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# Nano-fabrication Processes for Energy Conversion Materials in KIMS

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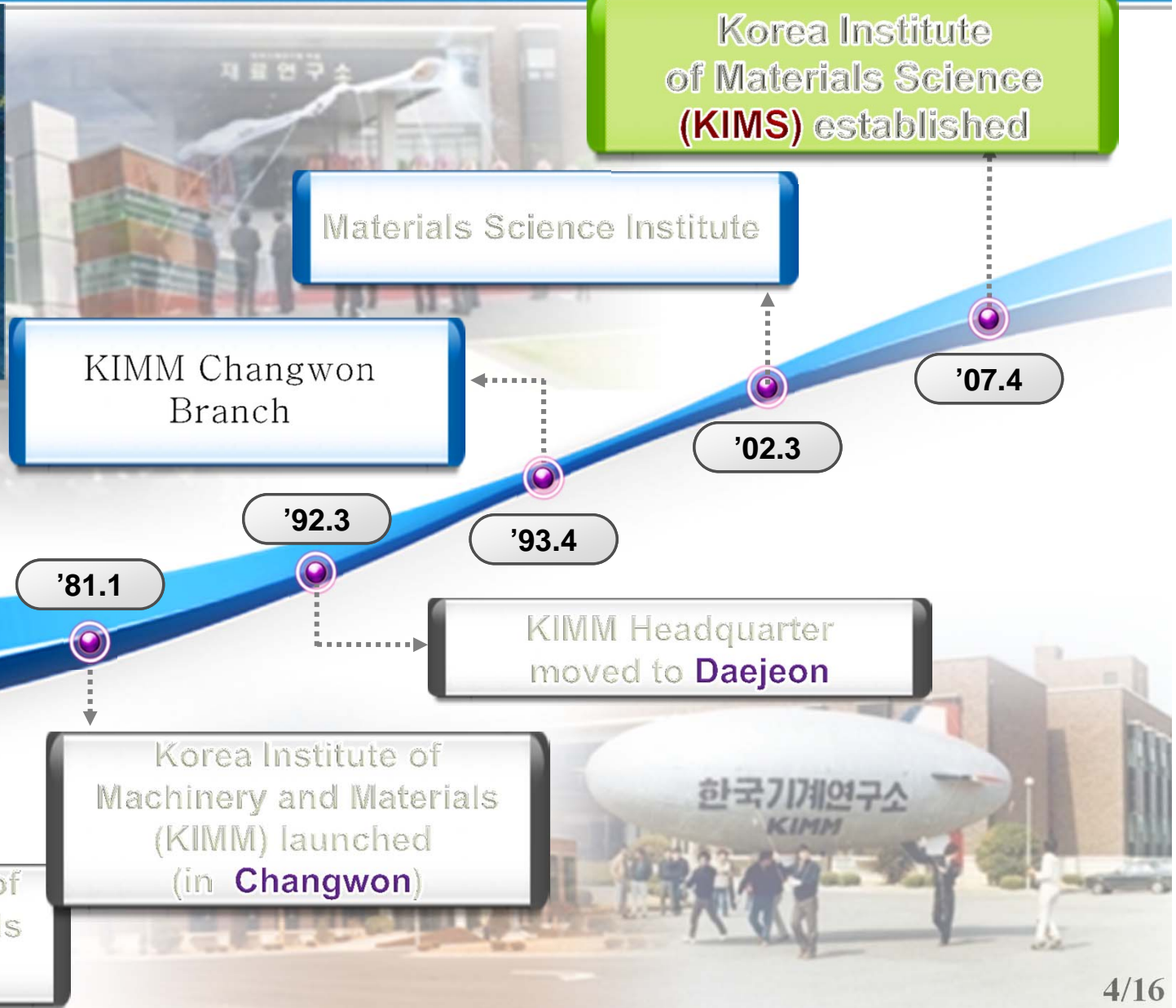
Vision of Nano-surface Technologies



