

# Functional Materials for Energy Conversion and Storage

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# About our university

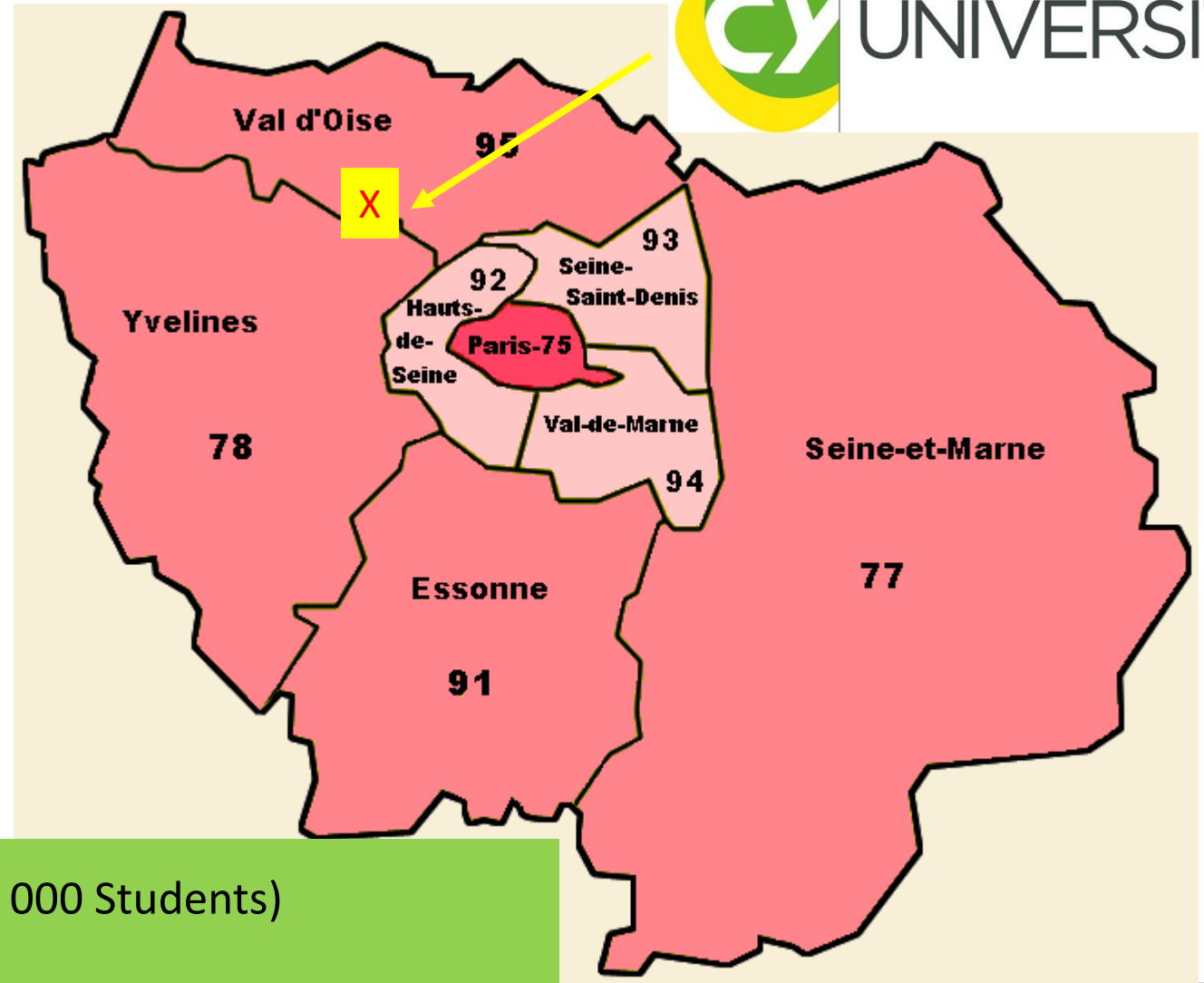
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Public national university in Paris area ( $\approx 25\,000$  Students)

West of Paris,  $\sim 30$  km from Paris center



# About our university

23 research units: 2 chemistry institutes

(i) biochemistry

(ii) polymer chemistry



Laboratory of Physicochemistry  
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Permanent staff: 20

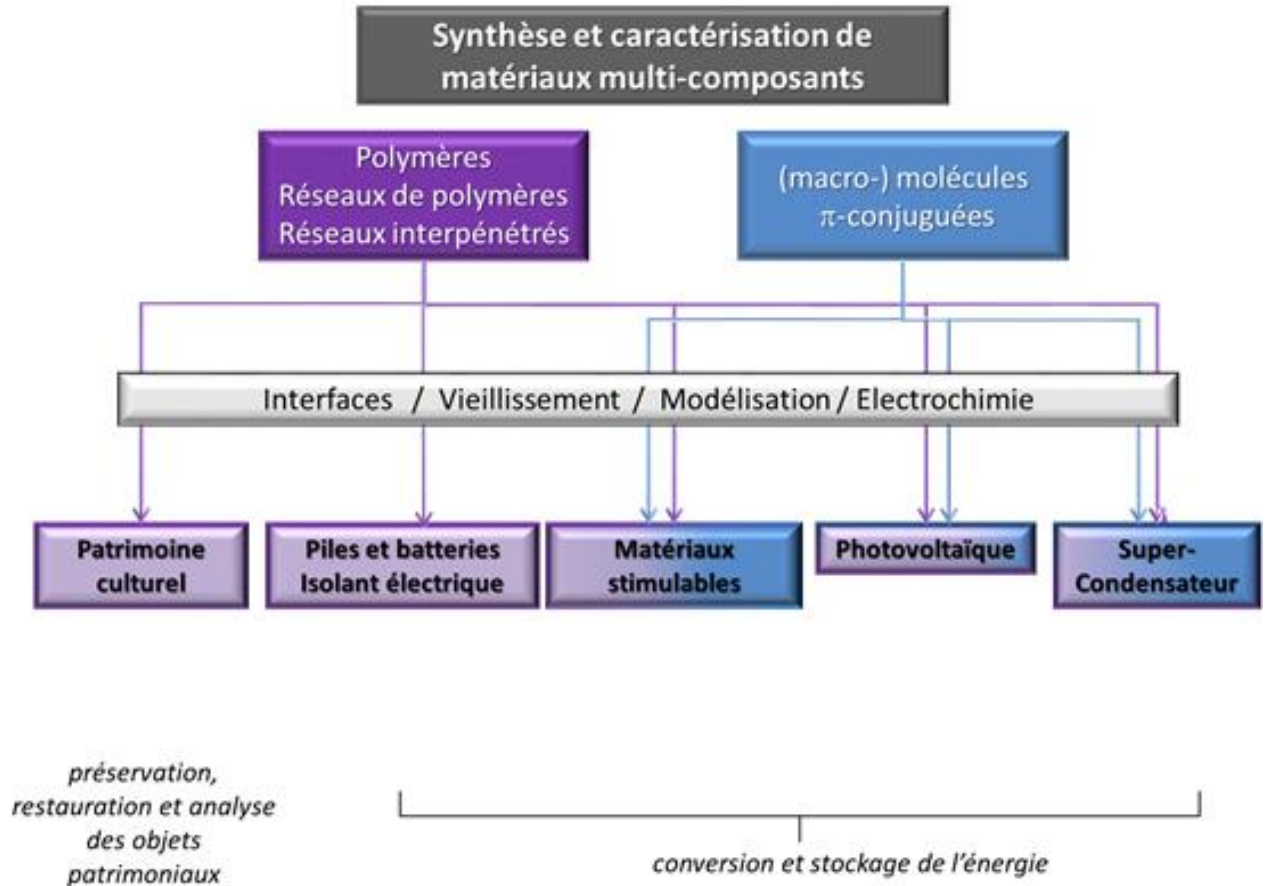
(5 Full Prof, 11 Assoc. Prof,  
2 Lecturer + 4 Technical staffs)

