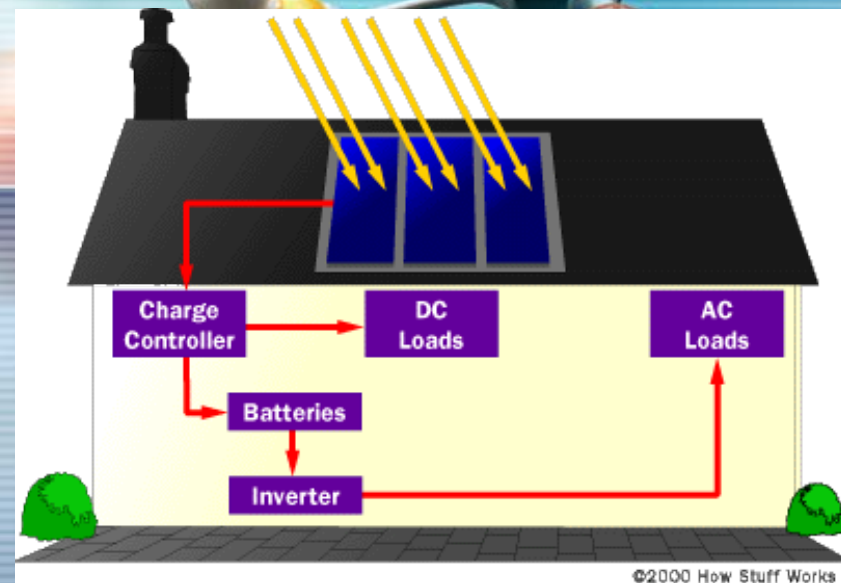


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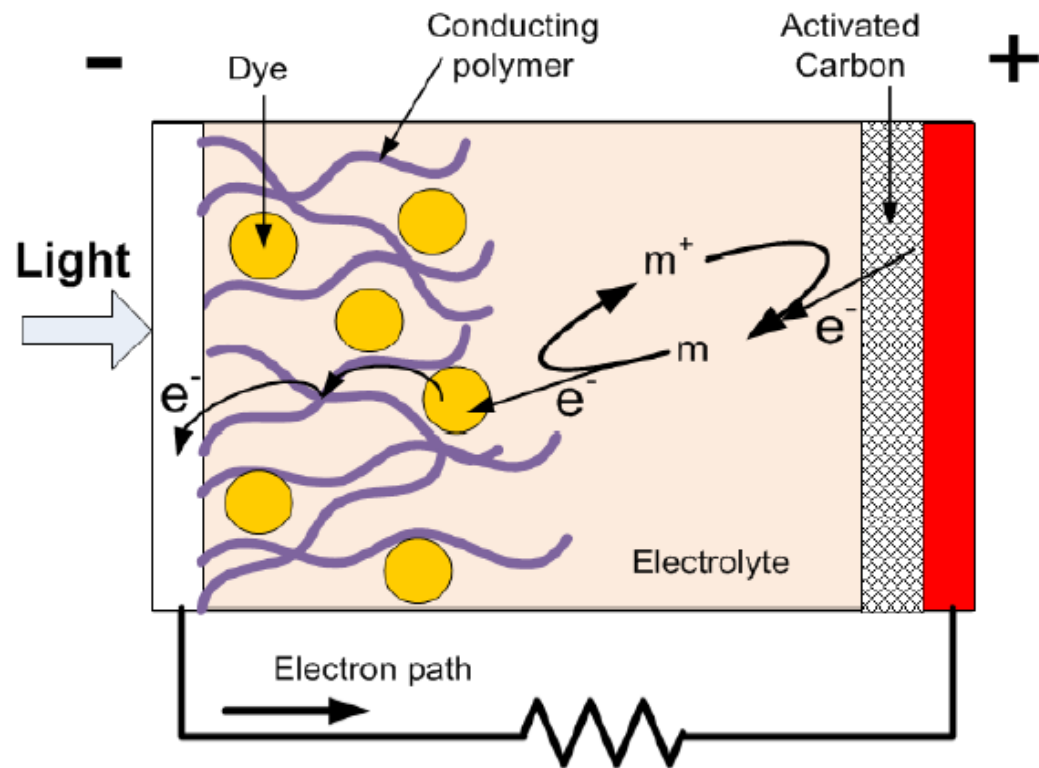
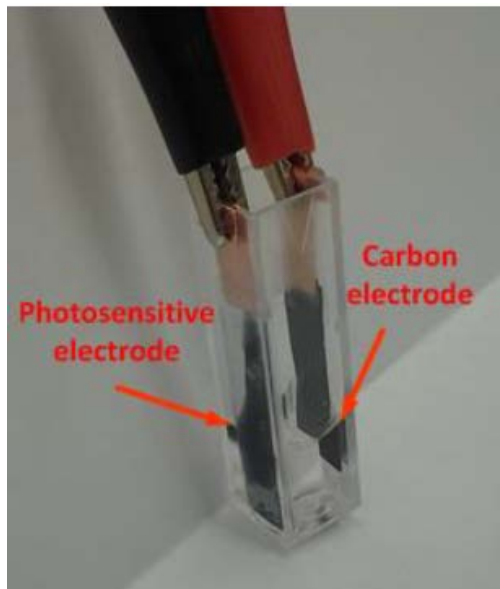
