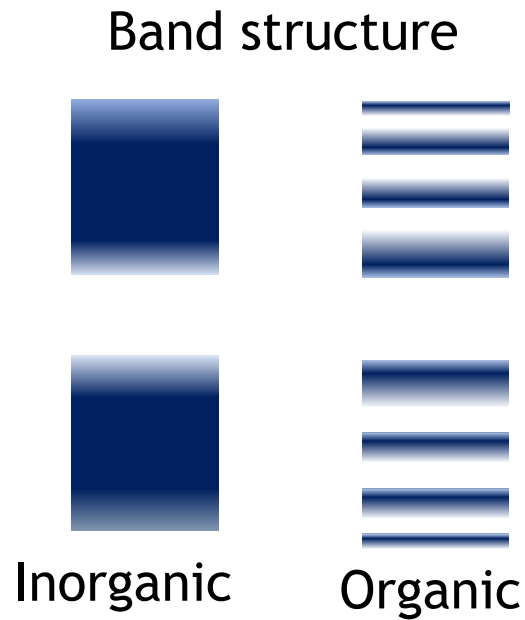


Mountain & Sea



Unique Optical Properties of Organic Semiconductors

- Tunable optical absorption is ideal for transparent PV applications
- Bandgap can be readily adjusted to suit tandem solar cells

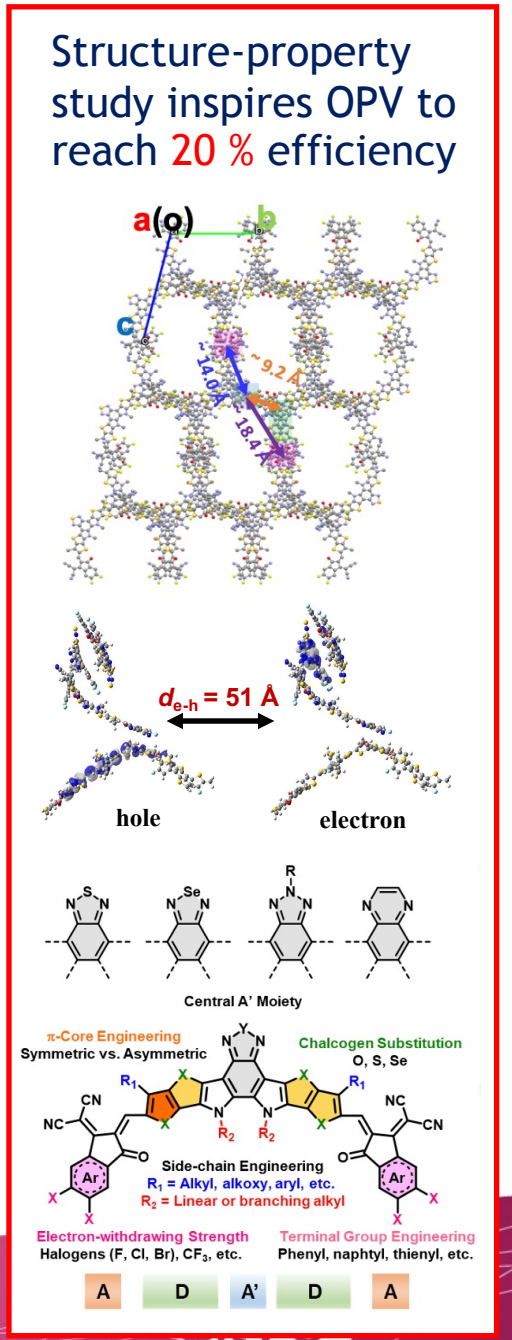
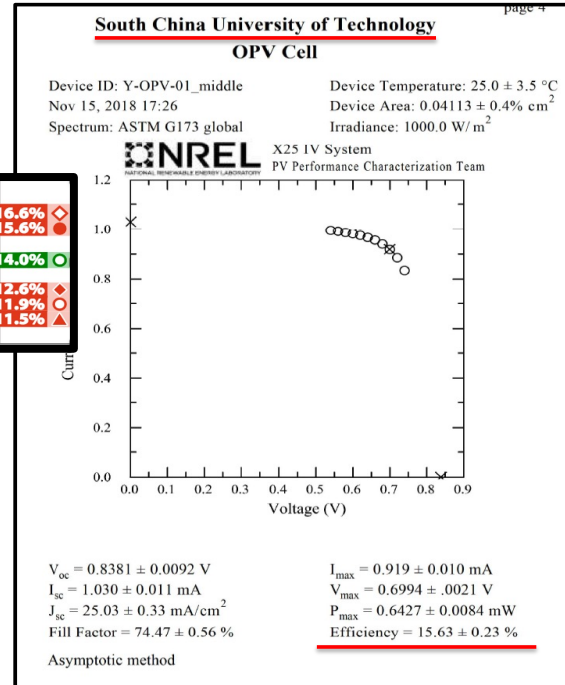
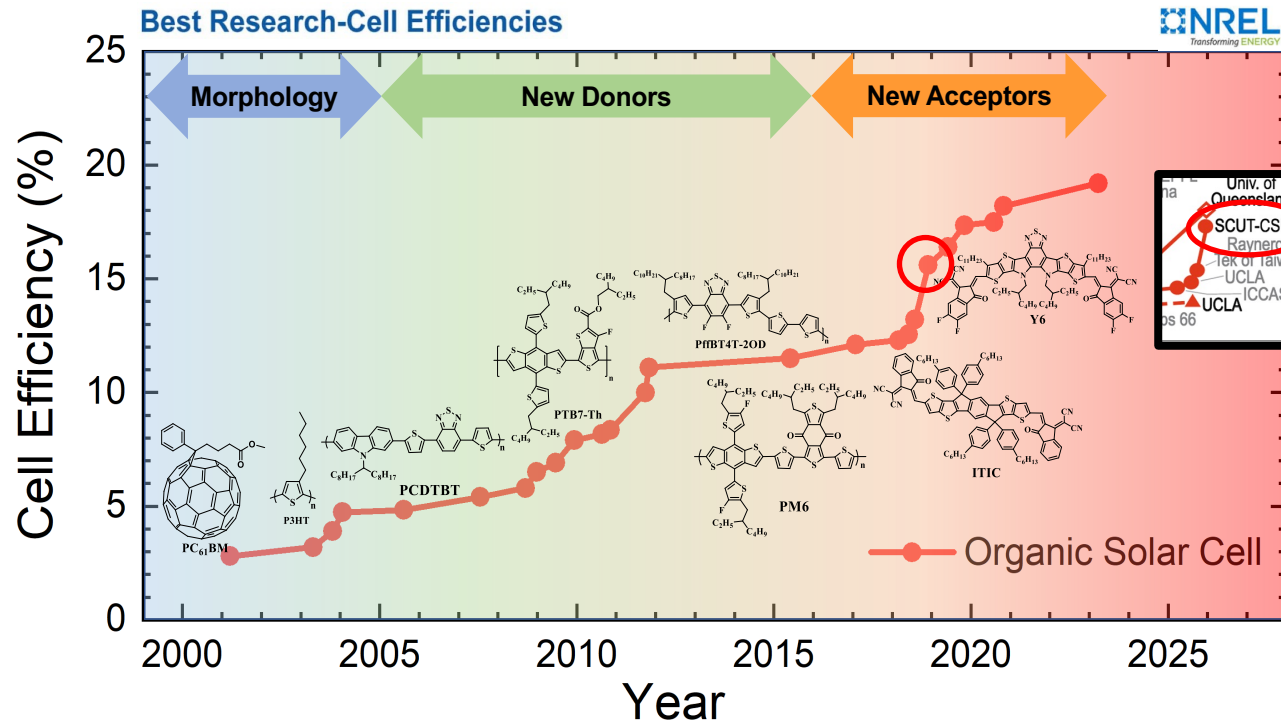


Outline

- Key material development for OPV
- Target-oriented high-throughput optical modeling for designing multifunctional transparent solar cells
- Commercialization of new generation PV

Key OPV Materials Breakthroughs

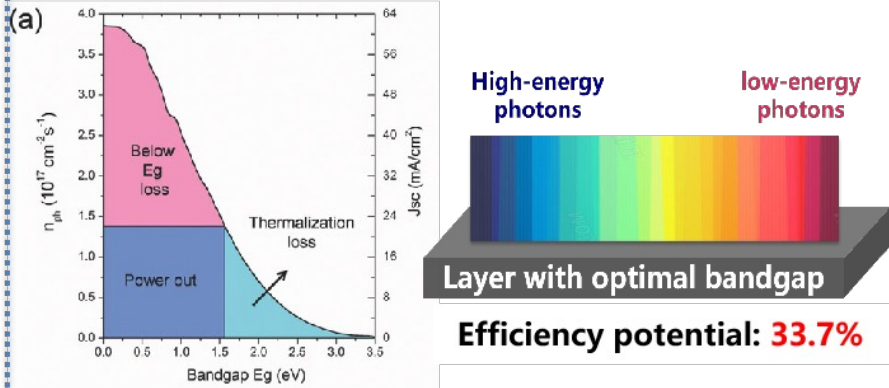
- In 2019, reported OPV “Star molecule-Y6” with NREL-certified efficiency of 15.6%.
 - Yip, Zou et al, *Joule* 2019, 3, 1140 (Citation > 4500) Highly cited paper
- In 2020, reported the “crystal structure-charge generation” relationship of the Y6.
 - Yip, et al, *Nat. Commun.* 2020, 11, 3943 (Citation > 400) Highly cited paper
- In 2022, published “Renewed Prospects of Organic Photovoltaics” in *Chem. Rev*
 - Yip, et al, *Chem. Rev.* 2022, 122, 14180 (Citation > 350) Highly cited & Hot paper



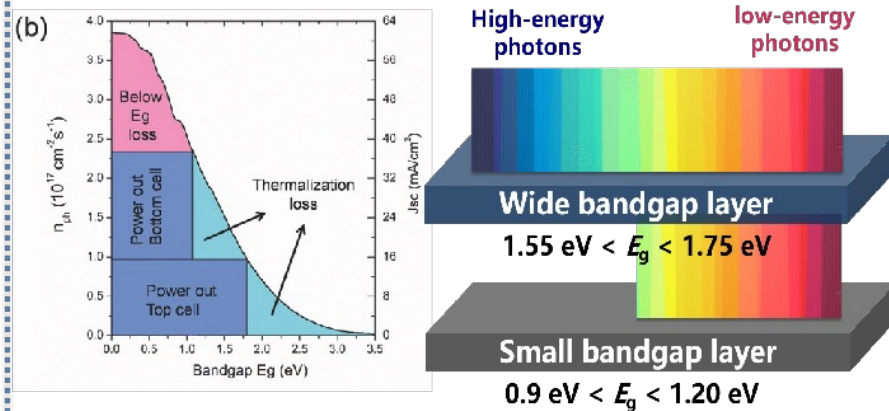
Low bandgap NFA Development

Develop novel narrow bandgap non-fullerene acceptors (NFAs) with strong NIR absorption