**Total : ≈ 50**

PhD Students & Post-docs: 20-30

Undergrad: 10-20

## Research in our institute



# About me

1983: Born (1983) and grown up in Phu Tho, Vietnam



## Education

**BSc (2004), MSc (2005)** Paris-Sud University (Paris 11)

**PhD (2010)** University of Toulouse

Research stays: Germany, Poland, Japan, China, Korea (from 1 – 4 months)

## Professional Career

**Since 09/2013:**

Maître de conférences  
Associate professor  
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**Postdoc + Lecturer (2011-2013)**

University of Cergy Pontoir

**Postdoc (2011)**

University of Grenoble



**MS (2007)**

ENSCM Montpellier



# About my research

## Main Topics

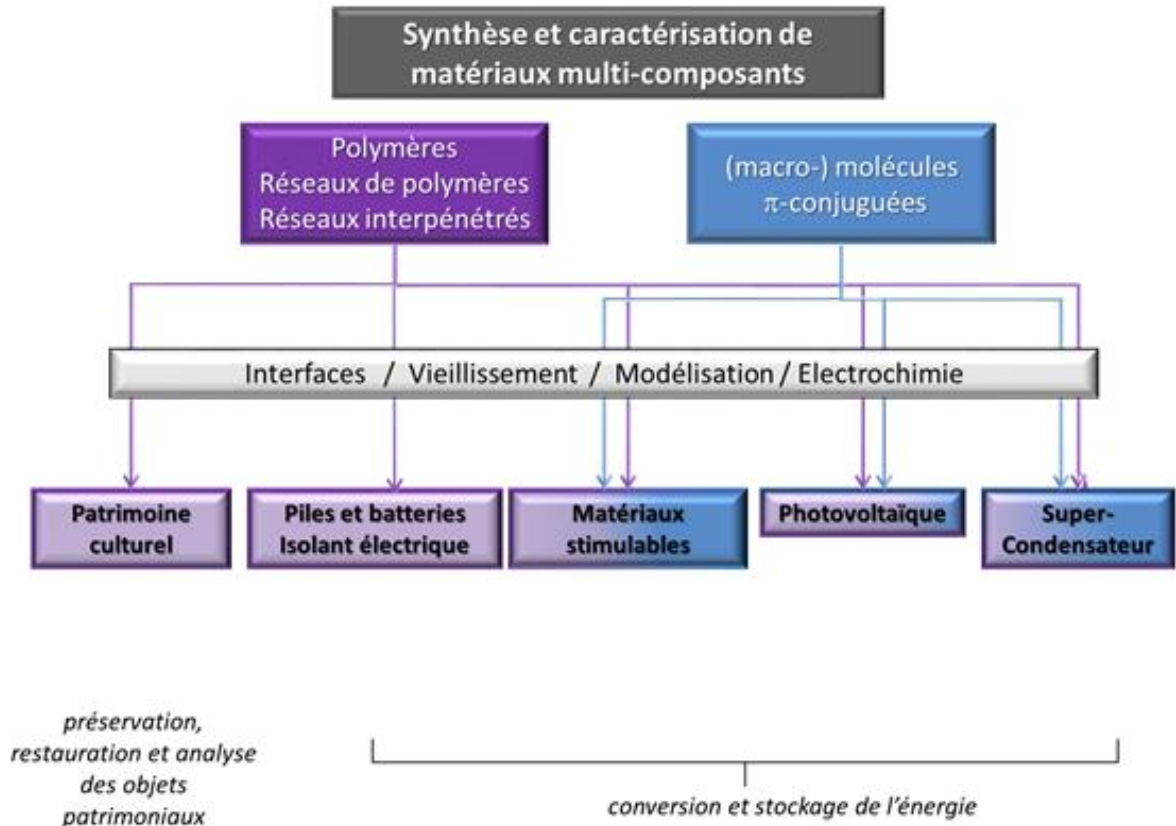
1. Organic materials for Organic and Hybrid  
**Photovoltaics:** dye sensitized solar cells, perovskite solar cells, organic photovoltaics, charge transporting materials (hole, electron), interfacial materials, dopant
2. Organic photoinitiator for polymerization
3. Conjugated materials for organic thermoelectrics
4. Organic materials for rechargeable organic batteries

## Other Topics

Flexible conductive polymer electrodes for flexible, Flexible and Wearable Electronics

Perovskite based composites for humidity sensing

## Functional Materials for Energy Conversion and Storage





# Do it yourself, but don't do it alone



- Design, Synthesis, Structural characterization
- DFT calculation
- Characterization: Thermal, Morphological, Optical, Electrochemical properties (AFM, SEM, Raman, SEM/RAMAN, CLMS).....
- Basic solar cells device making/characterization

## Main active collaborations



Prof. T. Watson,  
Prof. M. Carnie  
et al.



Prof. A. Fujii,  
Prof. M. Ozaki, et al.



Prof. N. G. Park  
et al.



Prof. T. Pauporté, et al.



