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"Emergence of Perovskite Solar Cells"

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Science and Nature agree: Big solar news of 2013!

BREAKTHROUGH OF THE YEAR

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Newcomer Juices Up the Race to Harness Sunlight

Up-and-coming solar cell materials called perovskites made such rapid progress this year that the editors of *Science* picked them as a runner-up for Breakthrough of the Year.



365 days: Nature's 10

Ten people who mattered this year.

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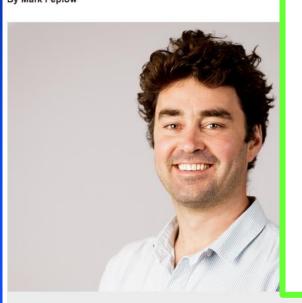
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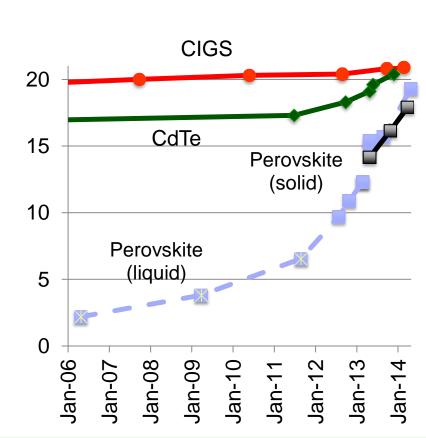


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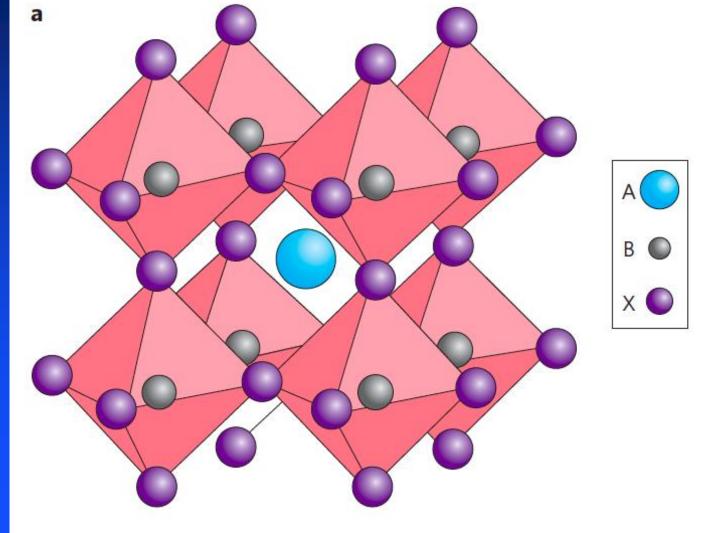


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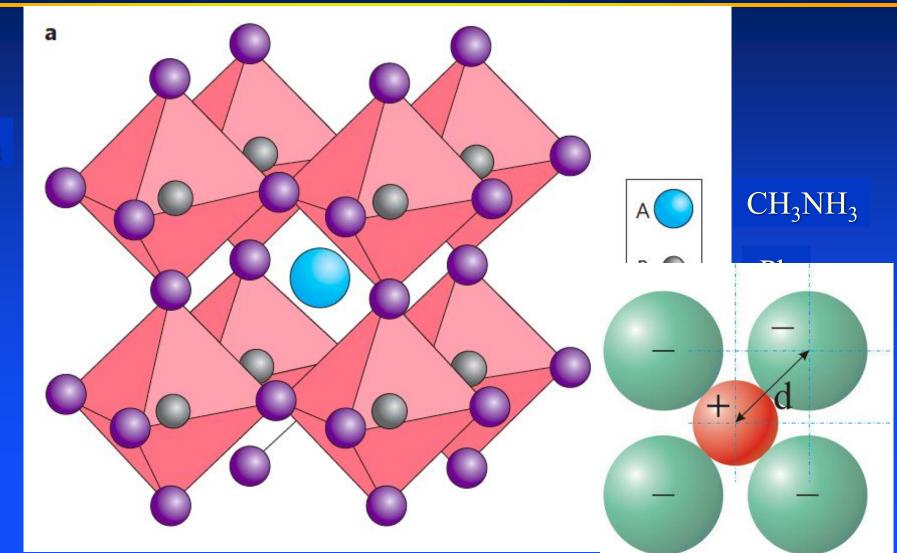
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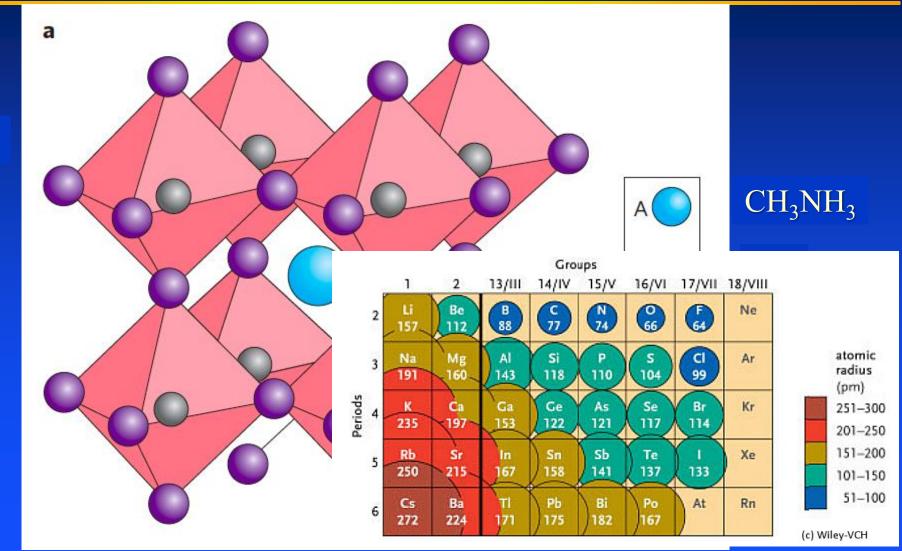
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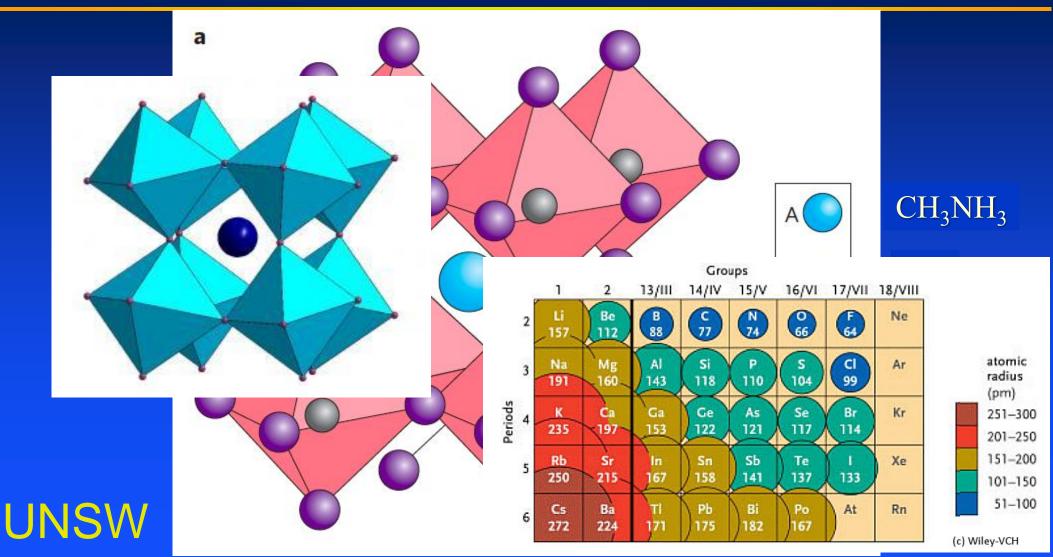


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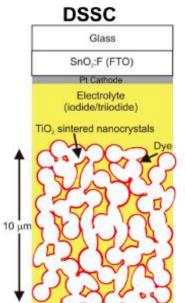
History





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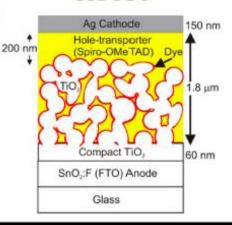
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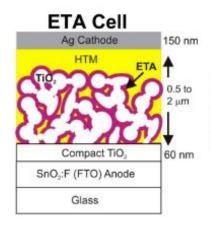
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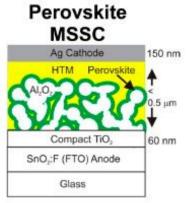
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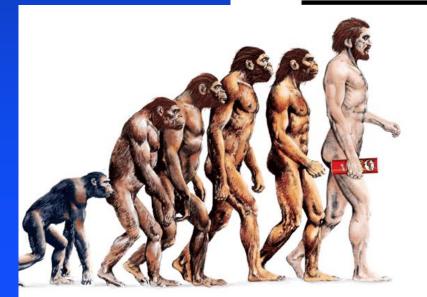
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Future direction