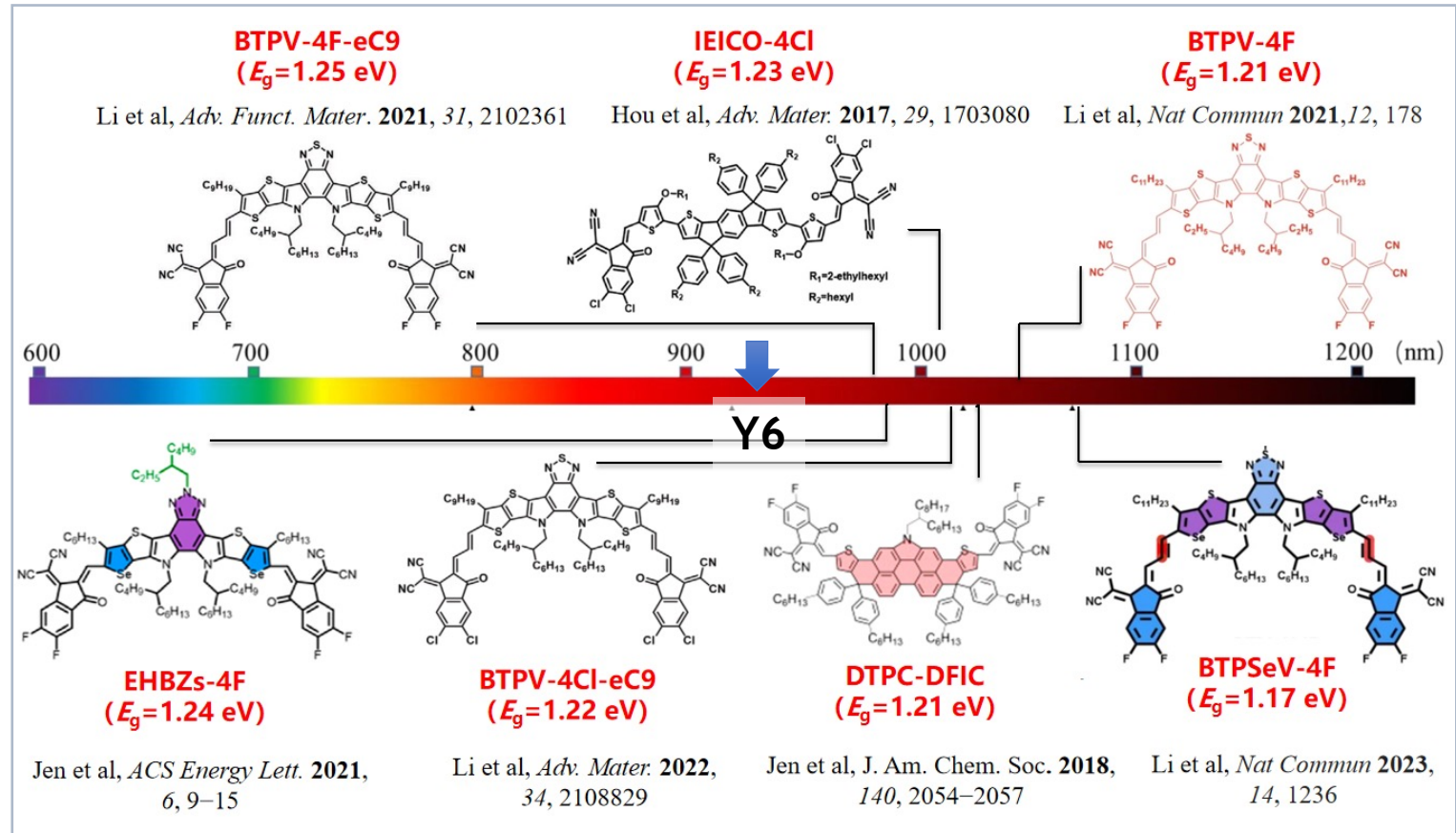
single-junction



tandem

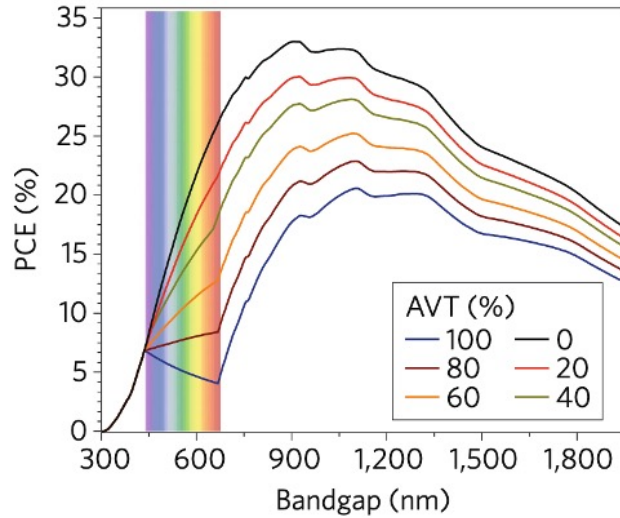


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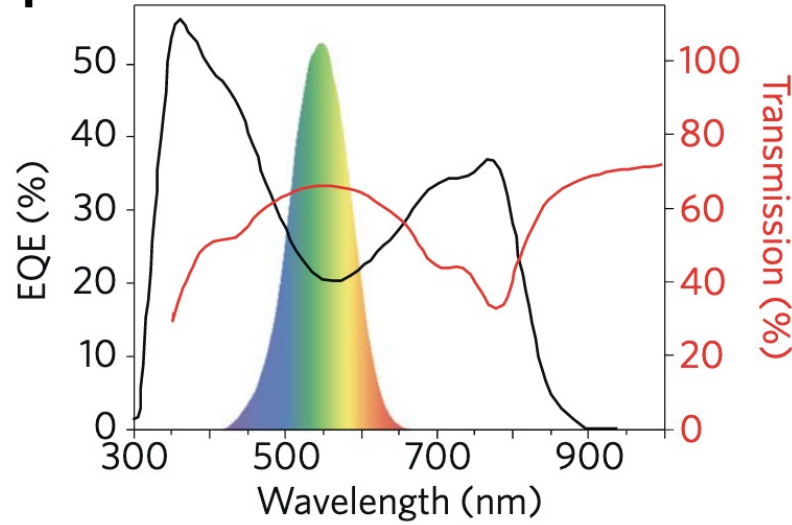


Evaluation Criteria for Transparent PV

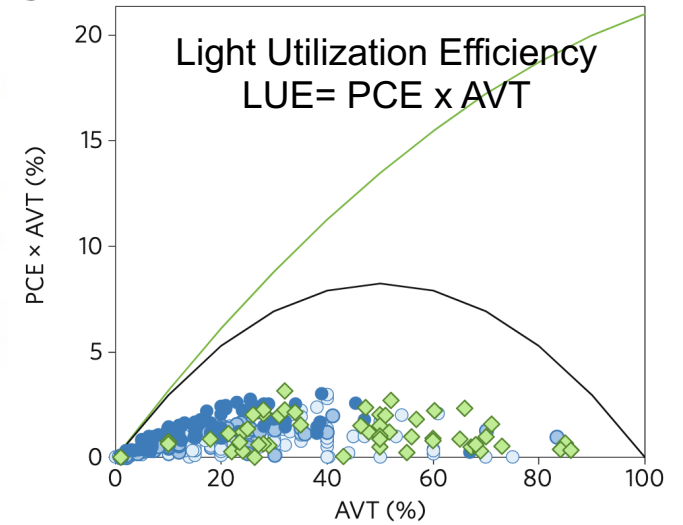
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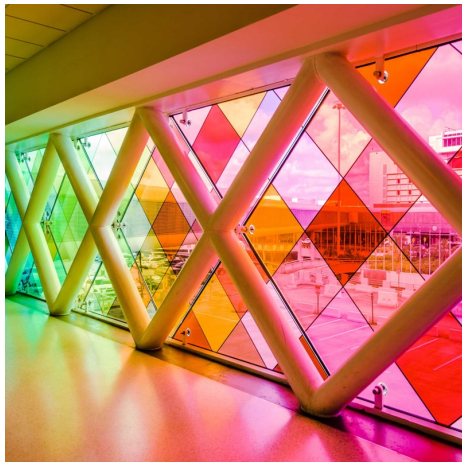
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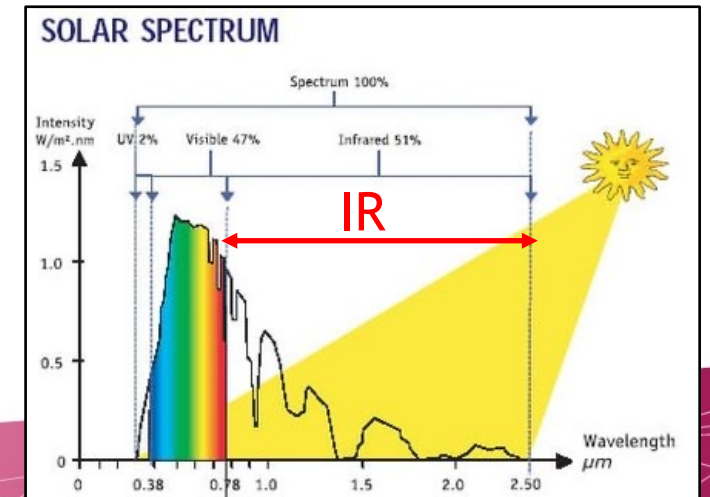
LUE



Colored or High CRI



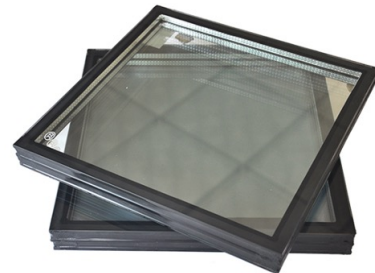
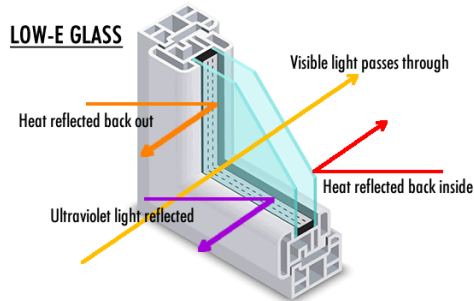
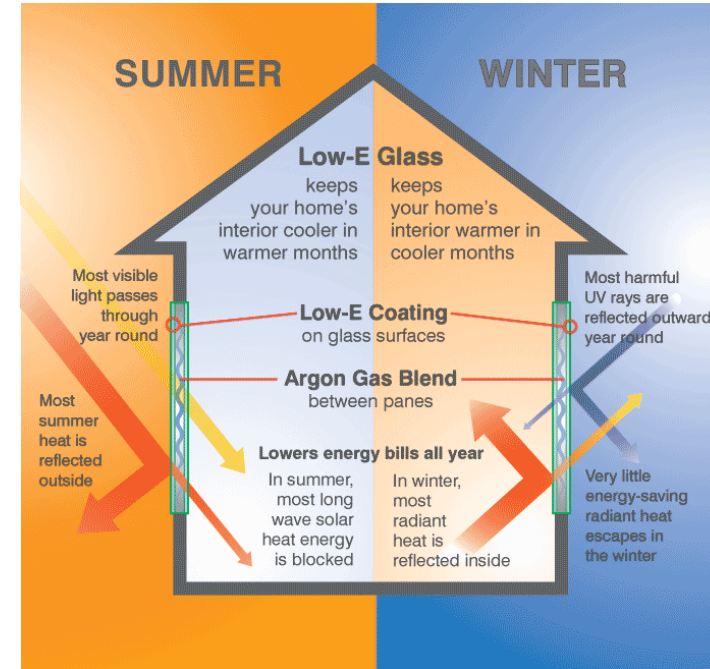
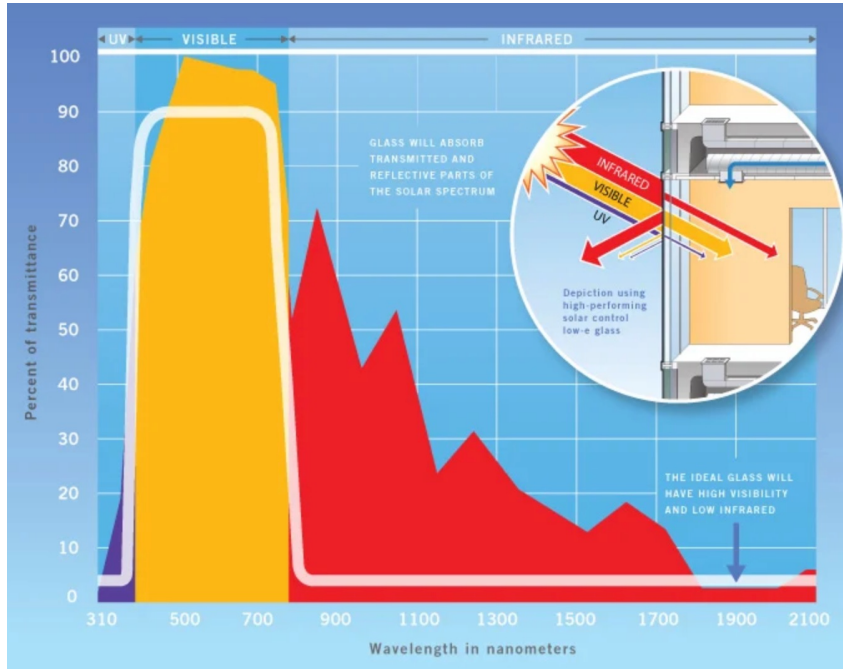
IRR



Current Technology - Low-E Windows

Low-Emissivity Glass Window

Energy saving – control cooling and heating



Energy saving:
Up to 200 kWh/m²/yr

Energy Generation:
20% PV Panel, 1500 hr/yr
Produce ~ 300 kWh/m²/yr

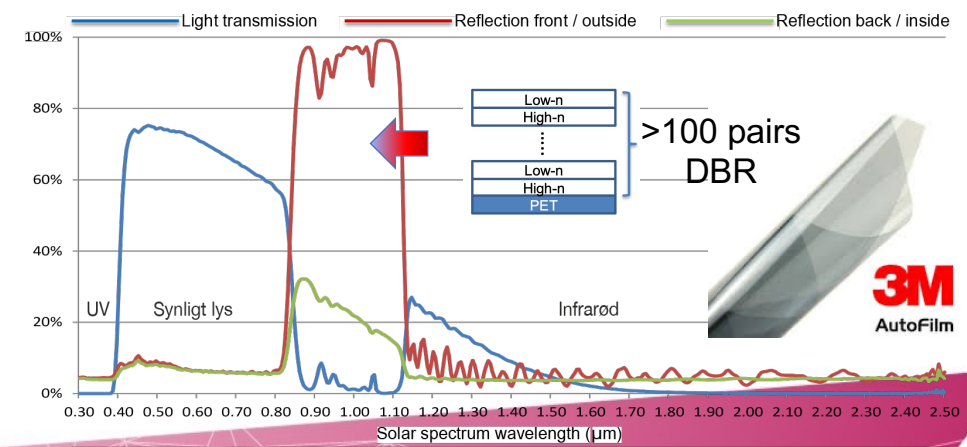
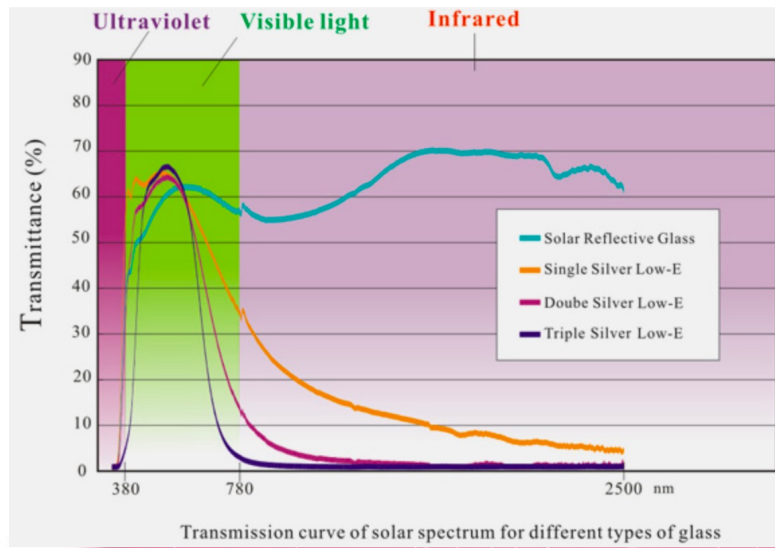
Current Technology - Low-E Windows