Prof. J. Lalevée, et al



Prof. Thuc-Quyen Nguyen

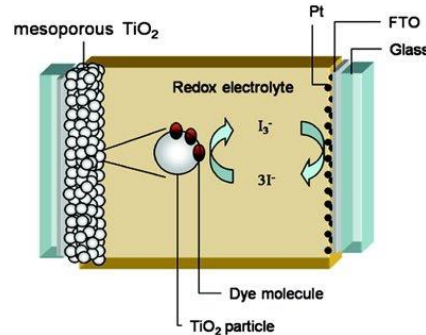


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Dr. N. Kungwan, et al.

# Hybrid solar cells: from DSSCs to perovskite solar cells

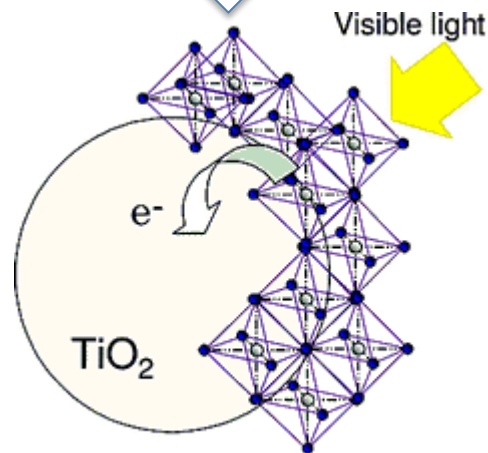
## Dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSC)



Gratzel, Nature 1991

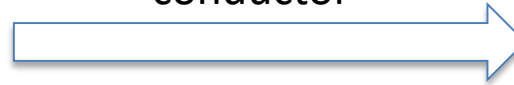
Miyasaka, et al.  
JACS 2009

Replace molecular  
dyes by hybrid  
perovskites



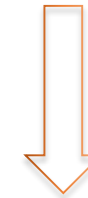
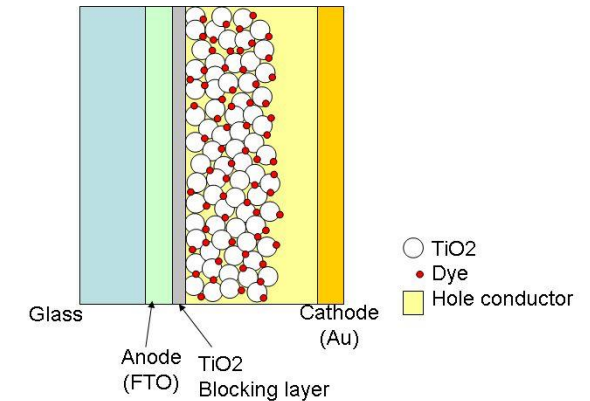
Perovskite nanocrystalline sensitizers

Replace liquid electrolyte  
by a organic solid hole  
conductor

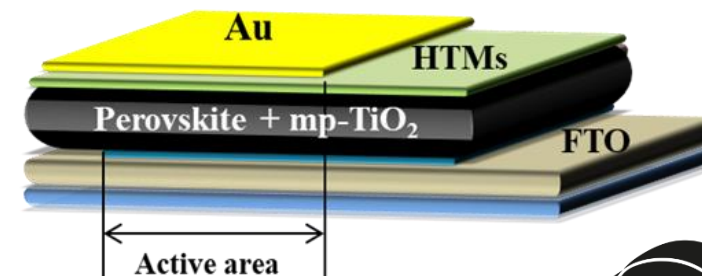


Gratzel et.  
Nature 1998

## Solid state DSSC



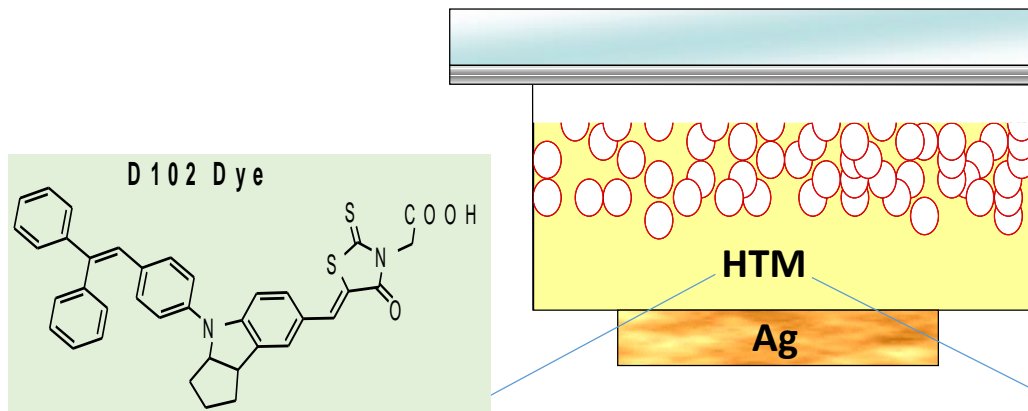
## Halide Perovskite Solar Cells (HPSC)



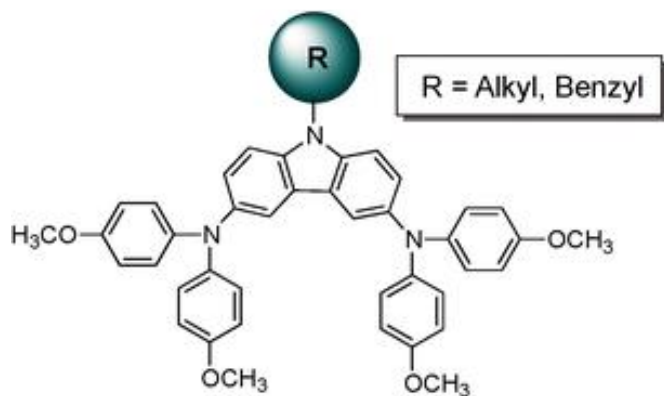
Park, Gratzel, et al. Sci. Rep. 2012  
Snaith et al., Science 2012