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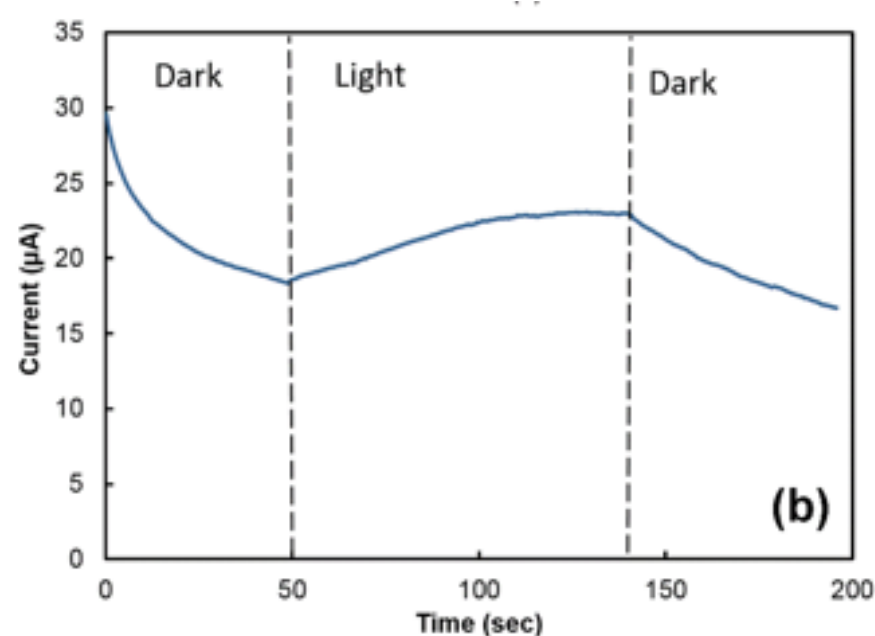
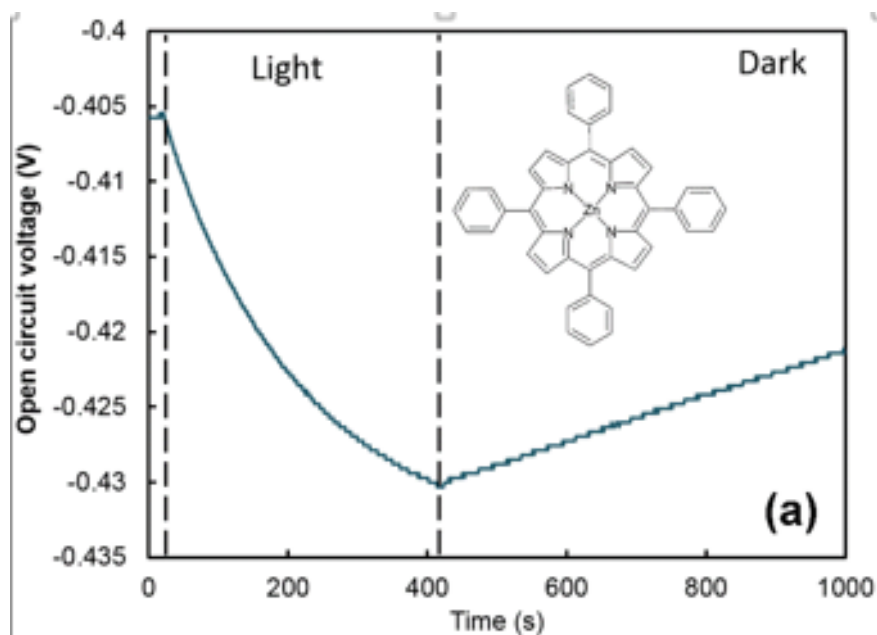
Concurrent Solar Energy Harvesting and Charge Storage

