



## “Architecture Solaire: du développement technologique au matériau de construction”

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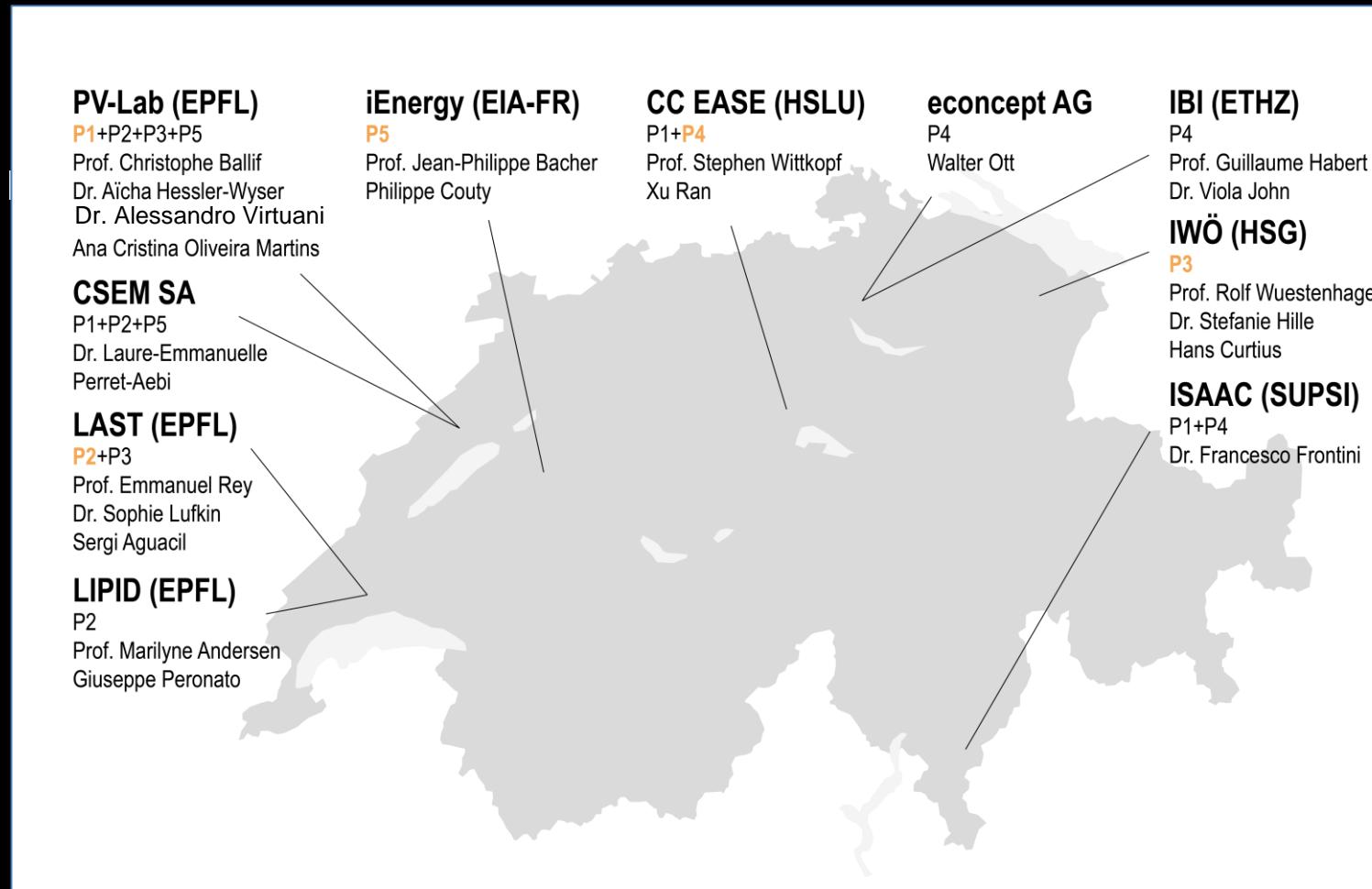
# Project organisation

