

#### Plastic Photovoltaic Technology for Energy Harvesting Applications

**Energy Harvesting 2014** 

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# It all starts at the end of a journey of Eight minutes and 19 seconds...

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- Jan 2009 Incubation Phase in Cambridge University
- Sep 2010 Company Foundation
- 2011 Development of Pay-As-You-Go Solar business model
- Aug 2012 Formation of Azuri



## **Eight19 Vision**

- Leading supplier of flexible organic photovoltaics, "plastic solar"
- Development of the lowest cost manufacturing process
  - Significant emphasis on solution process
  - Focus on module architectures that facilitate low-cost & distributed manufacturing
  - Working with a wide variety of suppliers



### **Eight19's Plastic Solar Attributes**

#### Physical

Flexible, Light-weight, Thin, Robust

Aesthetic

Colours, Semitransparency

**Excellent low-light performance** 

**Environment** 

Low embedded energy, rapid energy payback





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- Broad deployment options
- Low cost of deployment
- Storage options e.g. roll-up
- Reduced shipping costs



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- Applications requiring transparency – e.g. windows
- IR sensitivity



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- Can reach price points to enable very high-volume product applications
- In volume can compete on \$/Wp with silicon PV



### **Near-term Opportunities for Value Creation**

Power for wireless electronics

- Primary battery elimination
- Reduced installation costs
- Labour savings on battery changes
- End-of-life issues with battery disposal
- Design flexibility
  - Deployment on casing
  - Tunable colour
  - IR harvesting visibly opaque
  - Semi-transparency



### **Energy Harvesting Applications**

- Power for electronics on product packaging
- Wireless electronics/sensors/Internet of Things
- Wireless signage
- Portable power for charging mobile devices/lighting



#### **Illumination Spectra**



### **Tuning Photovoltaic Absorption**



### **Measuring Illuminance**

- Indoors, artificial lighting is for human vision "illuminance"
- Not measured in watts but lumens
- 1 lux is 1 lumen/m<sup>2</sup>

1 lux	1m from a single candle
3.4 lux	colour vision fully operational
100 lux	hallway
320-500 lux	office lighting, retail environment
1,000 lux	overcast daylight
10,000 lux	full daylight (indirect sun)
100,000 lux	direct sunlight



#### **Illuminance versus distance**

Inverse Square Law for a point source....

200 lux at 3m from a point light source 800 lux at 1.5m from same light source

Move harvester as close to light source as possible...



### **Wireless Signage - Example**

200 lux produces 10\*µW/cm<sup>2</sup> with Eight19 plastic photovoltaics

100cm<sup>2</sup> can generate 1mW at 200 lux

#### Illustrative example If....

Writing the display consumes per event Reading data from wireless consumes per event Background power consumption of electronics is

Available energy generated is Reading every 30s consumes Background power consumed Power remaining is 60mJ/minute 20mJ/minute 6mJ/minute **34mJ/minute** 

**Display can be updated once every ~3minutes** 

\* Champion cell data



100mJ

100µW

at 200lux

SALE

49.99

KitchenAid

10mJ

InnobellaBlack Vinyl Chai

### **Design Flexibility**

- Voltage, current & number of stripes
- Length and width





#### **Manufacturing & Commercial Development**

- Developing custom designs for leading end-users
- Market trials this year
- Small-scale production in 2015
- Production ramp-up
- Continued improvements in lifetime and efficiency

#### Talk to us about your application







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