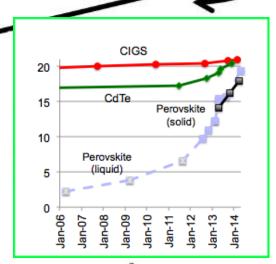
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Ag Cathode
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Thin Film
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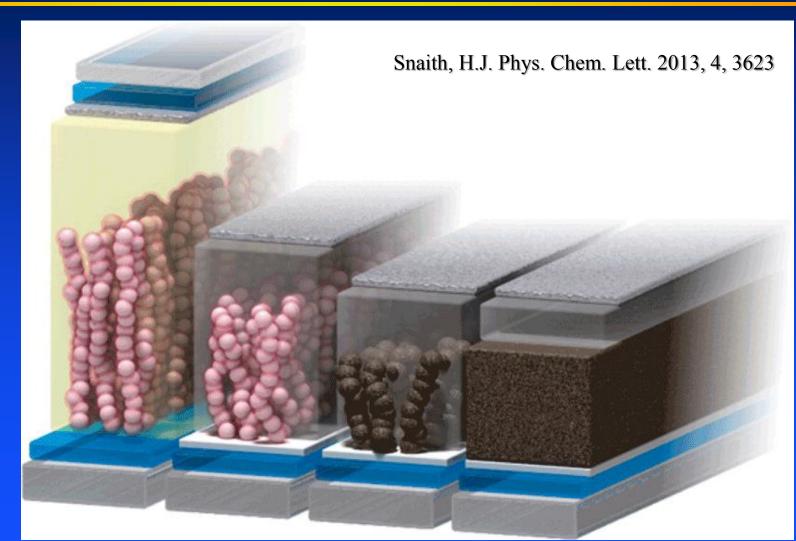
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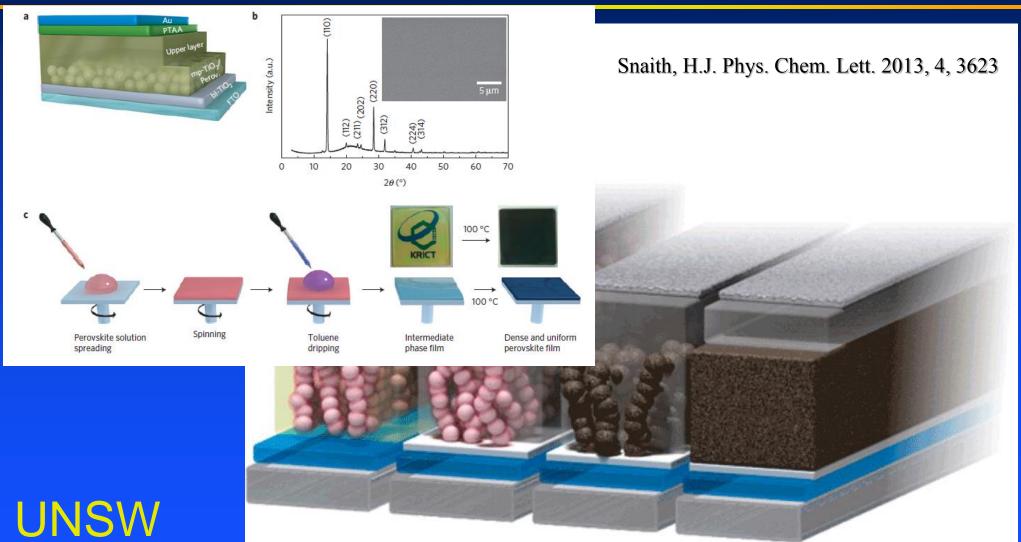
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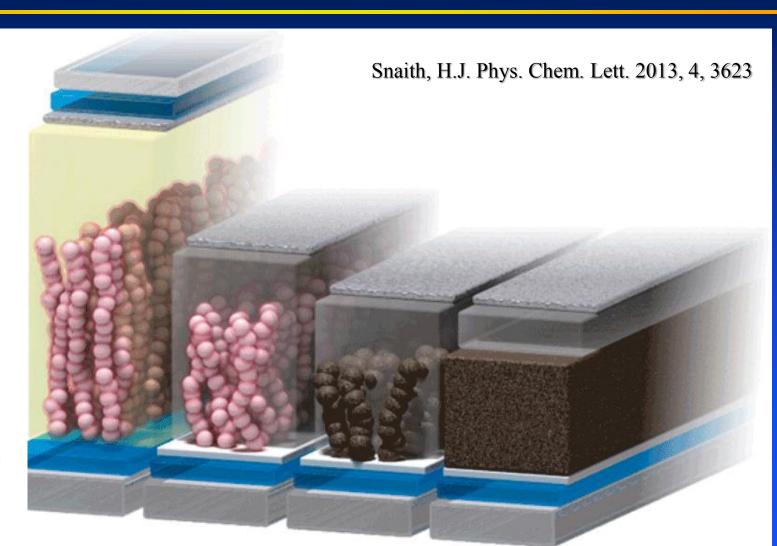


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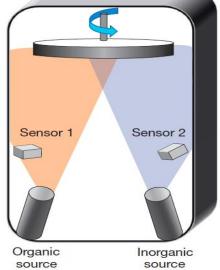




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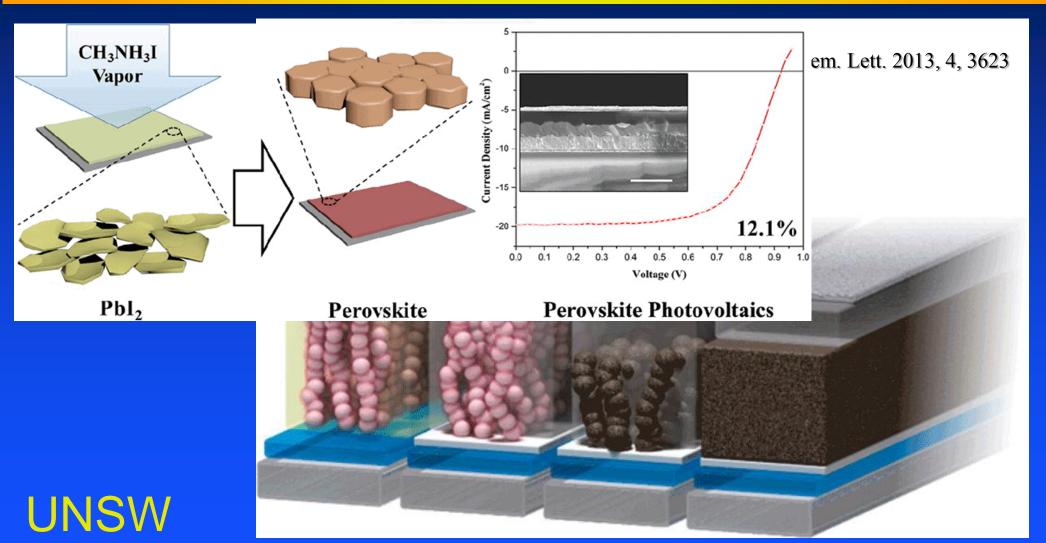


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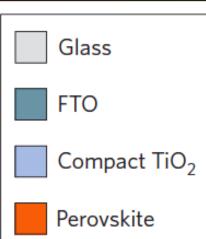


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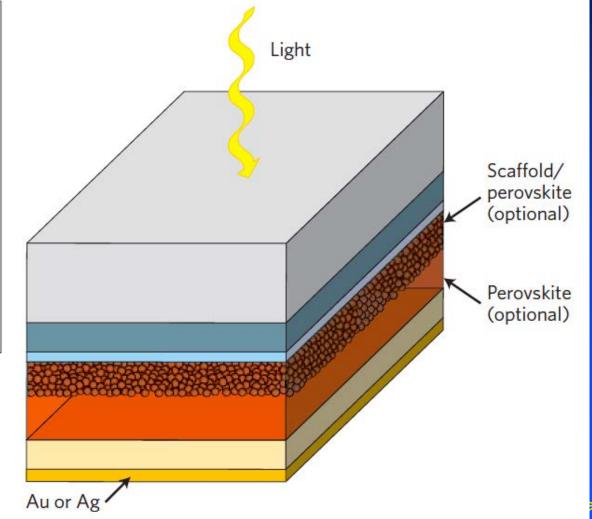


Device structure



MTH

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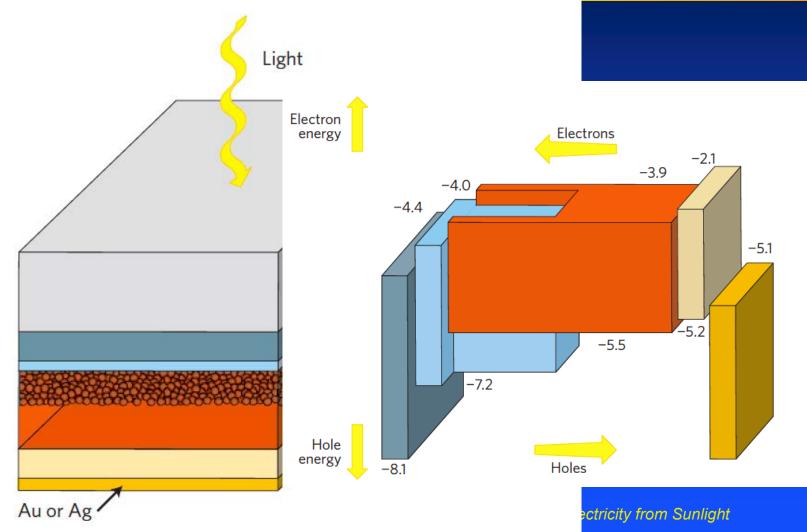






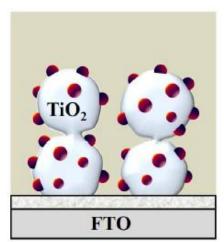


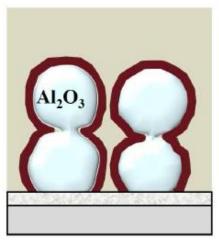


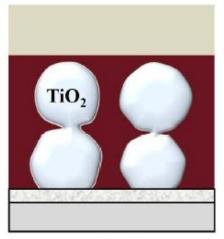


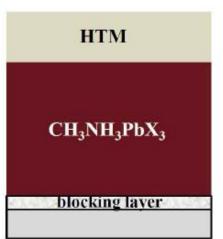
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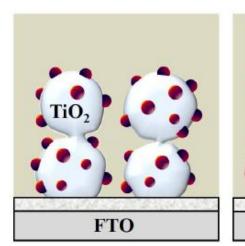