# I. General Introduction



# History of KIMS

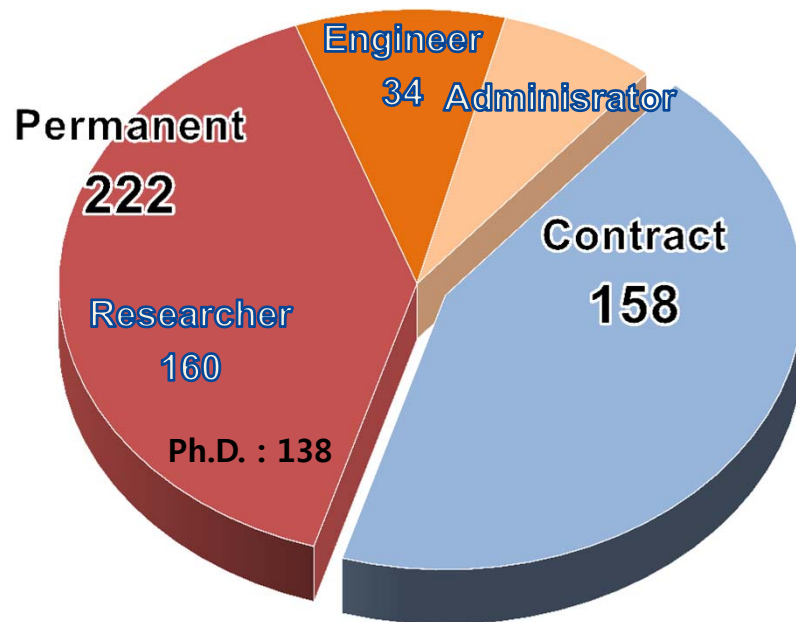




# Personnel & Budget

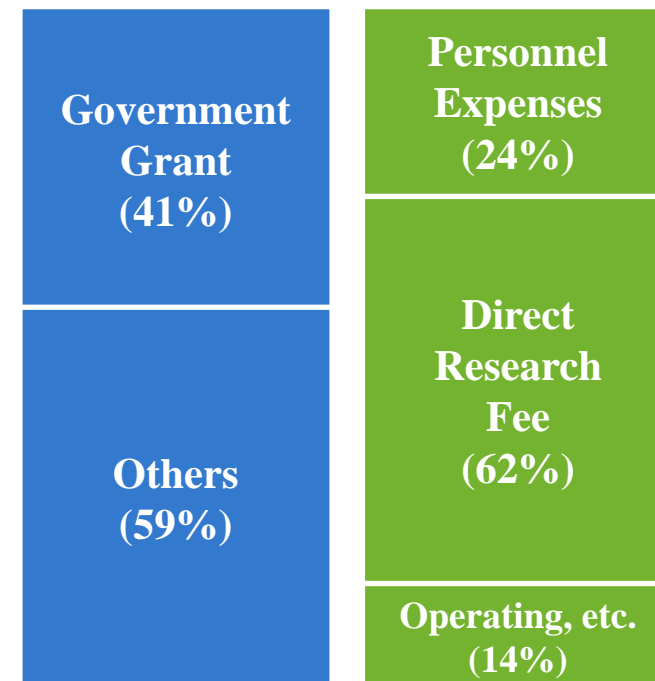
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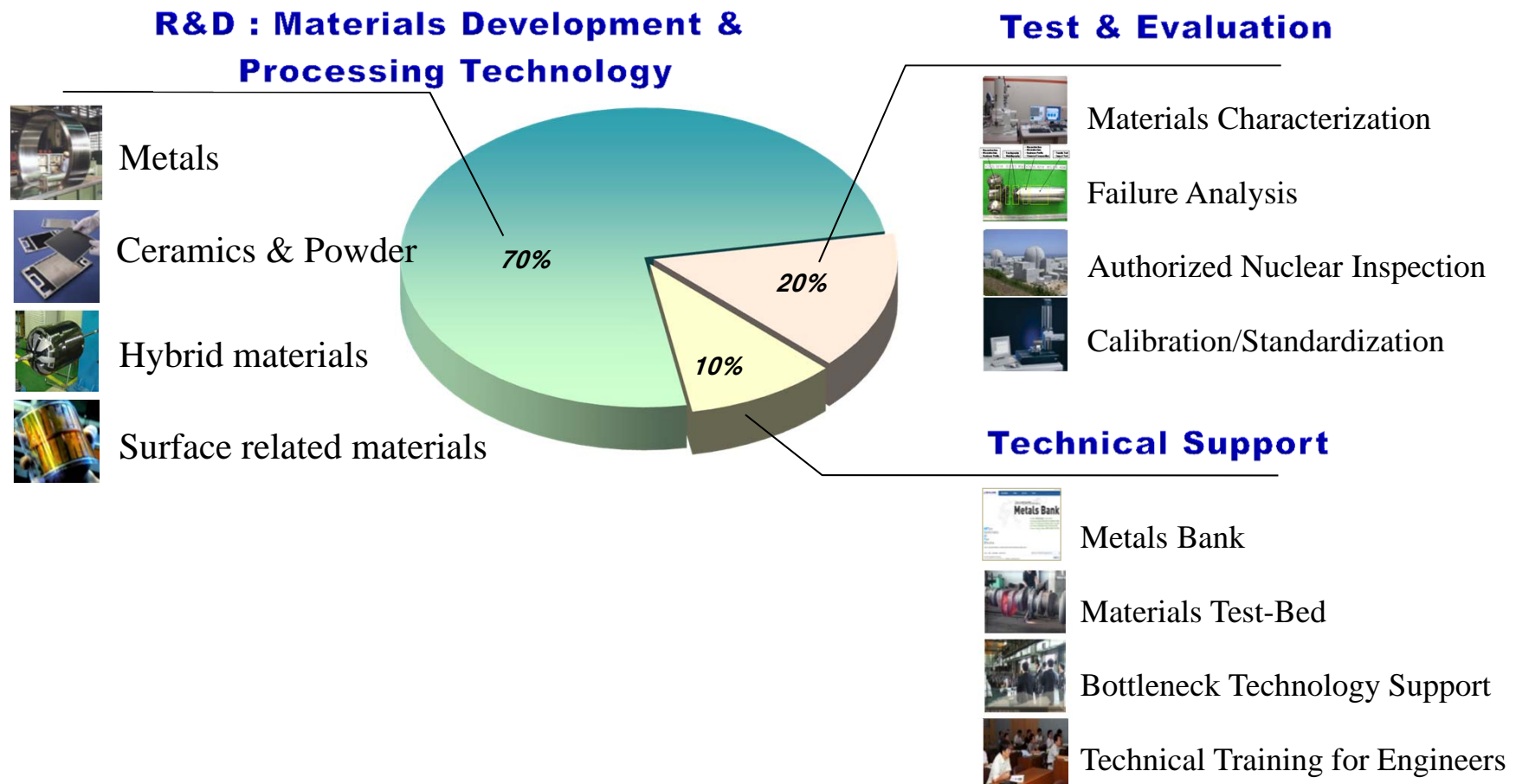


