

# Photovoltaic panel decorative panels are not light-transmissive



## Overview

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Researchers at the University of Michigan have developed ultra-thin (6 to 31 nm) undoped amorphous silicon (a-Si)/organic hybrid solar cells that produce angle-insensitive transmissive colors. The transmitted colors show great angular tolerance due to the negligible optical phase associated with light propagating in ultra-thin amorphous silicon. The transmitted colors show great angular tolerance due to the negligible optical phase associated with light propagating in ultra-thin amorphous silicon (a-Si) layers. Previous attempts, such as dye-sensitized (DSSC) and organic photovoltaics (OPV), provided solutions but had . The present disclosure provides dual-function photovoltaic (PV) devices that generate electric current and have a colored surface or colored appearance.

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### Decorative power generating panels creating angle insensitive

We also show the resonance is invariant with respect to the angle of incidence up to  $\pm 70^\circ$  regardless of the polarization of the incident light. Our exploration provides a design to realize energy harvesting

### Decorative power generating panels creating angle insensitive

We propose semitransparent amorphous silicon (a-Si)/organic hybrid photovoltaic (PV) cells that can create distinctive transmission colors exploiting a microcavity-integrated cathode.



### **Can photovoltaic panels be light-transmissive or not**

Here, we review recent advances in photovoltaics with varying degrees of visible light transparency. We discuss the figures of merit necessary to characterize transparent photovoltaics, and outline the

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The present disclosure provides dual-function photovoltaic (PV) devices that generate electric current and have a colored surface or colored appearance. The PV devices may be angle





### Decorative power generating panels creating angle insensitive

We propose a hybrid PV structure by using metal oxide and organic interfacial charge transport layers with undoped a-Si. This allows us to use a very thin a-Si layer, which not only

### Decorative power generating panels creating angle insensitive

Our exploration provides a design to realize energy harvesting colored photovoltaic panels for innovative applications.



### Decorative Semi-Transparent Photovoltaics Creating Angle Insensitive

The design offers resonant optical transmission, providing distinct colors without the shift in wavelength with changes in incident light angle. This characteristic is particularly beneficial for building-integrated

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