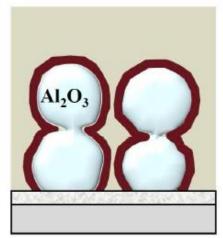


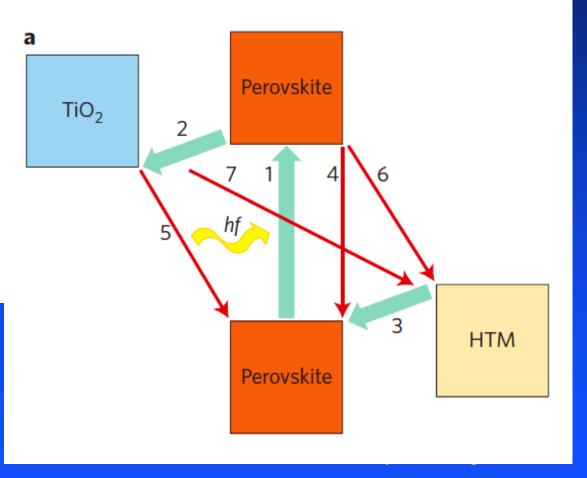


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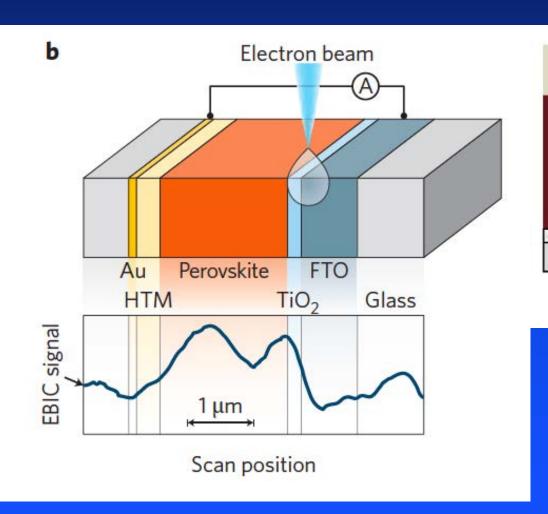


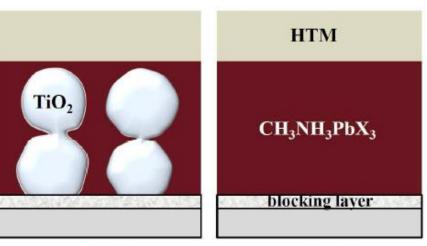




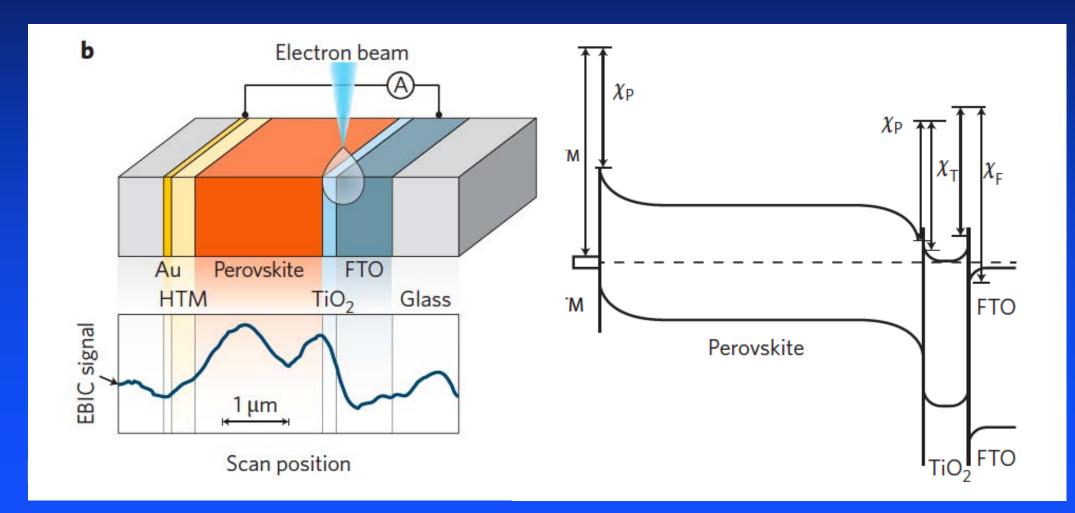
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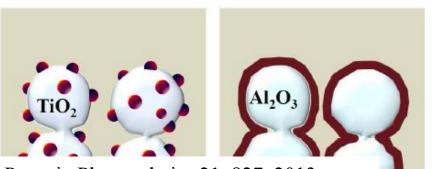




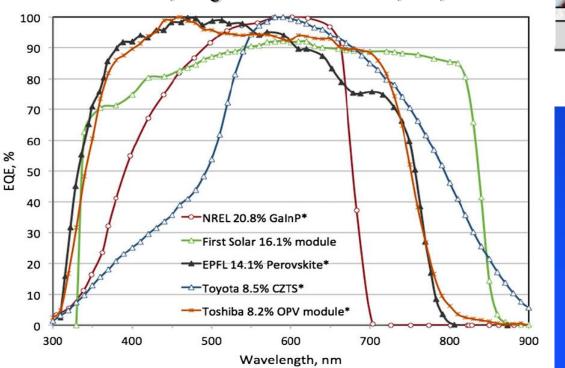


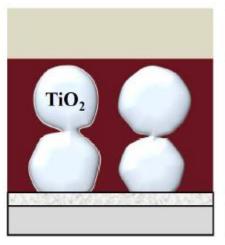


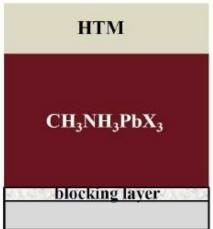




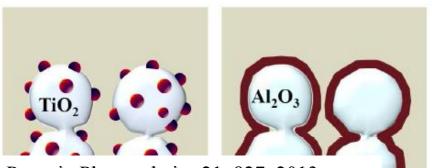
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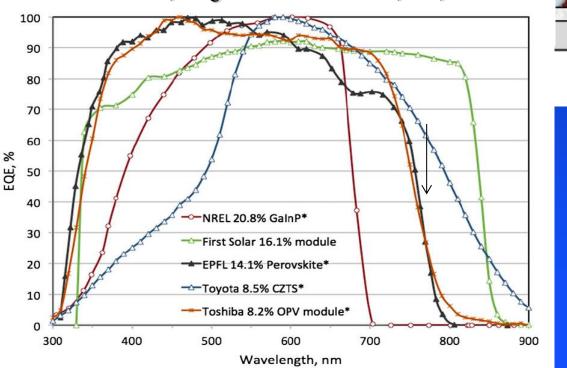


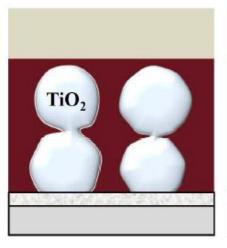


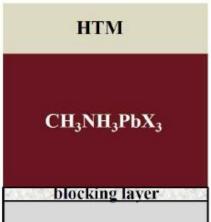




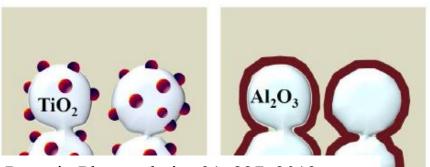
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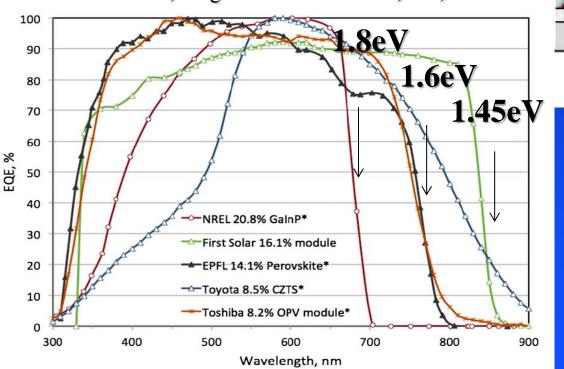