10 research groups



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interfaces



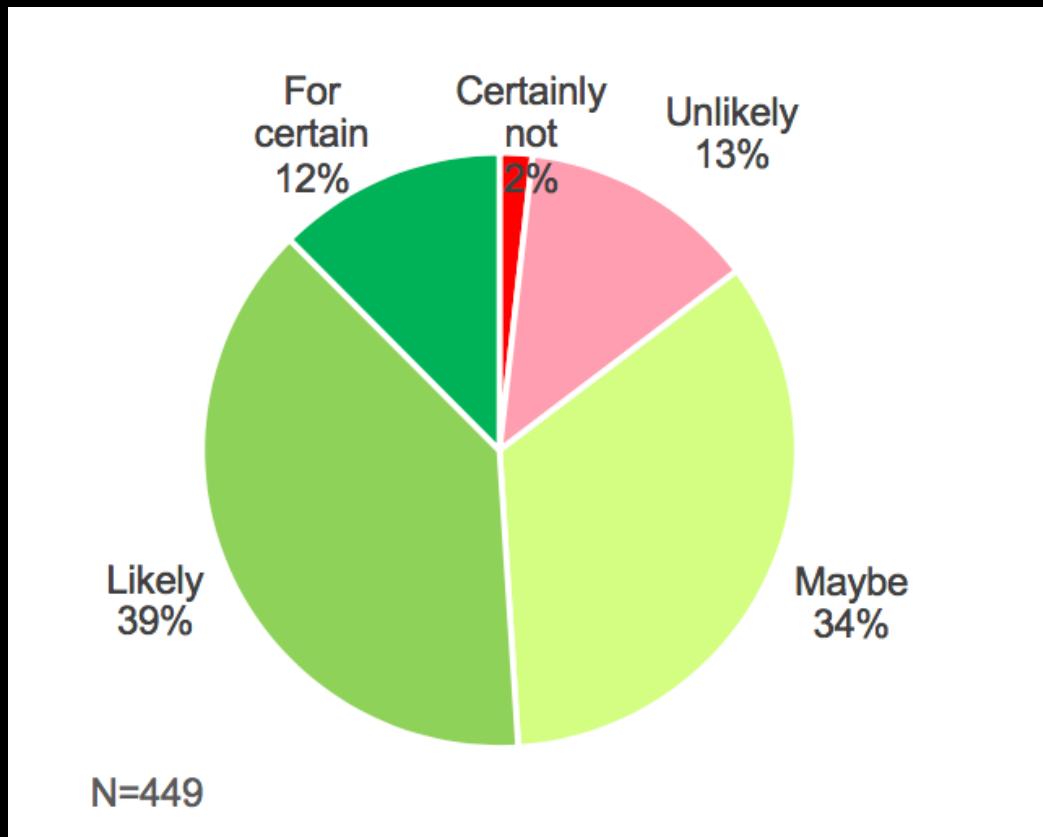
# Understanding the barrier

A broad survey



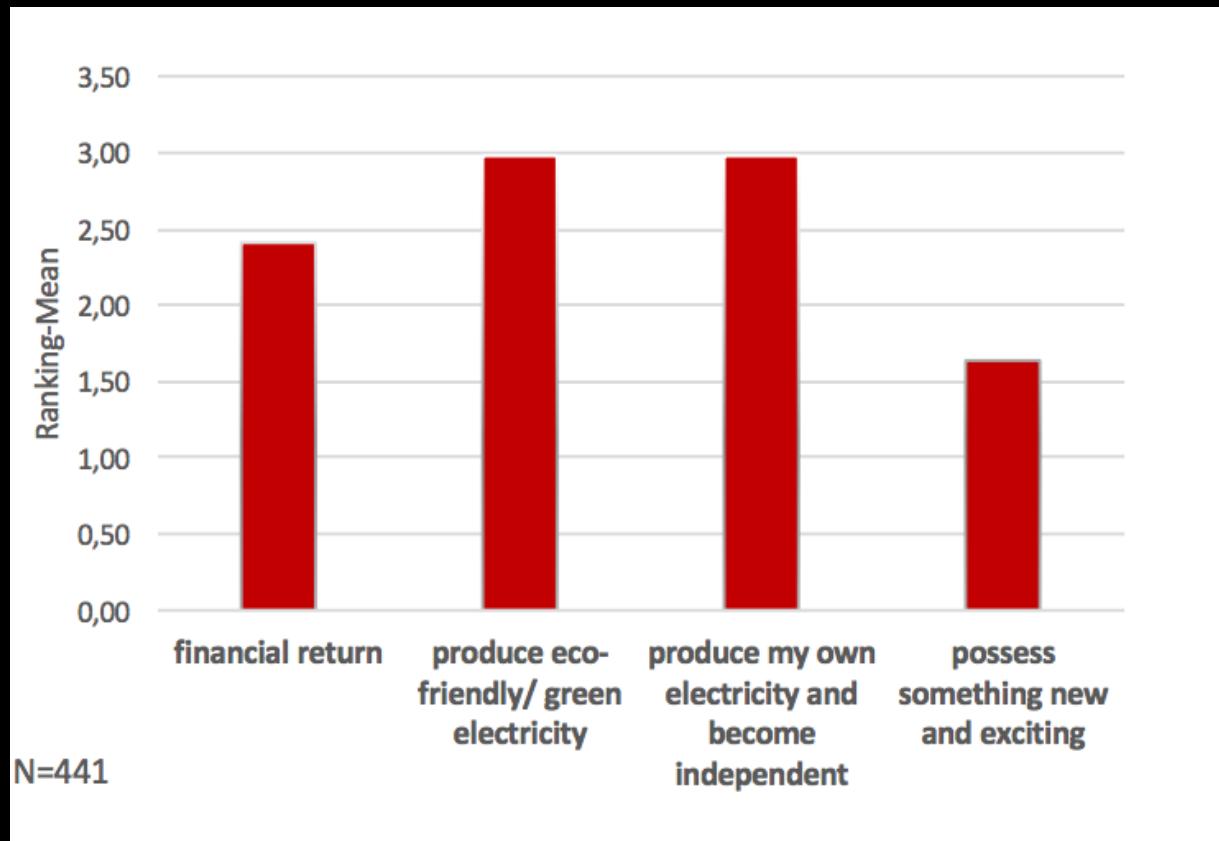
# How likely would Swiss owners install PV?