## Income

## Outcome

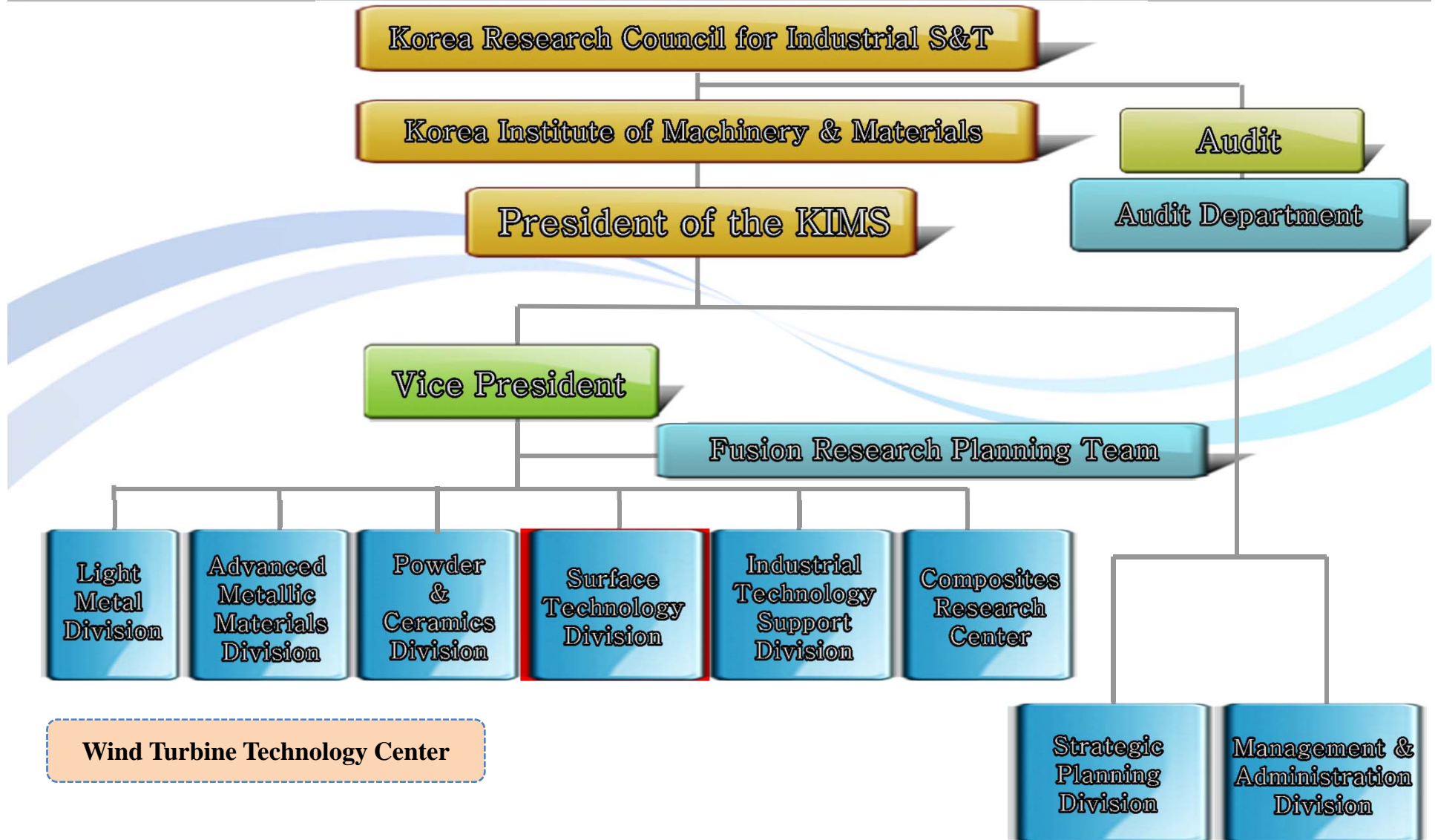


## Promotion of the innovative materials technology through R&D, Test & Evaluation, Technology support





# Organization of KIMS



# R&D Activities of Surface Technology Division KIMS

## Surface Technology

### Electrochemistry

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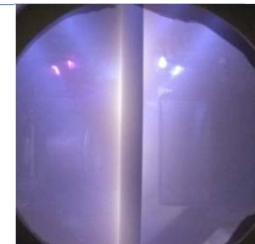
- Solution-based coating technology for energy conversion materials



### Plasma Coating Technology

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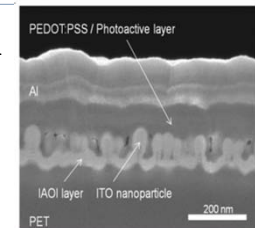
- Development of plasma sources for roll-to-roll processes
- High density plasma processes for surface treatment



