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Ricerca su celle fotovoltaiche innovative

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Company	Technologies	Modules delivered in 2014 (in MWp)
Trina Solar (China)	Wafers, crystalline (mono) cells, modules	3660
Yingliu Green Energy (China)	Wafer, mono and multi crystalline cells, modules	3361
Canadian Solar (Canada, China)	Ingots, wafer, cells, modules, PV systems	3105
Jinko Solar (China)	Ingots, wafer, mono and multi cells, modules,	2944
JA Solar (China)	Mono/poly crystalline, modules	2407
Renesola (China)	Poly silicon wafer and modules, micro inverters	1970
Sharp Corporation (Japan)	Crystalline (mono, multi) and thin film Si modules	1900
Motech (Taiwan)	Crystl. cells (mono, multi) and modules, inverters	1632
First Solar (USA)	Thin film modules (CdTe)	1500
Sun Power (USA)	crystalline (mono, multi) cells, modules	1254

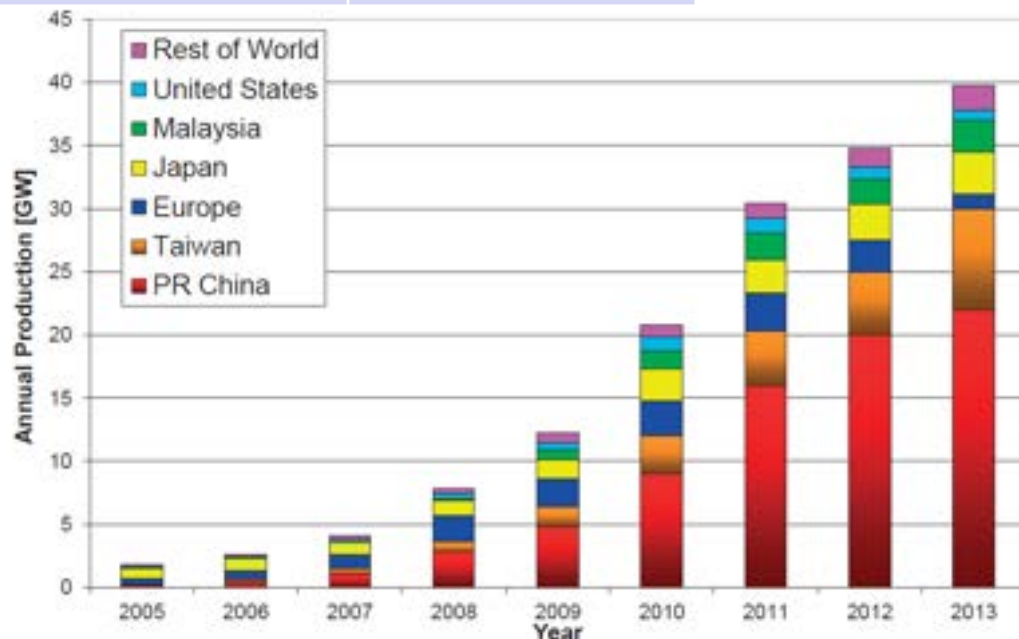


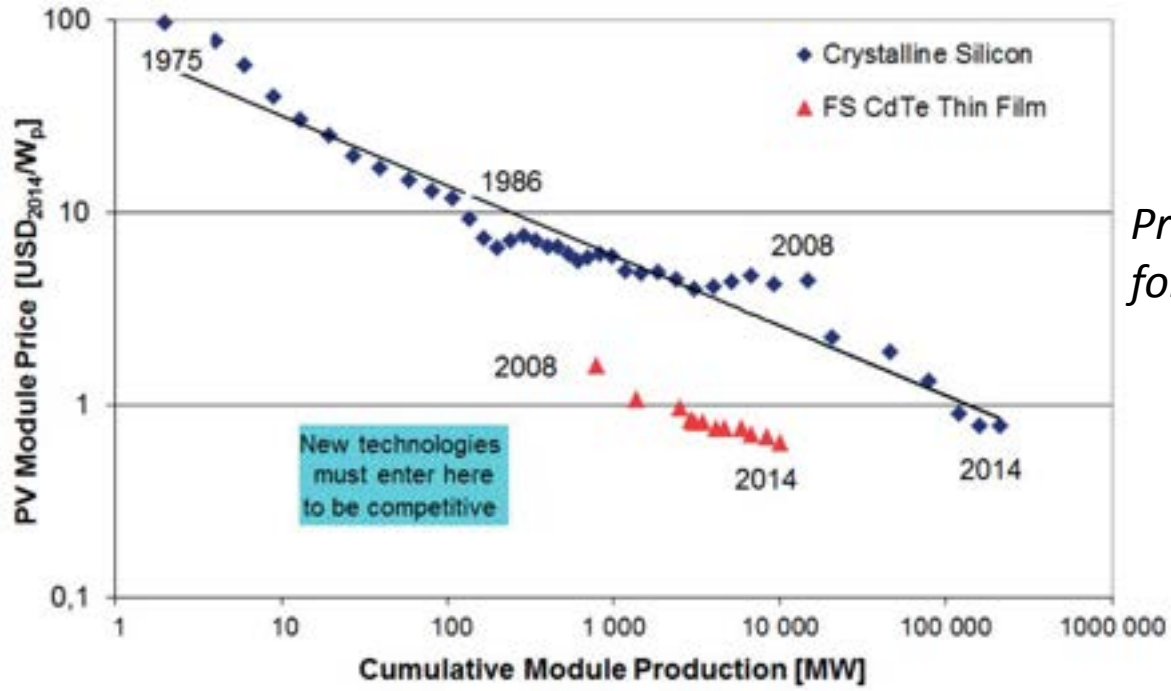
Top 10 PV modules producers in 2014

Source: EurObserver 2015

PV cell/module production

Source: PV Status Report 2014, Arnulf Jager-Waldau European Commission, DG Joint Research Centre

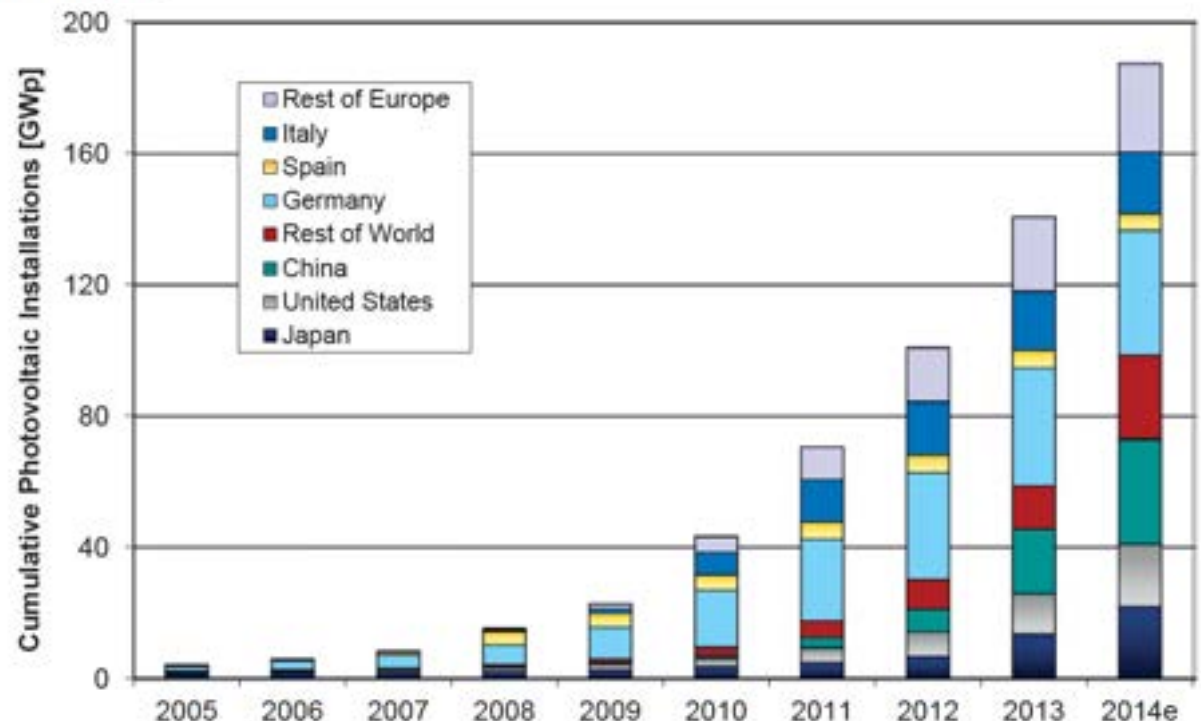




Price-experience curve for solar modules

PV system average price without financing and VAT: Eur 1400/kWp

Cumulative PV Installation from 2005 to 2014



Source: PV Status Report 2014, A. Jager-Waldau European Commission, DG Joint Research Centre