Low-E coating design on glass

Oxide
SiN
primer
UTMF (Ag)
primer
Oxide
primer
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SiN
Oxide
UTMF (Ag)
Oxide
SiN
Glass



Low-E coating on film



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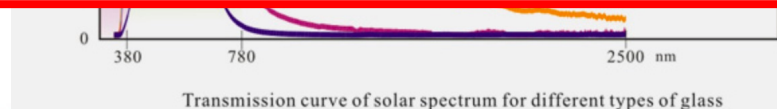
Low-E coating design on glass

Low-E coating on film

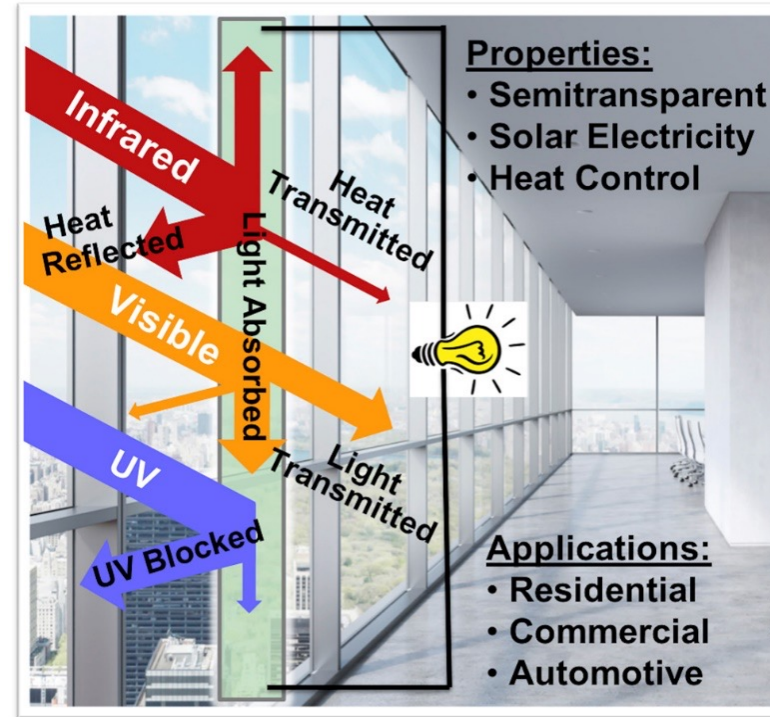
OPV structure

MoO ₃	0:10:100 nm
LiF	0:10:100 nm
MoO ₃	0:10:100 nm
LiF	0:10:100 nm
Ag	20 nm
MoO ₃	10 nm
PM6:Y6:PCBM	100 nm
ZnO	30 nm
ITO	150 nm
Glass	0.7 mm

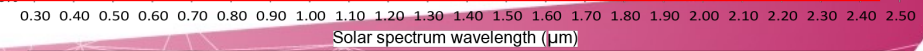
UTMF: TE, IR reflection
 DBR: Tuning optical property



Dual-function STOPV



Yip, *et al*, *Joule*, 2018, 2, 1816



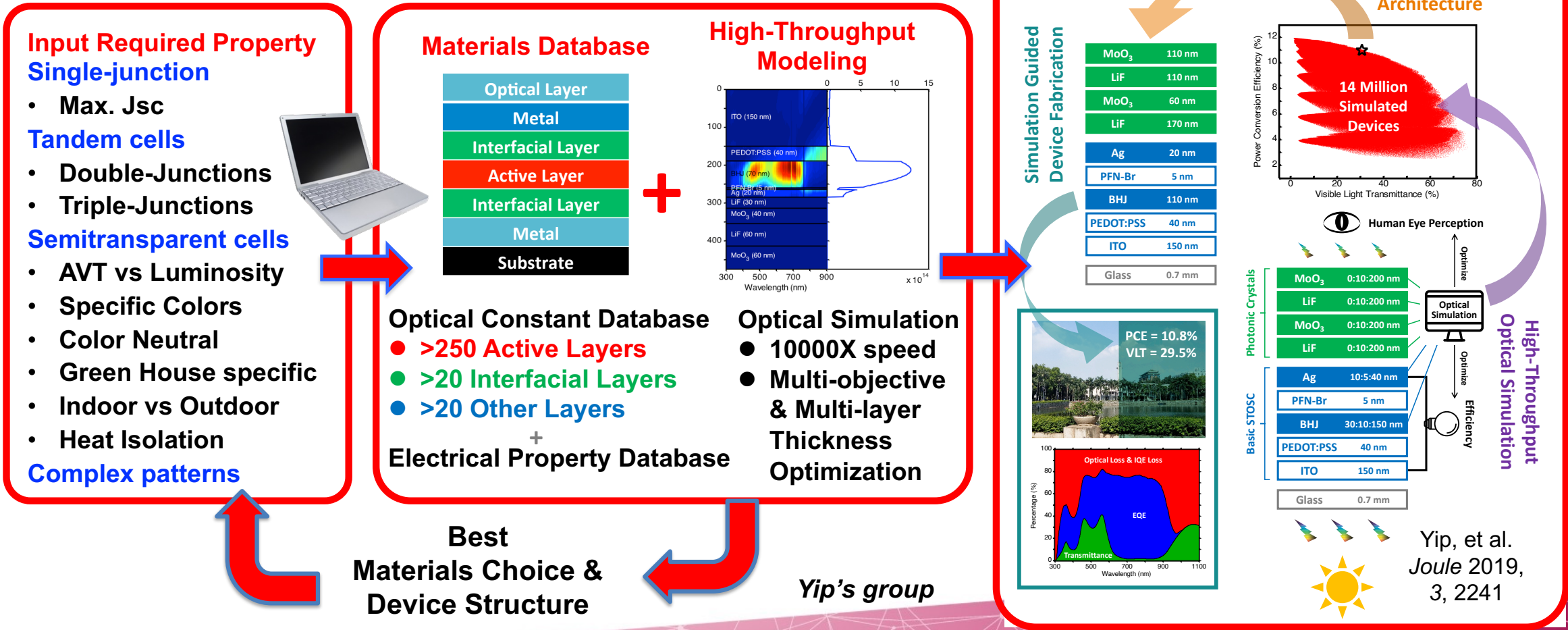
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Film

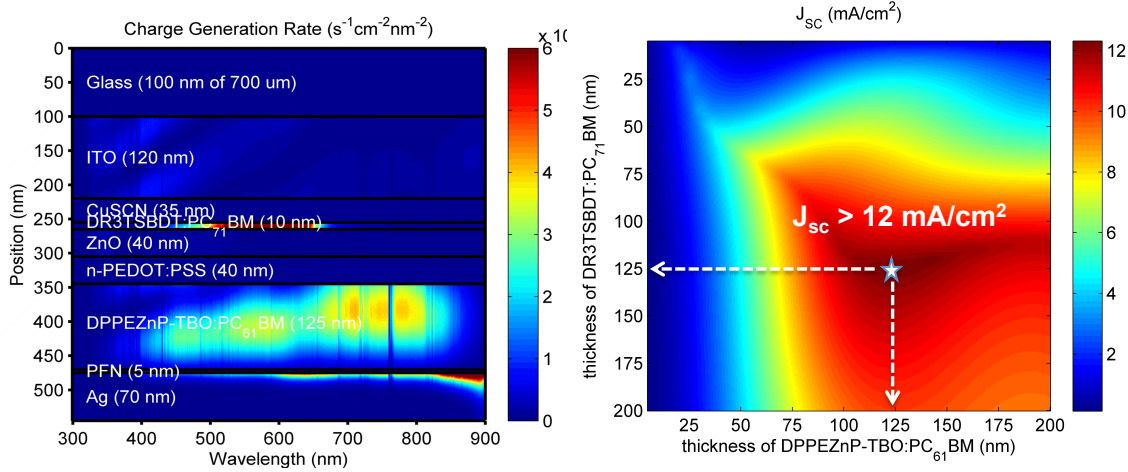
New Modeling Concept

- Introduced the concept of *'Optical Genome Engineering,'* a new and novel approach utilizing high-throughput screening to design organic solar cell architectures with optimized properties.

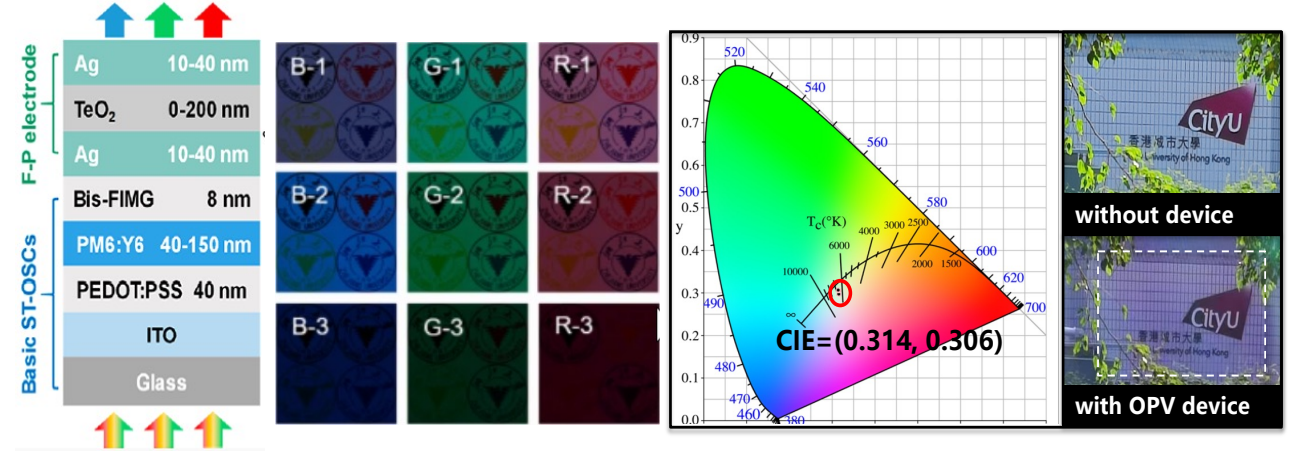
High-Throughput Optical Screening for Device Design of OSCs



Modeling-Guided Design of Tandem Cells



Modeling-Guided Design of Transparent Cells

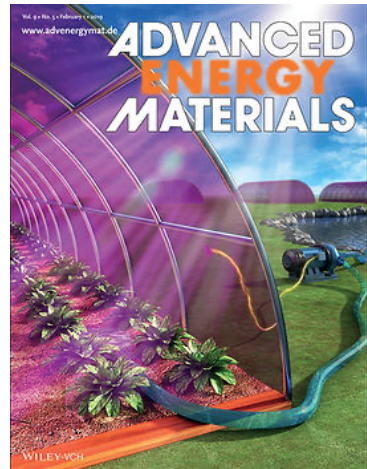


Collaboration leads to tandem OPV breakthrough

- Yip et al, *Adv. Mater.*, 2016, 28, 4817 (SCUT, PCE>11%)
- Wan et al, *Nat. Photonics*, 2017, 11, 85 (Nankai, PCE>12%)
- Zhang et al, *Adv. Energy Mater.* 2018, 1703180 (SCUT)
- Chen et al, *Adv. Mater.* 2018, 1707508 (Nankai, PCE>14%)
- Zhang et al, *Adv. Mater.* 2018, 1803166 (SCUT, All-polymer)
- Li et al, *Adv. Mater.*, 2018, 30, 1803769 (ZJU, PCE>14.5%)
- Li et al, *ACS Energy Lett.*, 2020, 5, 1771 (ZJU, Triple-Tandem)
- Chen, Ding et al, *Science*, 2018, 361, 1094 (Nankai, PCE>17%)
- Zhang et al, *Adv. Funct Mater*, 2021, 31, 2103283 (PCE>18.7%)

Collaboration on semitransparent OPV

- Yip, et al, *Adv. Energy Mater.* 2019, 9, 1803438
- Yip, Sun et al, *Small Methods*, 2020, 3, 1900424.
- Yip, Sun et al, *Adv. Funct. Mater.*, 2020,30, 2002181
- Yip, Li, Chen et al, *ACS Energy Lett.*, 2020, 5, 1771
- Yip, Li, Chen et al, *ACS Energy Lett.*, 2020, 5, 3115
- Yip, Li, et al, *Adv. Mater.*, 2020, 32, 2001621
- Yip, Li, et al, *Energy Environ. Sci*, 2022,15, 2629
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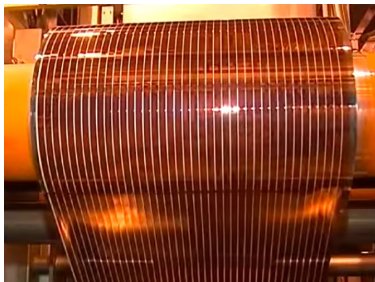
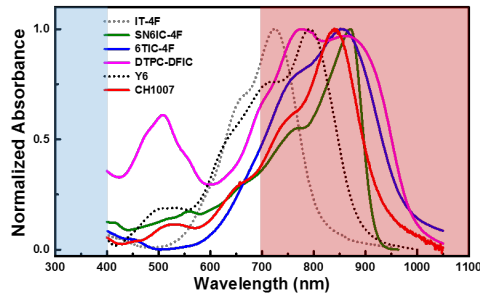


Partnering with Leading Window Manufacturer

"New Window Technology with Combined Energy Generation and Energy Saving Functions"

Highly Efficient Thin-Film OPVs

- High efficiencies (>20%)
- High transmittance
- Good color-tunability
- Light-weight, flexible, printable
- Low primary energy demand



High Throughput Optical Model

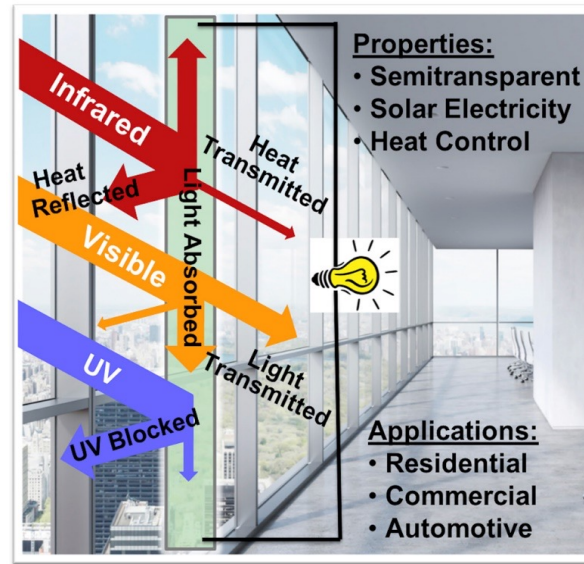


Heat-Insulating Power-Generating ST-OPV Glass



Commercialized Low-E Glass

- Low-E property
- Heat- and noise-insulating
- Cost-performance balance



Yip, *et al*, *Joule*, 2018, 2, 1816



China Resources Tower, Shenzhen New World Centre, HK.