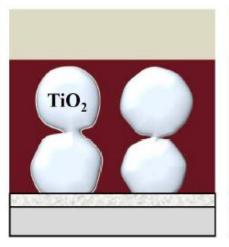


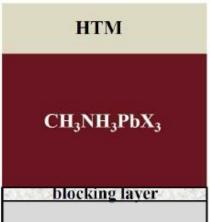




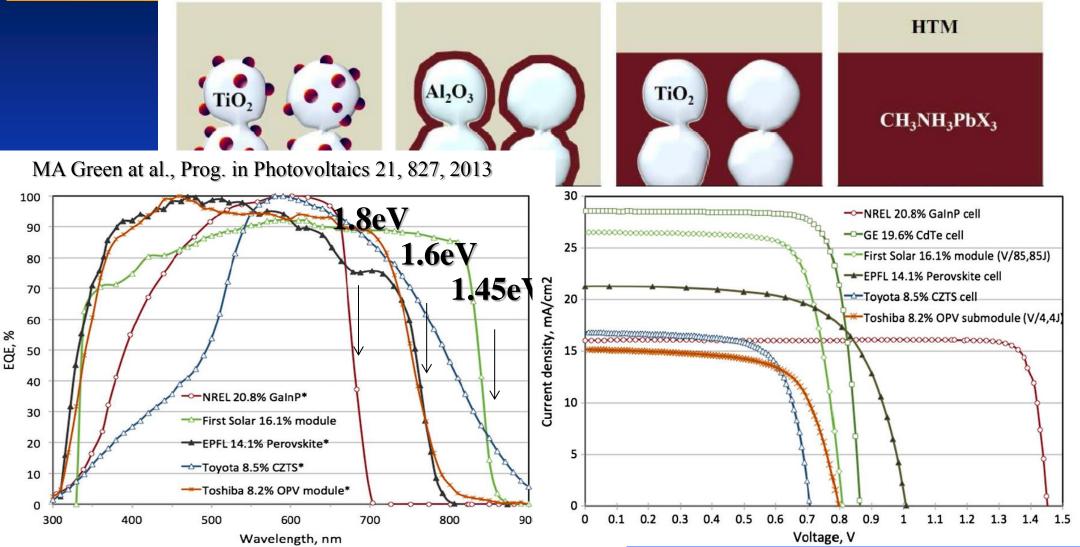
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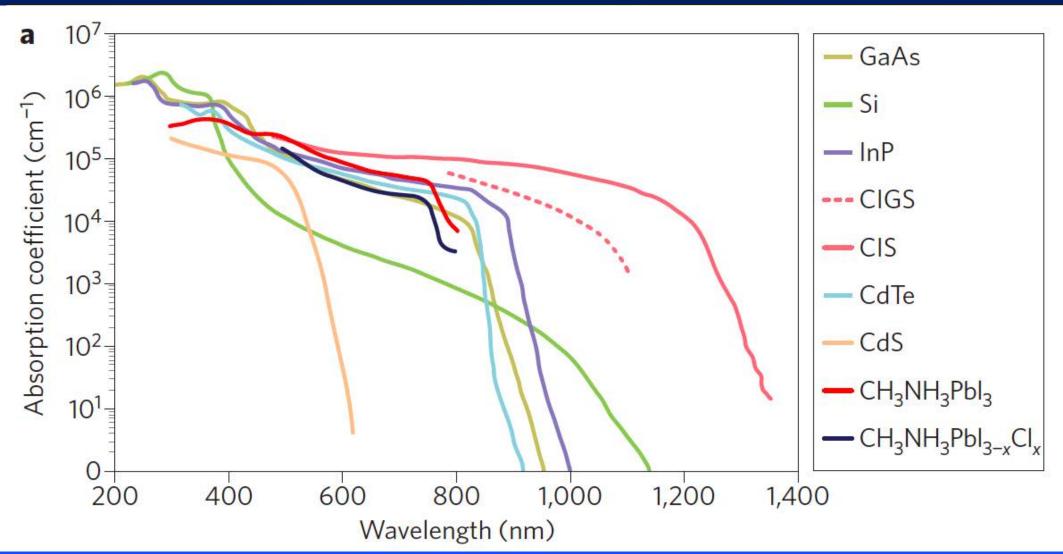






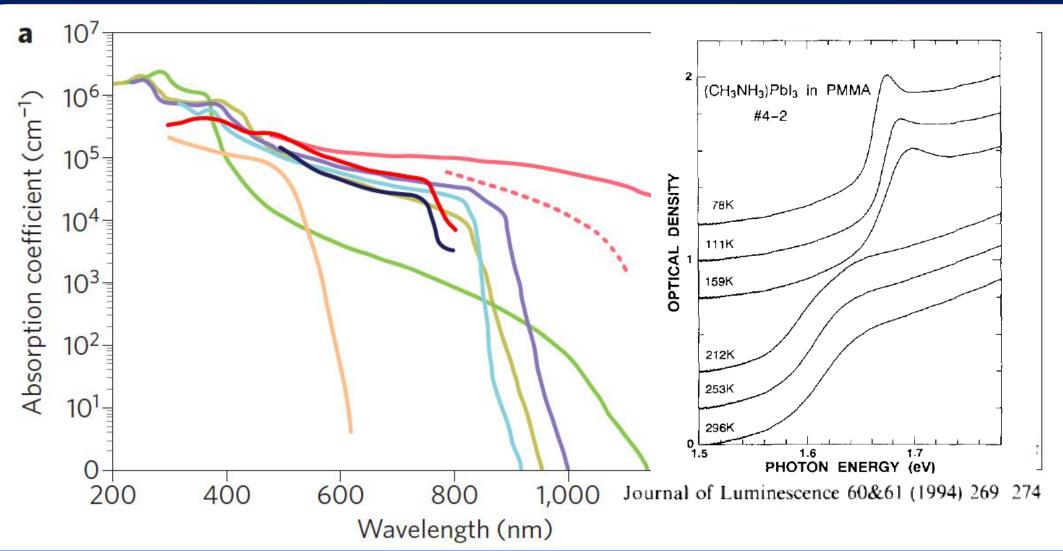


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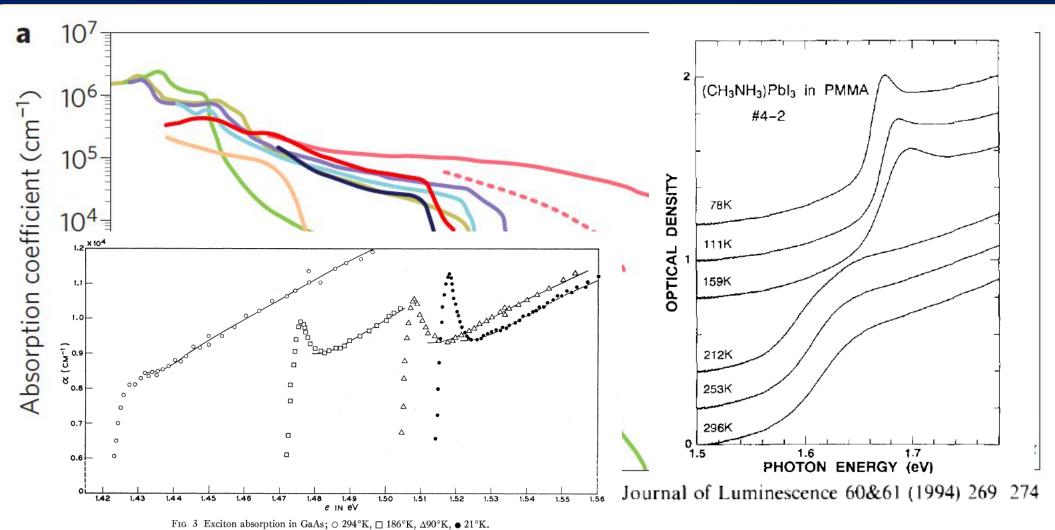


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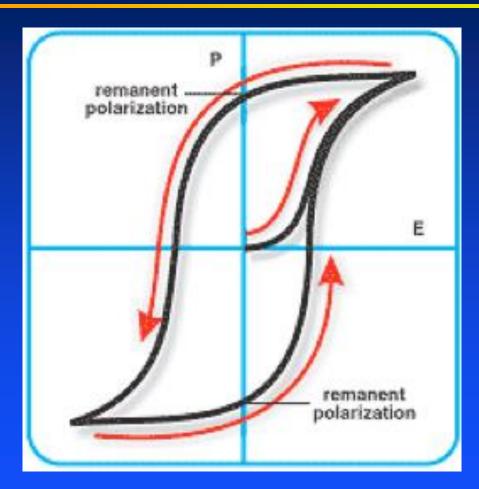




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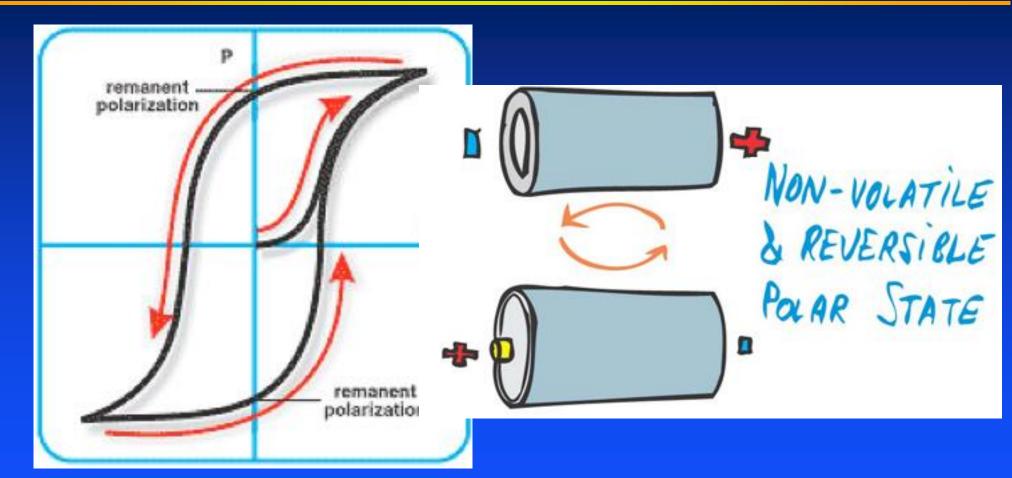