PV State of Art



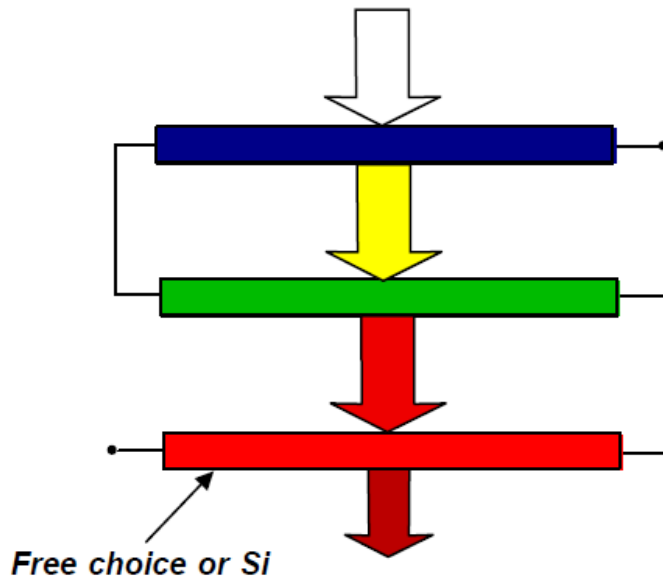
	Tecnology	Efficiency (%)	Area (cm ²)	Institution
➔	HIT (a-Si/c-Si), n-type c-Si	25,6	144	Panasonic
	Si (multicrystalline)	20,8	244	Trina Solar
➔	Thin film Si (tripla giunzione)	13,4	1	LG electronic
	Thin film CIGS	21,7	0,5	ZSW
➔	CZTSS (thin film)	12,6	0,4	IBM solution grown
	Thin film CdTe	21,0	1	First Solar
➔	Perovskite thin film	20,1	0,1	KRICT- Korea
➔	Organic (thin film)	11,1	0,16	Mitsubishi Chemical

Martin A. Green
 et al., Solar cell efficiency tables (version 45), Prog.
 Photovolt: Res. Appl. 2015; vol 23 (1), p:1–9.

Two possible approaches to the PV Research

Development of extremely low cost PV technologies using available and not hazardous materials:

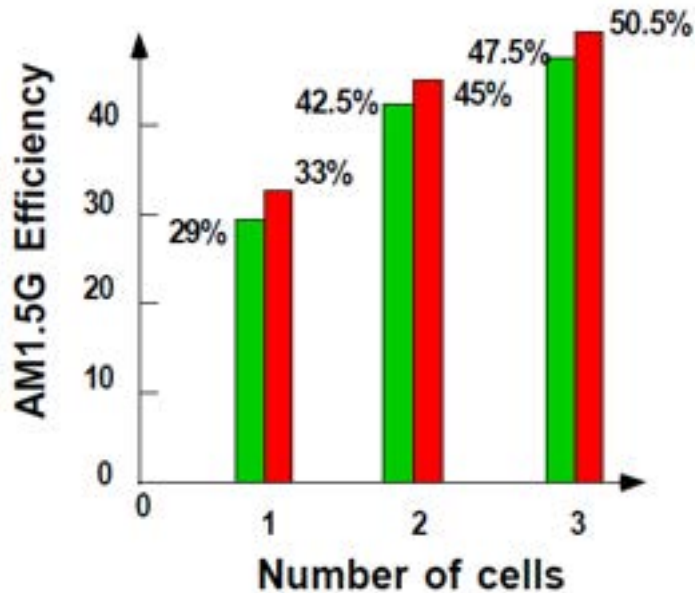
- Thin film silicon solar cells
- Thin film $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSnS}_4$ (CZTS) solar cells
- Thin film organic solar cells



Multijunction solar cells for highly efficient devices with silicon bottom cell

Silicon wafer-based tandem Cells: The ultimate PV solution for high efficiency?

Martin A. Green,
Proceedings of
28th EUPVSEC,
(2013), p.7.



Bottom cell: Silicon
Top cell: ????

**Present
PV**

**activities
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❖ Heterojunction a-Si/c-Si solar cells

❖ $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSnS}_4$ (CZTS) based solar cells

❖ Perovskite based solar cells

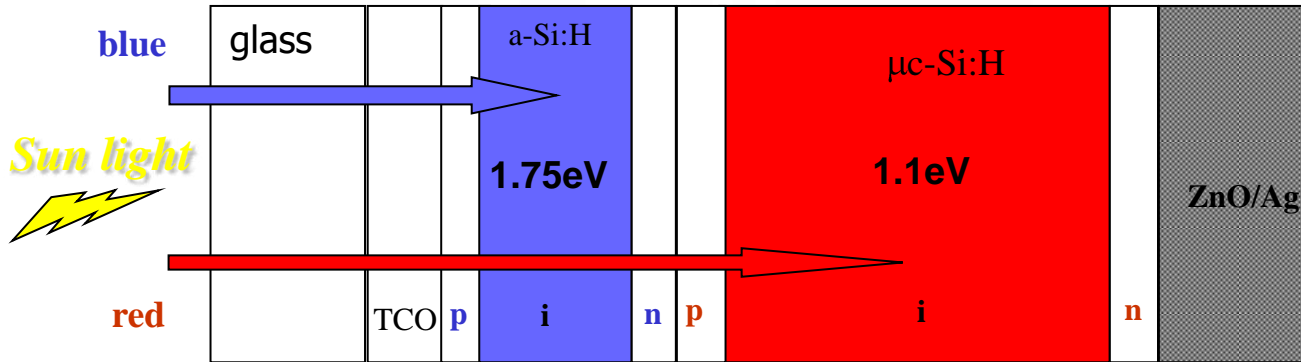
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- ❖ Organic solar cells
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Next talks....

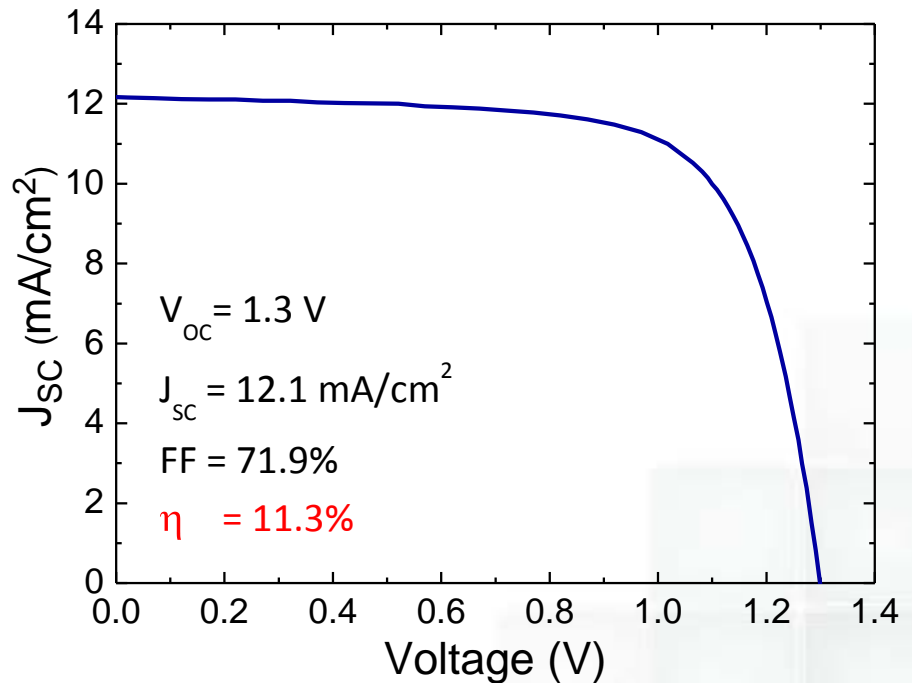
- ❖ Heterojunction a-Si/c-Si
- ❖ CZTS solar cells
- ❖ Light management strategies in solar cells