# Organic Charge Transport Materials for Hybrid Solar Cells

From Solid State DSSCs ... to Peroskite solar cells

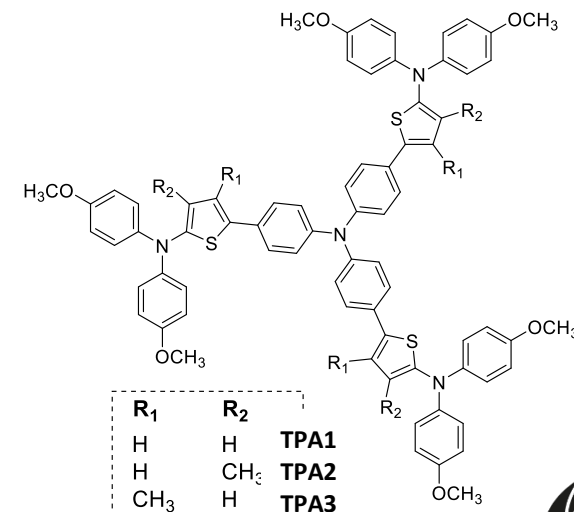


Carbazole based HTM



*ChemNanoMat* **2015**, 1, 203 – 210

Triphenylamine based HTM



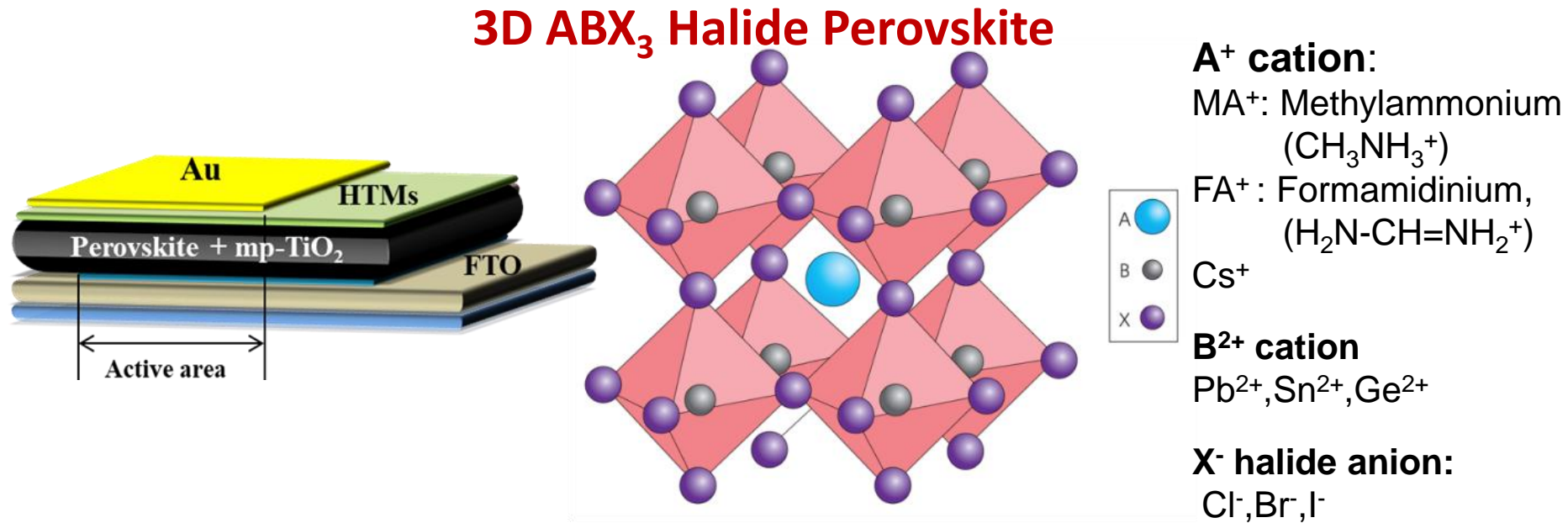
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# The halide perovskite materials



Goldschmidt tolerance factor of ABX<sub>3</sub> structure

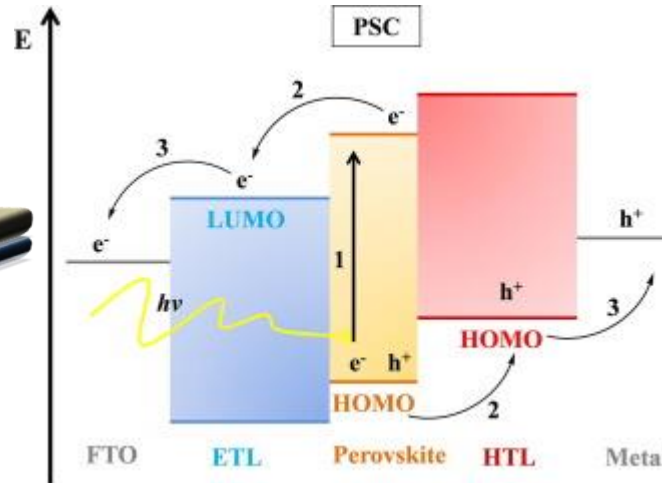
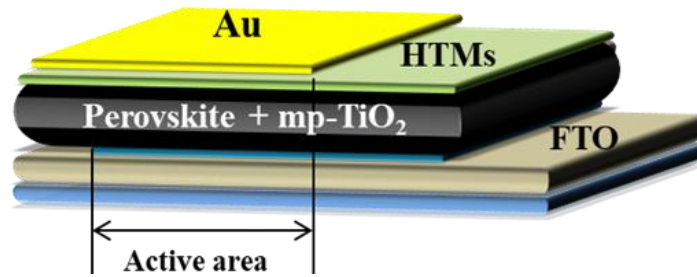
$$t = \frac{r_A + r_X}{\sqrt{2}(r_B + r_X)}$$

Result at 0.8 ~ 1.0 range, it will be formed black photoactive and stable phase.

- Direct bandgap
- Tunable (I<sup>-</sup> → 1.5-1.6 eV)
- CBM/VBM position
- Low exciton E<sub>b</sub> < 10 meV
- High charge mobility/ Diff. Length (1 μm)
- Preparation at low T°C (~ 100°C)/ solutions

New halide perovskite materials (2D, lead-free, earth-abundant element, etc.)

