

Product Development for Organic Photovoltaics

KONARKA®

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Who is Konarka?

Renewable Energy

Printable low-cost Solar Cell

Organic Chemistry

Printed Electronics

Innovators at the Intersections



Renewable Energy Supply



Manufacturing Paradigm





Developing Low Cost, Scalable PV Manufacturing Process

- Low Cost: low temperature, ambient conditions, no clean room, no silicon, lower energy footprint
- Scalable: coating or printing technology, utilization of existing capacity
- Continuous: roll-to-roll high-volume production

Consequence: Thin, lightweight, flexible PV Product.

Company Overview



- Founded in 2001 as spin-out of UMass and University of CA
- Leading IP position with nearly 350 patents and global filings
- Strong 100+ person team with technical and industrial expertise
- \$150+ private funding raised to-date, \$20M government grants
- Global presence with staff in US, Germany, Austria, & China





Capacity Upscaling

Lab



5 cm 1kWatt





2007 25 cm 1MWatt **Production**



2008 150 cm 1GWatt

Production Plant















- 250 to 1500 mm width
- No facing roll
- 100 feet / minute: 1GW per year potential





Main components of the active layer: Semiconducting polymer and Fullerene

OPV Cell Schematic Bulk Heterojunction Polymer/Fullerene



Shifting Solar: Rooftop to Anywhere



Minimum requirements for any PV technology





- Key Parameters are efficiency, lifetime and cost
- The application decides which is the most important parameter.

A successful product must fulfill all 3 requirements:

Efficiency, Lifetime and Cost

Efficiency – State of the Art





State of the art – ALT Production Modules





Extrapolated LT > 8000hrs

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Expected Lifetime > 3yrs

Oxygen permeation does not appear to be limiting packaged device lifetime

Rooftop Testing









Location Lowell, MA. Facing solar south at 42°≈1600 kWh / m²

Two measurement modes

- a) Outdoor jV in 4th quadrant with modulated load and wireless data read out
- b) Periodic characterization under standard solar simulator

Outdoor Testing





Outdoor Testing



Still measuring device intalled two years ago with poor components



Power Plastic Standard Products









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Standard Product Technical Spec. Sheets Available



End User Products







Rollable power supply



Shading elements

Solar Bags: Standard 2W



KT-3000 : 30 Watts Semi-Transparent Module





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