





Organische Photovoltaik – Nanotechnologie auf dem Weg zu Anwendungen

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World Oil Production























- 15-18% reduction of price per doubling
- Fluctuations due to subvention cycles
- Currently: sales below cost down to 50 Cent/Wp















Solar power over the year





Fraunhofer IWES





Bulk Storage System Characteristics

Technology Option/ Characteristics	Zn / Halogen	Na-ion	Sodium Metal Halide	CAES Above Ground	NAS	Adv. Lead Acid	Zn/Br Redox	Vanadium Redox	Fe/Cr Redox	Zn/Air Redox
Unit Capacity MW MWH	83 250	50 250	50 250	50 250	50 300	50 250	50 250	50 250	50 250	50 250
Ac-Ac Efficiency,% (heat rate)* Energy Ratio**	7 <mark>5-80</mark>	85-90	87 1.3MW	(4000) 1.0	75-80	85-90	60-65	75-78	70-75	70-75
Foot print Ft2/kW	2.0	1.9 - 5.1	~0.6	1.6	2.0	1.9 - 5.1	0.9	2.0	4.44	1.3
Total Capital Costs (\$/kW) ¹	2021- 2470	2367- 2894	~2823- 3665	1762- 1958	2764- 3378	1753 - 4897	1506- 1841	3361- 4107	1,284- 1569	1285- 1570
Technical Maturity and readiness	R&D	R&D	Demo	Demo	Comm ercial	Commerc ial-Demo	ໄ∂ Demo	Demo	R&D	R&D
LCOE - \$/MWh	447-547	338-413	374-553	260-278	321- 392	274-630	257-314	457-559	220-269	187-229

1. For Systems with just one supplier an adjusted Capital Cost range of +/- 10% is illustrated. For Systems with multiple suppliers their total cost range is illustrated.







- Real challenge for PV:
- Not grid parity, but PV+storage="battery parity"
- Requires PV generation below 10 Cent/kWh @ Germany
- Requires module prices ≈ 20 Cent / Wp







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NREL record chart







Silicon solar cells





- Abundant material
- Huge synergies with microelectronics
- Efficiency:
 - ca. 25% lab
 - 15-20% module
 - ca. 200g material/m²
 - See talk 9:30 Hermle&Glunz





Three important systems:

Amorphous silicon

CdTe

CulnS/Se

Problem with rare elements except for a-Si

Approx. 10g material/m²









- Flexible plastic substrates and thin organic layers
- Low material consumption: approx. 1g/m²
- Potentially transparent, color adjustable
- Compatible with low-cost large-area production technologies











p-Si

- Energy payback time:
- Organics clearly ahead
- Payback times <1 year possible
- Go for high-efficiency organic!

Typical yearly yield Germany



A. Anctil et al., Progr. in Photovoltaics 2012





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Organic Semiconductors





ZnPc



- Williams&Schadt 1969
- 100µm Anthracene crystal, 100V voltage





Fig. 1. (a) Schematic diagram of the construction of a typical diode. (b) Photograph showing the electroluminescence from a typical diode in use. The diode has typical dimensions of ~1 cm² surface area.





3rd wave: Solar cells

4th wave: Organic electronics



2nd wave: OLED lighting

1st wave: OLED Displays











Sp₂-hybridised Carbon:







 π -electron systems delocalize!

- VdW crystals
- small π - π -overlap, narrow bands
- saturated electron system







Solution-Processing

Polymers&small molecules



- Layers made by e.g. printing
- High production speeds
 possible
- Room temperature process

Vacuum-Sublimation

Only small molecules





- Layers made by sublimation of material in vacuum
- Easy access to multi-layer systems
- High material purity







 Rocking width correlates with mobility

- Even small disorder reduces μ strongly
- Conductivities are accordingly low

N. Karl et al. 2001





- Drift-diffusion model set up by Wolfgang Tress
- Bulk Heterojunction between two contacts
- Different recombination models studied



Direct (bimolecular) recombination









Mobilities of 10⁻³ cm²/Vs are sufficient!