- Conducting Polymer-Dye Composite material for the electrode



New Device: Open Circuit Voltage

~ 430 mV OCP; 400sec illumination → $\Delta V = 25$ mV
Capacitance = ~0.2 mF

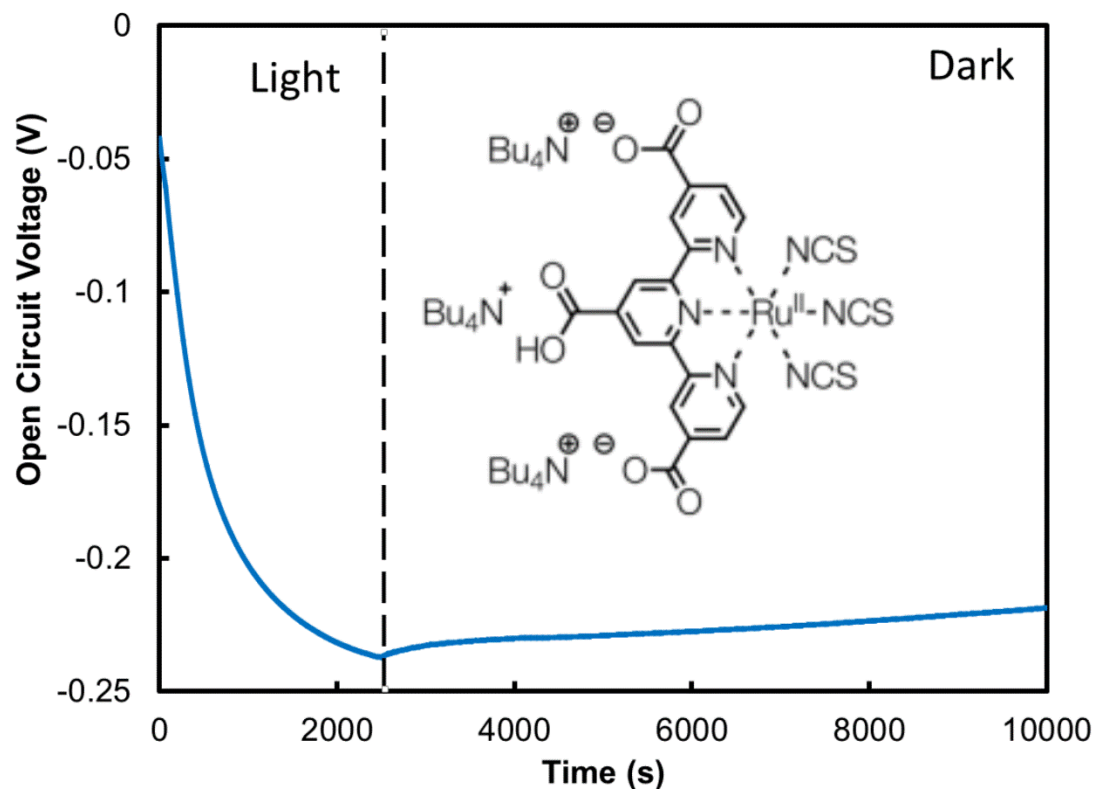


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New Device: Open Circuit Voltage

OCP=238mV

Discharge < 10mV
in 2 hr



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Conclusion and Future plan

- Conclusion:
 - Demonstrating the potential of a conducting polymer-dye composite for concurrent solar energy harvesting and charge storage
 - More than 2 hrs of charge stability in the composite
- Future Plan:
 - Study the mechanism of charge transfer
 - Study the effect of the materials (i.e. polymer & dye) and their composition
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