Advanced thin film silicon PV

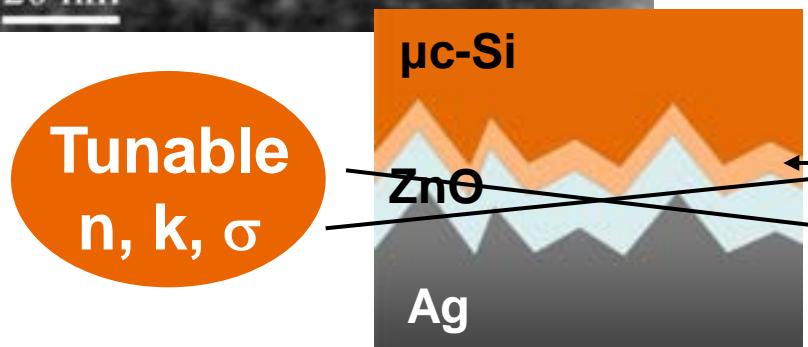
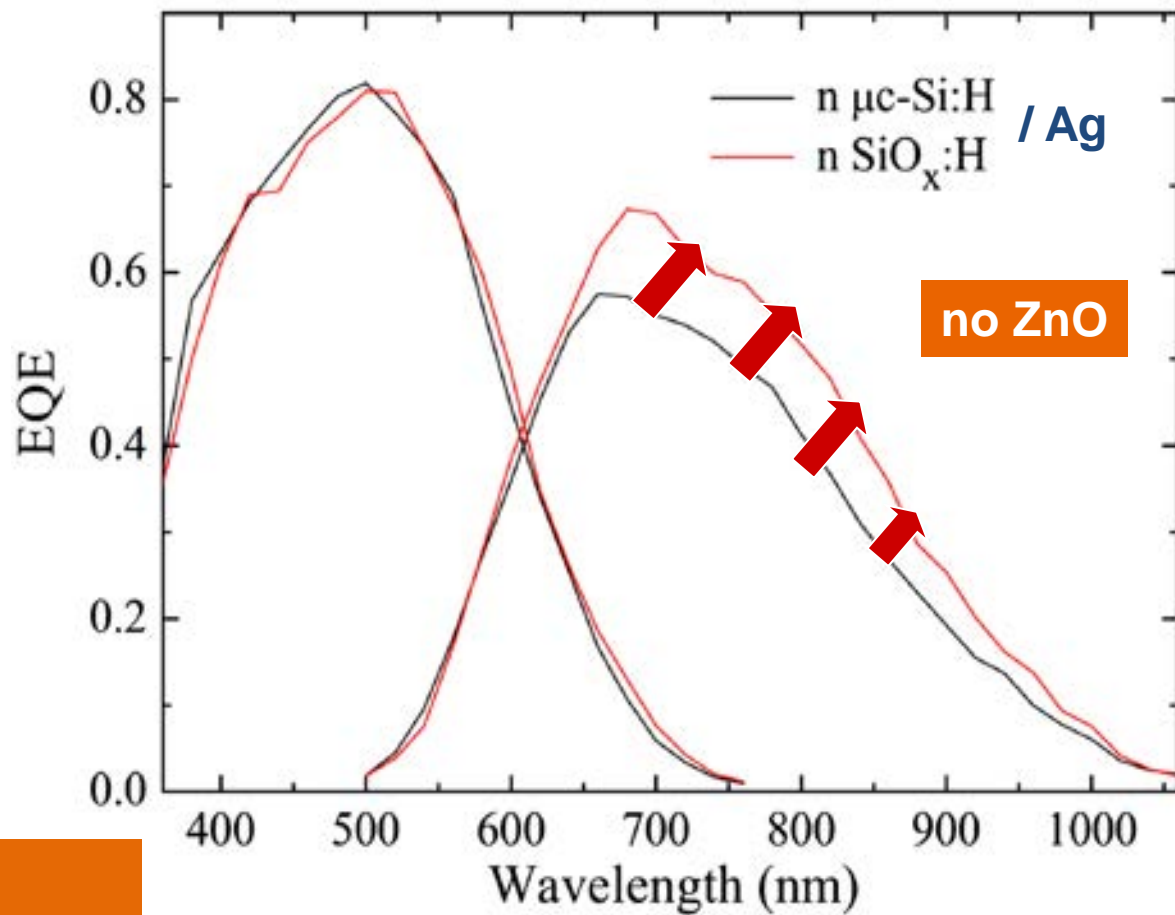
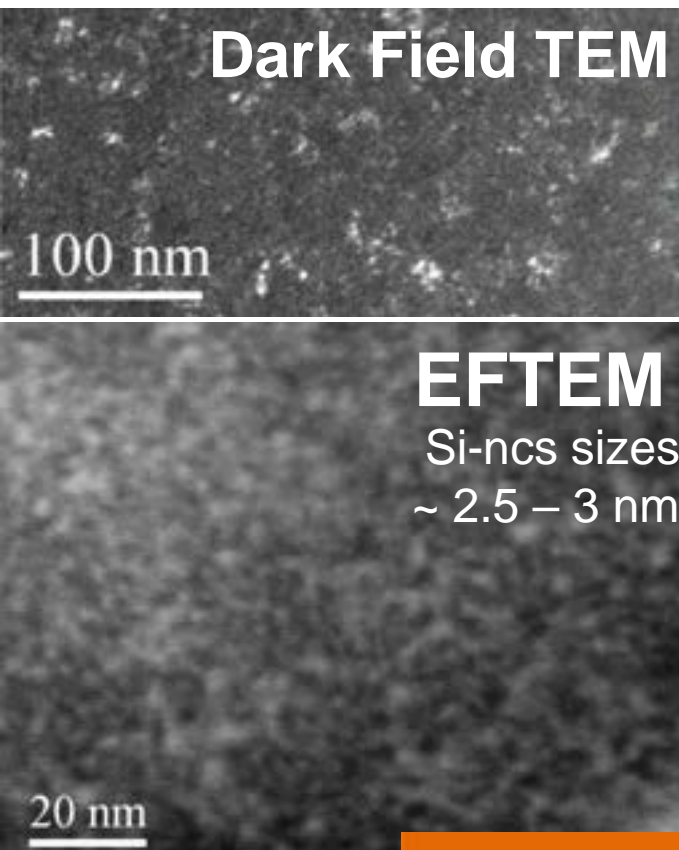
Micromorph
tandem solar
cells



- Optimization of micromorph tandem cells by means of silicon oxide based doped materials;
- Development of innovative absorber layers for utilization in tandem cells;
- Evaluation of new architectures for an optical improvement of the thin film Si device performance



Advanced thin film silicon PV: Development of mixed-phase $n\text{-SiO}_x$

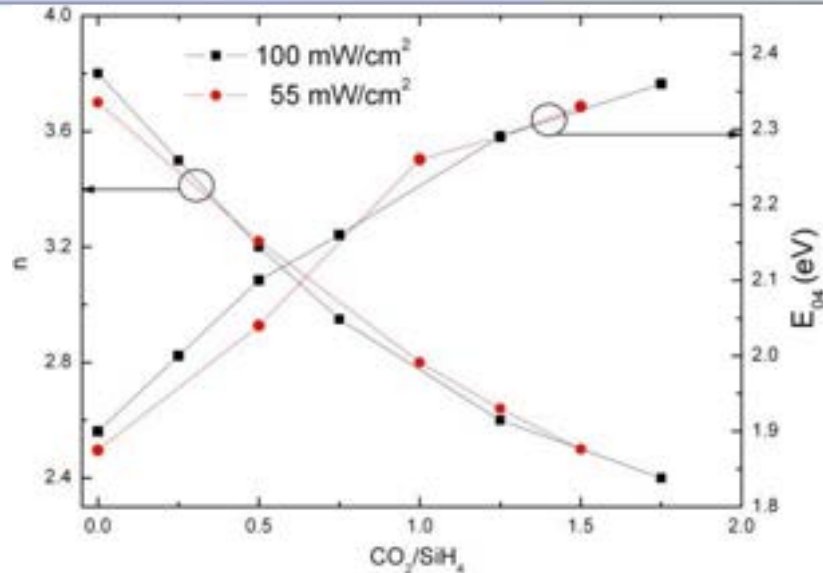


$n\text{-SiO}_x: n \sim 2.5$

P Delli Veneri et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 97, 023512 (2010)
 P Delli Veneri et al., Progress in Photovoltaics 21, 148 (2013)
 LV Mercaldo et al., SOLMAT 119, 67 (2013)
 LV Mercaldo et al., SOLMAT 136, 32 (2015)

