# Transformative Impact of Printable Solar Cells for Next-Generation Energy Demands

Chemistry & Materials Science City University of Hong Kong Alex Jen Materials Science & Engineering University of Washington

# OUR ENERGY APPETITE

## Will double from 15 to 30 TW/yr in 2050

Photo by woodleywonderworks - Creative Commons Attribution License http://www.flickr.com/photos/73645804@N00

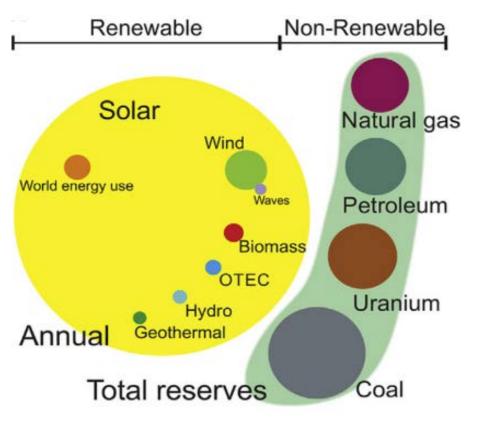
Created with Haiku Deck



# Solar Power for Global Energy Needs

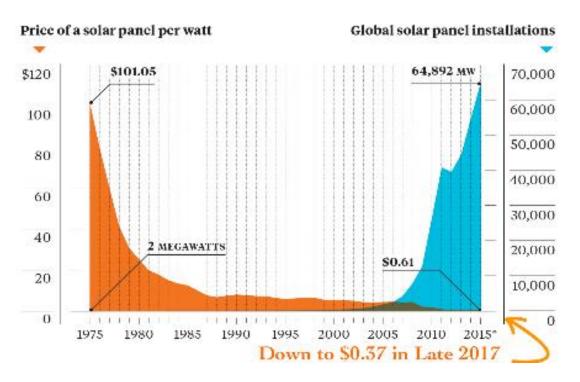


### **Global Energy Sources**



IEA-SHC Solar Update **2015** Miguez et al. *Joule* **2017** 

## **Solar Installations**



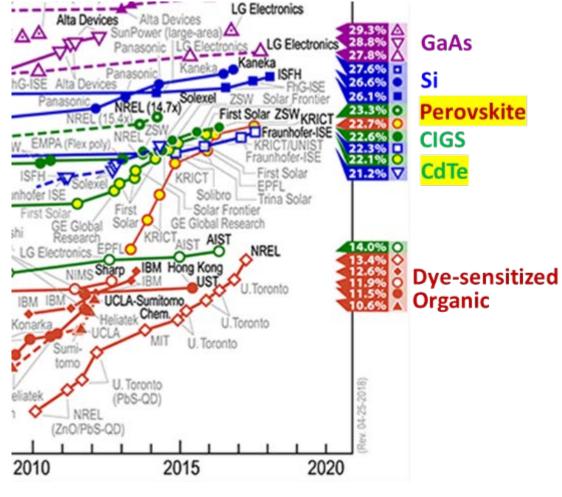
Bloomberg, Earth Policy Institute www.earth-policy.org



# Advantages of Perovskite Solar Cell Technology

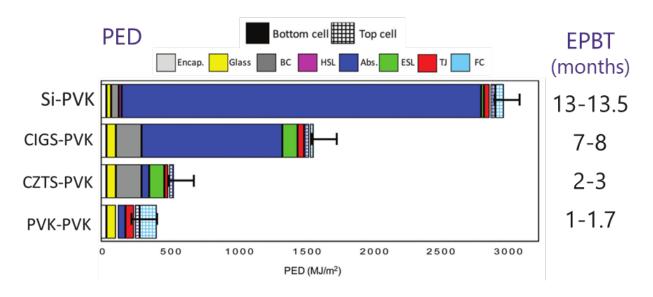


#### High Efficiency



#### Low Primary Energy Demand & Payback Time

- Primary Energy Demand (PED): Energy consumed in manufacturing process
- Energy Payback Time (EPBT): Time required for generating back primary energy consumed



Apul et al. Energy Environ. Sci. 2017

NREL Efficiency Chart

### PVSC was Identified as the *Game Changer* in Renewable Energy

Perovskite Solar Cells: A new generation of solar-cell materials, cheaper and<br/>easier to produce than those in traditional silicon cells, garnered plenty of<br/>attention this past year.Science, top 10 breakthrough of 2013

EU has funded 45 perovskite projects: including *six "EUR 5 million" projects*: CHEOPS, ESPResSo, APOLO, GotSolar, MAESTRO, PERTPV etc.