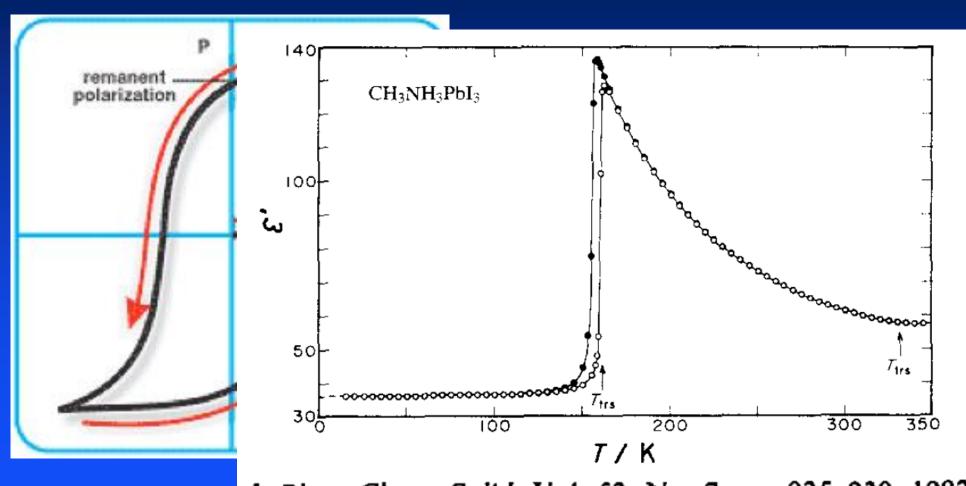






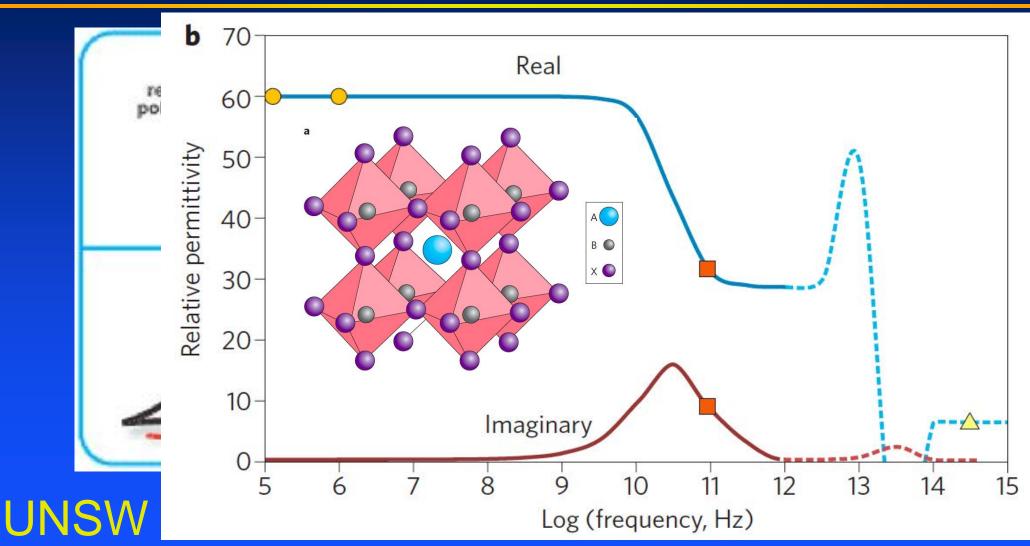




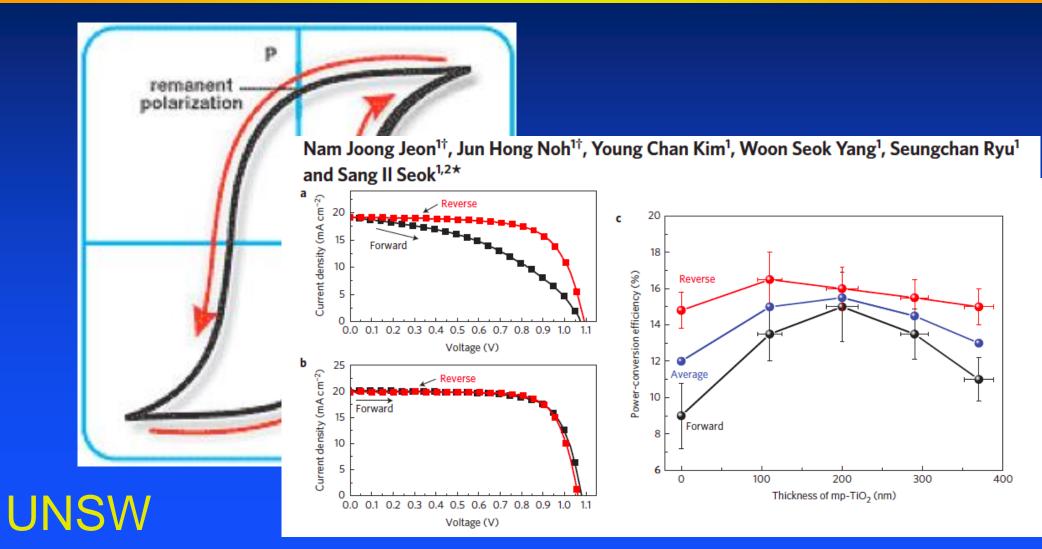


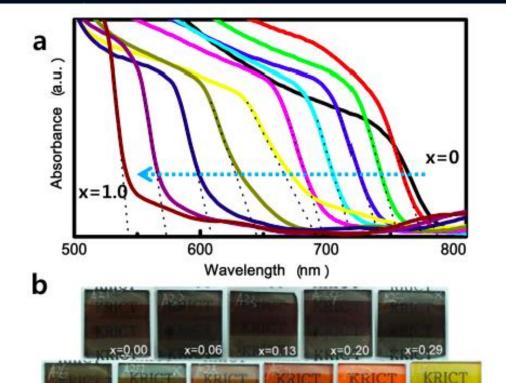
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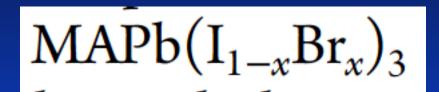


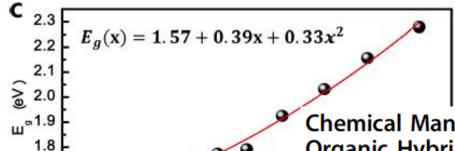






Mixed compounds





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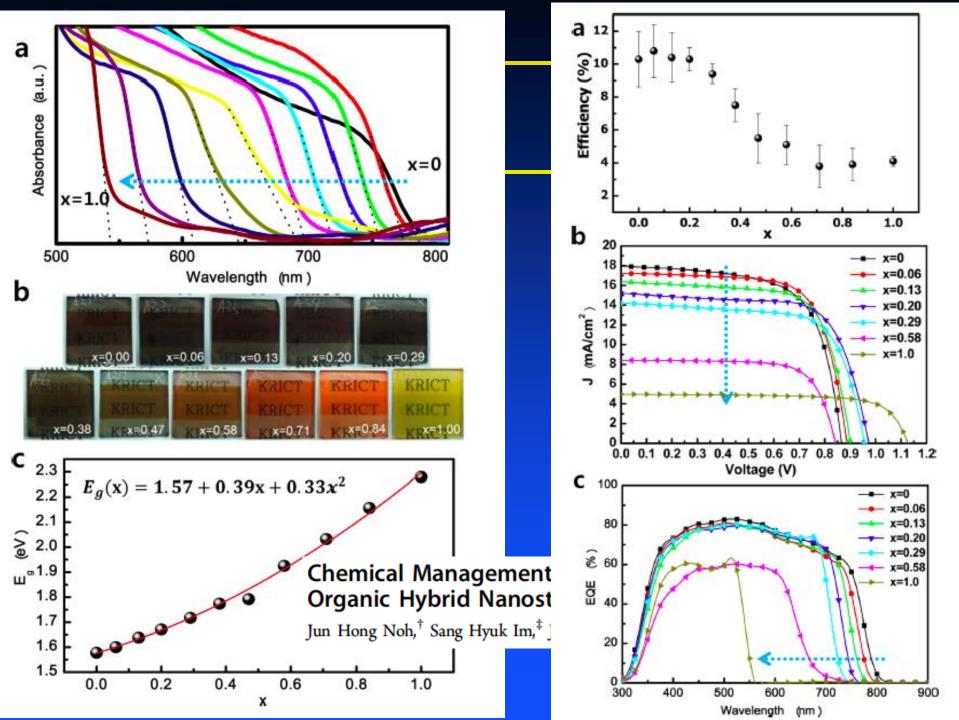
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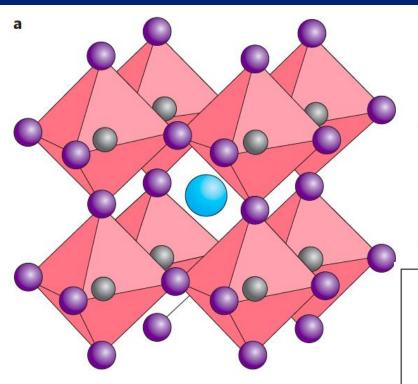
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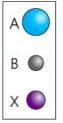


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Mixed compounds





- O MAPbl₃
- O MASnl₃
- X EAPbl₃
- X EASnl₃

- ☐ MAPbBr₃
- ☐ MASnBr₃
- + EAPbBr₃
- + EASnBr₃

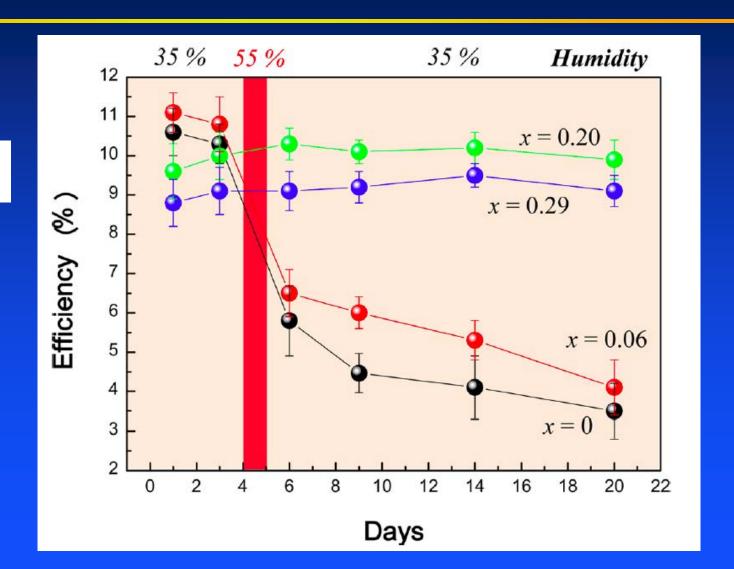
- ♦ MAPbCl₃
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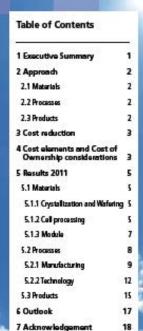