Advanced thin film silicon PV: Development of mixed-phase p-SiO_x:H

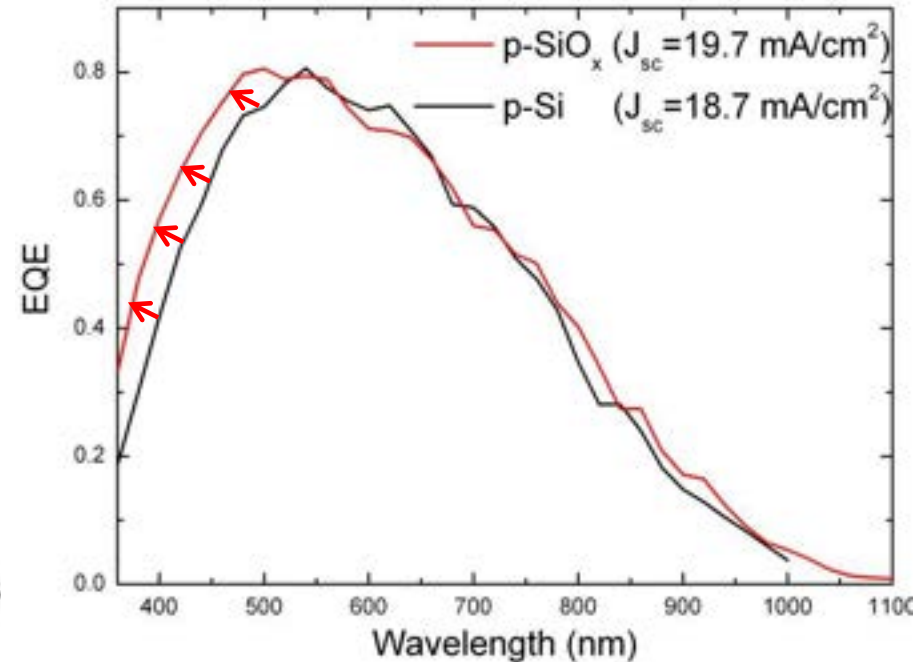
Optical properties



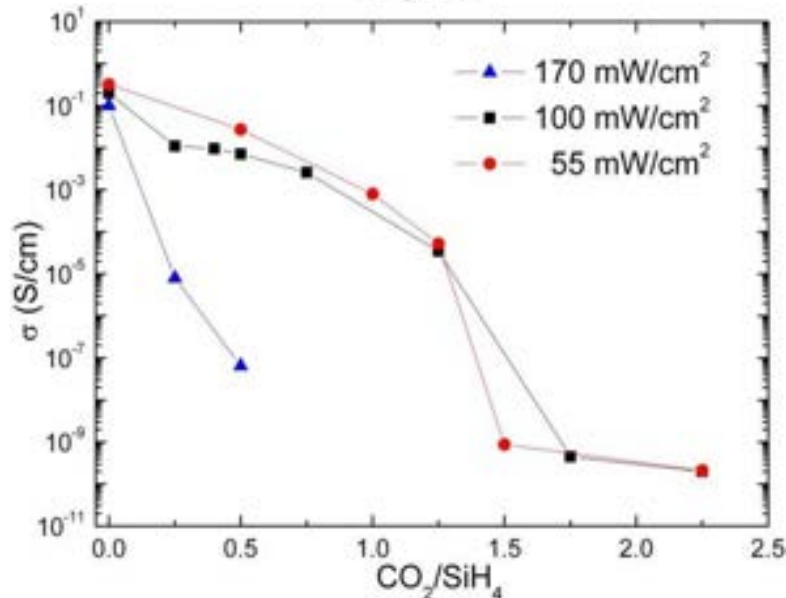
The novel p-layer allows:

- ❖ Lower absorption losses;
- ❖ better refractive index matching at the TCO/Si interface.

EQE of solar cells with different p-layers

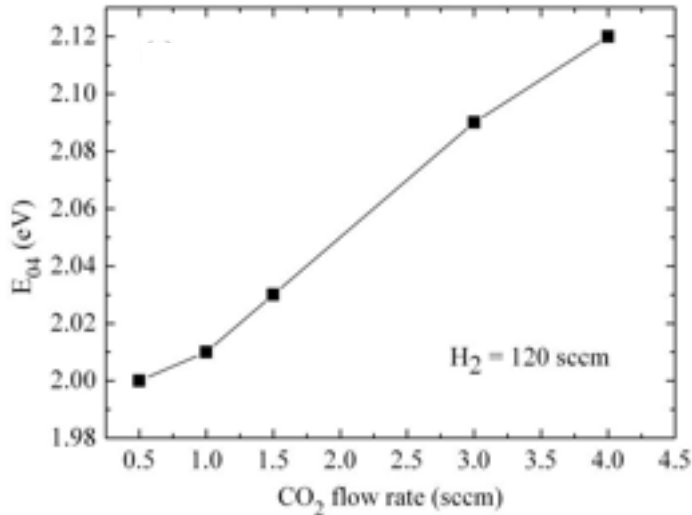


Electrical properties



Advanced thin film silicon PV: a-SiO_x:H top absorber

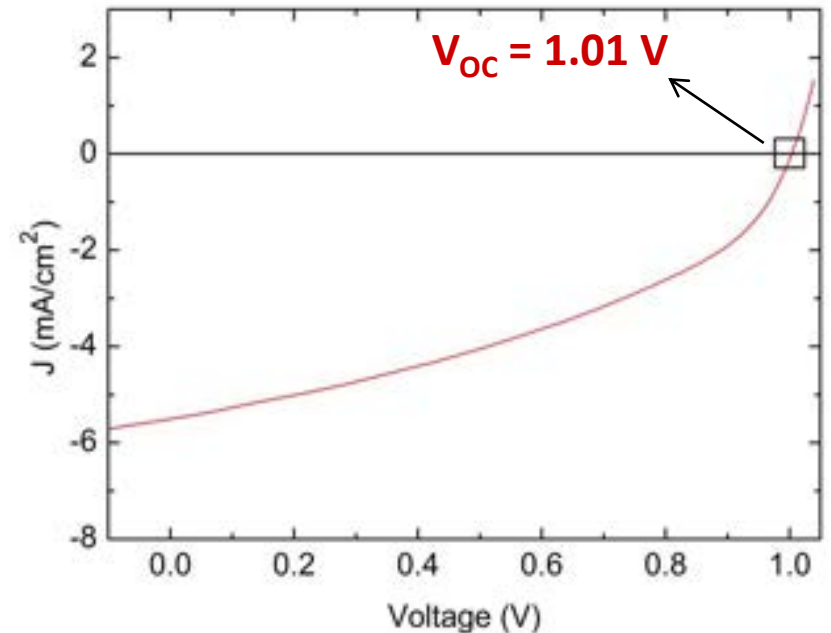
Optical characterization of a-SiO_x:H layers