A broad survey



# What are their main motivations?

A broad survey

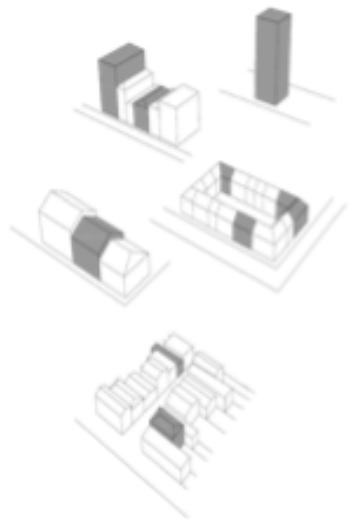


# Research methodology

4 phases studied at LAST

## Phase 1

Identification of archetypes  
(residential buildings)



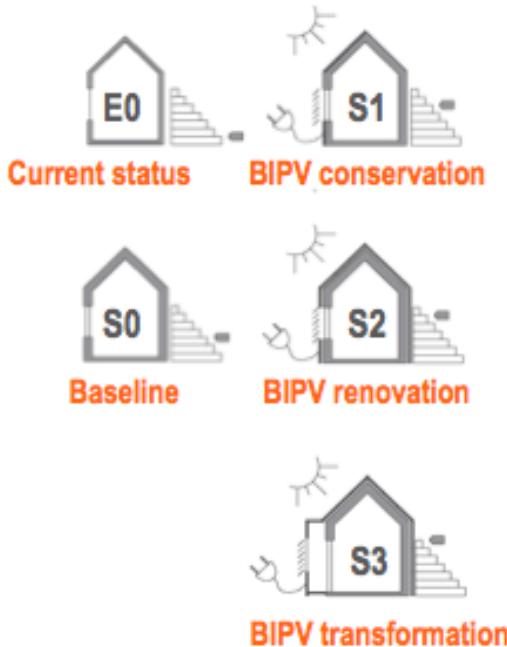
## Phase 2

> Case study selection



## Phase 3

> Design strategies with BIPV solutions



## Phase 4

Multi-criteria assessment



Energy and emissions



Life Cycle Analysis



Photovoltaic installation



Indoor comfort



Cost-effectiveness

Poster 11: Sergi Aguacil

Poster 12: Giuseppe Peronato

Poster 10: Angela Clua Longas

# PV as a new construction material

multi-functionality

## PV modules

- Produce electricity
- Optimized for powerful PV plant



## Active Construction Materials

- Holds essential architectural functions, both technical and aesthetic
- Comply with construction and safety norms



# PV as building element

A new paradigm

Active façades should become a construction standard:

- The active element acts as a building material
- It give to the building an architectural and esthetic value
- It does produce energy and therefore generate revenues and become cheaper than a conventional façade

