

ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC APPLICATIONS

The unprecedented interest in renewable, clean, abundant and potentially low-cost energy makes photovoltaics one of the most promising technology for this area. Recent drop in cost/efficiency ratio of electricity produced by the direct conversion of sunlight allows more people to have access to this environmentally friendly energy. Photovoltaics is an area that is frequently highlighted by EU commission and takes place in Horizon 2020 targets under “competitive low-carbon energy” calls.

Silicon has been dominated the photovoltaics industry over several decades thanks to its superior properties and well-developed microelectronics industry based on it. Recently, very high efficiencies have been reported from solar cells fabricated using c-Si as well as various materials such as CdTe, CIGS, perovskites, organics and III-V based multijunction. Development of earth-abundant, non-toxic and low-cost materials are important to reduce the cost/efficiency ratio further.

The focus of the proposed session is on areas of growth, modelling and characterization of solar materials and devices. Special emphasis will be given, but not limited, to the effect of the material properties on the device efficiency with particular interest on cells manufacturing, thin films, nanostructures, phenomena at interfaces, structural defects, bulk and surface properties, carriers transport properties, light trapping mechanisms, flexible substrates, etc. This session will provide a platform for discussion on the wide range of advanced materials used for photovoltaic applications. All colleagues interested in the recent progresses and future challenges are invited to participate and encouraged to submit their contributions.

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Short Curriculum Vitae

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She has authored and coauthored more than 80 papers published in peer-reviewed journals and in international conference proceedings which have been cited about 1200 times (h-index of 20, SCOPUS source). She is coinventor of one U.S. Patent, participant of several national and EU research projects and supervisor of several Master and PhD theses. She serves as referee for outstanding international scientific journals and co-organized various symposia at the European Materials Research Society (E-MRS). Since 2012 she is member of the technical program committee of European Solid-State Device Conference (ESSDERC). She received the "Young Scientist Award" at the E-MRS (2003) and the "Premio per Dottori di Ricerca" from the Accademia Gioenia (2004).