



Master's Thesis on Developing Self-Assembled Monolayer Molecules for Metal Oxide-Free Perovskite Solar Cells

We are offering a thesis project focused on creating and testing SAM (self-assembled monolayer) molecules to serve as a metal oxide-free interface between perovskite absorbers and ITO/glass substrates. Eliminating the metal oxide layer simplifies the overall device structure, improves reproducibility, and offers better stability against degradation. It also opens up more efficient recycling pathways for end-of-life solar cells.

Who We're Looking For

- Background in chemistry, materials science, or a related field.
- Interest in both multi-step organic synthesis and solar cell fabrication.
- Willingness to address cross-disciplinary challenges to improve device performance.

Project Tasks

- Synthesize and characterize novel SAM molecules.
- Fabricate perovskite solar cells incorporating these SAM layers in place of metal oxide.
- Evaluate device performance and stability under various conditions.
- Investigate the recyclability improvements enabled by the metal oxide-free architecture.

Support and Supervision template

You will receive guidance in organic synthesis, SAM formation, and device fabrication from experienced researchers in both fields.

Starting date

Immediate start is possible.

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