### Advanced Functional Thin Films

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- Materials and device fabrications of thin film solar cells (Si thin films, OSC, Hybrid)
- Nano-architected materials of sensors

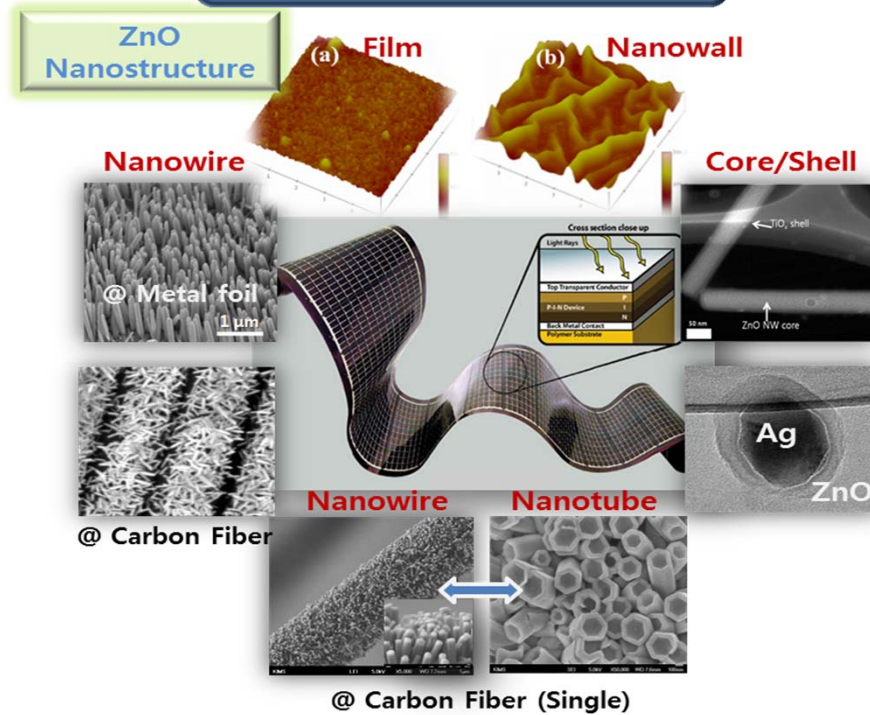




## II. Nano-fabrication processes for energy conversion materials in KIMS

- Development of core materials for hybrid energy harvesting using solution process
- Formation of various nanostructures of ZnO by electroplating
- Fabrication of flexible thermoelectric (TE) modules

## Photovoltaic Cells

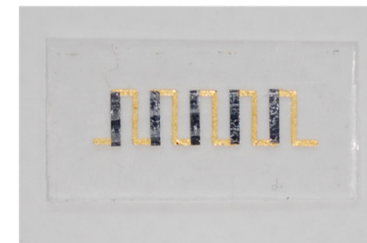


### Control of ZnO nanostructures

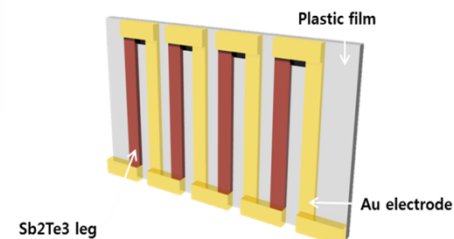
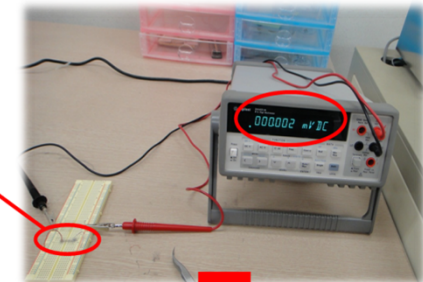
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## Thermoelectric Modules