# Cost comparison

s o m e   n u m b e r s



	Glass	PV Techology	Active Glass
Laminated Monolytic Glass	40	90	130
Safety Glass for façade	80	90	170
Safety Glass with different shapes, thickness	120	90	210
Colored Safety Glass	150	120	270
Colored Safety Glass with many diffrent shapes	180	120	300
Printed (Quadri Color) Safety Glass	200	120	320

- Average cost of Active Glass: 280 €/m<sup>2</sup>
- Cable, Inverters, Mounting: 120 €/m<sup>2</sup>

Total average cost of an active façade: 400 €/m<sup>2</sup>

Annual production per m<sup>2</sup> for a façade: 130 kWh, electricity value: 0,23 €/kWh, revenues per m<sup>2</sup>: 30 €/year

- return of investment is less than 10 years.

# CSEM key infrastructures

From coatings, to cells, to modules, to systems

Technology  
infra-  
structure  
Platforms

Thin film  
Coating &  
lasering

Cells Pilot  
lines

Modules  
R&D lines

Polymers  
com-  
pounding

Testing and  
reliability  
**with SUPSI**

storage R&D  
center  
(with BFH)

Metrology and characterization

Over 2000 m<sup>2</sup> of lab and facilities in Neuchatel



# Module technology at CSEM

Strategic topics



## Photovoltaïque intégré au bâtiment (BIPV)

- Architecture et esthétique
- Approche transformative à bas coût



## Produits spéciaux

- mobilité, portable, electronique
- Fait « sur mesure »

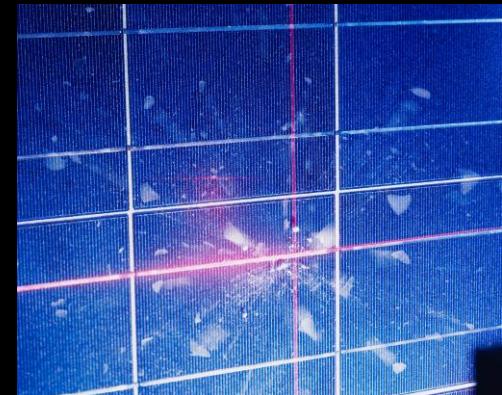


## Matériaux et fiabilité

- Formulation dédiée & extrusion d'encapsulant
- Tests et prédition de modes de dégradation