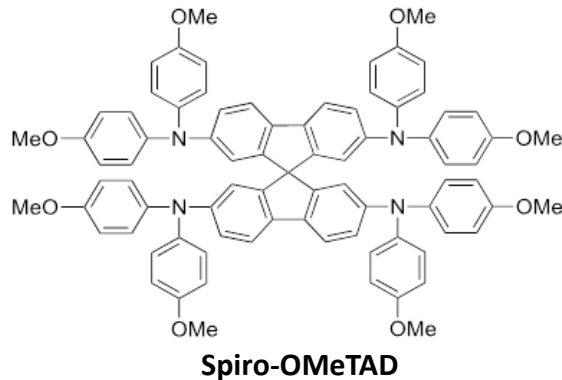
## PSC's components



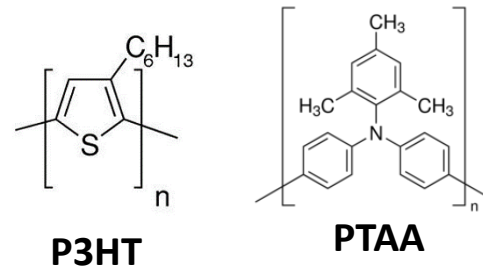
## Organic HTM

- HOMO/LUMO Energy levels / Perovskite
- Mobility
- Morphology
- Processability
- Stability

## Molecular vs polymeric HTM for perovskite solar cell application



**Molecular HTMs :**  
good reproducibility; well-defined molecular weight and structure.



**Polymeric HTMs :**  
processability, thermal and mechanical stability, and higher intrinsic hole mobility.

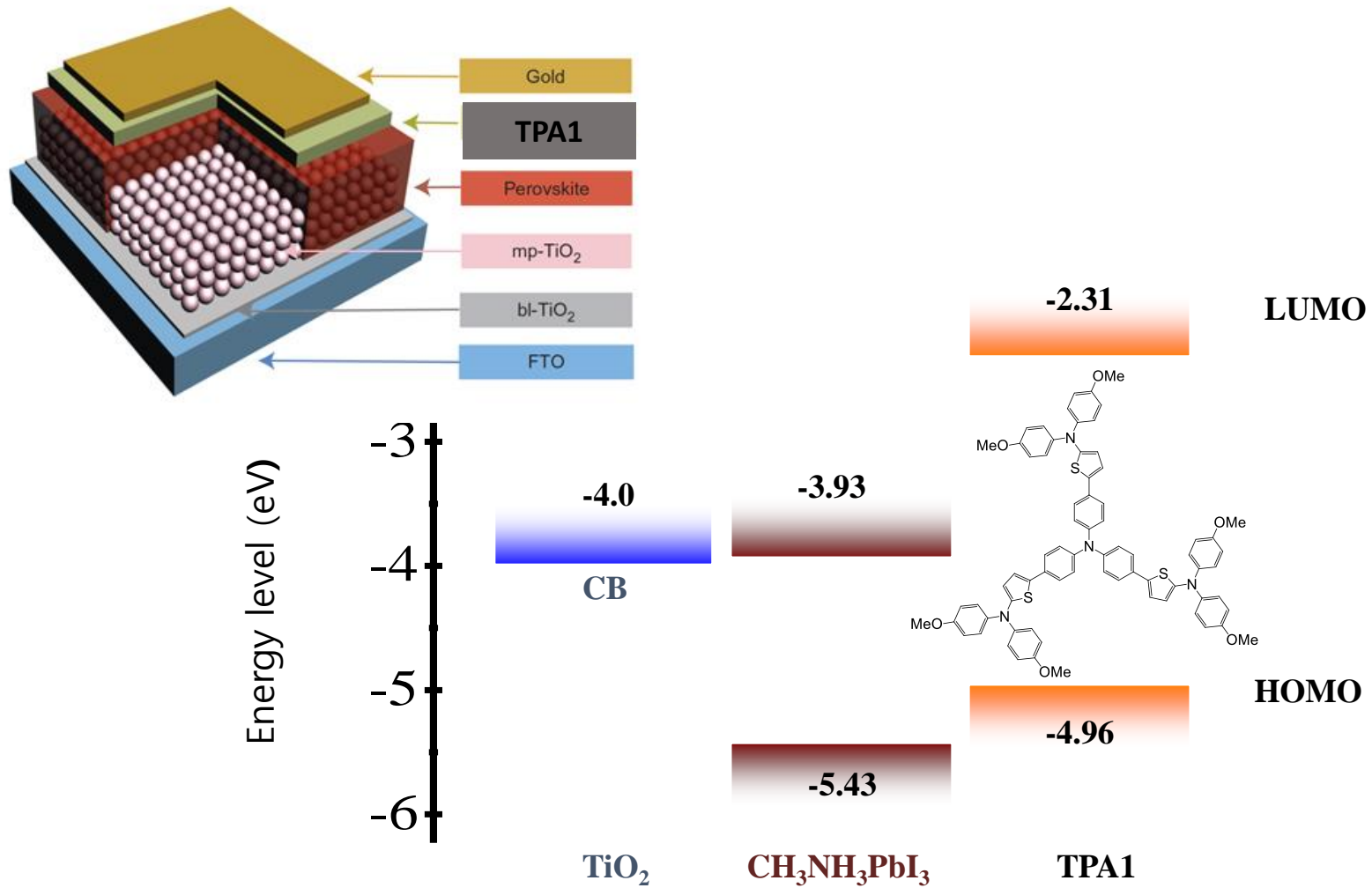
## Organic HTM



- Improving the stability
- Lowering the fabrication cost
- Understanding the electrical response