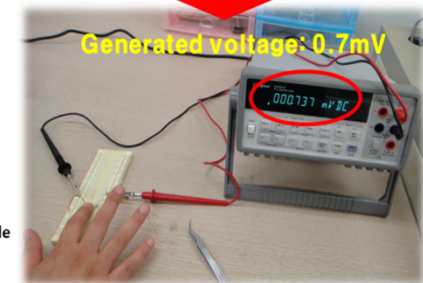
Uni-leg thermoelectric device on plastic



Operation of uni-leg device



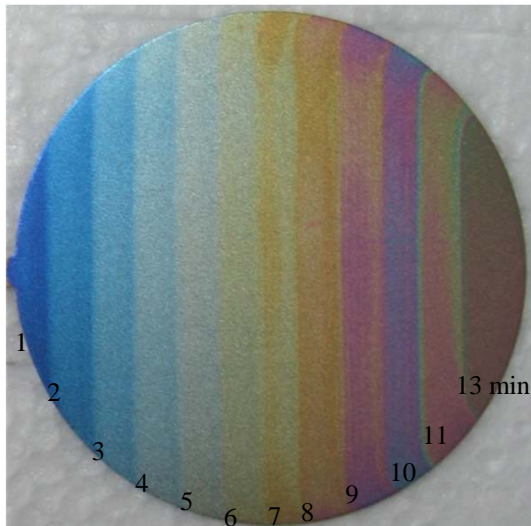
Generated voltage: 0.7mV



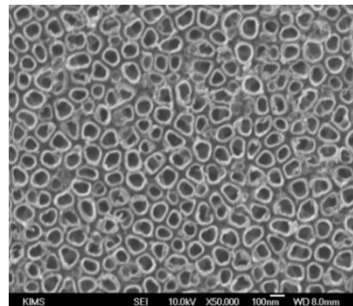
### Fabrication of TE modules



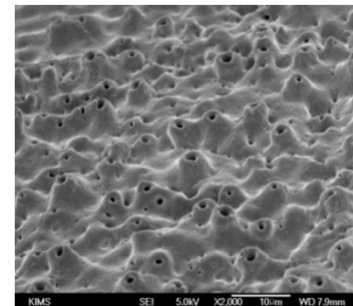
- Nano-porous and corrosion resistive anodic coatings on Al, Ti and Mg alloys
  - Anodizing method / Plasma electrolytic oxidation method (PEO)
- Hard and soft anodic oxide films on Al alloys
- TiO<sub>2</sub> nanotubes and anodic oxide films for bio-applications



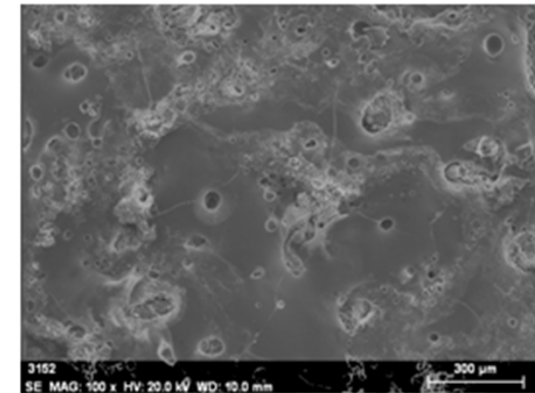
Change in color of Ti



Formation of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanotubes



Increased bioactivity of PEO treated Ti



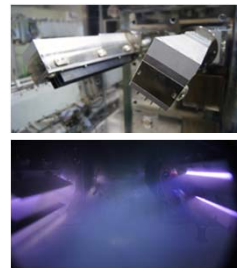
PEO films on Mg alloys



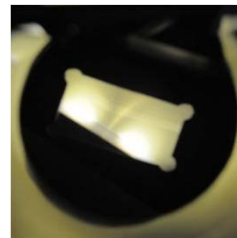
PEO of Ti for dental implant

# Linear Ion Source & Process

- Development of linear plasma (Ion) sources for R2R process
- Investigation of functional thin film coating process