# Polymer platform

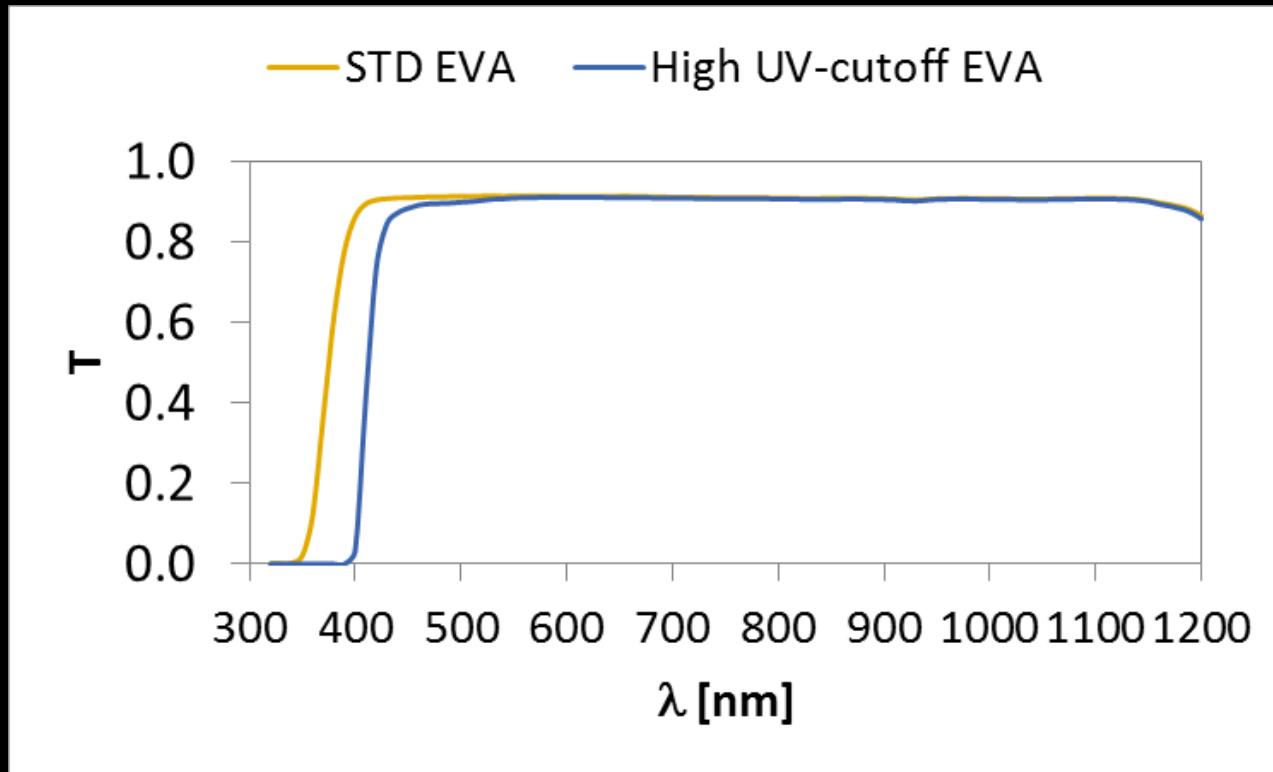
For dedicated encapsulant



- ✓ 30m<sup>2</sup> lab , packaging foil of 0.1 to 2.5 mm thick and width of 20 cm
- ✓ Compounder / pelletizer (capacity: 4 Kg/h)
- ✓ Flat cast film extrusion / chill roll (capacity: 10kg/h)
- ✓ Rheological analysis, characterization
- ✓ Accelerated aging and testing (DH, TC, UV)
- ✓ Customized encapsulant and polymeric material
- ✓ Lifetime assessment
- ✓ Deep knowledge and understanding of failure mechanisms

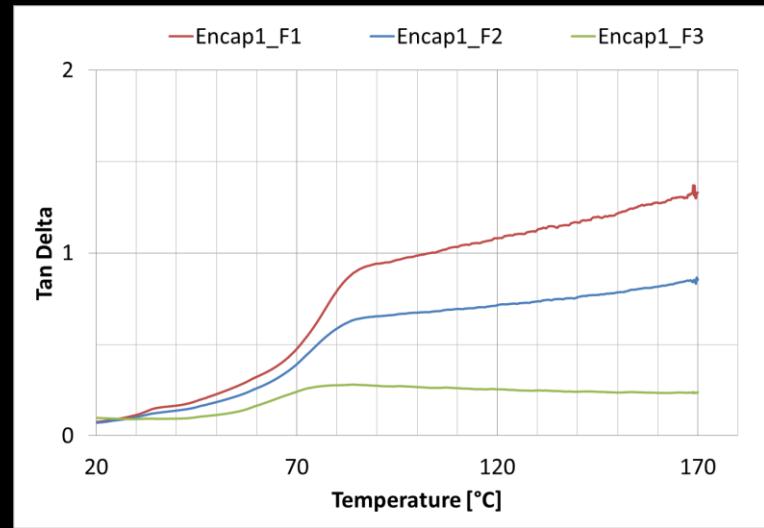
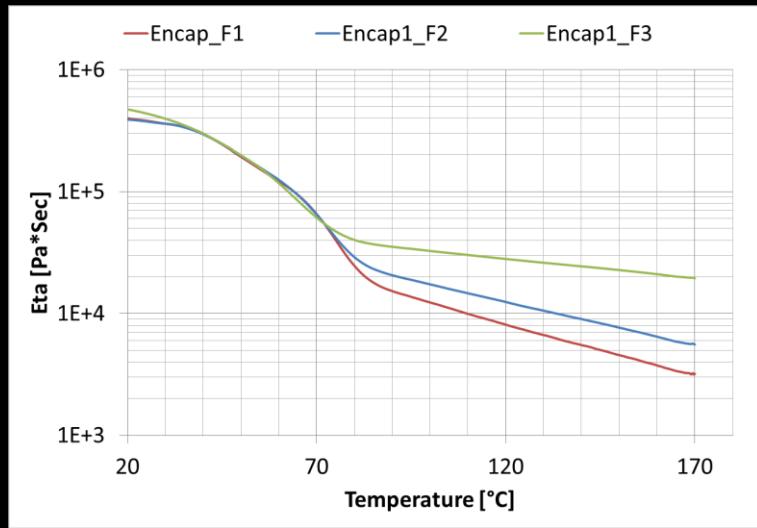
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Custom made EVA