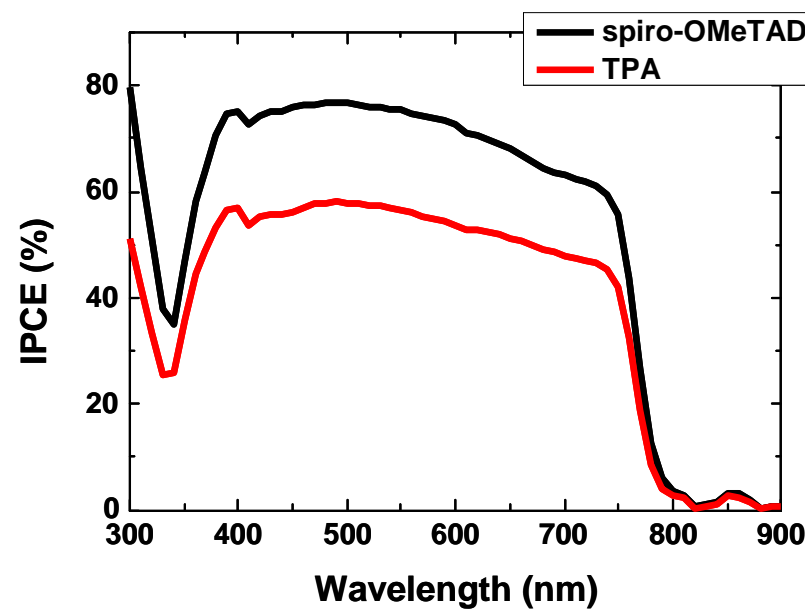
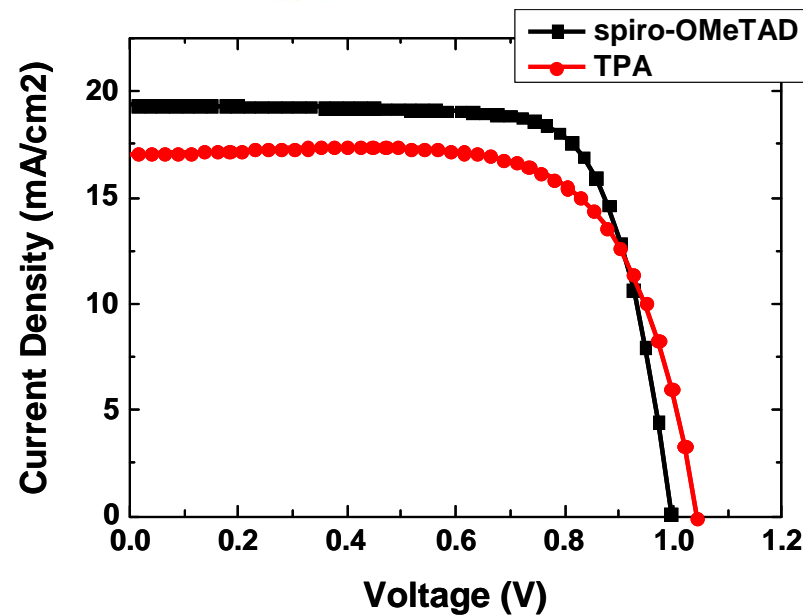
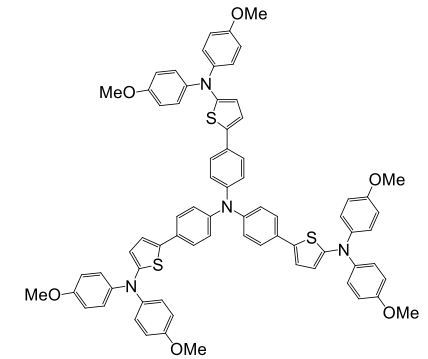
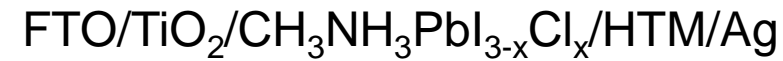
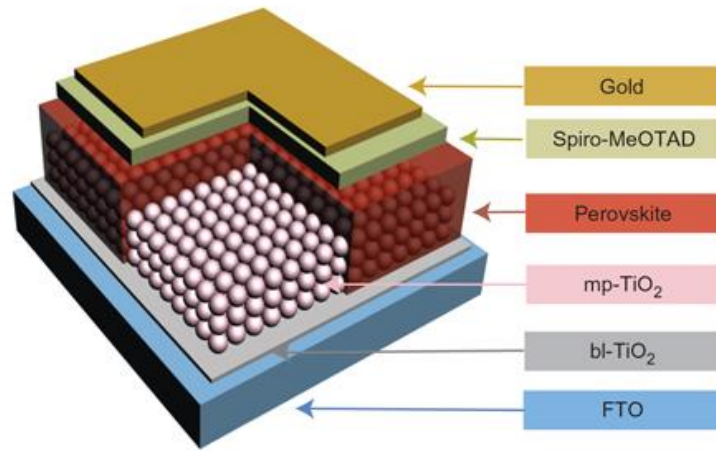


# TPA as HTM on Perovskite Solar cell



Coll. N.-G. Park, Sungkyunkwan Univ (Suwon, Korea)  
RSC Adv 2016,

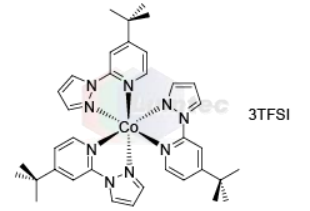
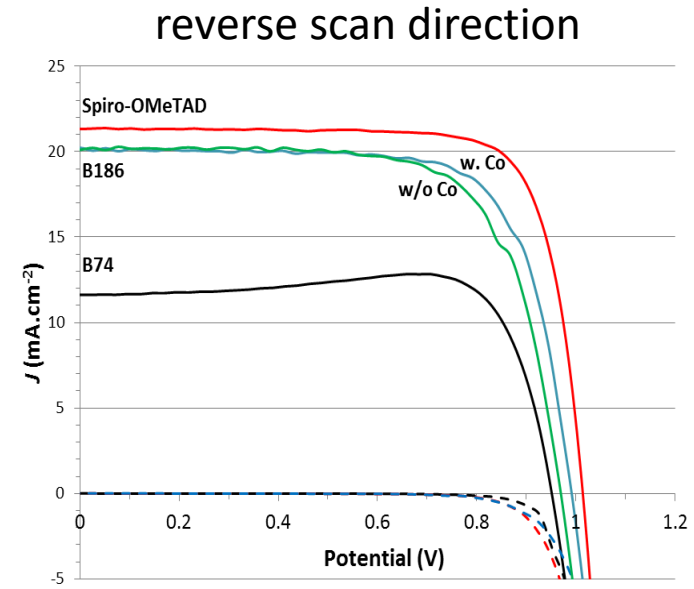
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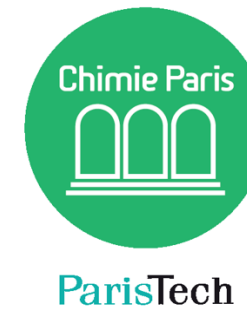
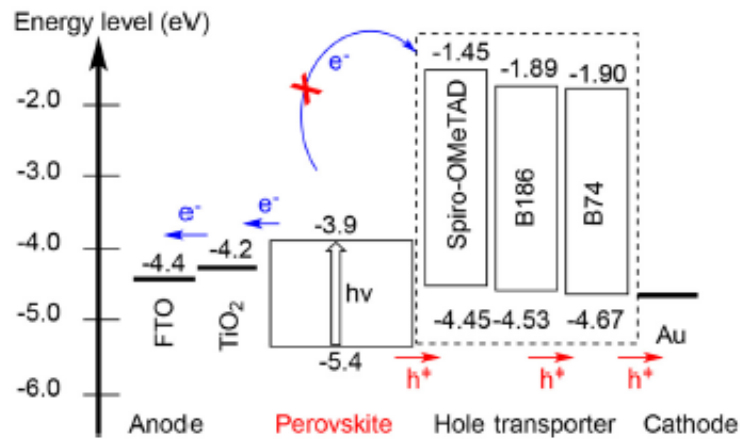
	Jsc	Voc	FF	$\eta$
Spiro-OMeTAD	19.384	0.9945	0.7405	14.28
TPA	17.037	1.0432	0.7012	12.46

