#### Prediction of the solar spectrum for accurate prediction of energy yield of the highperformance PV system using multi-junction cells and solar-driven cars

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#### New market of the super-high-efficiency solar cells





A highlighted topic of the mostrecent world conference of PV (EV-PVSEC in September, 2017)

**Innovation:** High-efficiency PV on the car-roof  $\rightarrow$  Solar-driven car

Merit: 70 % of the car (< 30 km/day) will be replaced  $\rightarrow$  8 % cut of GHG emission

Requirement: More than 30 % of efficiency

Simply multiplying 70 % to the annual sales of the car, the market size will be 50 GW/yr

## Solar-driven car will create a new industry and change our society.

#### **Solar-driven cars**

70 % of the cars, 50 GW/yr of the new creation of the market, 8 % reduction of GHG emission.

#### Market of the car-roof PV, now and future





#### Required technology relevant to this workshop.

- 1. Irradiation on the car-roof as well as car-sides
  - 1. Modeling GHI relative to the GHI on the roof-top
  - 2. Dynamic modeling incl. shading and reflection by surrounding buildings and roads
  - 3. Direct measurement and its comparison to the roof-top irradiation
  - 4. Shading prediction by the image from the drive recorder
- 2. Spectrum prediction of the spectrum (to MJ cells)
- 3. Power output prediction from the car-roof array.
  - 1. Correction by the partial shading
  - 2. Correction by the curved surface (incl. mismatching)
  - 3. Power generation modeling and its measurement proof
  - 4. Modeling of unwanted days (not clear sky)
- 4. Interpolation and autocorrelation using multiple observation points
- 5. LCO km
  - 1. Definition and measurement proof
  - 2. World database
- 6. Standardization
  - 1. DOT
  - 2. IEC standards

Development of the energy model is on the way, but it is in the good shape.



Outdoor validation of the model by a prototyped high-efficiency module





Presented at the 27<sup>th</sup> PVSEC in three weeks ago.

Most of the solar cells have reached almost the potential limit. Most of the solar cells do not meet the requirements.

Minimum requirement = 30 % considering real-estate, irradiation and car-design.



	Potential	Achieved
Si	28.5 %	26.7 % (94 %)
III-V (GaAs)	29.7 %	28.8 % (97 %)
III-V (3J)*	42 %	37.9 % (90 %)
III-V (5J)*	43 %	38.8 % (90 %)
III-V on Si	38.0 %	35.9 % (94 %)
CIGSe	26.5 %	22.6 % (85 %)
CdTe	26.5 %	22.1 % (83 %)
QD	25.8 %	13.4 % (52 %)
Perovskite	24.9 %	**22.1 % (89 %)

\* Non-concentrator\*\* Not stabilized

Only MJ cell can meet the requirement.

Output current is constrained by the "bottle-necked" junction



## Spectrum issue Rating or Prediction?

#### History of the spectrum recognition to high-efficiency MJ cells

1997 Low concentration of 2-J III-V cells were tested outside in USA. Kurts and her group recognized the CA of the optics induced the spectrum mismatching loss.
2002 It was calculated that the increase of the number of junctions will not promise to increase the annual energy yield.



2003 28 %, 400 X and 150 W module was demonstrated and significant spectrum mismatching loss was reported.



This module is still monitored and generating power in Tsuyama National Institute of technology, Japan and possibly the oldest living CPV III-V module.

#### History of the spectrum recognition to high-efficiency MJ cells



After field experiences of CPV power plant, the spectrum issue became the common knowledge. But the most of the studies was done only considering AM using a standard air conditions, except for the work of Chen in Imperial College.



#### Our new approach

(Energy prediction)

Integration of the predicted power in every time, regardless it is an unwanted spectrum for measurement

#### **Previous interests**

(Performance rating)Trying to find a good "shape parameter" of the spectrum for removing uncertainty of the power measurement

#### Our approach – Identification of parameters



Not by the "Shape parameters" But by the "meteorological and reproducible parameters".





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Other information for examining uncertainty of the energy generation influenced by spectrum fluctuation







**Only Airmass** 

#### Airmass + Seasonal fluctuation

#### Airmass + Daily fluctuation



## Application of the spectrum prediction.

Monte-Carlo method to predict spectrum influence



#### On-Si tandem, 2-terminal or 4-terminal



#### Which is the best number of junctions?



### Improved ERE material will lessen the spectrum impact $MJ \rightarrow Super-MJ$



# Invitation to the international collaboration of R&D to the game-changing car-roof PV technologies.



#### Highlights





The decrease of PV system prices is now becoming so visible that it starts to influence decisions in the energy sector. With the cost of PV electricity going below 0,02 USD/kWh in extremely sunny locations, PV will become in the coming years the cheapest energy (and not only electricity) source of electricity for new plants. This already starts to influence energy consumption sectors such as the building and transport sector. The shift towards electricity for heating and transport materializes already the need for cleaner energy but it hasn't yet incorporated the PV-effect. With cheap PV electricity available at mid-day (or later thanks to cheaper-than-ever storage), the pressure to use that available energy will grow in the coming years. It can be expected that the shift to electricity will be at least accelerated and most probably

#### What We Do

The IEA Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme (PVPS) is one of the collaborative R&D Agreements established within the IEA and, since its establishment in 1993, the PVPS participants have been conducting a variety of joint projects in the application of photovoltaic conversion of solar energy into electricity.

Invitation to the international web meeting for standardization of the car-roof PV

**Background**: IEC TC82 seriously considers the standardization of the car-roof PV. Before official organization is consolidated, I will call for the preliminary web meeting inviting academic, PV and car industries.

**Purpose**: Establishment of the common language between car and PV industiries for standardization of the car-roof PV technology, like the standardization of BIPV (PV and architecture industries).

**Questions**: Rating of the curved PV, Definition of aperture, Definition of the acceptance angle, Qualification and safety, Effective irradiation on the car-roof, Irradiation on the car-surface (Local coordinates), and etc.,

#### If you are interested in and eager to contribute

Send me the mail for the invitation letter.

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# Thank you for your attention.

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#### I think we still have a large room of innovation.