PKX "The Starfish", Beijing.



Target-Oriented Optical Modeling

Model function

$$(PCE, VLT, CRI) = F(t_{BHJ\&Ag\&PC})$$

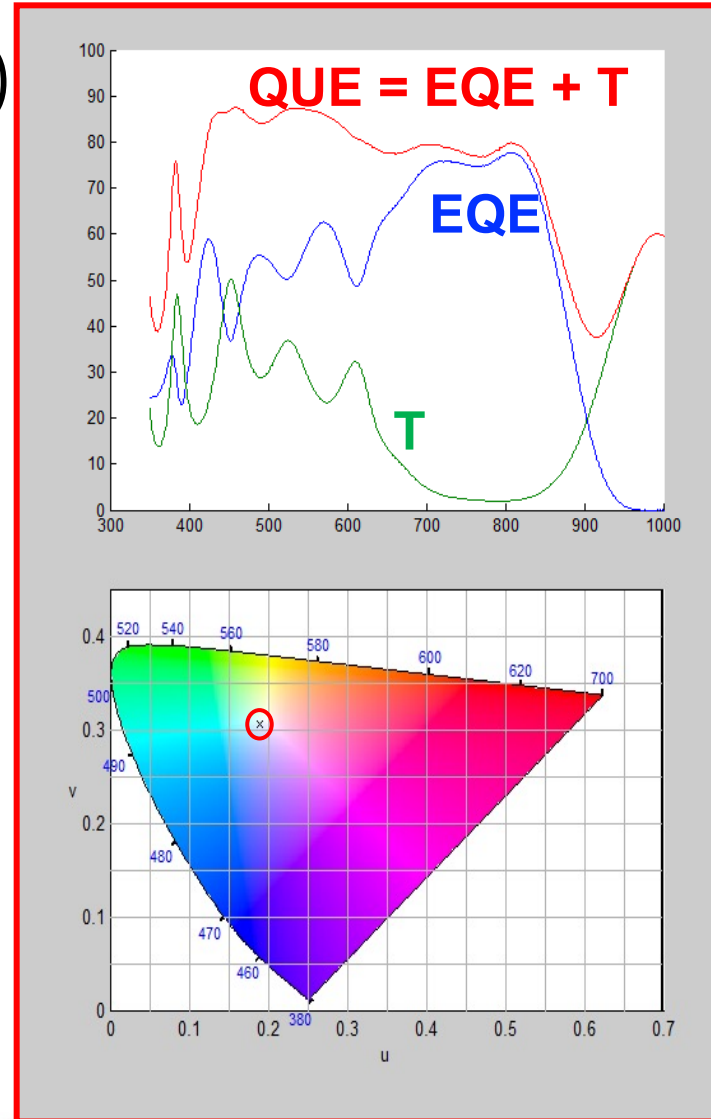
Setting: $CRI > 90$, $VLT > 20\%$

MoO ₃	120 nm
LiF	120 nm
MoO ₃	90 nm
LiF	150 nm
MoO ₃	70 nm
LiF	165 nm
Ag	15 nm
MoO ₃	12 nm
BHJ	70 nm
ZnO	30 nm
ITO	150 nm
Glass	0.7 mm

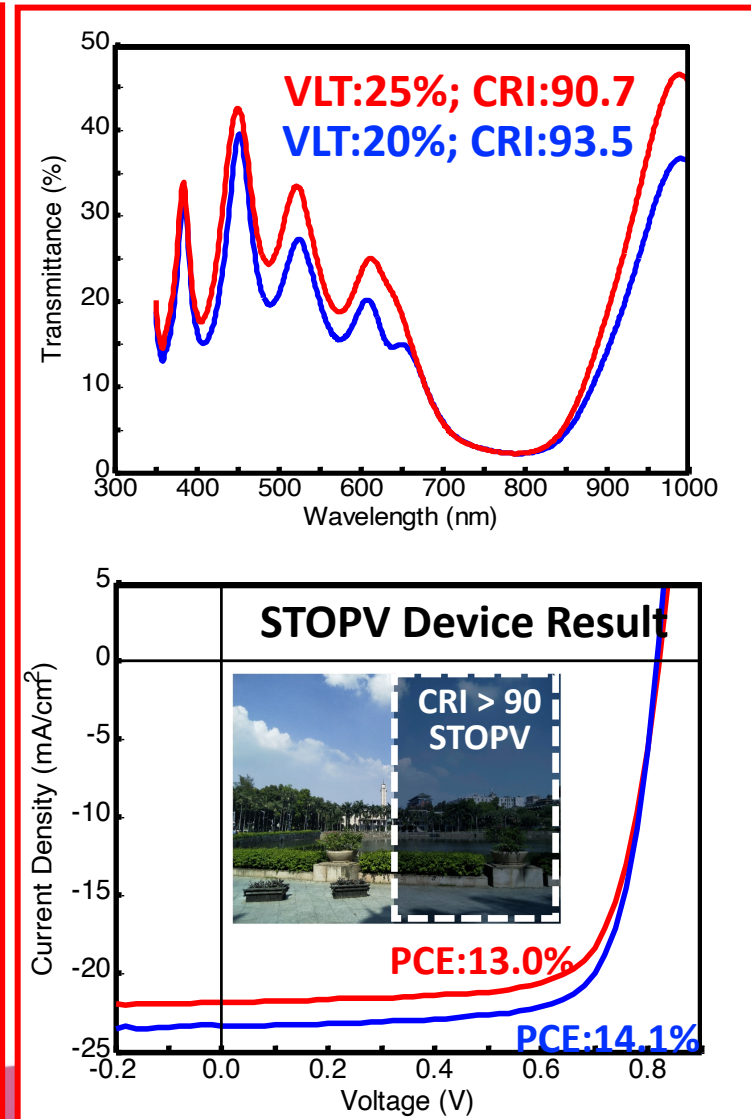


Ag=15nm
PRR=82.1%
VLT=29.0%
CRI=95.1

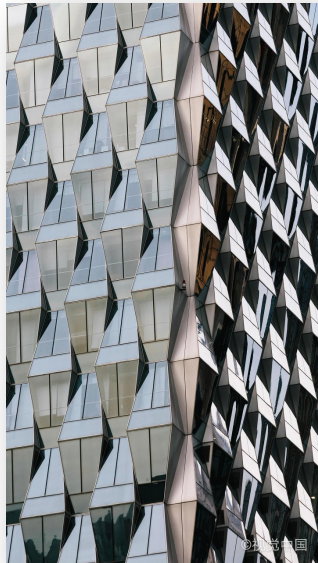
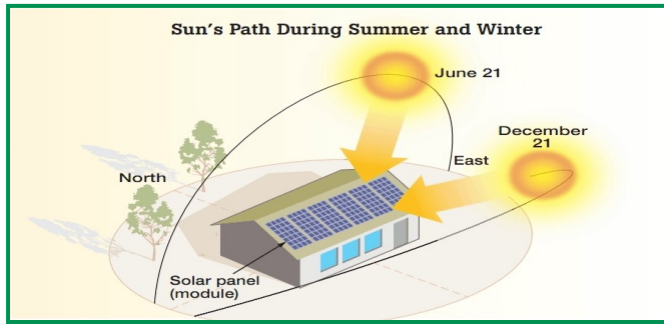
Simulated result



Experimental result



Modeling of Angle-dependent properties in STOPV



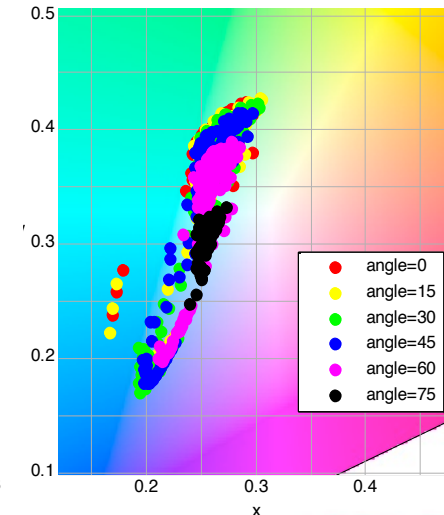
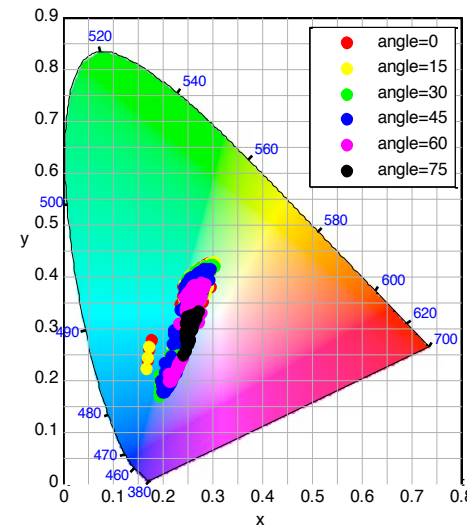
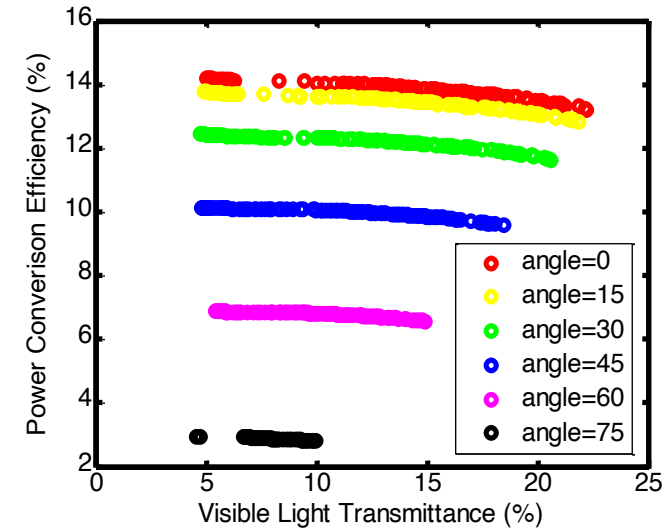
BIPV

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↑ θ

$\Theta = 0, 15, 30, 45, 60, 75$

$$(PCE, VLT, (x, y)) = F(\Theta, t_{PCs})$$

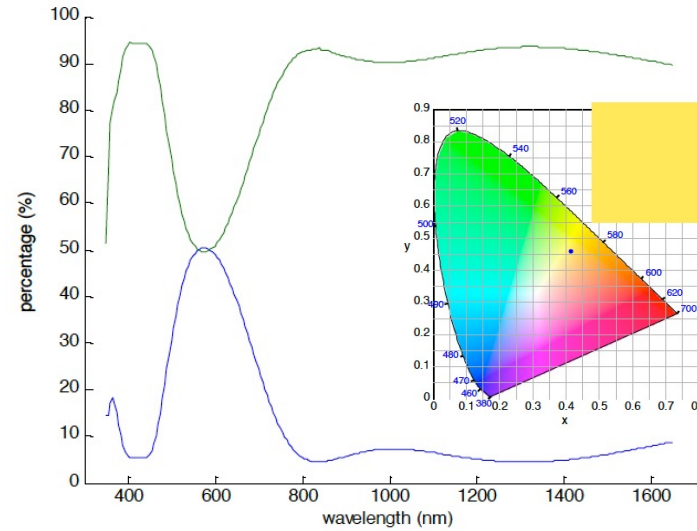
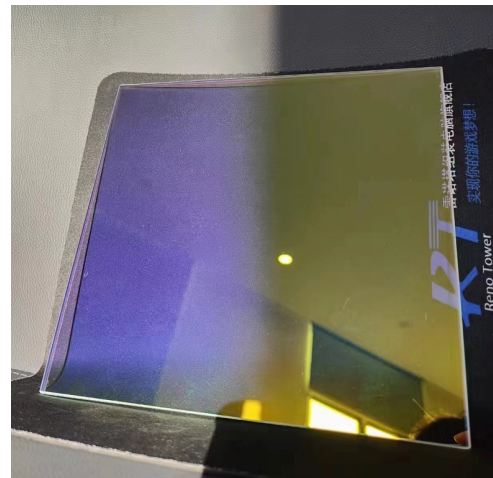
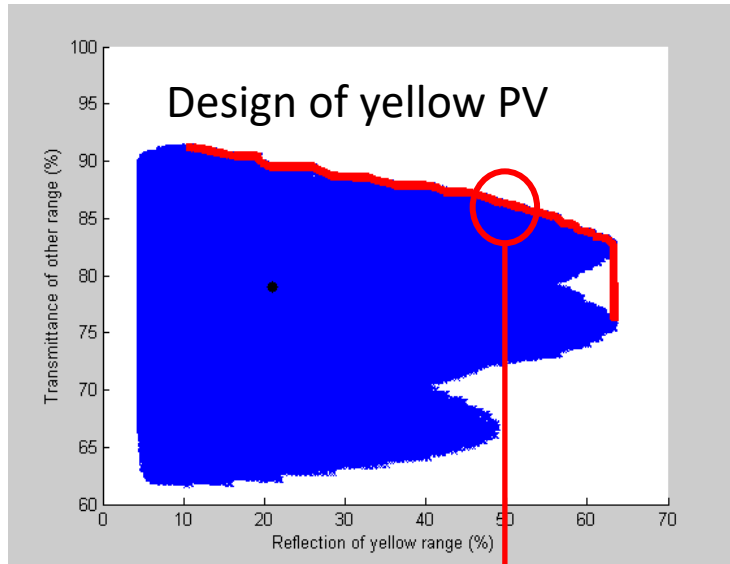


PCE, VLT, and color are all angle-dependent properties in STOSC.