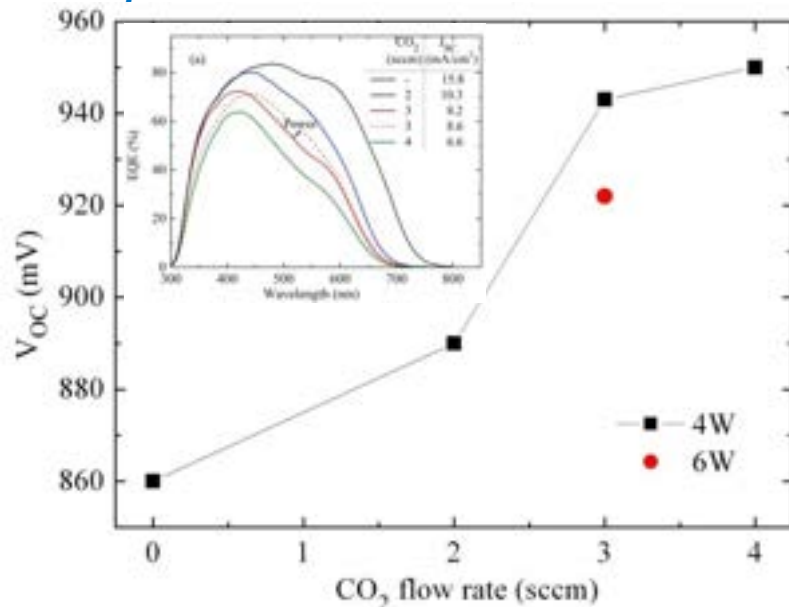
VHF-PECVD @ 40 MHz

Gas mixture: SiH₄, CO₂, H₂

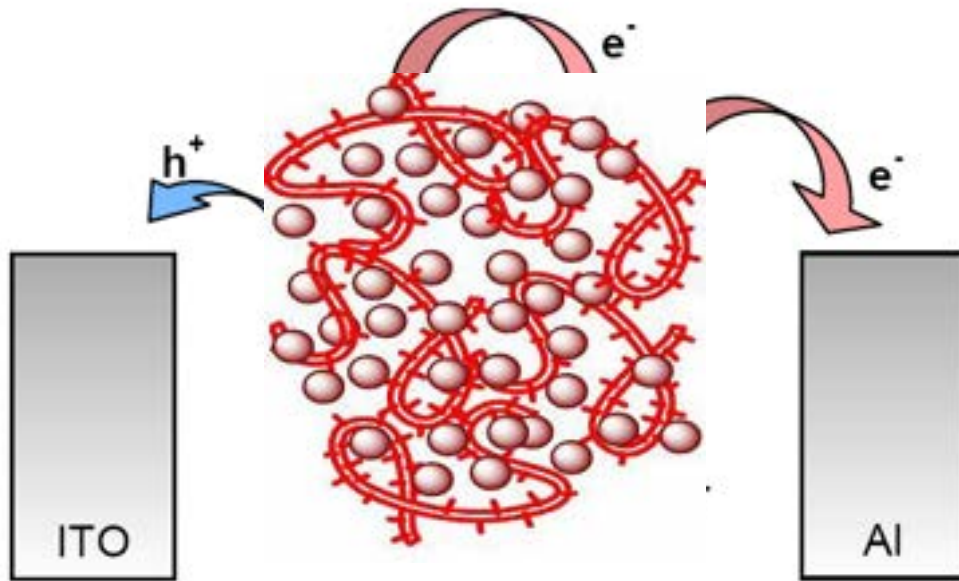
J-V characteristic of a cell grown on flat substrate (glass/ZnO)



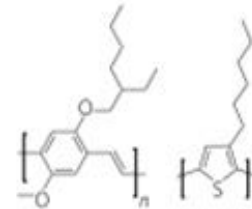
p-i-n solar cells on Asahi substrates



Polymer solar cells

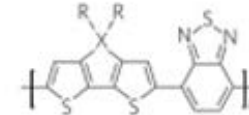


Donors

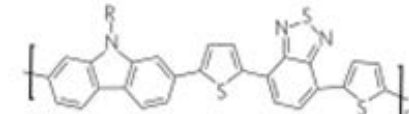


MEH-PPV

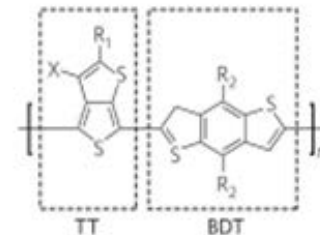
P3HT



X = C, PCPDOTBT
X = Si, PSBTBT

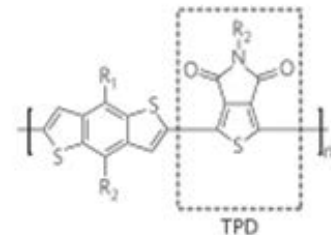


PCDTBT



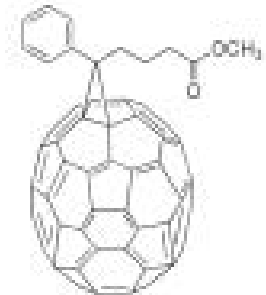
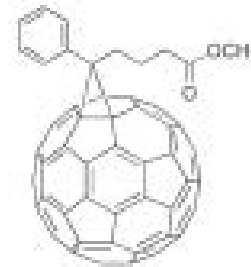
TT

BDT



TPD

Acceptors



P. Morvillo et al, *Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells*, 104, 45-52, 2012

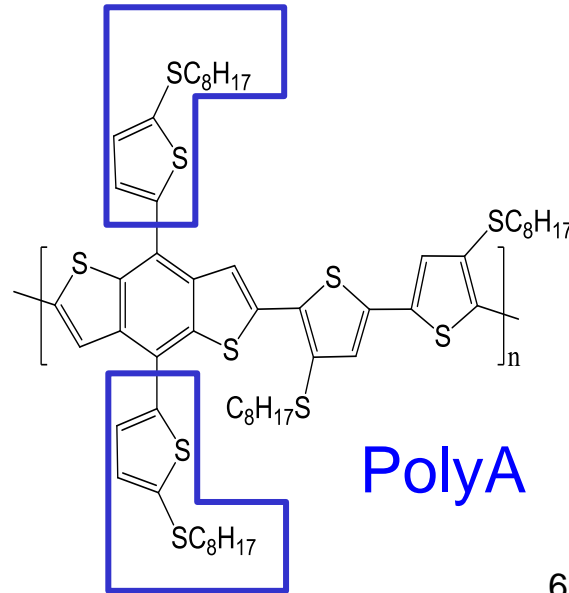
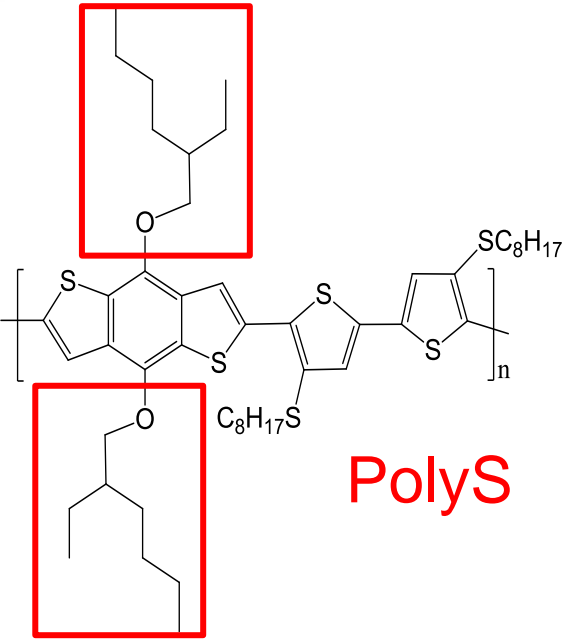
P. Morvillo et al, *Polymer Chemistry*, 5, 2391-2400, 2014

A. Bruno et al, *Thin Solid Films*, 560, 14-19, 2014.

C. Diletto et al, *Journal of Sol-Gel Science and Technology*, 73, 634-640, 2015.

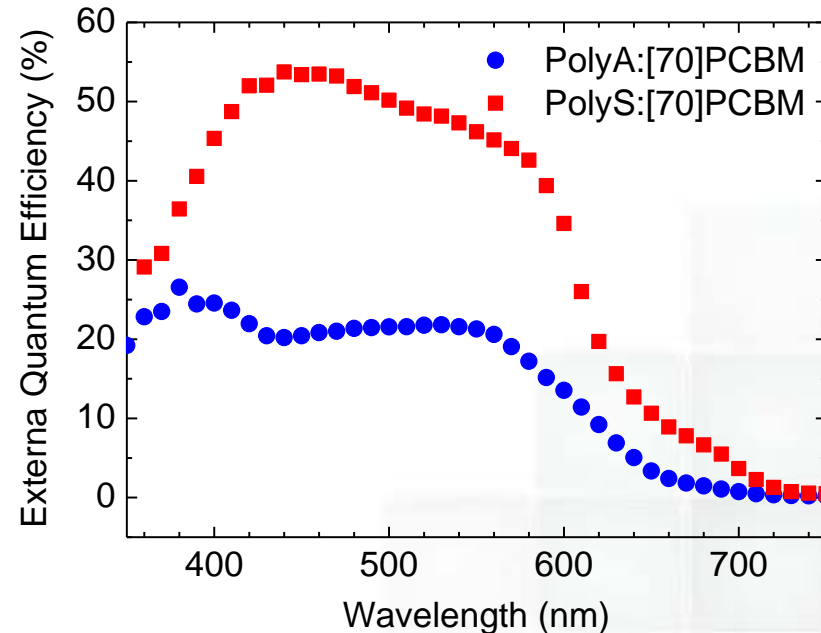
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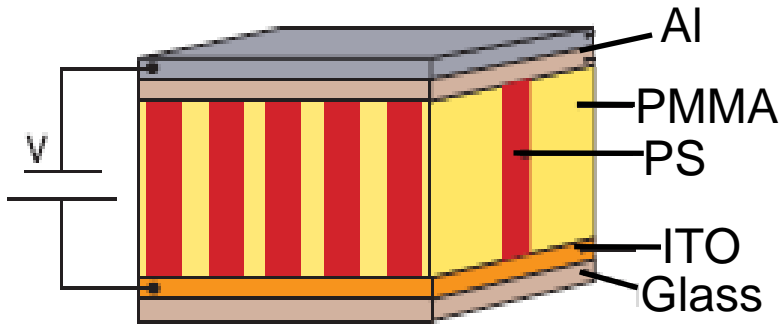
Synthesis of new copolymers to be used as donor materials in devices