**Ion Beam  
Pretreatment**



**Flexible Transparent  
Barrier Film**

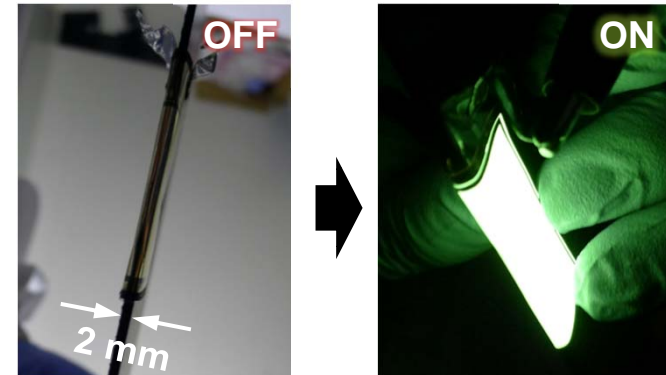
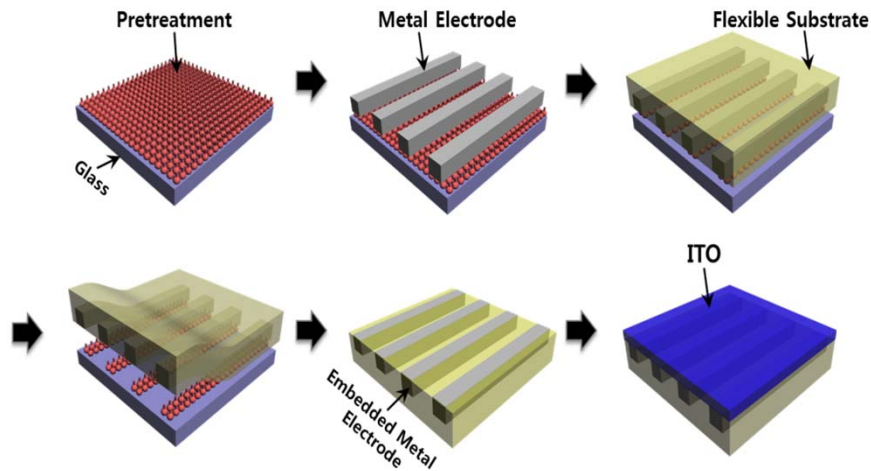


**Ion Beam Assisted  
Sputtering Deposition**

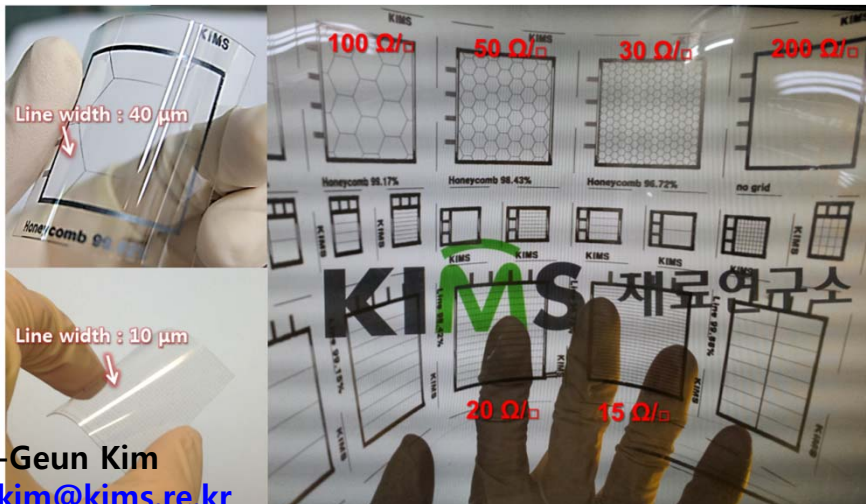


# Metal Embedded TCE (Transparent Conducting Electrode) KIMS

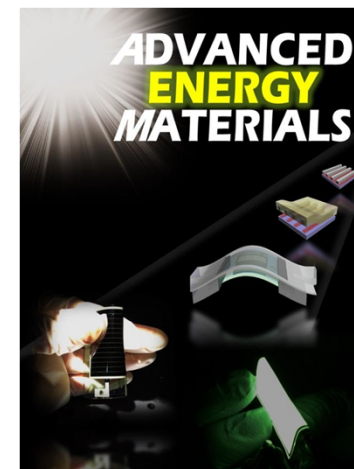
- Surface technology is very important to the flexible electronics and photovoltaics
- Development of highly transparent, conductive, and flexible substrates