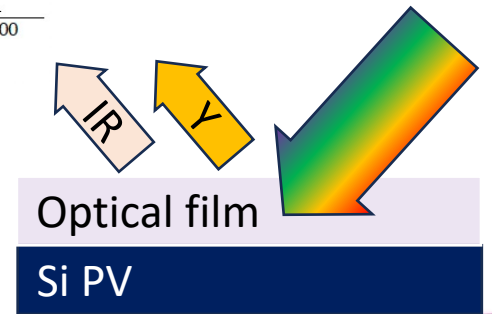
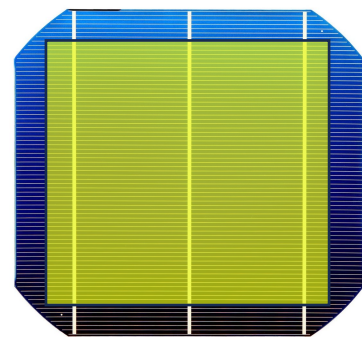
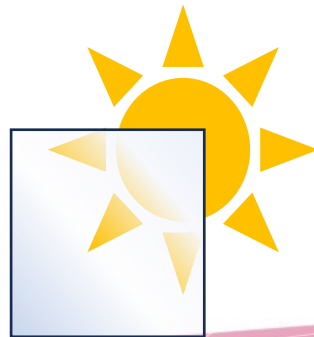
Enhancing Si PV Panels with Tailored Optical Coating

Optical Model:

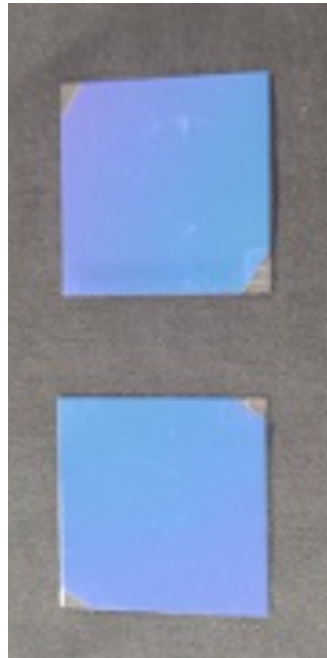
- Optical film reflects desired visible light for color customization
- Allows high PV efficiency with optimal layer design
- Blocks infrared to reduce thermal load



R = 50.1% , T = 86.3%

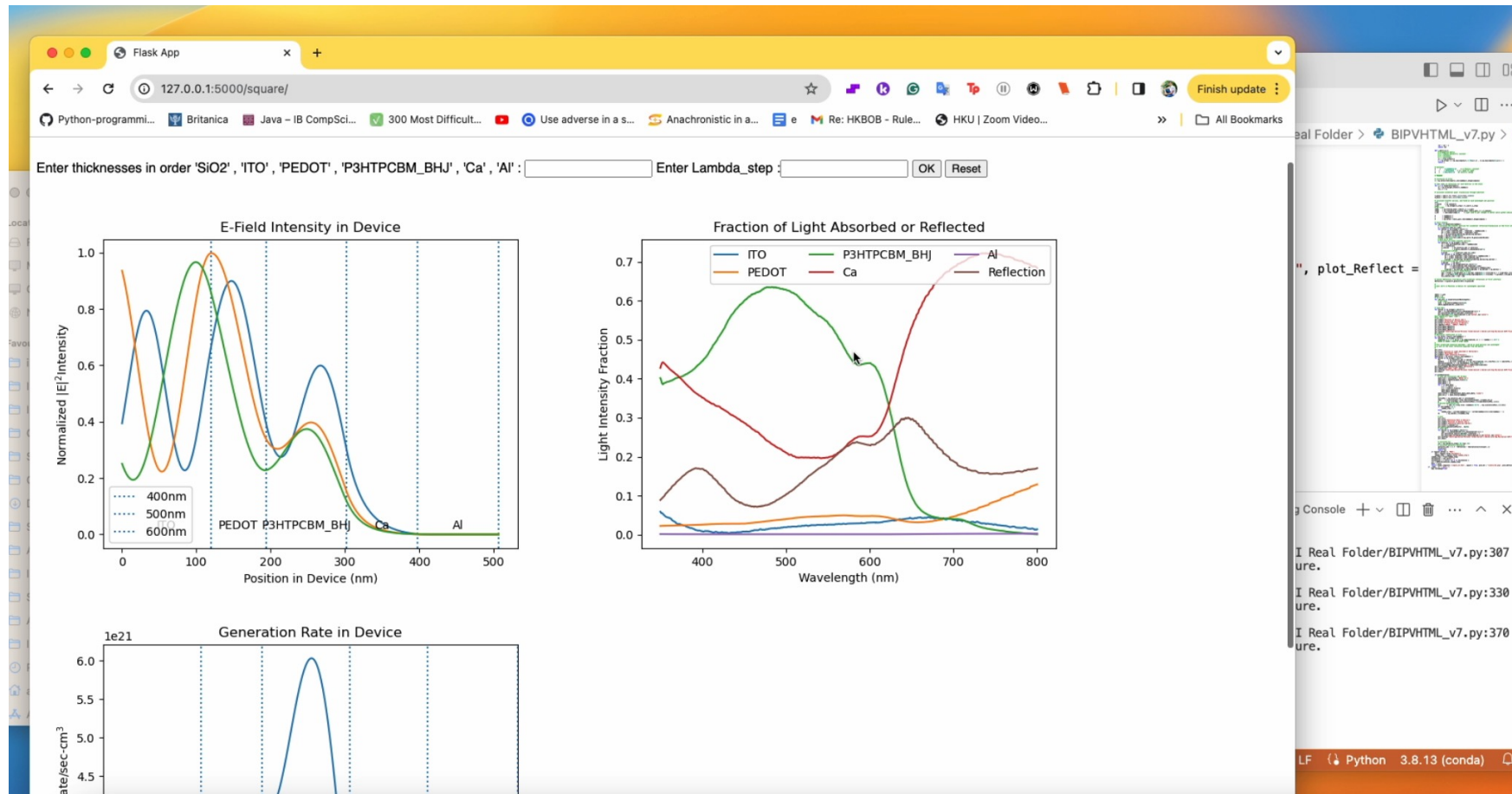


Tailoring Colors for specific applications



Developing a Publicly Accessible Modeling Platform

1. Accelerated Design: Streamlines device prototyping and testing.
2. Material Optimization: Enhances material selection for improved efficiency.
3. Global Collaboration: Enables knowledge sharing across research communities.

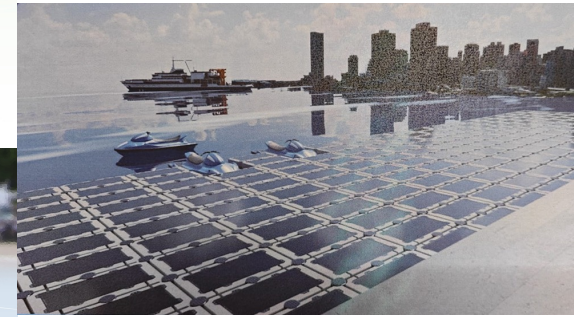
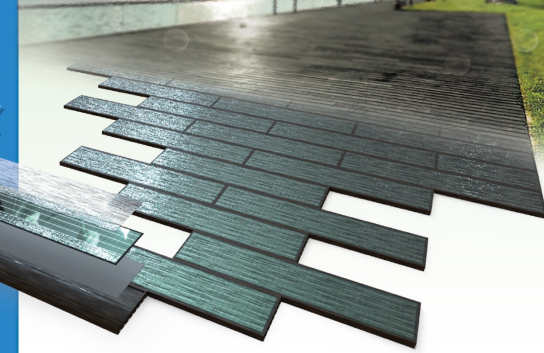


Promote New PV Applications with Local Green Tech Companies

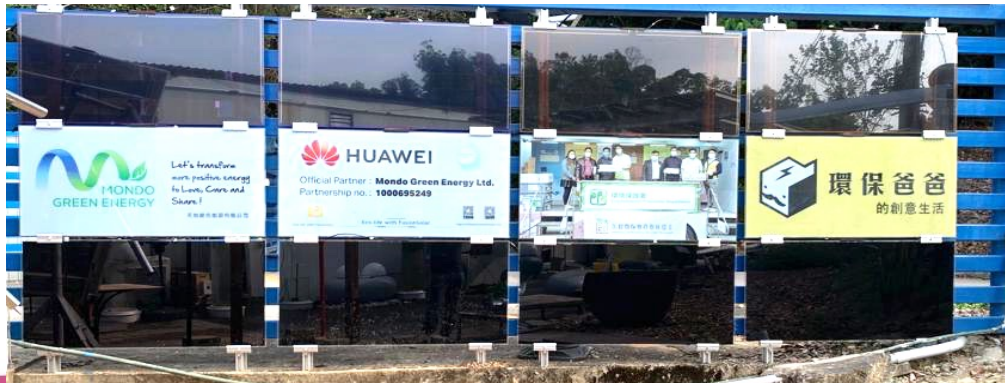
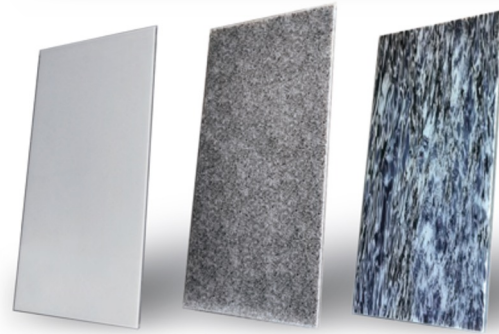
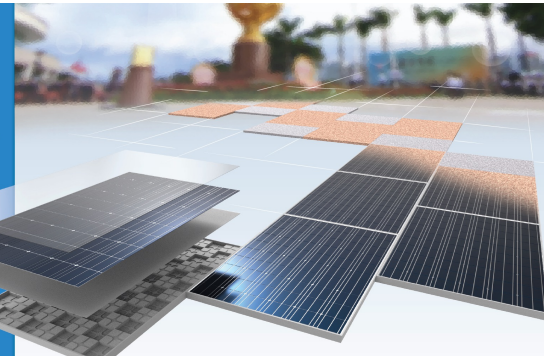
Solar Windows, Tiles, Roads, Walls, Bricks, Wood Decks



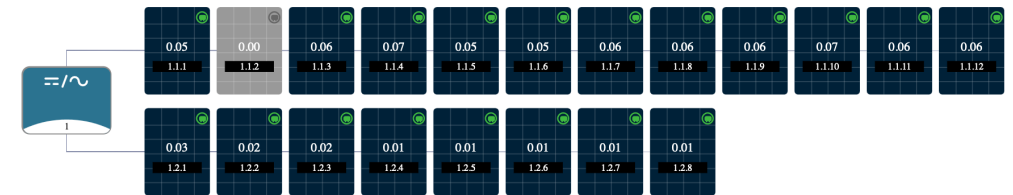
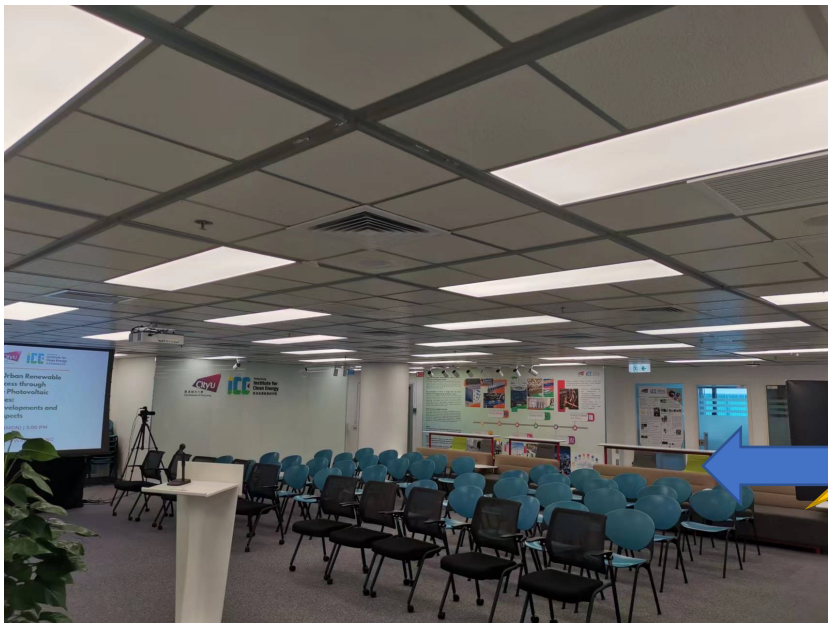
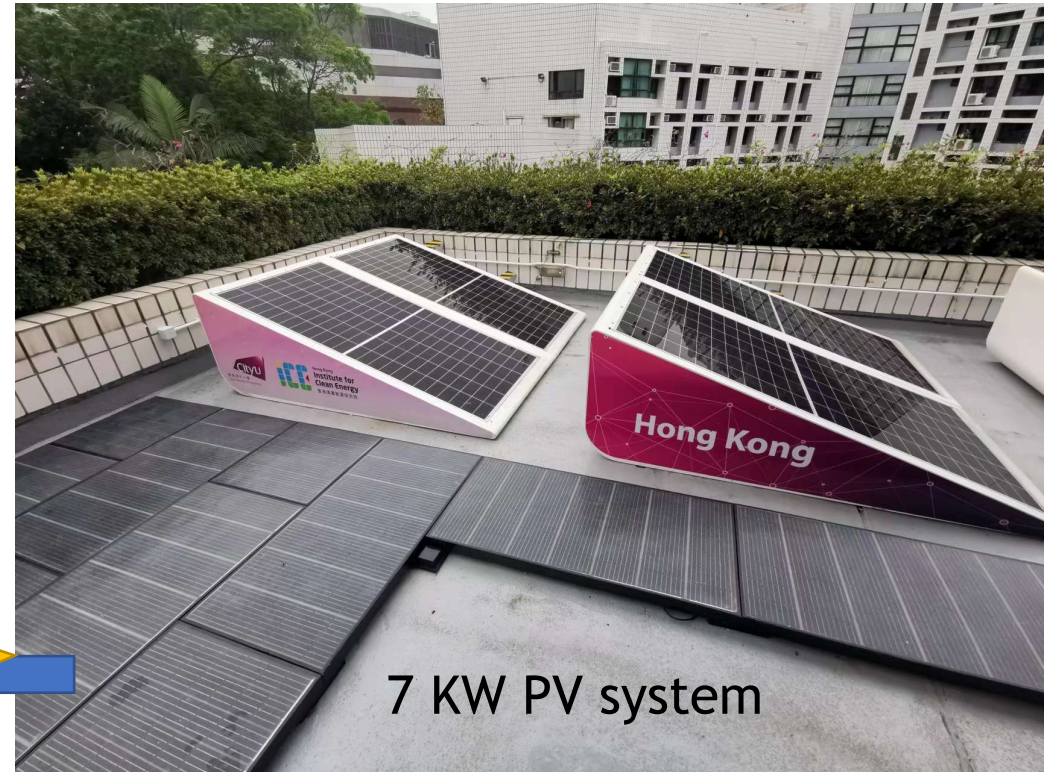
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SOLAR FLOOR TILES



