

# In-situ observation of electrodes formation on the non-fullerene organic solar cells by GISAXS technique

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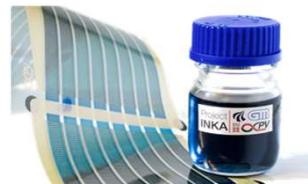
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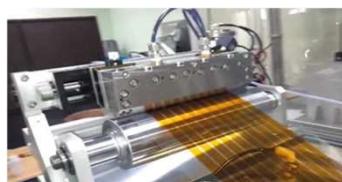
## Organic solar cells



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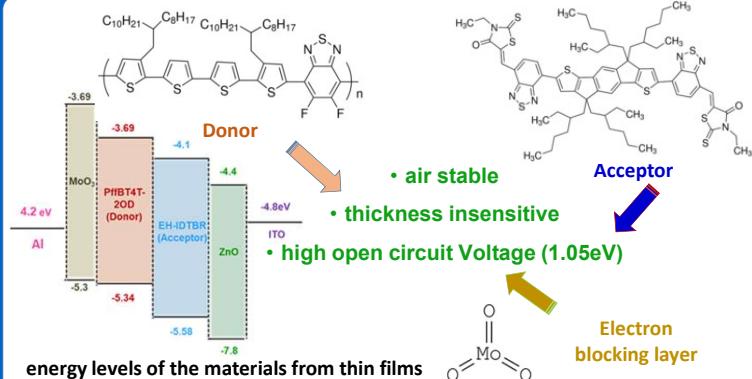


### Organic photovoltaics (OPV)

- ✓ light weight and flexible to substrates;
- ✓ semitransparent for window-like applications;
- ✓ low manufacturing costs comparing with inorganic PVs, like silicone based cells
- ✓ low environmental impact;

<https://www.nature.com/news/>

## Materials and blocking layer



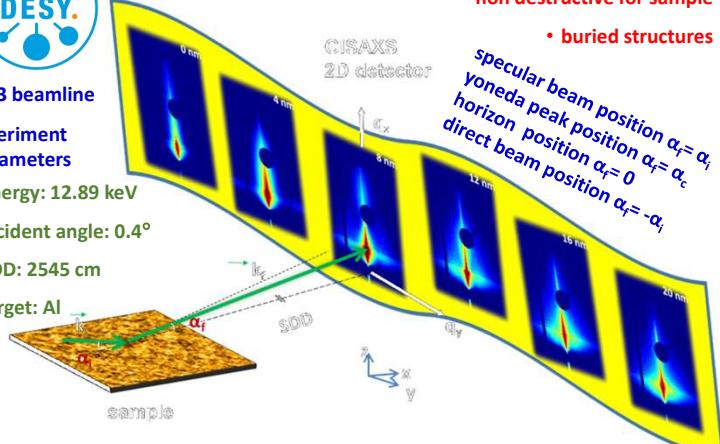
## In-situ sputtering experiment



PO3 beamline

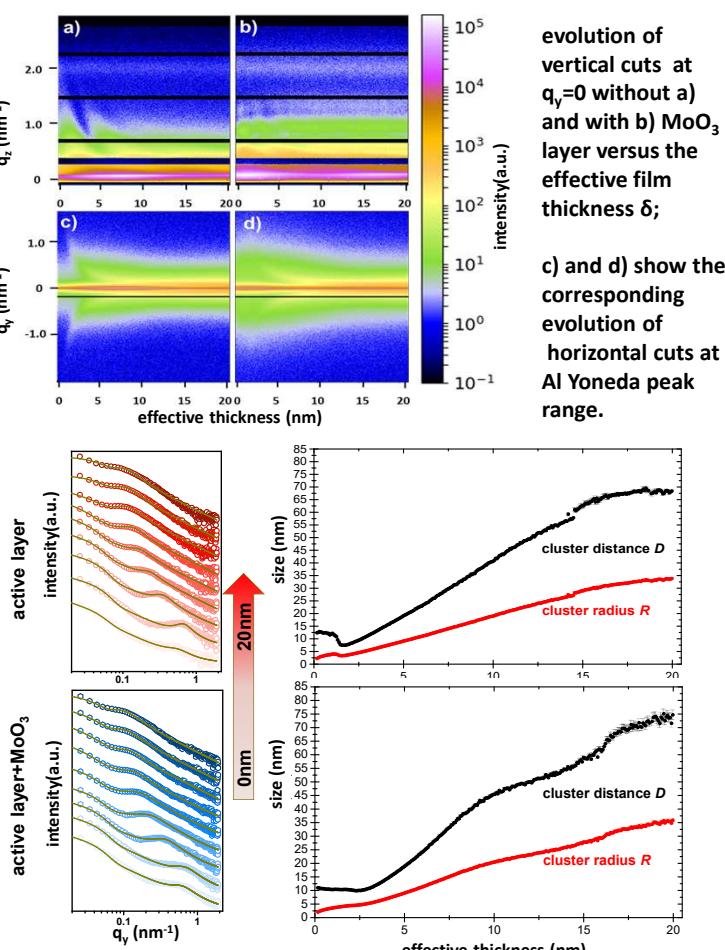
Experiment parameters

- energy: 12.89 keV
- incident angle: 0.4°
- SDD: 2545 cm
- target: Al



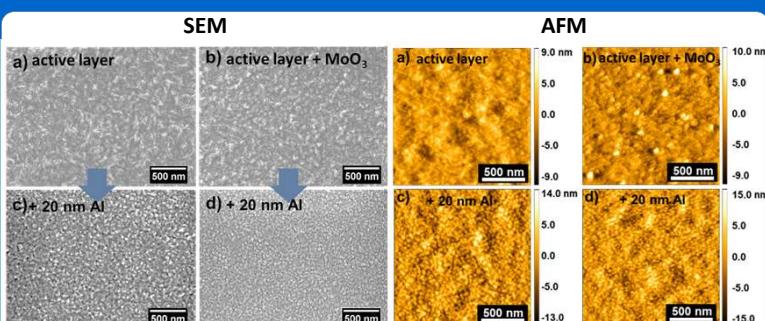
- averaged statistical information
- non destructive for sample
- buried structures

## In-situ GISAXS results



horizontal line cuts  $q_y$  and the corresponding fits in the range of the Al Yoneda peak without and with  $\text{MoO}_3$  layer versus the effective film thickness  $\delta$ .

## Surface morphology before vs after sputtering



active layer a) and with 10 nm  $\text{MoO}_3$  on top b); 20 nm Al sputtered on the active layer c) and on active layer with  $\text{MoO}_3$  d).

## Conclusion

- Appearing of aluminum I peaks move from large to small  $q_y$  values with increasing  $\delta$ , which can be assigned to Al clusters appearing during the sputter process.
- Faster formation of aluminum cluster on pure active layer than on  $\text{MoO}_3$  layer.



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