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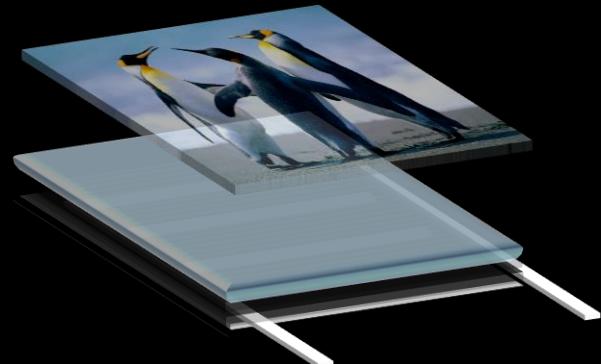
Custom made PO



- PO-based encapsulant formulation with customized viscosity profile to adapt to the pre-defined lamination cycle of the PV modules
- Enhance the creeping resistance of the encapsulant

# BIPV elements

Coloured and reliable



- ✓ Encapsulation & lamination process
- ✓ Coloring technics on glass and plastic
- ✓ General system view ( energy management)
- ✓ Climatic chamber for IEC testing and more
- ✓ Expertize in design & architecture
- ✓ Architectural integration
- ✓ Customized products
- ✓ Ultra-reliable
- ✓ Easier implementation of PV in buildings
- ✓ Better societal acceptance of PV