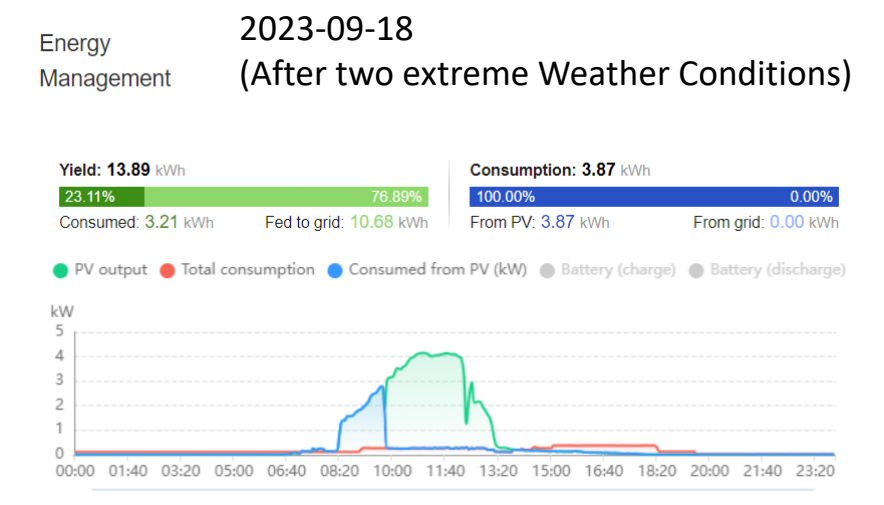
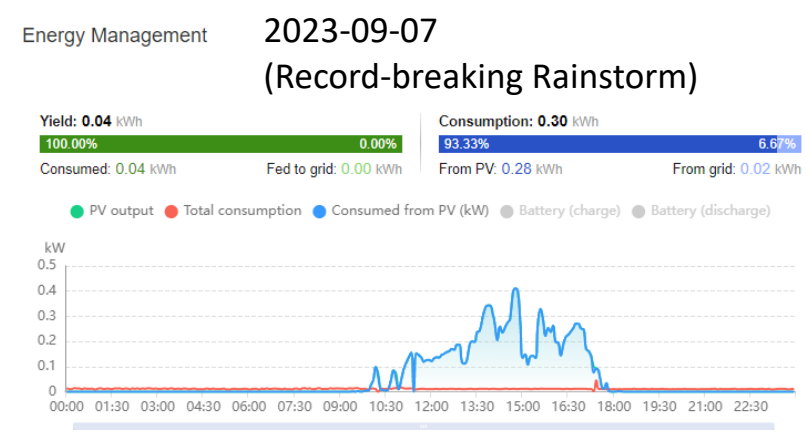
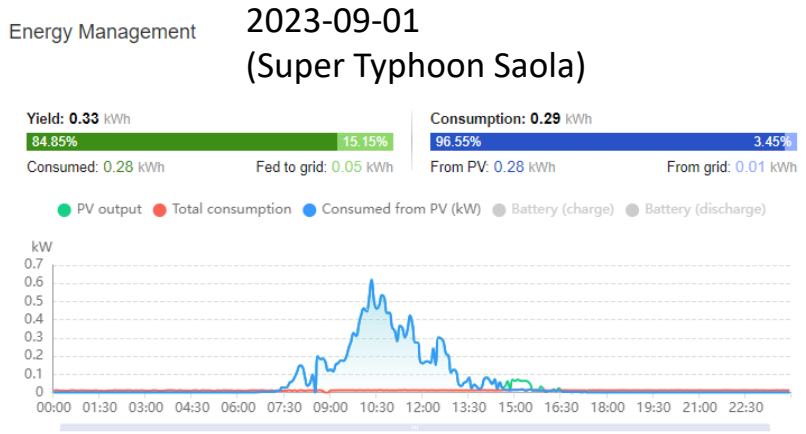
Integrated Power Generation-Storage-Saving Project



LED Lighting for energy saving

10 KWh storage

HKICE's PV systems endured the recent extreme weather conditions



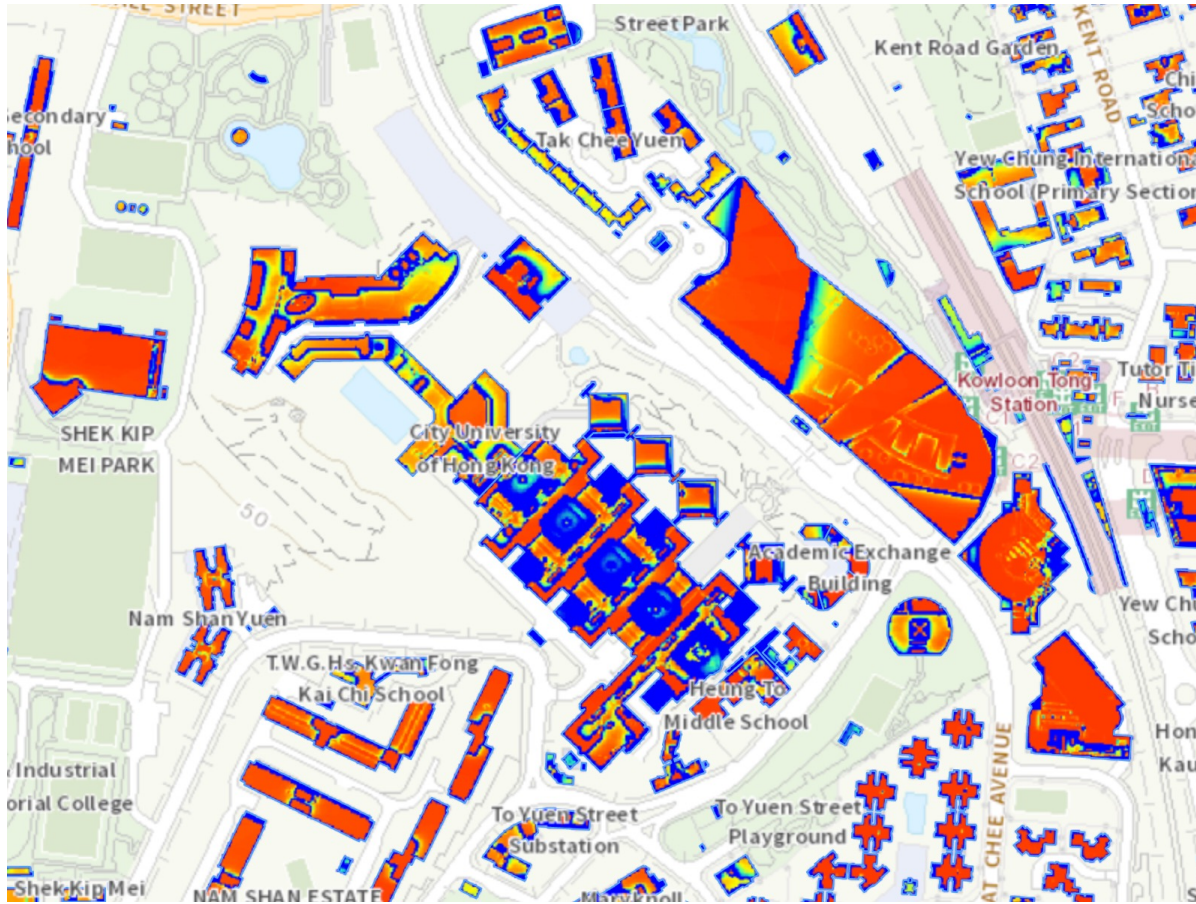
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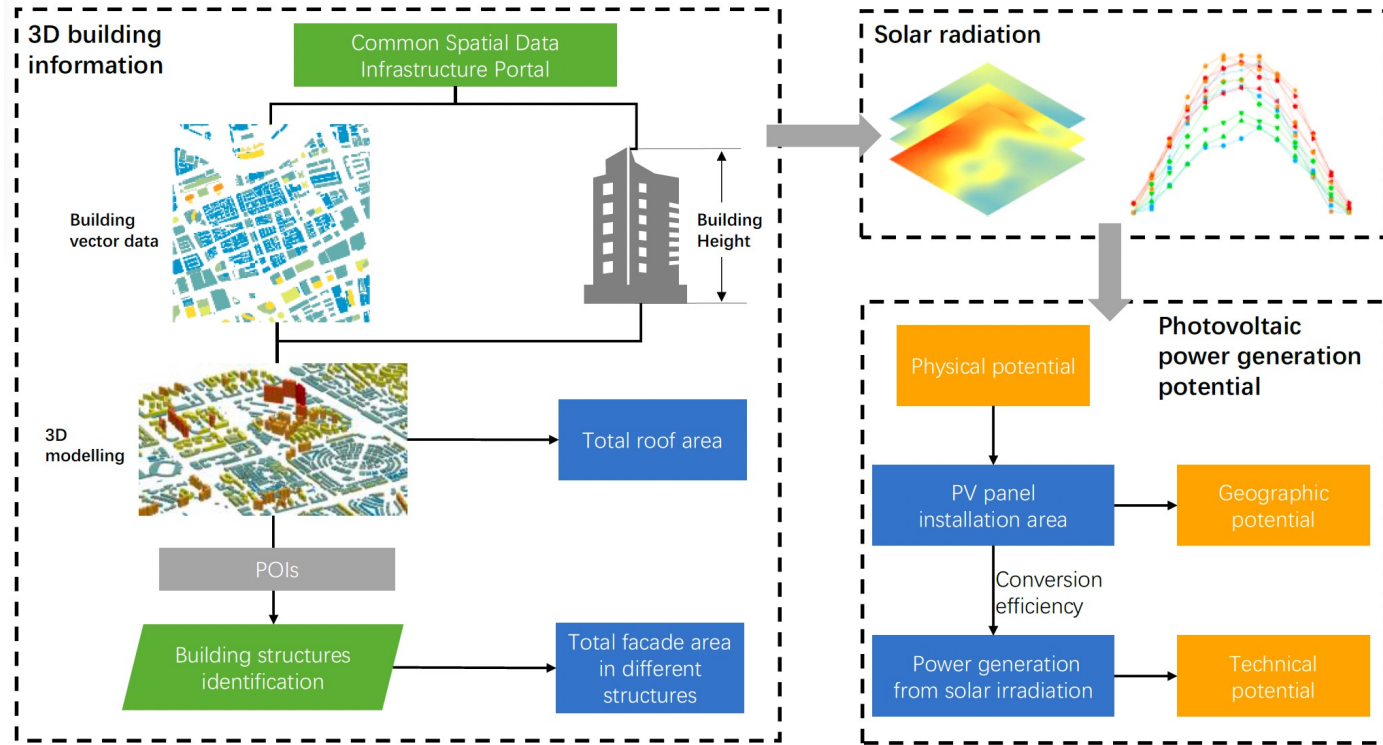
Deployment of Sustainable Green Campus