**Ultra-Flexible OLED**  
Substrate size : 50x50 mm<sup>2</sup>



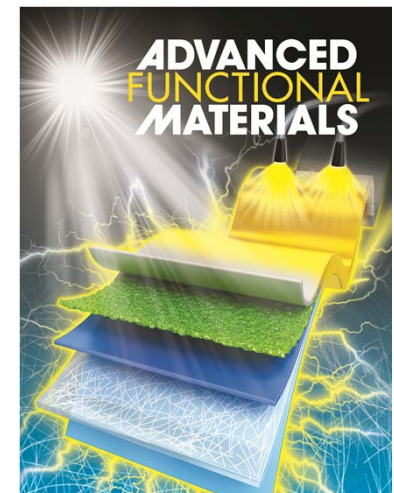
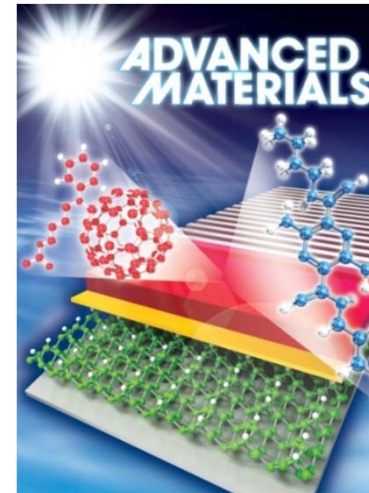
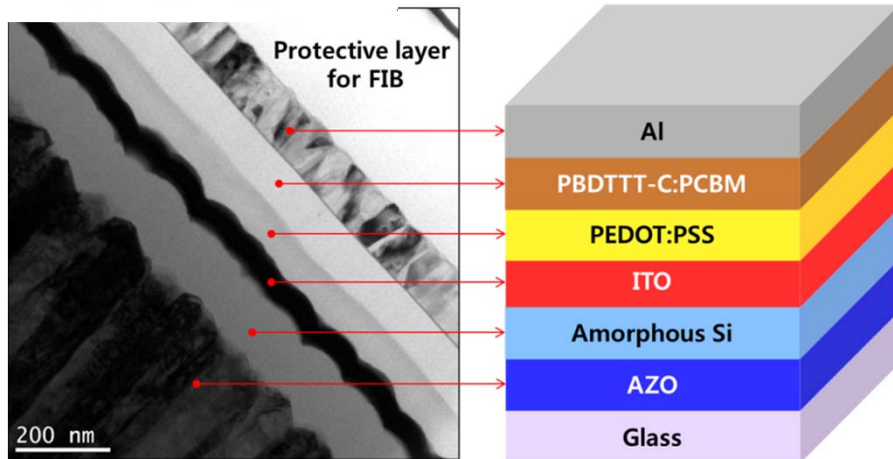
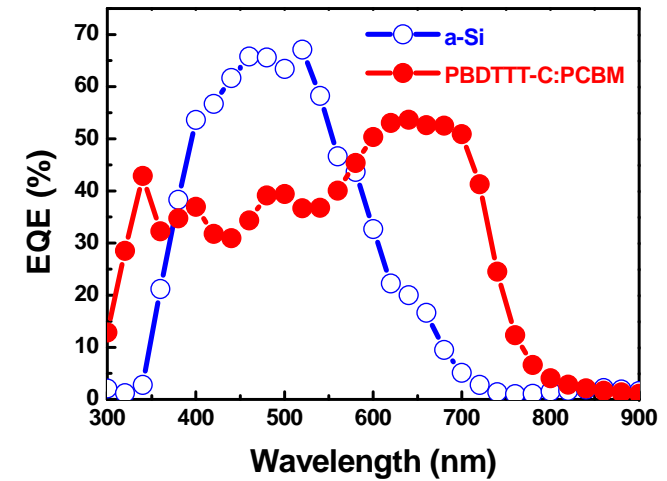
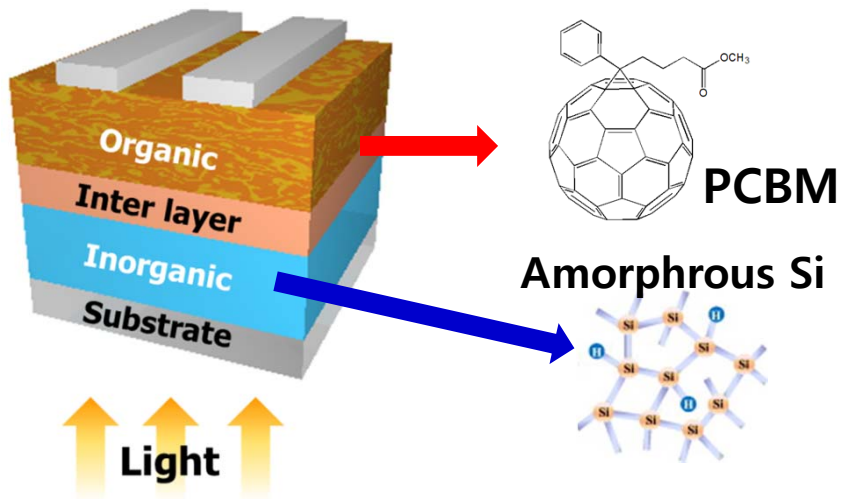
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# Hybrid tandem solar cells