W. Tress et al., Phys. Rev. **B** 85, 155201 (2012)





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Classes of Organic PV



Polymer/small-molecule heterojunction

Dye-sensitized solar cell









Dye-sensitized cells (Grätzel cells)

- Photovoltaics following nature: Can be demonstrated with fruit juice and correction fluid
- More than 12% efficiency
- Problem: Liquid electrolyte





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Dye-sensitized Solar cell

Structure

Energy scheme

Dye sensitized Nanocrystalline Solar Cell (DYSC)



TiO₂ dye electrolyte contact

Efficiencies >12% demonstrated

 TiO_2 grains of 10 to 30nm size

Grätzel cell

IV-curve quantum efficiency A. Yella et al., Science 334, 629 (2011) В Photocurrent density [mA/cm²] **Þ** -20 100 Full sun -15 80 50% Sun IPCE [%] 60 -5 40 10% Sun - Y123 0 YD2-0-C8 **Dark current** 20 - YD2-o-C8 +Y123 5 400 500 600 700 200 400 600 800 0 1000 Potential [mV] Wavelength [nm]

- Efficiency potential: $\approx 15\%$
- Key problem: Aggressive electrolyte (encapsulation)
- Solid-State hole transport is challenging







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•Challenges of organic vs. inorganic PV:

Exciton Separation

Binding Energy >> kT

Diffusion Length:

Typically shorter than absorption length

Stability:

Does this organic stuff has any stability?







- Absorption leads to tightly bound (0.2 ... 0.5 eV) excitons
- Separation in electric field inefficient
- Usual solar cell structure does not work

S. E. Gledhill et al. J. Mat Res. 20, 3167 (2005) P. Würfel, CHIMIA 61, 770 (2007)




Flat heterojunction (FHJ)



C. W. Tang, Appl. Phys. Lett. 48, 183 (1986)





Example system: ZnPc/C₆₀



Open circuit voltage: $\approx 0.5V$ \Rightarrow Large loss of energy

Minimum energy loss upon charge separation: 0.2....0.7 eV?



- Exciton diffusion lengths seem to be small: ≈ 10 nm
- Limited by extrinsic or intrinsic processes?
- Much higher values have been reported for materials with higher order: up to micrometers...





TABLE I. Calculated quenching layer Förster radii (R_Q) and diffusion lengths (L_D) for singlet (S) and triplet (T) excitons of crystalline (C.) and amorphous (Amorph.) films.

Material	Exciton	Crystallinity (Orientation)	Quenching/Blocking Layers	R_Q with C ₆₀ (nm)	L_D (nm)
NPD	S	Amorph.	C ₆₀ /BCP	2.4	$5.1 (\pm 1.0)^{a}$
CBP	S	Amorph.	C ₆₀ (or NTCDA)/Bare	2.7	$16.8 (\pm 0.8)^{a}$
SubPc	S	Amorph.	C ₆₀ /Bare	1.1	8.0 (±0.3)
PTCDA	S	C55 nm (flat)	C ₆₀ (or NPD)/NTCDA	0.9	$10.4 (\pm 1.0)$
DIP	S	C>150 nm (upright)	C ₆₀ /Bare	1.2	16.5 (±0.4)
DIP	S	C30 nm (flat)	C ₆₀ /Bare	1.2	21.8 (±0.6)
PtOEP	T-Mon.	C>150 nm (upright)	C ₆₀ /BCP	0.6	18.0 (±0.6)
PtOEP	T-Dim.	C>150 nm (upright)	C ₆₀ /BCP	0.6	13.1 (±0.5)

^aCorrected for energy transfer to the quenching layer.

R.R. Lunt et al., J. Appl. Phys. 105, 053711 (2010)





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- Multi-scale approach needed for materials development
- Connection between molecular structure and device performance very complex





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- Bodipys: T. Rousseau et al., Chem. Comm. 1673 (2009), R. Gresser et al., Tetrahedron 67, 7148 (2011)
- Thiophenes: K. Schulze et al., Adv. Mat. 18, 2872 (2006); E. Ripaud et al., Adv. En. Mat. 1, 540 (2011), Y. Sun et al., Nature Mat. 11, 44 (2012)











Case study: Perylene derivatives





Christoph Schünemann

Steric hindrance???

- \rightarrow effect on molecular orientation?
- \rightarrow effect on **phase separation** in blend layers with C₆₀?
- \rightarrow differences in planar and bulk heterojunction solar cells???

Chris Elschner





XRD measurements performed by Lutz Wilde, Fraunhofer CNT Dresden





Ellipsometry (VASE)



100 nm DIP /

Ph4-DIP SiO₂ (IES)

VASE measurements performed by David Wynands and Roland Schulze, IPF Dresden

Wavelength dependent extinction values by VASE:

Main direction of transition dipole moment parallel to the long axis





Low gap thiophene oligomers









Minimum loss due to exciton separation: roughly 0.3V







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R. Fitzner et al., JACS 134, 11064 (2012)





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- Tandem or triple cells
- Extend absorption to IR