Blend (1:1 wt)	PCE (%)	FF (%)	J_{sc} (mA/cm ²)	V_{oc} (mV)
PolyS :[70]PCBM	2.30	48	7.0	672
PolyA :[70]PCBM	0.56	28	3.1	664

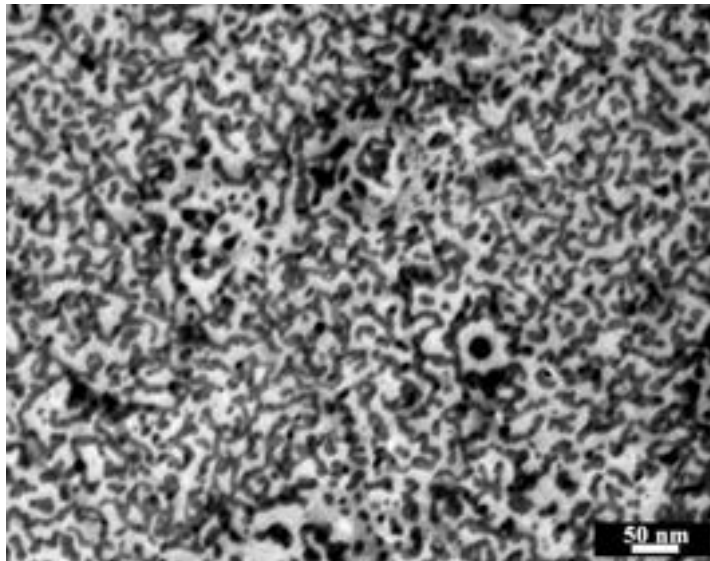
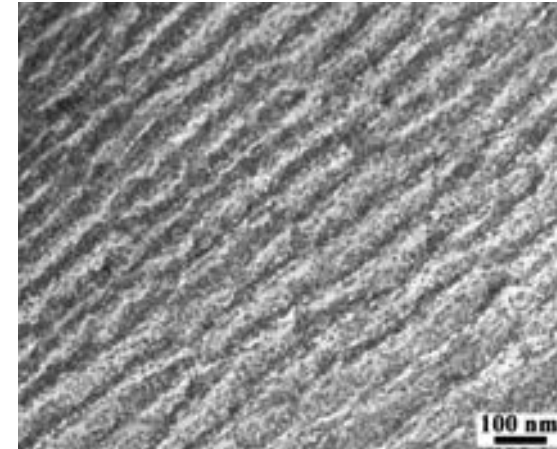
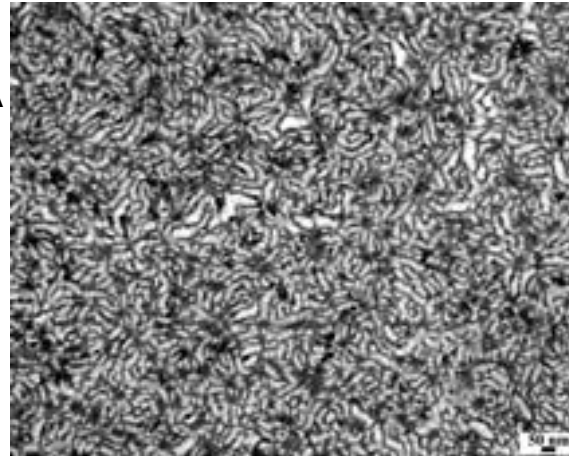


Nanostructured block copolymer to improve electrical transport

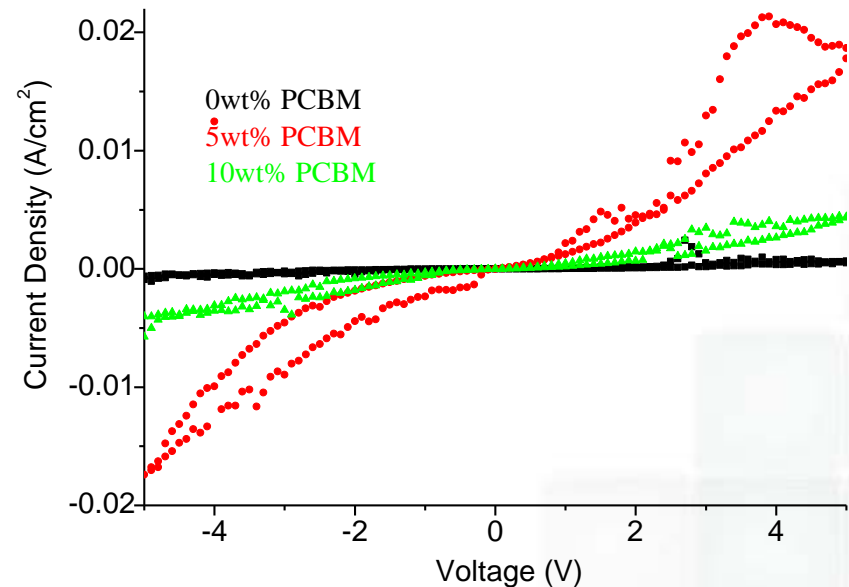
The electric field allows to align the nanostructures



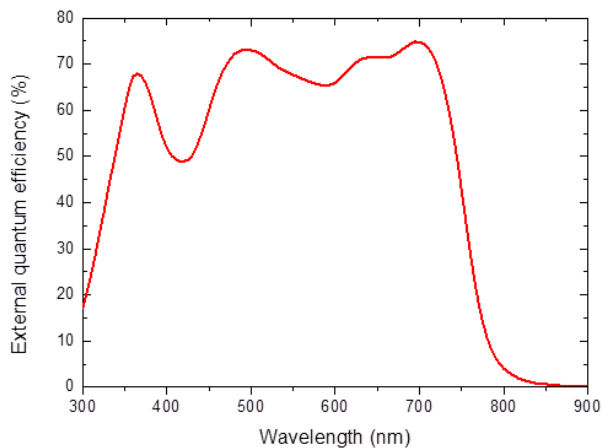
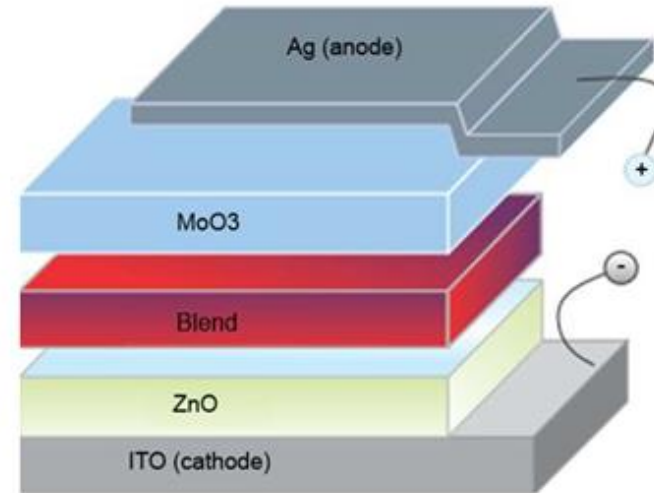
PS-*b*-PMMA



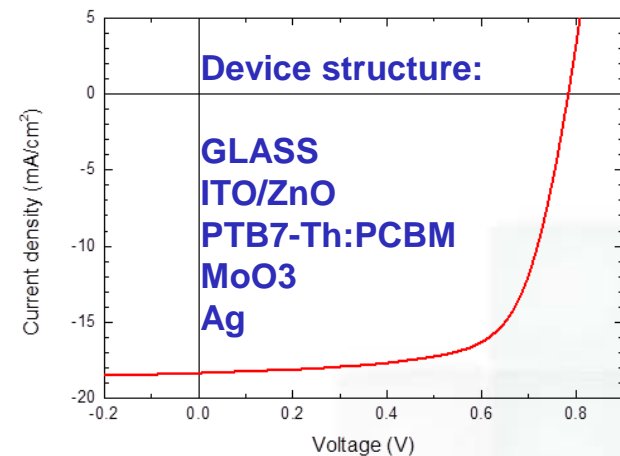
Films PS-*b*-PMMA with PCBM (5wt%)