Promotion to the whole campus > 3MW capacity

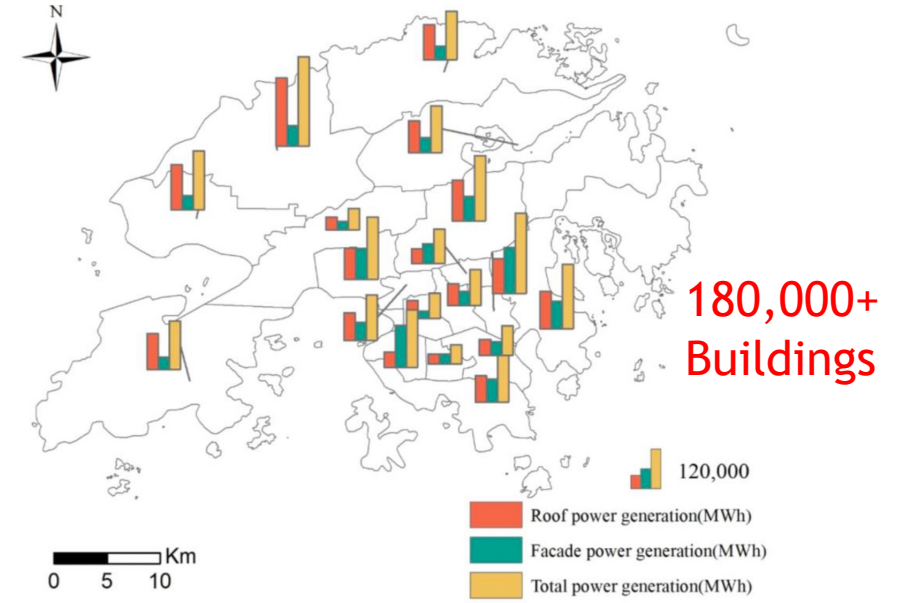
CityU Sustainable Green Campus



Future Goals: Establish Model to Evaluation Solar Energy Potential in HK



Unleashing the Green Potential: Assessing Hong Kong's Building Solar PV Capacity

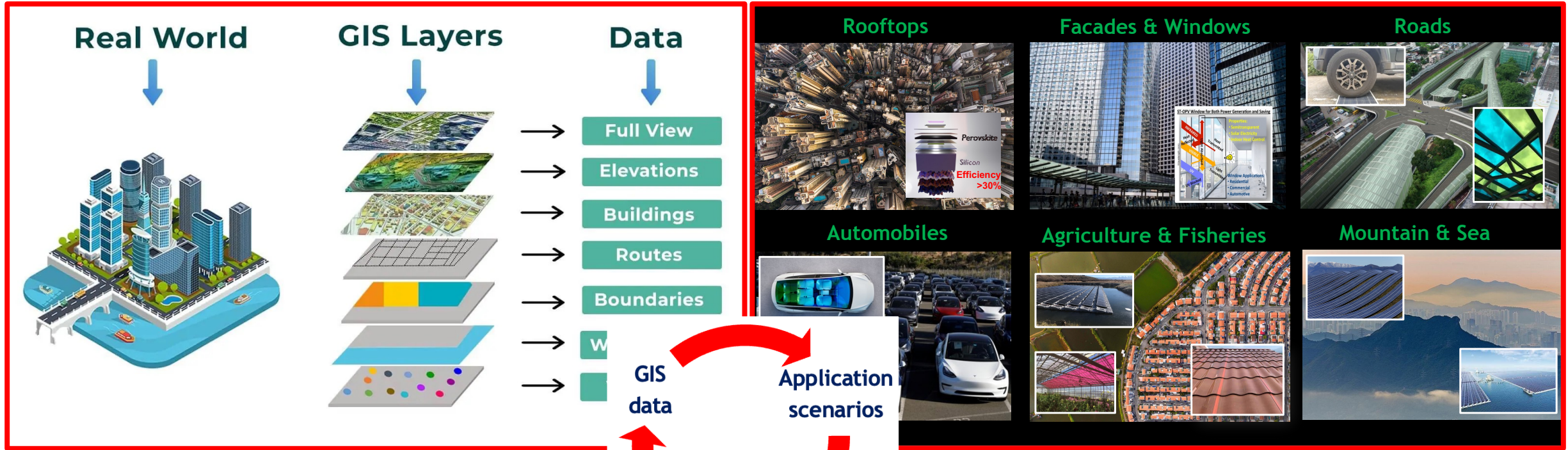


Solar Energy Potential Model Expansion

- **Current Model:** Established for BIPV solar potential in Hong Kong.
- **Next Steps:** Expand to assess solar energy in coastal regions, roads, agriculture, and fisheries.
- **Guideline Development:** To provide comprehensive guidance for solar energy deployment.

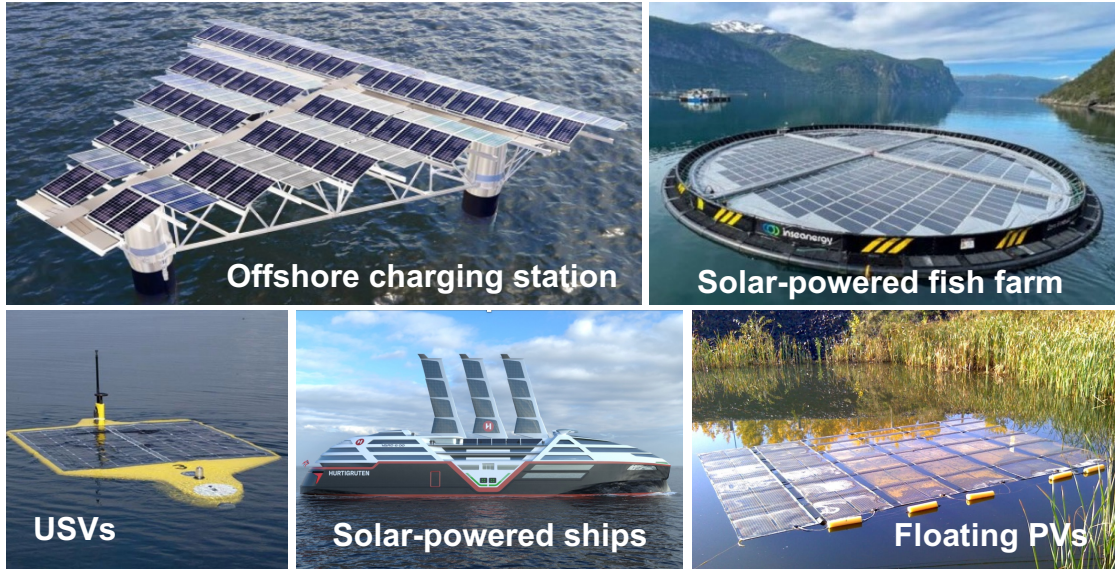
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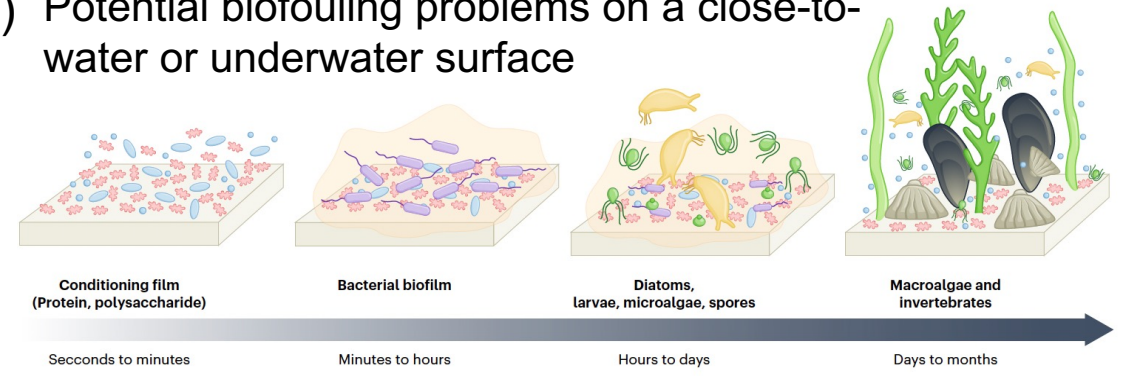


Innovative PV Technologies for Oceanic Applications

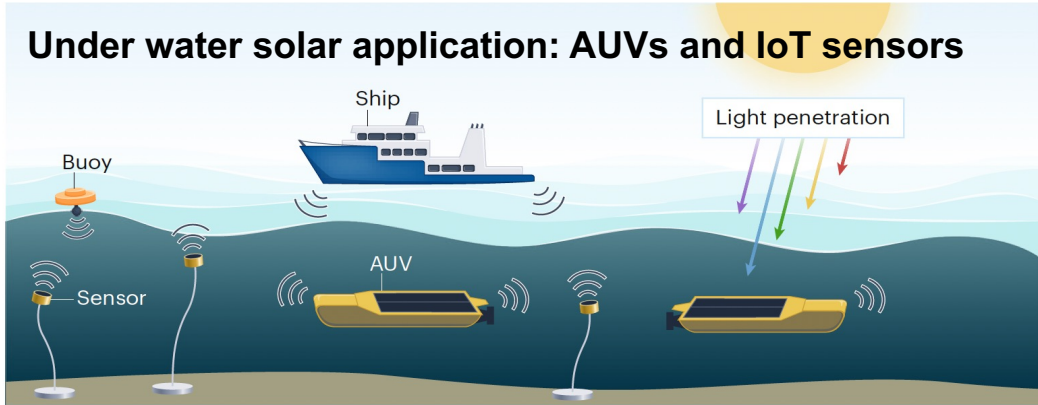
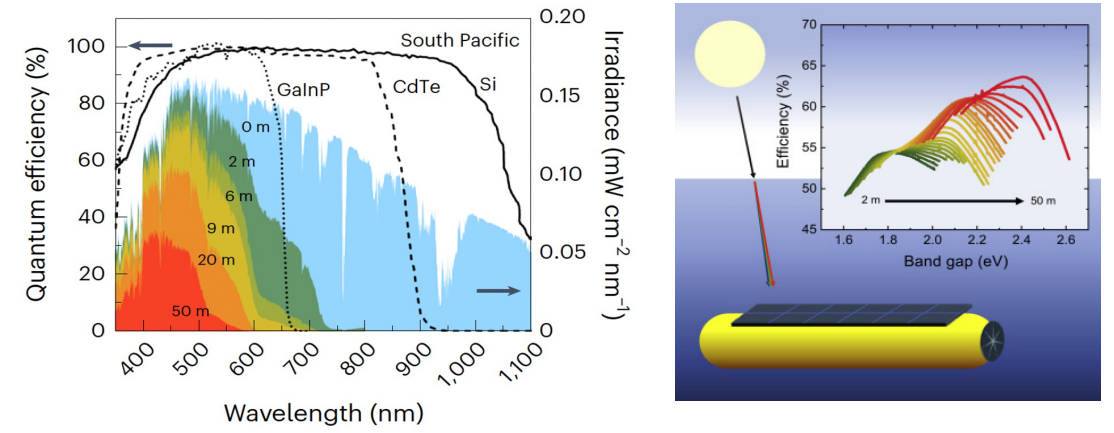
(a)



(b) Potential biofouling problems on a close-to-water or underwater surface

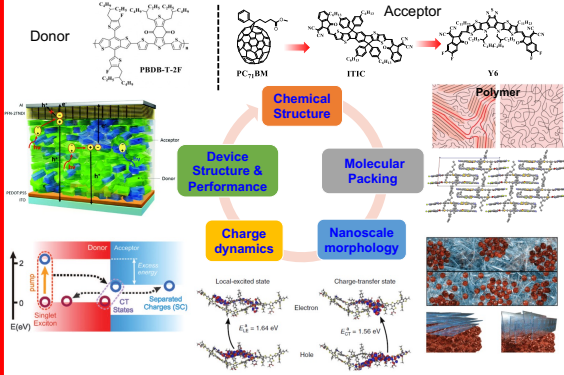


Sunlight spectra under water, and PCE vs bandgap



Research: Development of new generation printable optoelectronic devices, integrating materials innovation, device optimization, upscaling & commercialization.

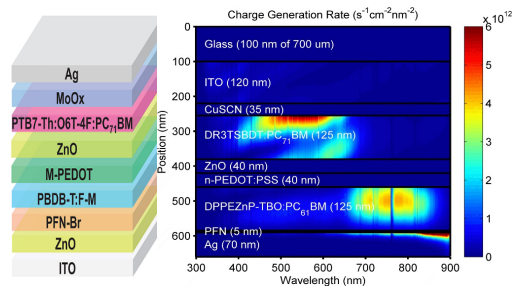
Organic Solar Cells



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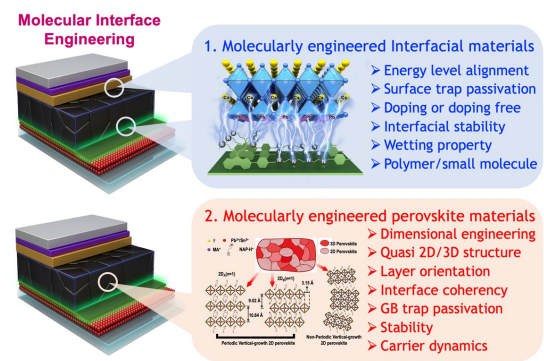
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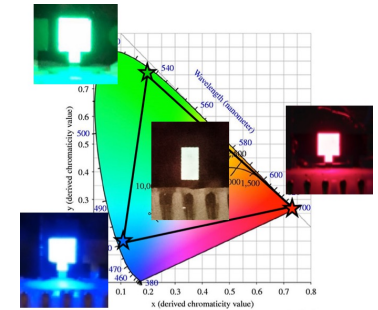


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Perovskite LEDs

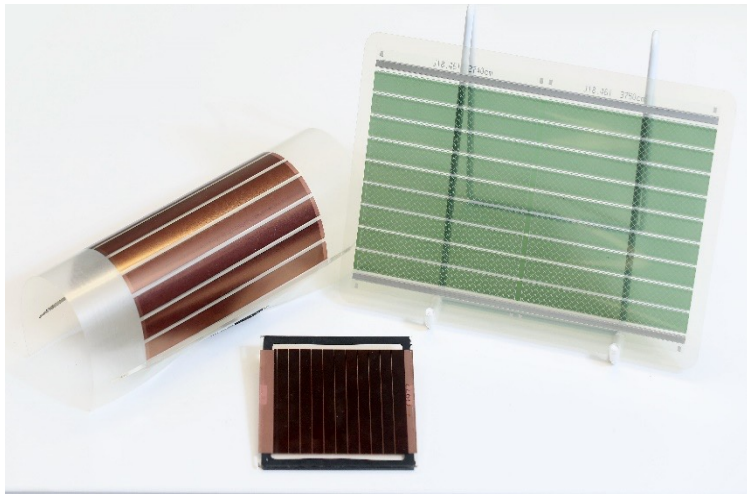
- RGB & White Perovskite LEDs
- Carrier Dynamics Study