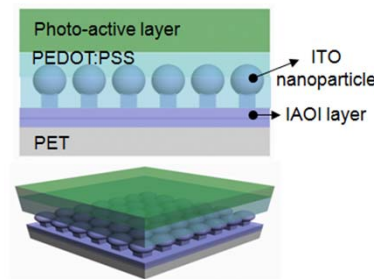
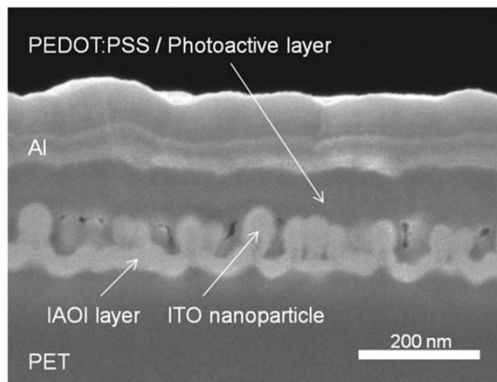
- Development of organic/inorganic hybrid tandem solar cells
- Low cost, simple process & large-area coating



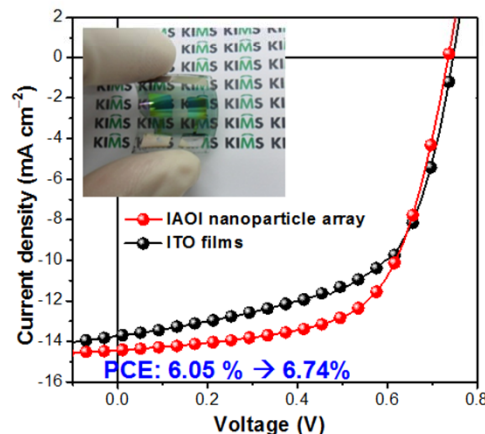
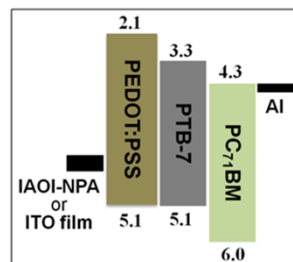


# 3D Nano-architecturing Process

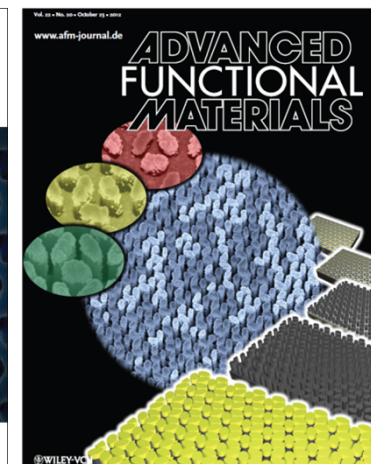
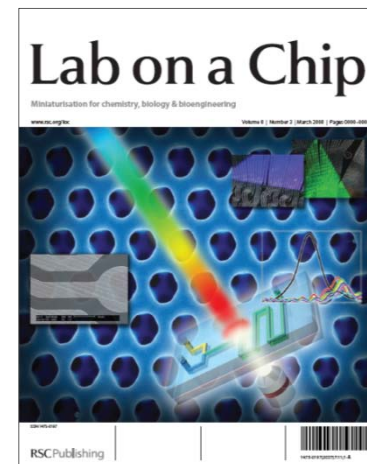
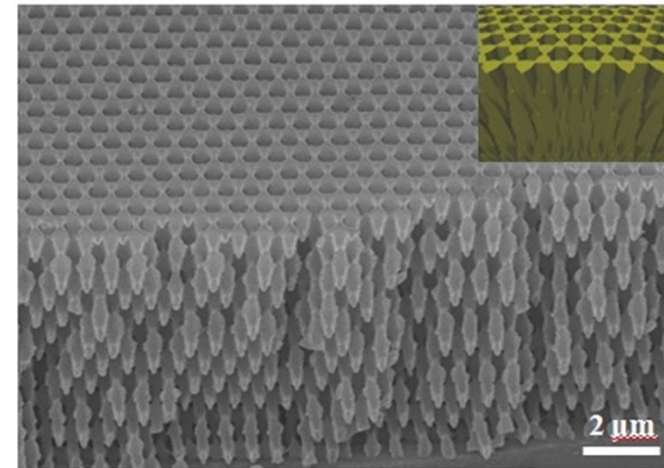
- 3D transparent conducting electrode for flexible organic solar cells (OSC)
  - : Record high power conversion efficiency of 6.74% for bendable OSC based on polymer substrates



3 min pretreatment



- 3D Photonic nanostructures : Laser Interference Lithography



## ❖ Bring Happiness to Human Beings through Nano-surface Technologies

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*Global Materials  
Technologies in 2020*

- **Flexible and Stretchable  
Materials for Future Electronics**

- **Nano Materials for Next  
Generation Energy Sources**

- **Sensing Materials for Human  
Care with Nano-architecturing**



Thank you!