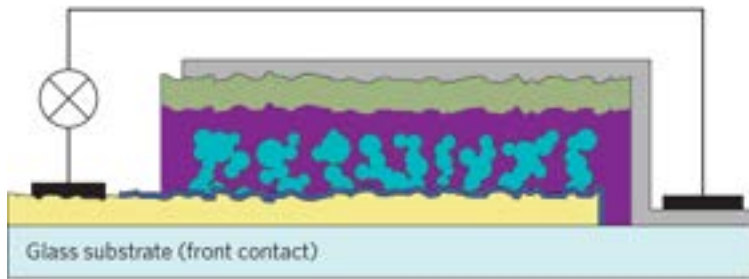
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Eff= 10.1 %
FF= 69.3 %
Jsc= 18.0 mA/cm²
Voc= 792 mV



Perovskite based solar cells

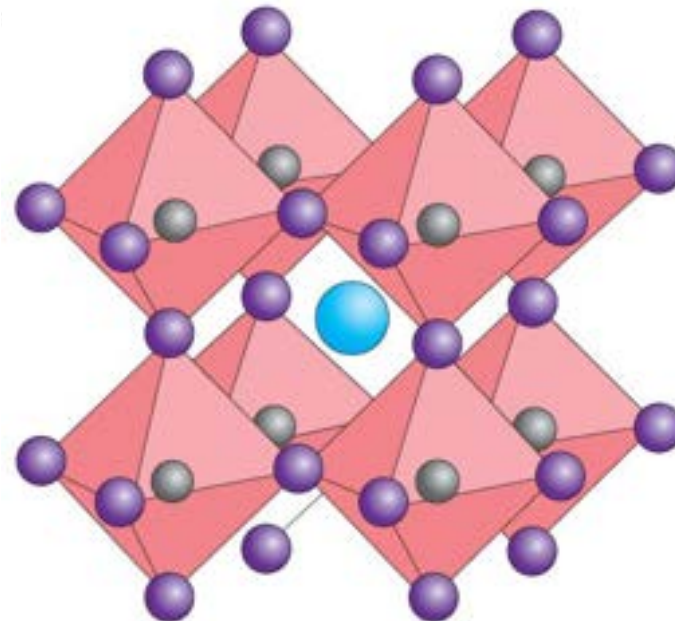


- Perovskite
- TiO₂
- HTM
- Compact TiO₂ layer
- TCO
- Back contact



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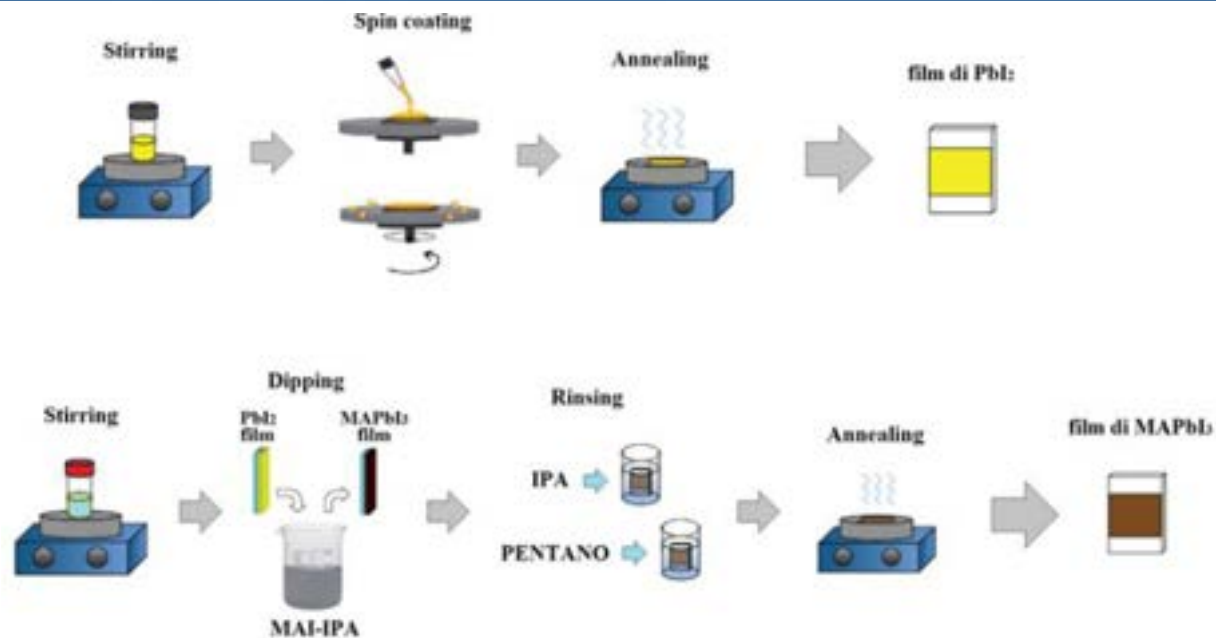
Crystal structure of cubic metal halide perovskite



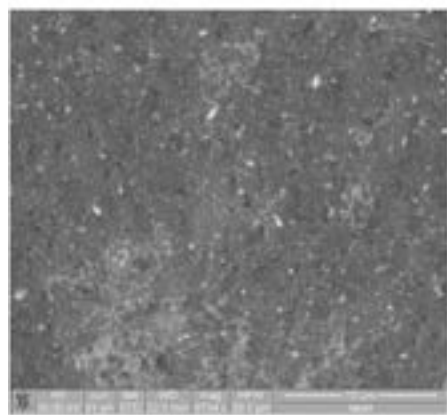
- A  CH₃NH₃
- B  Pb
- X  Halogen ion (I, Cl, Br)

Perovskite solar cells

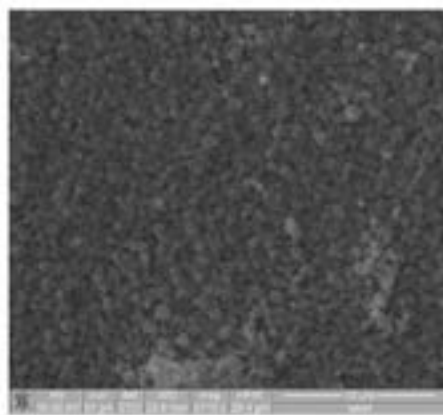
$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$
deposition



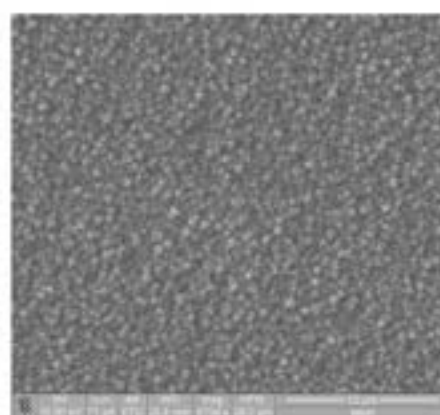
Film di perovskite depositati su diversi substrati