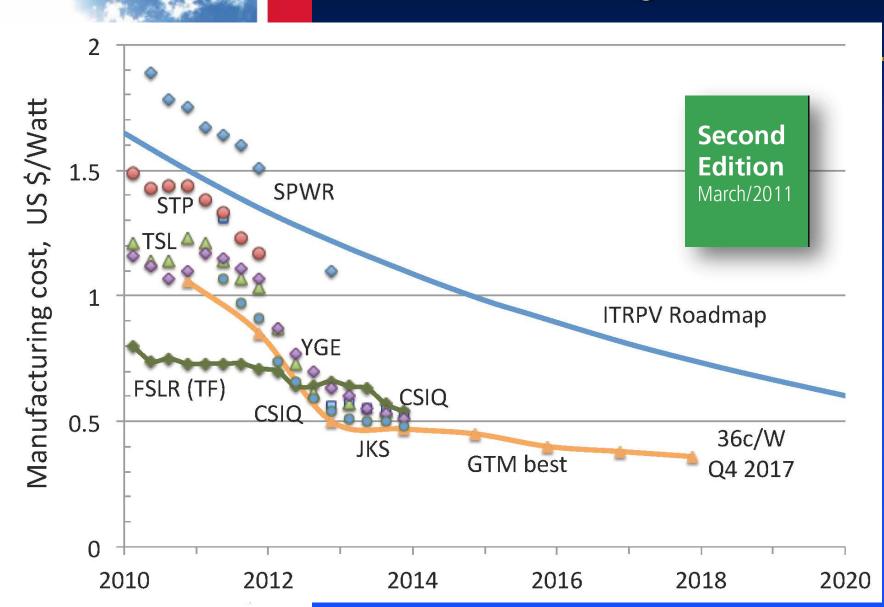
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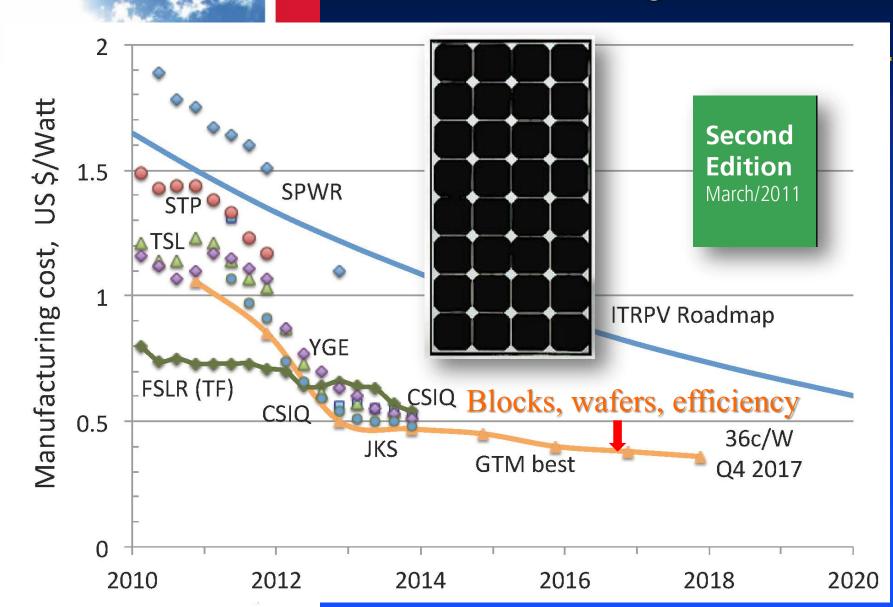