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CityU's spin-out to commercialize new PV Technologies

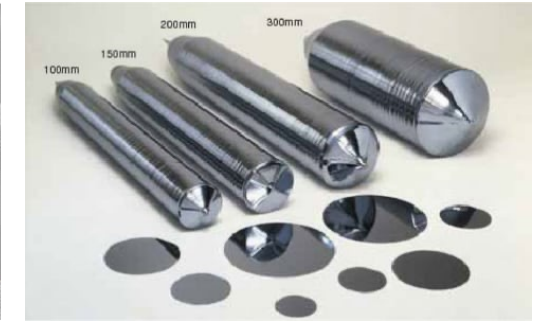
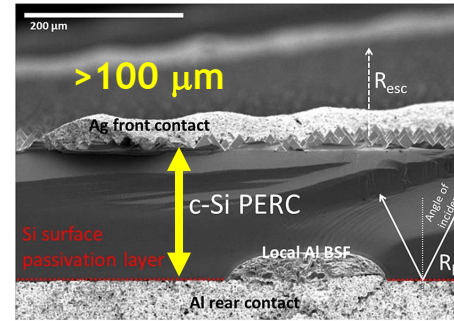
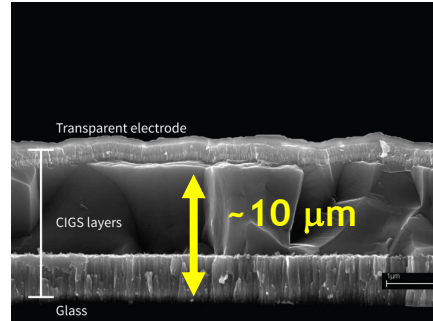
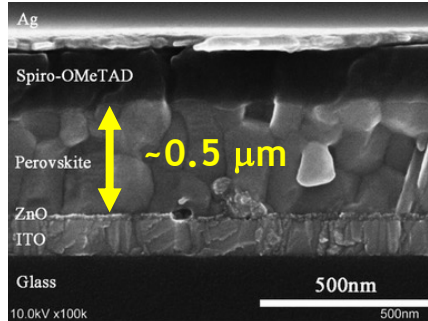
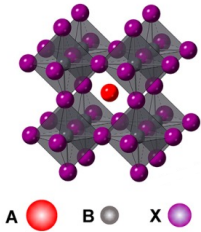


Printable Solar Technology: Perovskite Solar Cells

< 3 g/m²

Less Material & Energy Consumption

> 1 kg/m²



PbI₂ < 100 HK\$/kg

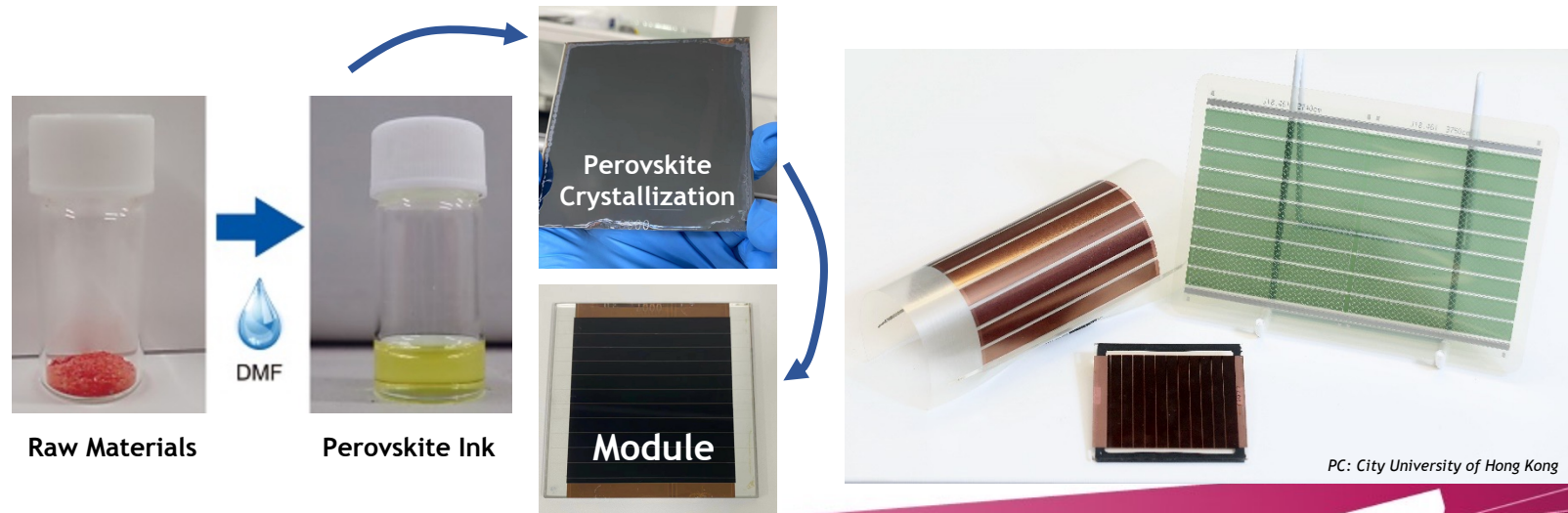
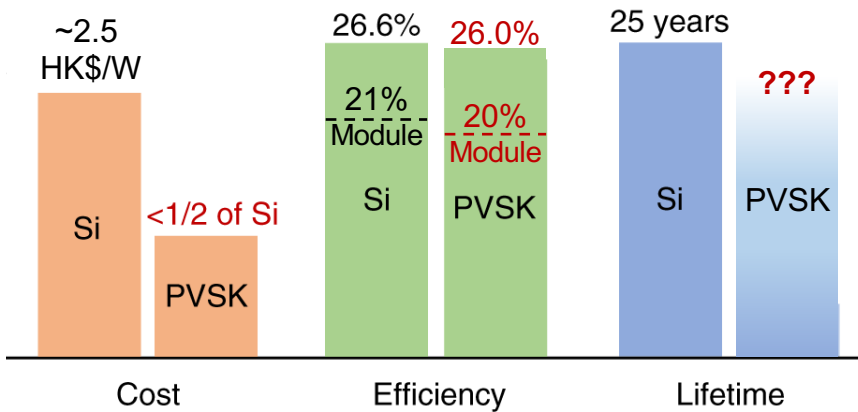
Perovskite: ~0.5 μm

CIGS: ~10 μm

c-Si: >100 μm

Si wafer > 1500 HK\$/kg

Cheaper Precursors & Scalable Processing Methods

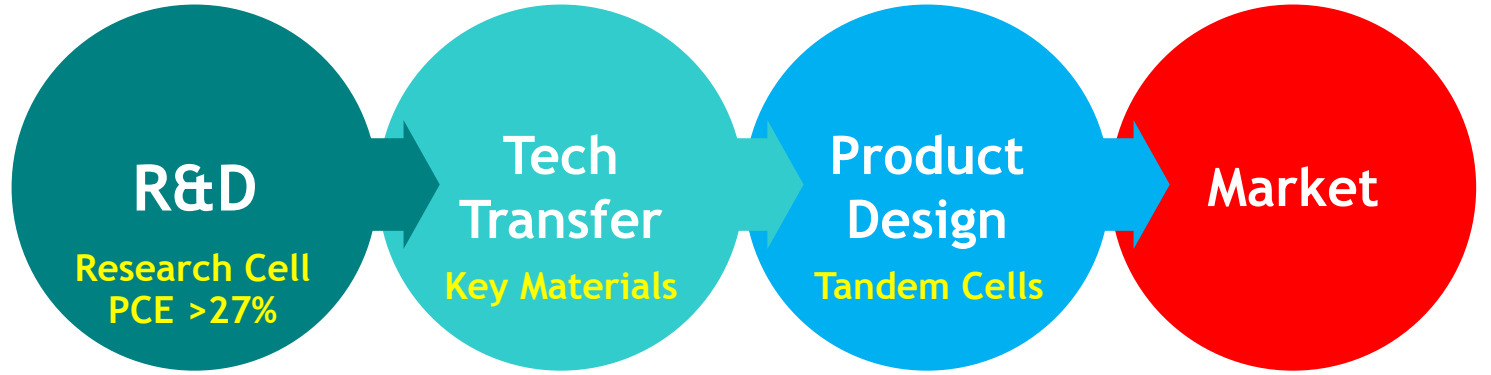
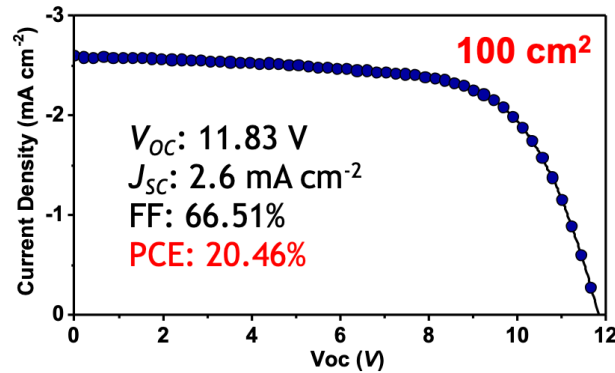
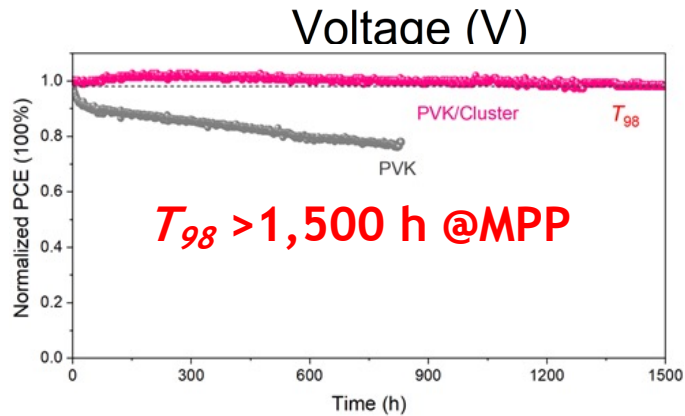
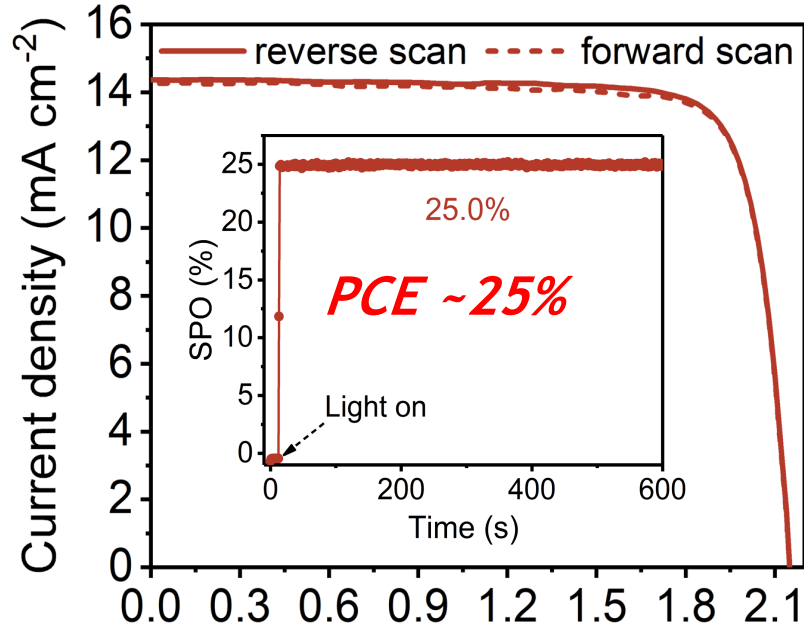


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Scalable Printing Technology

Commercialization: From Research Lab to Market

Current Results

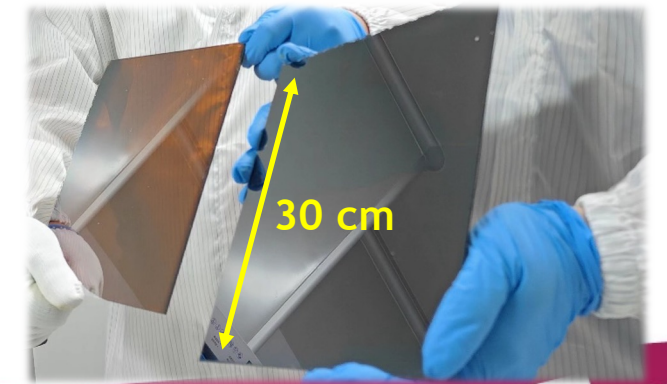
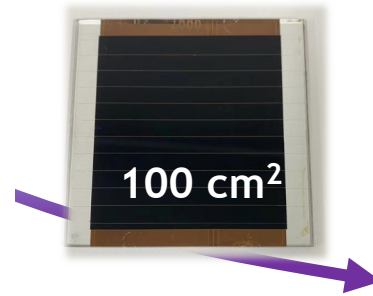
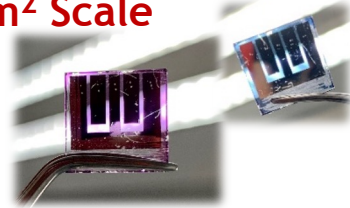


Material Design
 Device Engineering
 Encapsulation

Scalable Production
 Product Development

High-power Applications
 Flexible Electronics

mm^2 Scale





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