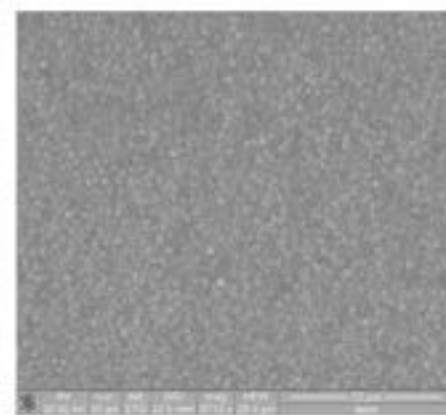
Glass FTO



Glass FTO/ZnO

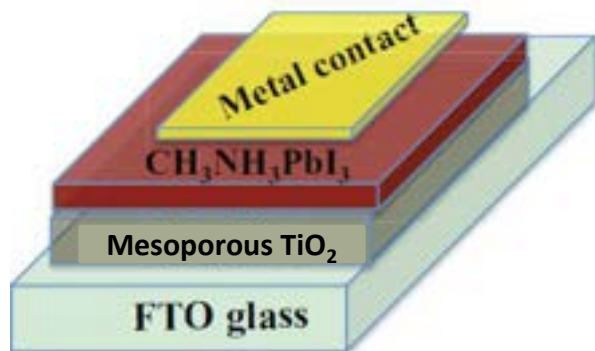


Glass FTO/ITO

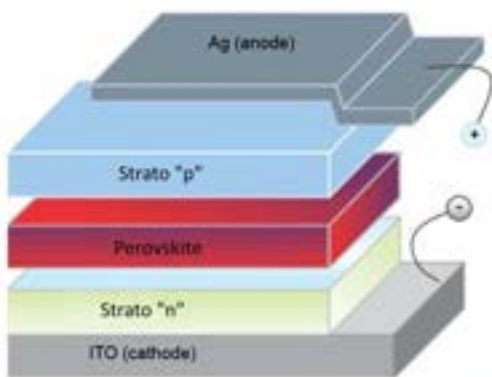
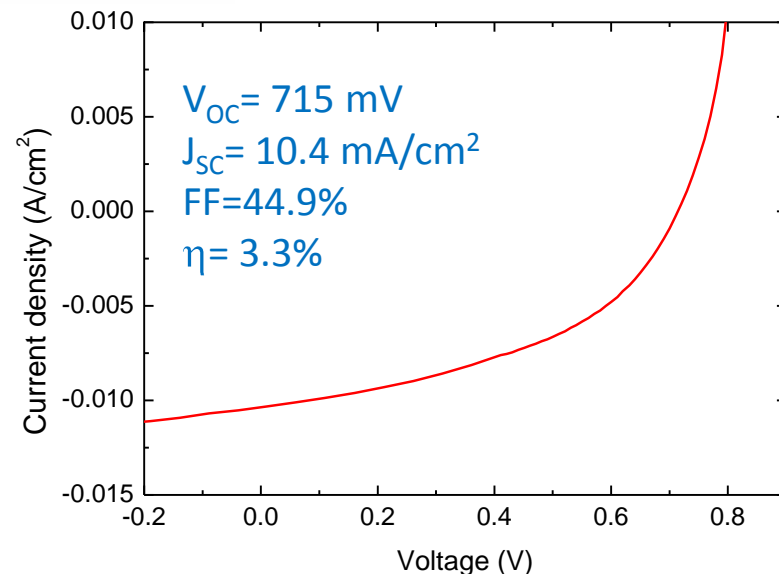
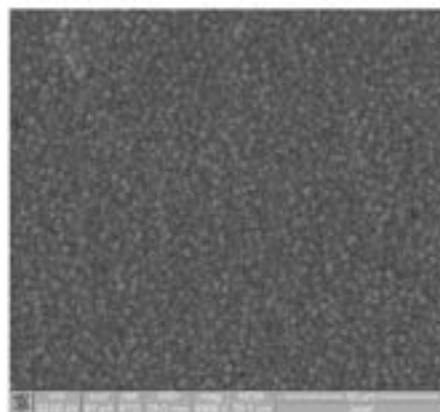


Glass FTO/TiO₂

Perovskite solar cells



Schematic structure of the solar cell without a hole transporter material

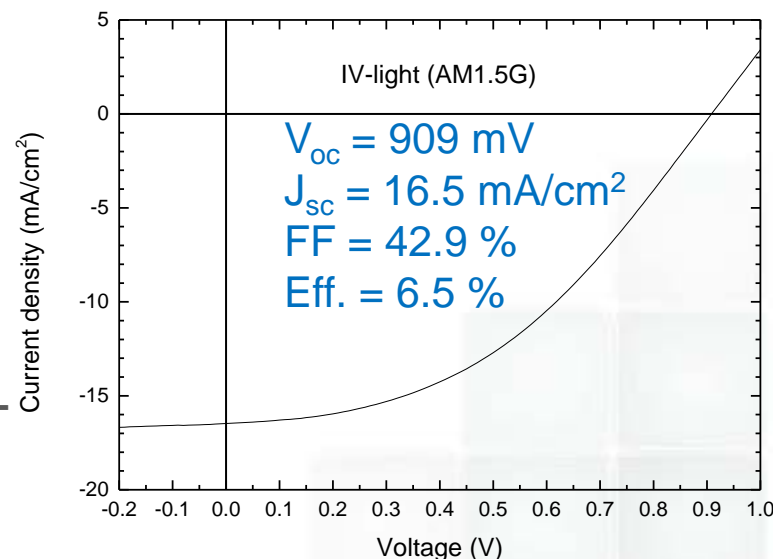


Layers under investigation:

Perovskite: $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$,
 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$

p: PEDOT:PSS, MoOx, P3HT, Spiro-MeOTAD

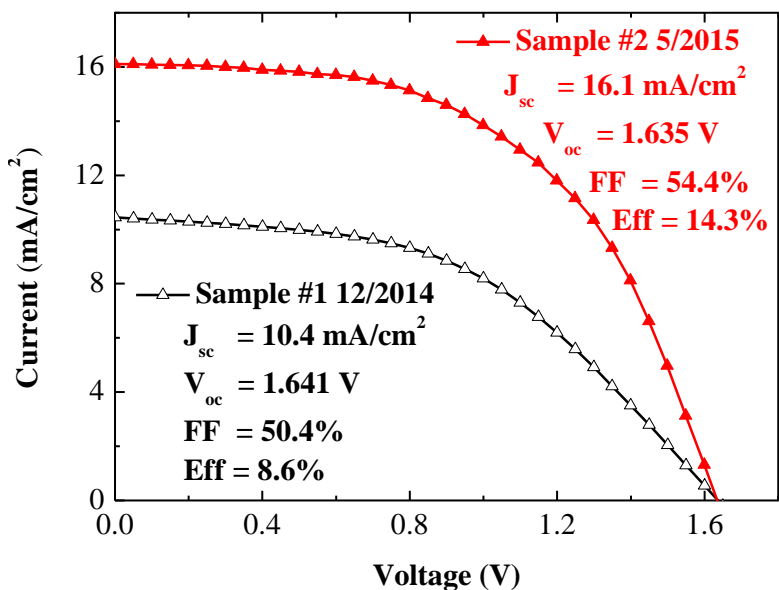
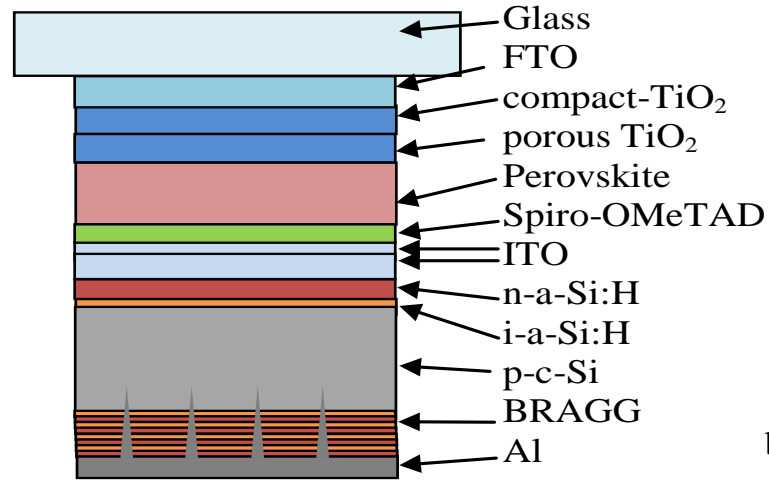
n: ZnO, TiOx, PCBM.



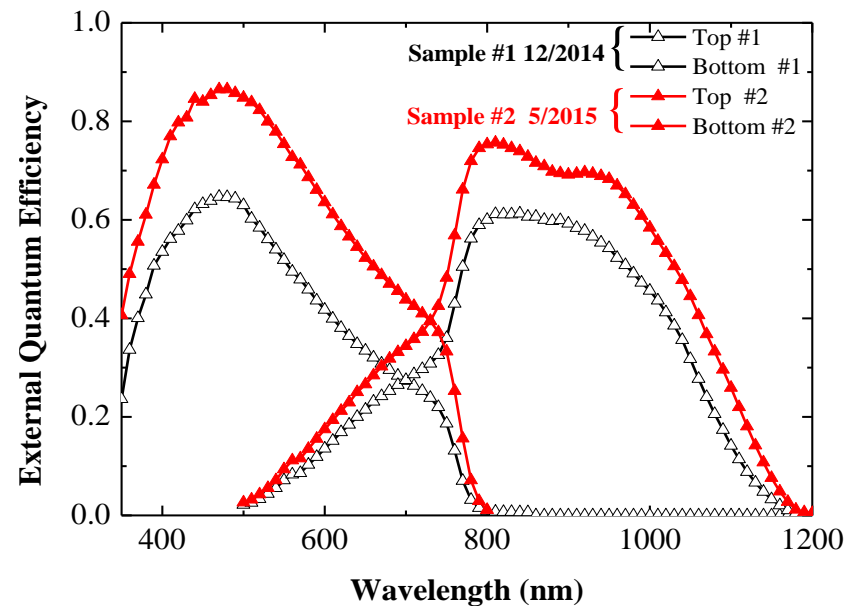
Tandem solar cell: Perovskite and a-Si:H/c-Si Heterojunction



Schematic cross section of the tandem solar cells under investigation



Experimental J-V characteristics of tandem cells



Experimental External Quantum Efficiency of the tandem cell

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