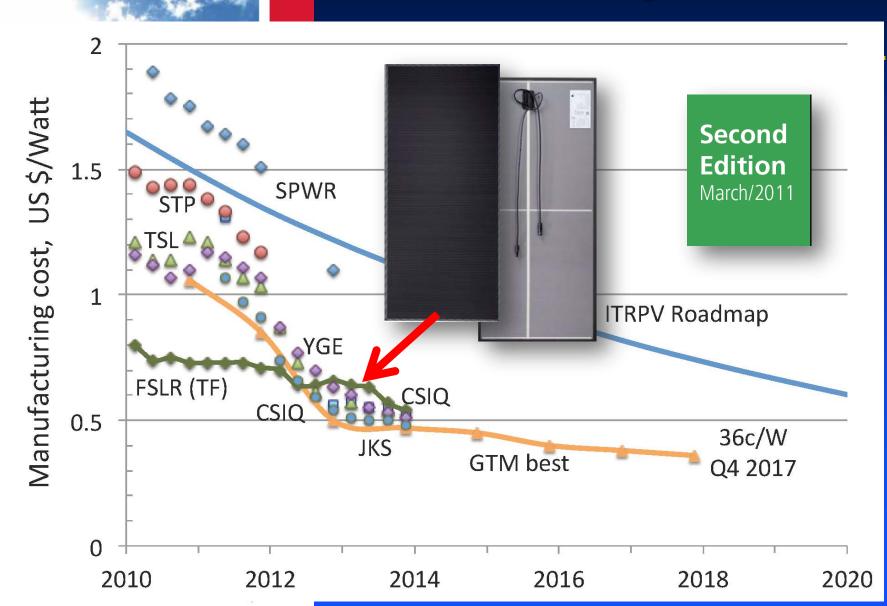


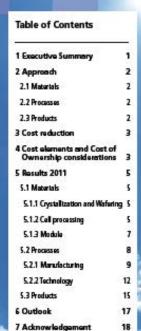


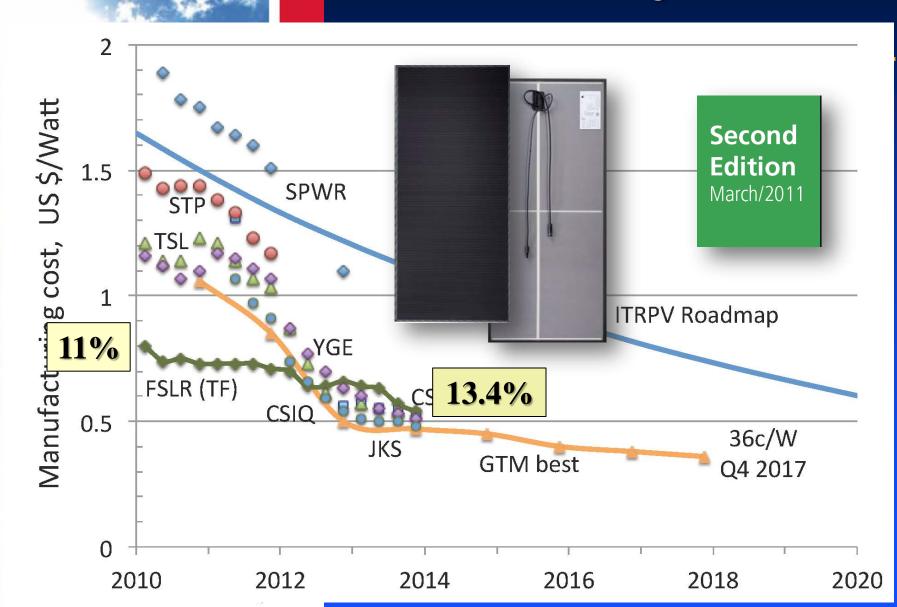


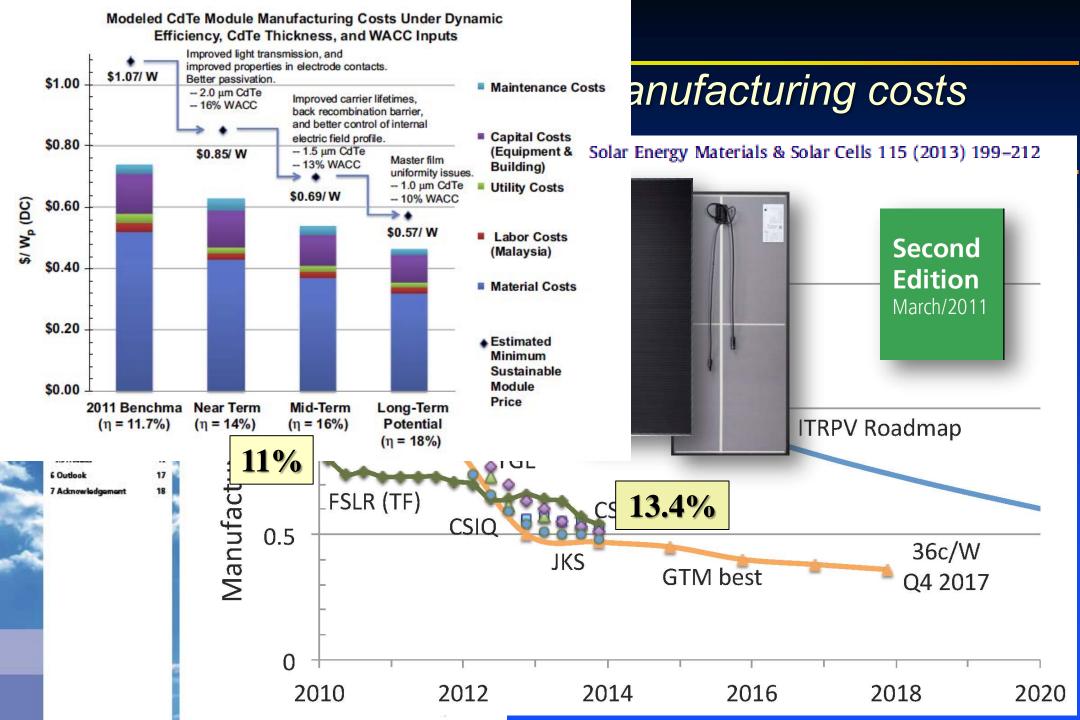


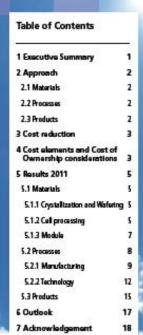


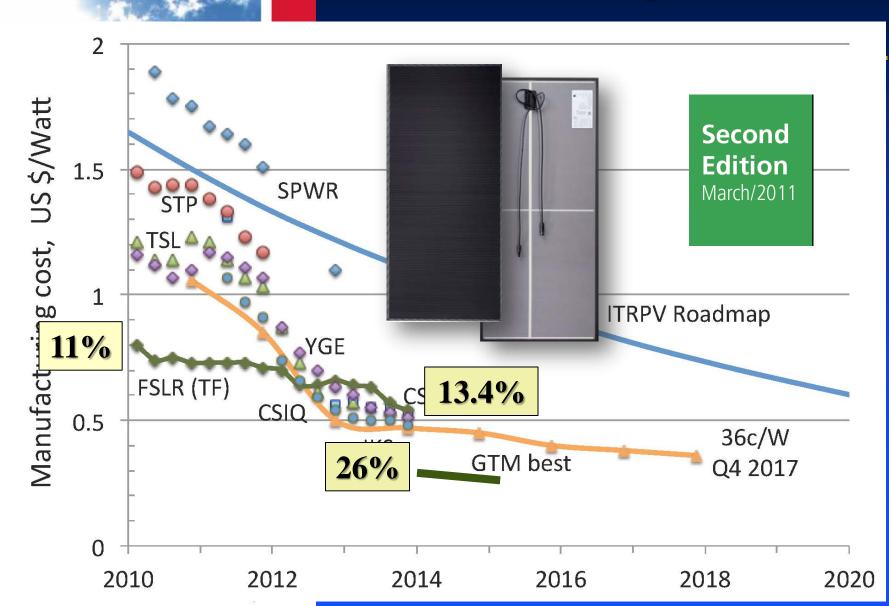


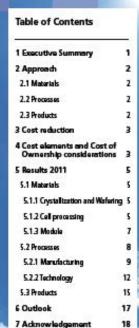


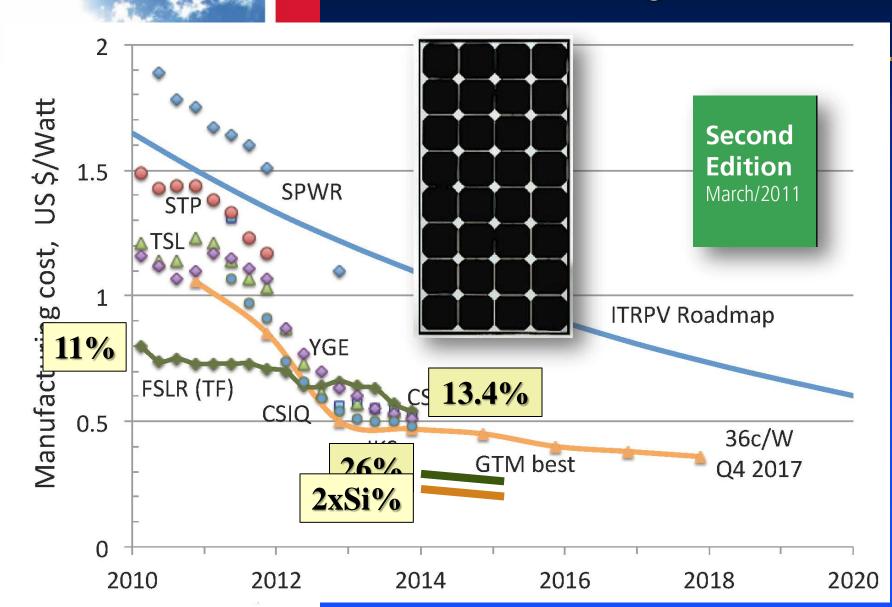






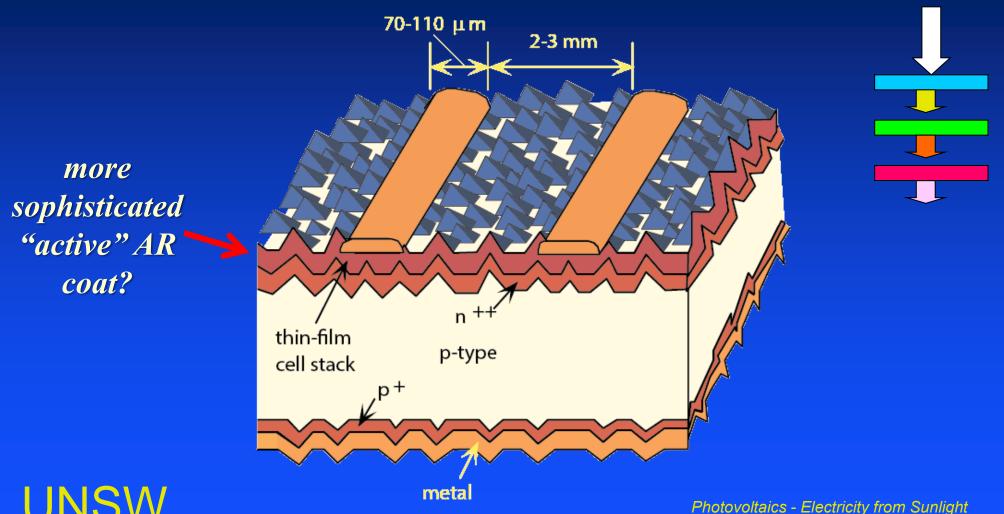








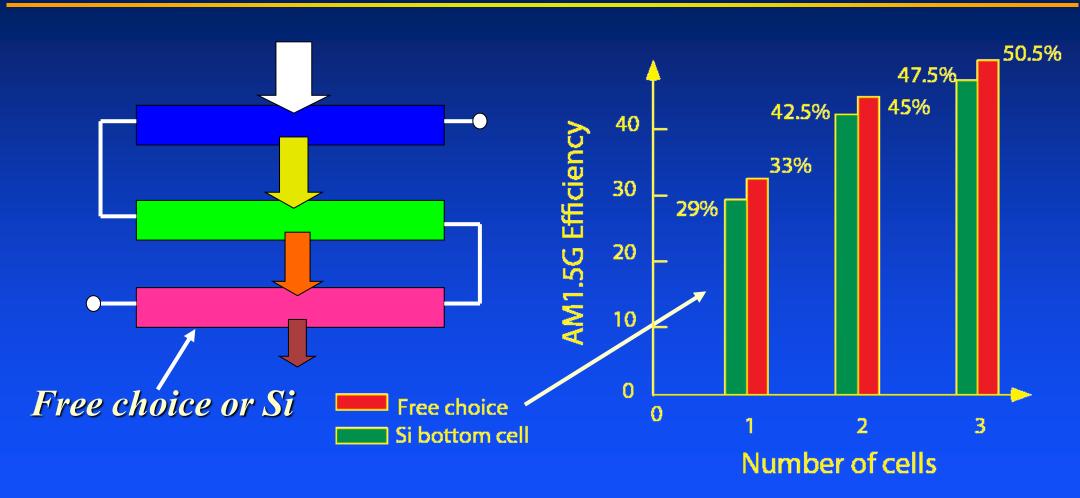
Si wafer-based stack: ultimate solution?



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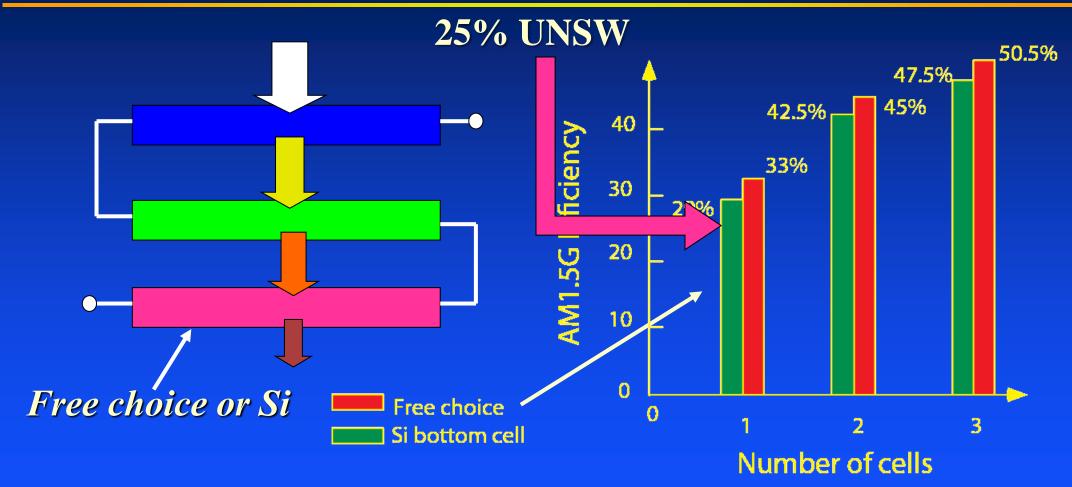




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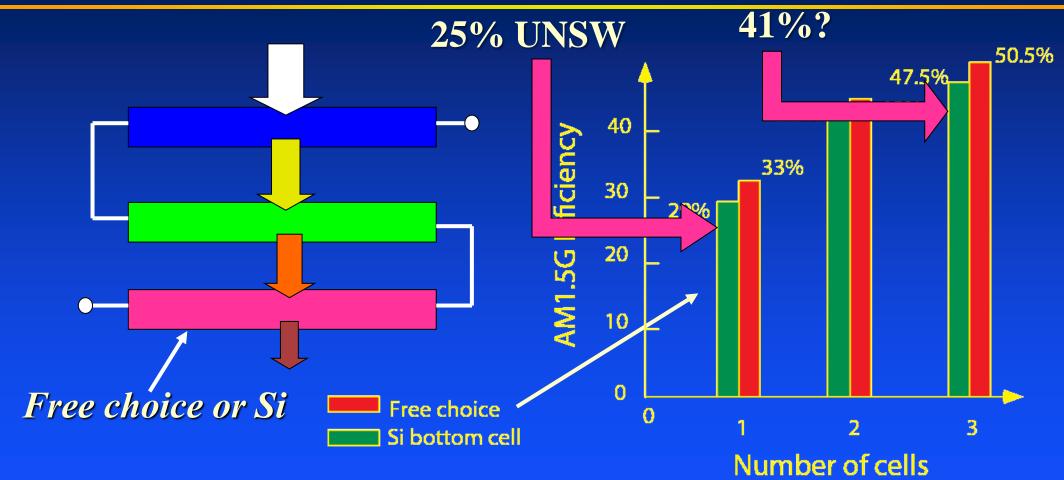