# BIPV elements

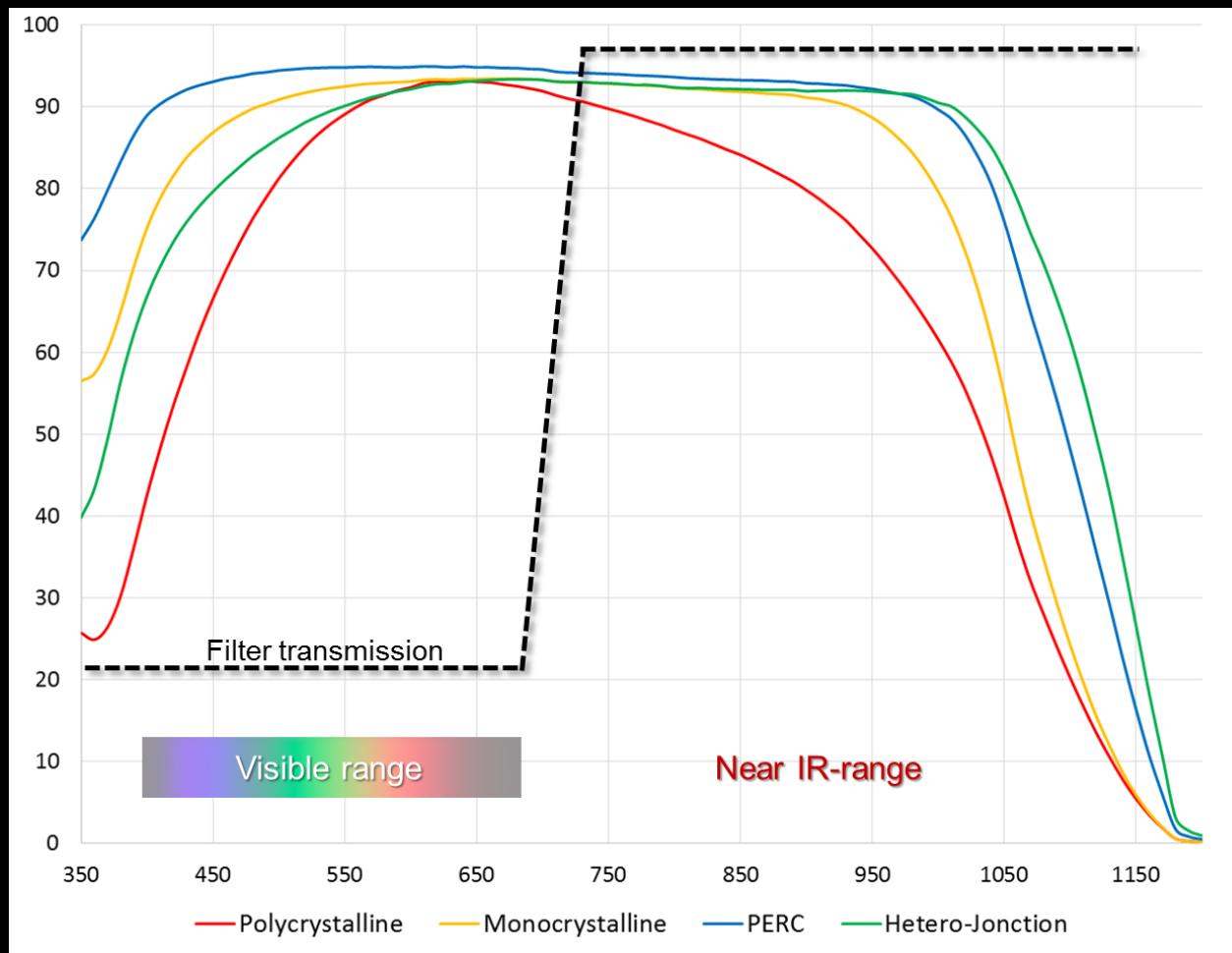
The white PV modules



*A reduction of around 10°C at the back of the module is measured when outdoor temperature is at 25°C.*

# White and coloured

Efficient spectral selectivity



# PV instead of tiles

from lab to fab



Silicon thin-film solar tiles  
(Archinsolar project)  
60W /m<sup>2</sup>



Silicon m- crystalline  
130W/m<sup>2</sup>

# Photovoltaic in buildings

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Poster 7: Patrick Heinstein

Poster 13: Francesco Frontini

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simulation



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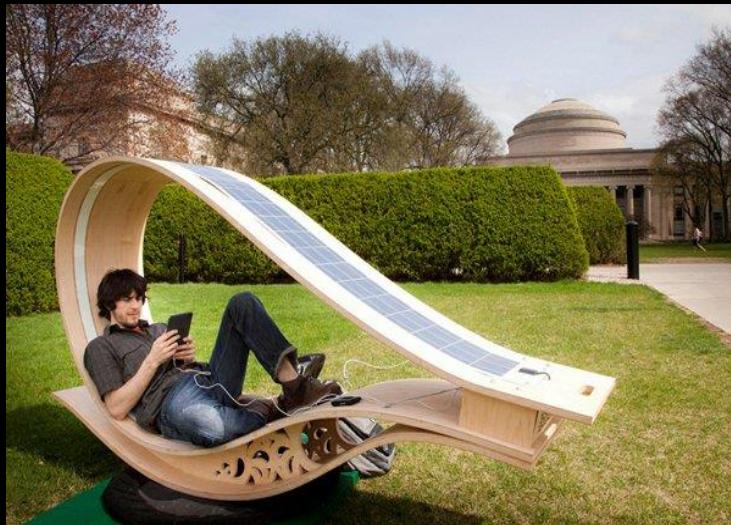
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# Architectural city

Urban furnitures



# Solar energy can be integrated everywhere

Air, water, space

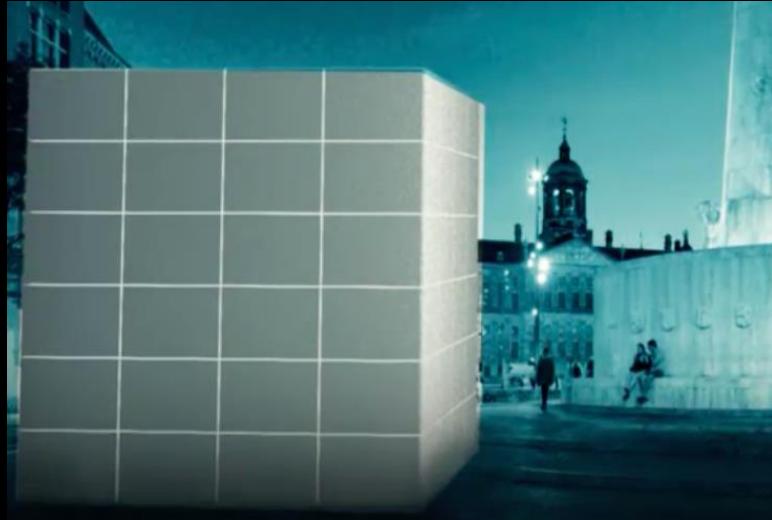






# Technology and Art

A n e m o t i o n a l e x p e r i e n c e



**SolarSwissConnect**  
Network platform

**solar swiss  
connect**



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