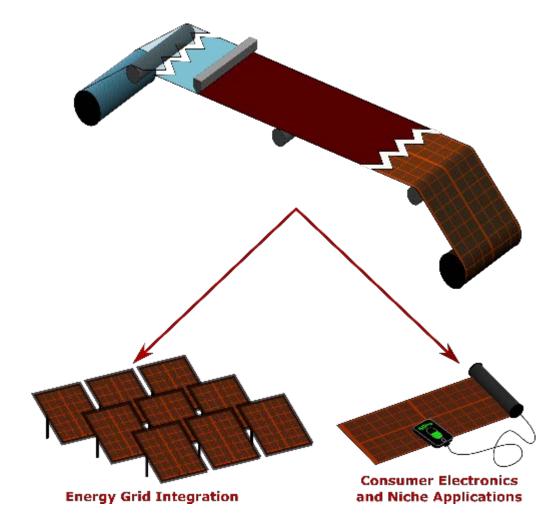
Perovskite solar cell is listed as a strategic project by National Natural Science Foundation of China for 2017. 国家自然科学基金 2017 重大项目

Perovskite solar cell is Listed as a *strategic project in the National Energy Technology Plan for 2016-2020*. **国家能源局 《能源技术创新"十三五"规划》** -- 钙钛矿太阳能电池 被列为集中攻关项目



# Potential for Printable Perovskite Solar Cells





**Low Manufacturing Costs** High throughput processing

**Tunable Material Properties** Molecular and composition engineering

**Low Environmental Impact** Benign processes with low energy intake

Versatile Form Factor Lightweight, flexible and portable

**Multiple Applications** Building-integrated and semi transparent

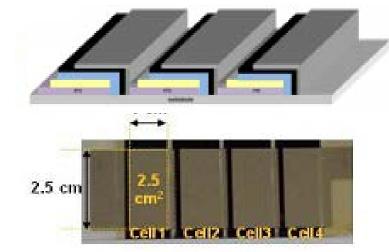
Jen et al. J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 2016