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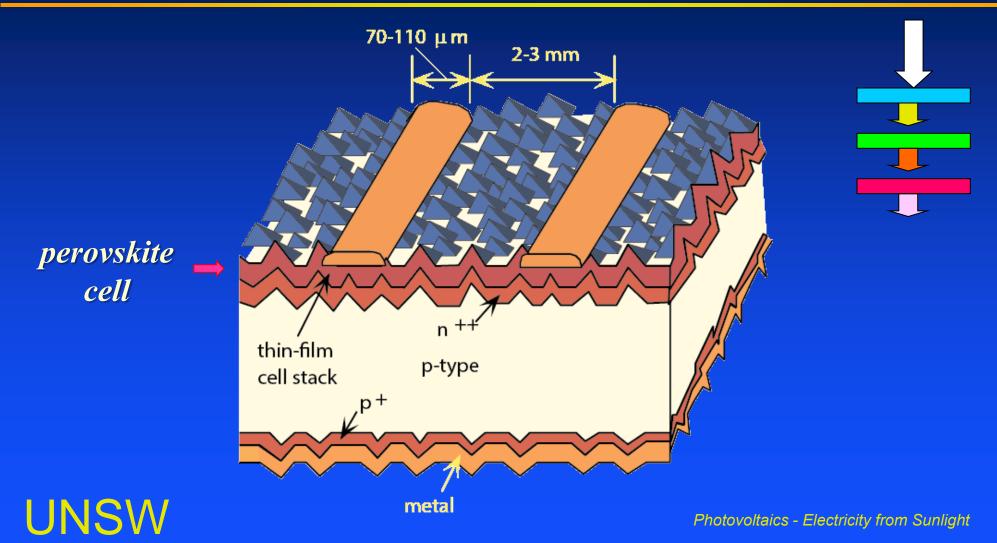
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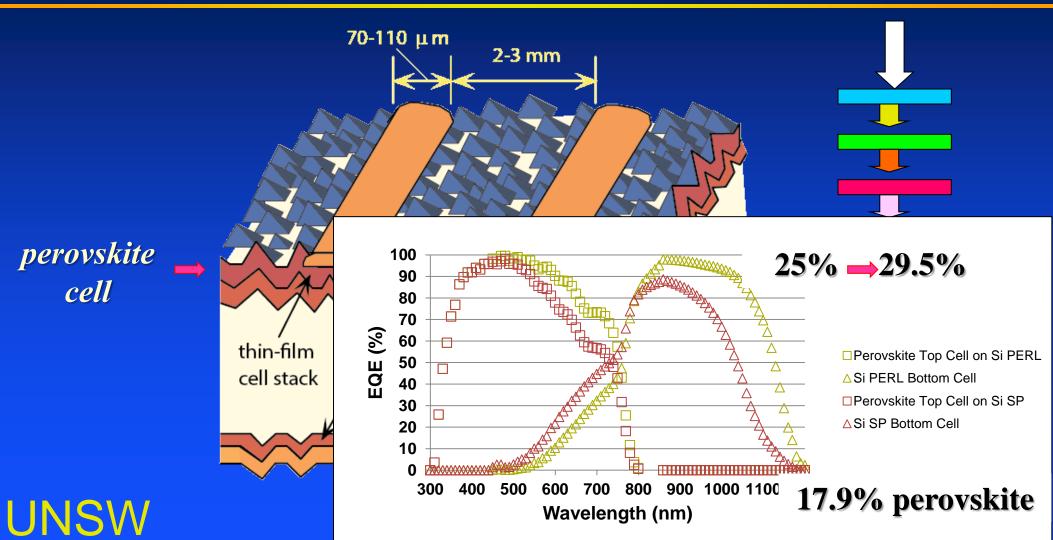
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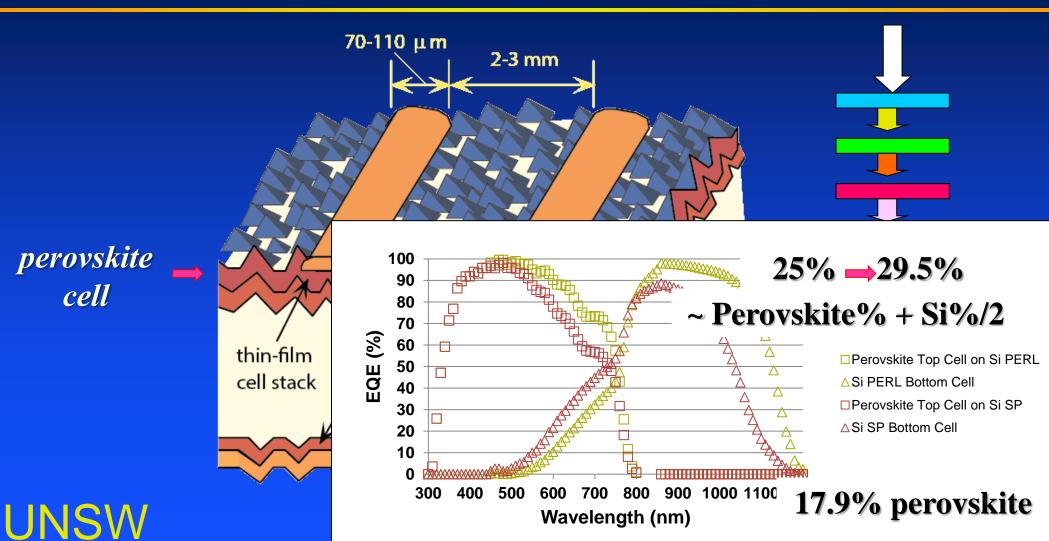




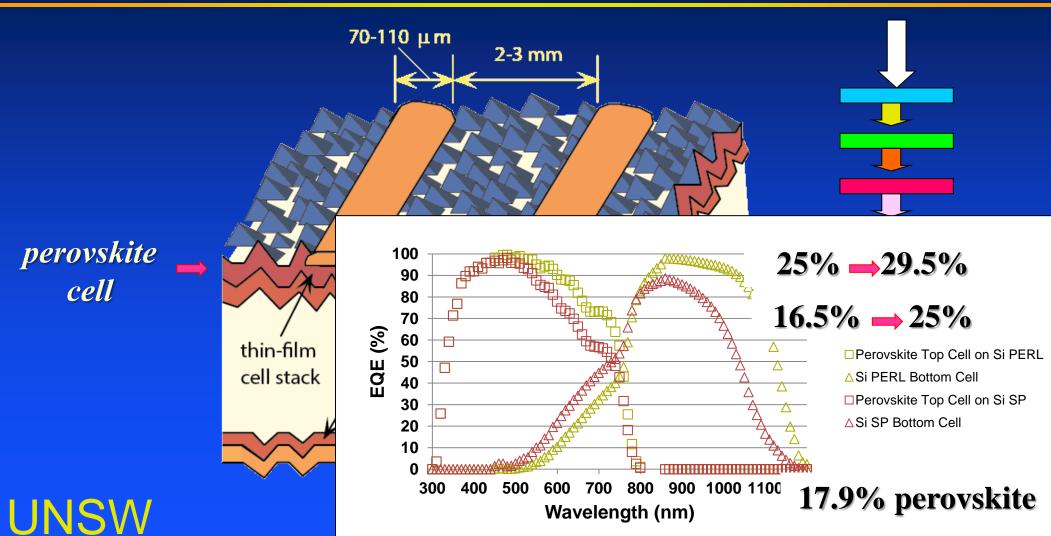






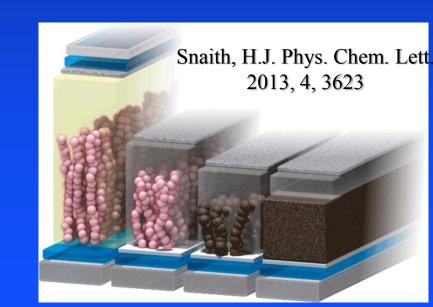






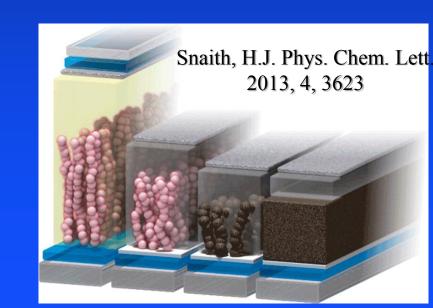


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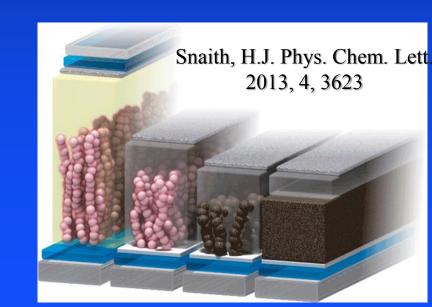


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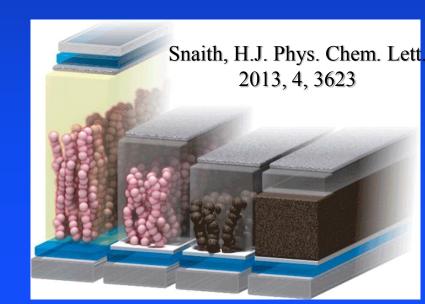


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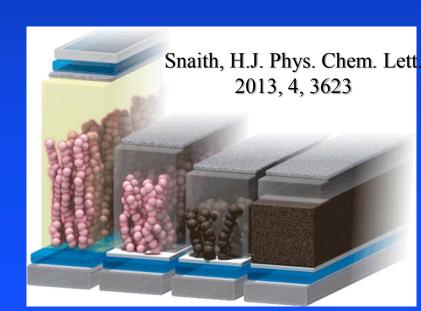


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- . Moisture sensitivity and toxicity of Pb

