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Seminar

CONJUGATED POLYMER BLENDS FOR PHOTOVOLTAICS

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In this presentation I will provide an overview of our recent research in the area of polymer blend solar cells. Firstly I will provide a general introduction to organic semiconductors, the device physics of organic solar cells and a brief review of the present state-of-the-art. Then I will focus in more detail on recent research in Cambridge into polymer solar cells based on blends of conjugated polymers. In particular I will present recent advances in understanding how morphology, interfacial processes and charge trapping affect device performance. I will conclude by commenting on key challenges facing the organic photovoltaic community, and discuss possible ways forward.

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