M. Hiramoto et al., Chem. Lett. **1990** (1990) 327; A. Yakimov & S.R. Forrest, Appl. Phys. Lett. **80** (2002) 1667



Organic p-i-n Solar Cells





B. Maennig *et al.*, Appl. Phys. A 79, 1 (2004)M. Riede *et al.*, Nanotechnology 19, 424001 (2008)



Pin-tandem cells:

p-i-ntandem cells:



- Pn-junction is ideal recombination contact
- optimizing interference pattern with conductive transparent layers
- =>optical engineering on nanometer layer thickness scale

J. Drechsel et al., Appl.Phys.Lett. 86, 244102 (2005)









Thickness of spacer layer:

0 nm (1st max)

74nm (1st min)

124nm (2nd max)

R. Schüppel et al., J. Appl. Phys. 107, 044503 (2010)







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 Stacking two D/A heterojunctions

 → reverse HJ
 → voltage loss

- Our Approach:
 - highly doped layers for energy level alignment at the interface
 - no quasi-Fermi level splitting
 - •no loss of $V_{\rm oc}$



R. Timmreck et al., J. Appl. Phys. 108, 033108 (2010)





 Metal clusters have only weak effect on efficient recombination

 Highly doped pnjunction is very efficient, stable and simple recombination contact



R. Timmreck et al., J. Appl. Phys. 108, 033108 (2010)



12 % Efficiency - new world Record for OPV

Measured by SGS at standard test conditions (December 2012)







OPV Module record





9% Module Efficiency on Glass Record efficiencies thanks to minimum upscaling losses



7 Cells in Series	Active Area 122 cm ²	Total Area 142 cm²
VOC	11.8 V	11.8 V
VOC per cell	1.67 V	1.67 V
JSC mA/cm ²	1.21	1.04
FF	63 %	63 %
Efficiency	9.0 %	7.7 %



Development of OPV Efficiencies





diagram available under www.orgworld.de





- Standard measurement: 1 sun, 25 °C, perpendicular incidence
- Reality: 40-60 °C, often less than 1 sun, diffuse light
- Organics:
 - Positive temperature coefficient
 - Higher efficiency for lower intensity
 - Special diffuse light responsivity
- Sums up in the O-Factor: approx. 30% better!



Intensity Performance







Superior low-light performance:

- 97 % of full-sun efficiency at 1/10th sun
- Heliatek Absorber
- Certified Efficiency: 8.3 % (1 cm²)
- Collaboration of Heliatek und IAPP (TU Dresden)



Temperature performance



Positive temperature coefficient





- Heliatek OPV: Efficiency has broad maximum between 30°C and 60°C
- c-Si and CIGS:
 - 15 % lower efficiency at 60 °C
- µc-Si/a-Si:
 - 10 % lower efficiency at 60 °C

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Main challenge: Infrared absorbers with good transport properties!





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Long-term stability

Manufacturing & applications







- Lifetime is complex parameter depending on cell and encapsulation
- Extrapolated measurements indicated that cells can be extremely stable
- Detailed studies:
- Water and oxygen induced degradation of small molecule organic solar cells, M. Hermenau, M. Riede, K. Leo, S. Gevorgyan, F. Krebs, and K. Norrman, Solar Energy Materials & Solar Cells 95, 1268-1277 (2011)
- Total charge amount as indicator for the degradation of small molecule organic solar cells, M. Hermenau, S. Scholz, K. Leo, and M. Riede, Solar Energy Materials & Solar Cells 95, 1278-1283 (2011)





Dependence of degradation on photocurrent



Degradation is directly proportional to photocurrent



M. Hermenau et al., Solar EnergyMaterials&SolarCells 95, 1278 (2011)





- Mainly current and FF degrade; V_{oc} is rather stable
- Water is much more relevant than oxygen
 - Water leads to oxidation of Al electrode
 - Water induced ZnPc degradation



M. Hermenau et al. Solar En. Mat. & Solar Cells **95**, 1268 (2011)





Aging tests performed on 8.3% record cell, glass encapsulated







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Roll to roll vacuum coater



attachement possibility

for a glove box



deposition cylinder

winding units




OLED OPERATION TESTS UNDER INERT CONDITIONS AND AFTER LAMINATION



Electrical tests after the encapsulation



Heliatek Roll coater







First applications



- Building integrated PV (BIPV)
- Automotive
- Outdoor
- Sun shades
- Key advantages:
 - Thin, lightweight
 - Transparent
 - Attractive color



Source: Heliatek





Organic Solar Cells have developed from lab curiosity to a serious technology

First serious applications in automotive and building integration

• Module efficiencies beyond 15% seem possible

Low-cost manufacturing is possible in mid-term future





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