Coll. N.-G. Park,  
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# Carbazole-based HTMs

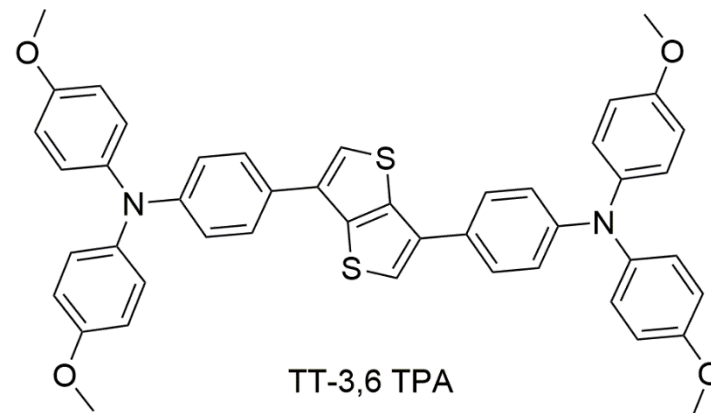
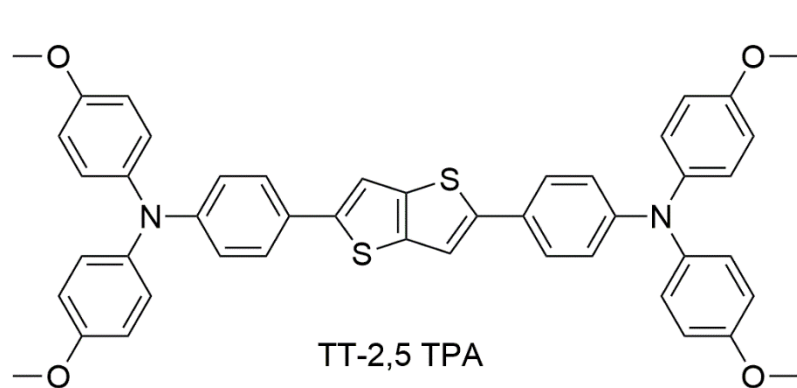


Au
HTM
CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> PbI <sub>3</sub> perovskite capping layer
<i>mp</i> -TiO <sub>2</sub> filled with CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> PbI <sub>3</sub> perovskite
<i>cp</i> -TiO <sub>2</sub>
FTO
Glass



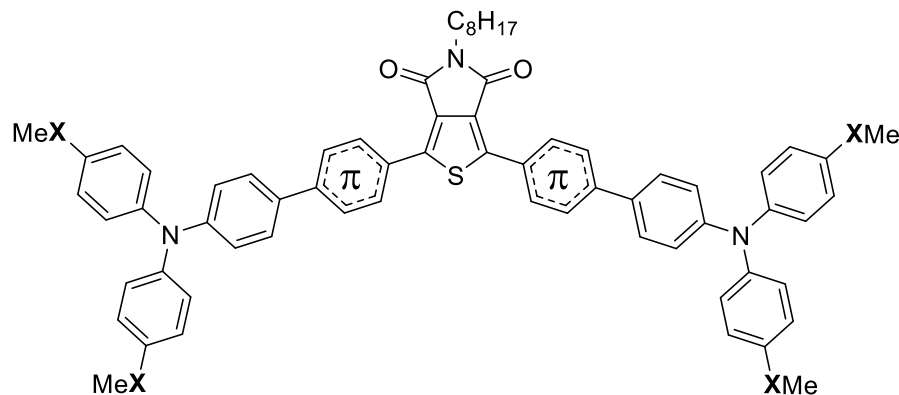
## Other Selected Examples

### Triphenylamine-Thienothiophene Hole Transporters



Chem. Asian J. 2018, 13, 1302

### Triphenylamine/Thieno[3,4-c]pyrrole-4,6-dione based D- $\pi$ -A- $\pi$ -D Hole Transporting Materials for Perovskite Solar Cells



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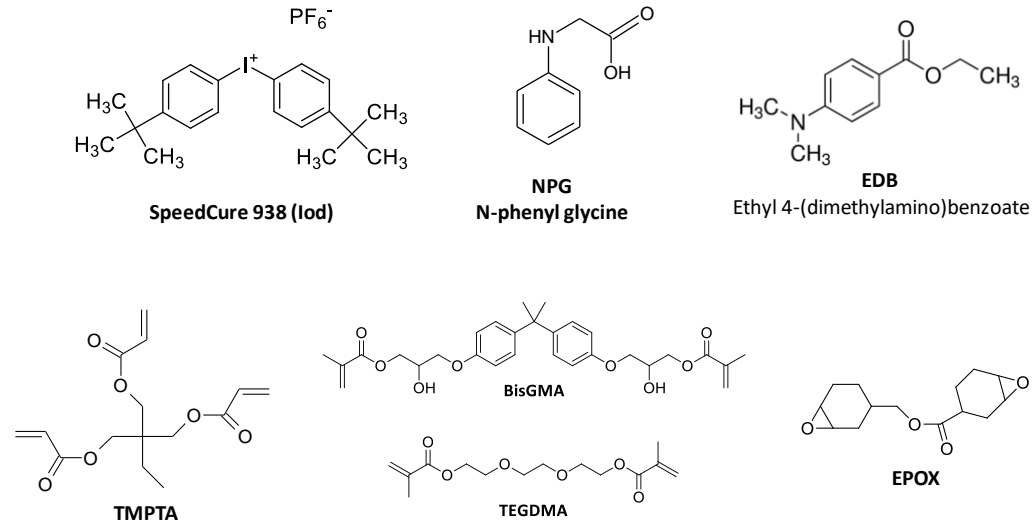
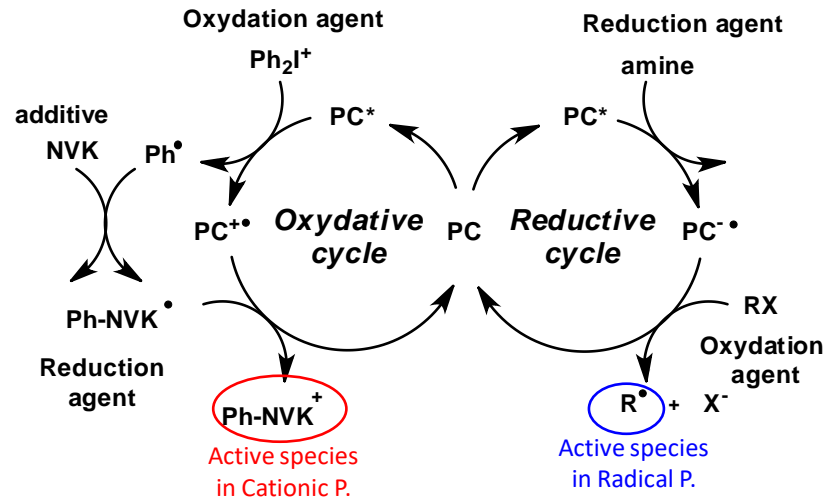