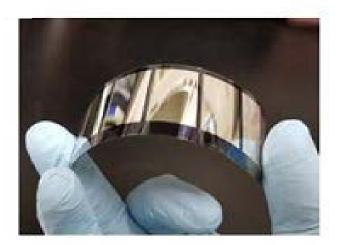


## Semi-Transparent Solar Cells for Building Integration PV





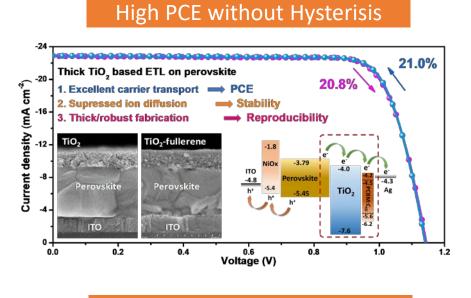




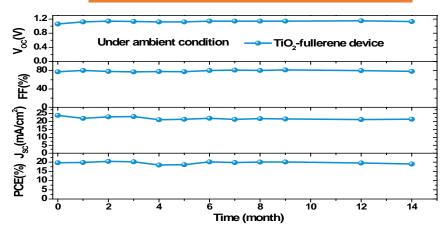






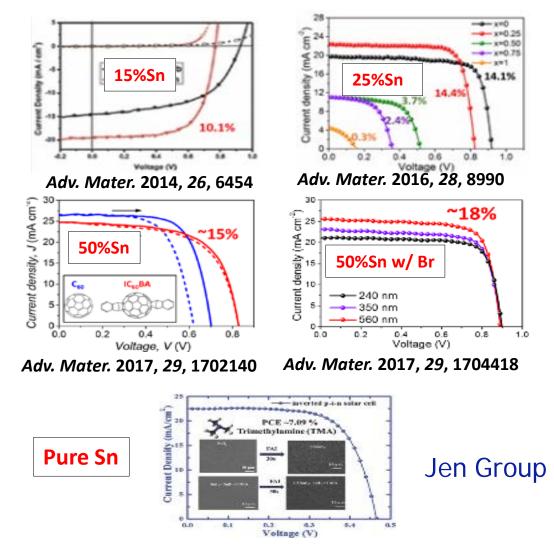


#### Long-Term Device Stability



Jen & Choy et al, submitted

#### Replace Pb to Address Toxicity Concern



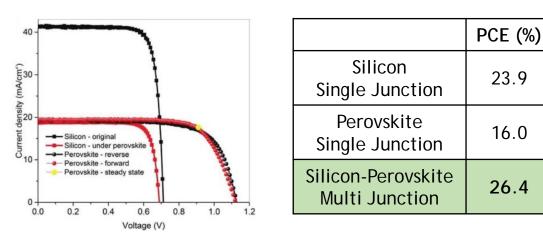
Adv. Mater. 2017, 30, 1703800



## Prospects of Perovskite Tandem Solar Cells

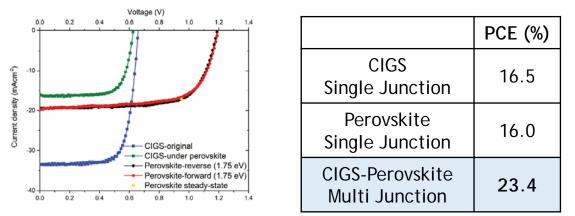


#### Silicon-Perovskite Multi Junction

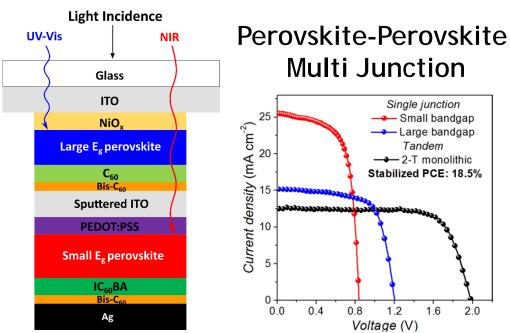


Catchpole et al., Adv. Energy Mater. 2017

#### **CIGS-Perovskite Multi Junction**



Catchpole et al., Energy Environ. Sci. 2017



#### Jen et al., Adv. Mater. 2017

Jen et al., Nano Lett, 2018

2-T Perovskite-Perovskite Tandem Performance. Using  $V_{oc}$ 's achieved and best reperted  $J_{sc}$  & FF:  $V_{oc} * J_{sc} * FF = 2.19 * 15 * 0.73 \sim 24\%$  PCE

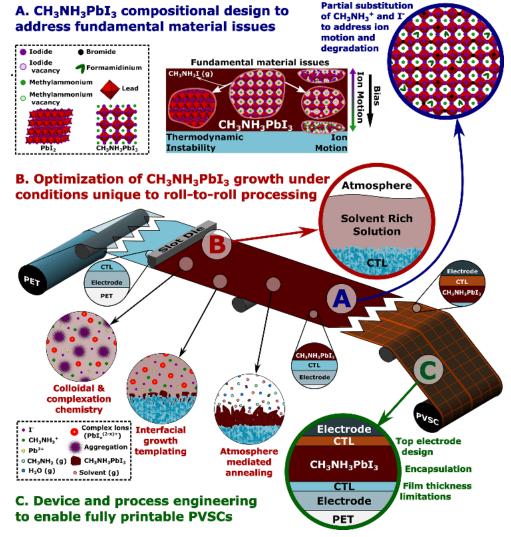


## Challenges and Considerations in Commercializing Printable Solar Cells

- Scalability
  - Large scale R-2-R printing in ambient
- Durability
  - Encapsulation
  - IEC Tests
    - -40°C to +85°C for 200 cycles
    - -40°C to +85°C & 85% RH for 10 cycles
    - +85°C & 85% RH for 1000 h

## Sustainability

- Environmental Toxicity
- Green Solvent Processing
- Material Utilization
- Recycling and End-of-life



Jen et al. J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 2016



# Application Landscape for OPVs and Perovskite PVs