# Photoinitiators for photopolymerisation process

## Cationic Photopolymerization (CP) and Free Radical Photopolymerization (FRP)

### Photoredox catalysis mechanisms



These compounds will be incorporated into different photoinitiating systems (PISs)

2-component (PI/iodonium salt (Iod) or PI/amine (NPG))

3-component (PI/Iod/NPG) photoinitiating systems (PISs)

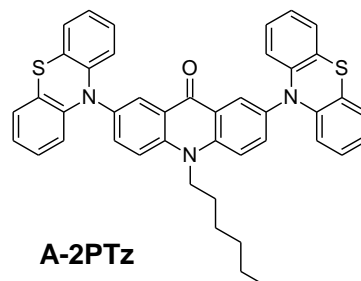
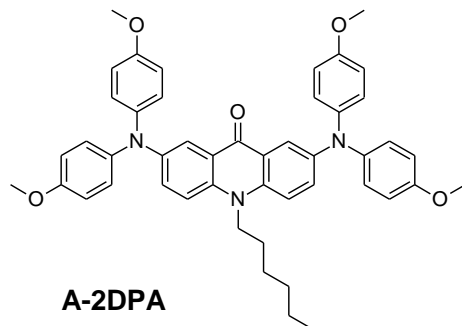
=> generate reactive species (radicals or cations)

=> initiate both the free radical polymerization of (meth)acrylates and the cationic polymerization (CP) of epoxides upon near-UV or visible light (LED@375 nm, LED@405 nm).



# Photoinitiators for photopolymerisation process

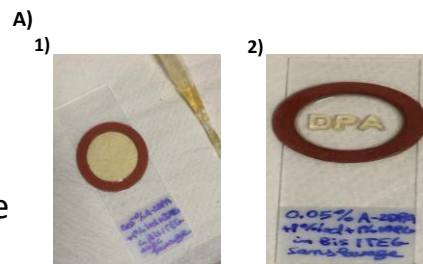
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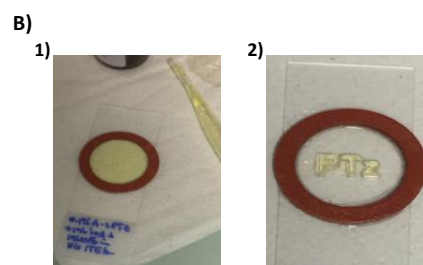
Acridone derivatives as High Performance Visible Light Photoinitiators for Cationic and Radical Photosensitive Resins for 3D Printing Technology and for low Migration Photopolymer Property

### FRP experiments for 3D printing:

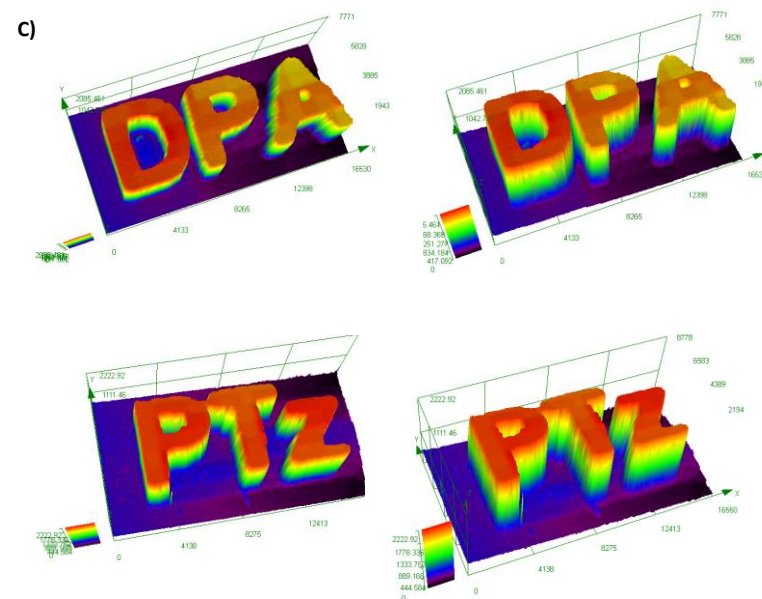
**(A):** (1) Photo of the initial formulation of A-2DPA; (2) the pattern obtained after the printing experiment;



**(B):** (1) Photo of the initial formulation of A-2PTz; (2) the pattern obtained after the printing experiment.



**(C):** Characterization of the patterns by numerical optical microscopy.



Polymer 2018, 159, 47.

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Macromol. Chem. Phys. 2015, 216, 718

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# Photoinitiators for photopolymerisation process

## Current and Future works: Far Red / Near Infrared **absorbing molecules as photocatalysts for polymer synthesis**

### Advantages of photopolymerization over traditional thermo-processes

- temporal and spatial control of initiation, cost efficiency and eco-friendly (solvent-free)

### Some drawbacks

- sensitivity toward oxygen for the radical polymerization
- use of high-energy consumption UV lamp : UV light sources contain toxic mercury and the UV wavelength is known to cause skin and eye damages

**It is thus a necessary is to develop new PIS working upon longer (thus safer) wavelength irradiation => FR/NIR photoinitiators**

### Advantages of FR/NIR photoinitiators

- the NIR light induces a deeper penetration into the bulk material; thus the polymerization of a thick and filled material can be potentially enhanced compared to what UV-visible dyes can do.
- It also offers the possibility to use low-power consumption LEDs and minimize of the risk for the operator by use of a safer irradiation wavelength.

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## Current postdoctoral calls within my university

- CY INEX Talent Junior Chair
- EUTOPIA-SIF Post Doctoral Fellowship
- Paris Region post-doctoral Fellowship
- DIM RESPORE
- Etc.

**Need postdoctoral applicant**